

### **BY BRAD KADRICH** STAFF WRITER

When officials for Robert Bosch Corp., LLC broke ground on the company's \$37.5 million, 225,000-square-foot research and development facility in Plymouth Township 19 months ago, they had to have the ceremony beneath a tent with a portable heater blazing.

No such precautions were necessary Thursday, when officials gathered again to celebrate the facility's grand opening. The sun was blazing, temperatures were warm and the smiles were wide as company and local officials cut the ribbon.

"We open this building and what it represents ... roots and our commitment to southeast Michigan," Bosch CEO Peter Marks said. "It will help us to achieve our long-term planned growth in North America."

The center, located at Five Mile and Haggerty, houses Bosch's research and development, as well as engineering space for the company's electrical drives, starter motors and generators and automotive electronics divisions.

While the company didn't create any new jobs, officials did move some 450 associates from its Farmington Hills complex.

And Plymouth Township officials are happy to have them.

"It's great for the economic posture of Michigan," Plymouth Township Supervisor

Richard Reaume said. "When they make a commitment like that, it shows their long-term commitment to the state.

"For Plymouth Township, these workers will spend money locally and hopefully begin to look locally for housing. That's the encouraging thing for us.'

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano extolled the virtues of the county as a hub for research and development, particularly in the automotive industry.

"We realize it's a global economy and companies such as yours have their choice (of locations)," Ficano said. "You chose here, and we appreciate it. We respect the commitment Bosch has made here."

For its new facility, Bosch received several pieces of artwork from students at nearby Farrand Elementary, with whom Marks said Bosch had formed a partnership. Bosch, Marks said, would fund field trips for Farrand students to the Detroit Science Center.

Bosch also dedicated 30 acres of its Plymouth Township property to be a nature conservancy, meaning neither Bosch, nor potential buyers should Bosch decide to sell the property, can develop that 30 acres.

"That's the kind of neighbor you like to have move into your community," Reaume said.

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Bosch CFO Rich Kirschner (from left), Bosch CEO Peter Marks, MEDC vice president Jeff Mason, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume cut the ribbon for the grand opening of Bosch's new Plymouth Township research center.

# Thieves hit Pioneer work site

BY TONY BRUSCATO



Livonia art teacher Christine Lakatos helps Midwest Rabbit volunteers Carol and Brooke Adams with the sanctuary's float for the Plymouth Fourth of July parade.

# More than a bunny hop Rabbit float among parade participants

### **BY BRAD KADRICH** STAFF WRITER

Volunteers at Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome in Plymouth think the rabbit sanctuary is a relatively unknown commodity in town. They're hoping Wednesday's appearance in the Kiwanis Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade will help change that. Midwest Rabbit, an organization devoted to rescuing domestic rabbits, will have a float consisting of a large pink bunny in the parade lineup.

"We thought it would be fun," said parade coordinator Debbie Toundaian, who said some 15 people worked on the float. "It was something our group could do together that should be great exposure for the shelter.'

Midwest Rabbit, located

at 886 N. Holbrook in Old Village, takes rabbits from shelters, as well as from individuals who can't keep them. The 2-year-old organization is entirely volunteer-based and will hold an open house, "Meet Somebunny Special," July 7-8 from noon to 4 p.m., with raffles, treats, information about composting and, of course,

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### STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township police are investigating the theft of an estimated \$75,000 in equipment and tools from contractors working on the remodeling of Pioneer Middle School.

Steve Marszalek, owner of Great Lakes Construction Services in Beverly Hills, said a skid loader worth about \$30,000 was taken from the site sometime Sunday, June 24.

"I didn't have a trailer on site, so they had to bring their own trailer and truck to pick it up and load it," Marszalek said. "They cut the locks and may have had a key for it. They knew what they were after because I had plenty of other materials on site.'

Marszalek said he's offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the return of his equipment.

"No questions asked," Marszalek said. "I just want my skid loader returned in good condition.

Plymouth Township Detective Ryan Krebs said he's also investigating the theft of nearly

\$30,000 in copper tubing and \$12,000 in tools and other equipment from another contractor several days earlier from the Pioneer construction site.

"There have been some other thefts in the area," Krebs said, "especially when it comes to aluminum and copper because of the scrap value.'

Ken Jacobs, Plymouth-Canton Schools assistant superintendent for administrative services, said there have been no other major thefts at construction sites throughout the district the past few years.

Krebs also noted that construction sites aren't the only place where thieves are lurking.

"We recently had thefts from two unlocked vehicles on Plymouth Ridge Drive (Napier and Ann Arbor Road area) in which golf clubs, a laptop computer, GPS system and a purse with cash and credit cards were stolen," Krebs said. "Residents should lock their cars at night, close their garage doors and if they see any suspicious activity in their neighborhood, give police a call."

# Four apply for vacant school seat

### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Four people have emerged as candidates to fill an open Plymouth-Canton Board of Education seat for a term that will continue through either May or November 2008.

Plymouth Township resident Kurt Heise, who finished third in the May school board election, has submitted a letter of intent with the Board of Education, as has John Nichols of Canton Township, John Jackson of Plymouth Township, and Greg Morrison of Plymouth. The seat was created when Mark Slavens resigned May 8 after being appointed a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

Both Heise and Nichols applied to fill the remainder of Slavens' 2007-08 board seat through July 1. However, the Board of Education selected Nancy Eggenberger, who was elected to the board in May and is now serving a four-year seat as a trustee. Jackson ran in the 2006 school board elections and finished third.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting July 10 to interview candidates. Afterward, trustees are expected to select one of the candidates, who will begin duties that same night during the board's annual reorganizational meeting in which officers are selected.

The partial term will continue through at least May, when the regular Board of Education election is scheduled. It could continue through November 2008 if trustees decide to move the election to share costs with other government entities holding elections.

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### **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

### **CSI** workshop

The Teen Zone of the **Plymouth District Library** will present "CSI: Facts and Myths" 7 p.m. Monday, July 9. Forensic artist Barbara A. Martin of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will share firsthand experience in this investigative field.

Registration is requested; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or register on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

### No trash

Residential trash pick-up for residents in Plymouth Township will be delayed by a day for those whose trash is normally collected Wednesday or later in the week. The delay is caused by the Fourth of July holiday.

Normal trash collection will take place Monday and Tuesday.

### Historical walking tours

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, continues their historical walking tours with: **J**uly 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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in Plymouth. Plymouth is the only place in Michigan where you can find railroad tracks that travel in all four directions of the compass. Gary Stone, member of both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Preservation Network, discusses how the railroads changed Plymouth forever. This tour will also cover historical sites located in the north end of Old Village. Tickets are \$10 per person. ■ July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The Penn Theatre & The Albert E. Patterson House.

Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be the personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Then it's just a short walk to the Albert E. Patterson House. Built circa 1930, this beautifully restored arts and crafts home is a treasure of the historic district. Due to small places behind the scenes at the Penn, this tour is limited to 10 people. Tickets are \$15 per person.

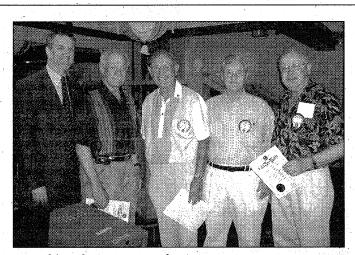
Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours (1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

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### **Meritorious service**

Four members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth recently received the club's Legion of Honor for 40 years of service to Kiwanis. The members, pictured with club president John Birchler (left), Jim Jabara, Gene Overholt, Dick Anderson and Tim Yoe, are all charter members of the club, which formed May 11, 1967, and have been active volunteers ever since. The club meets noon Thursdays at Ernesto's restaurant in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 354-5190.

or through PayPal at www. plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html

### Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday July 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, please

make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734)354 - 3243.

### New Hope programs

With a revised summer schedule, New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christianbased bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second Tuesday night during July and August.

The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church on Haggerty in Plymouth and is offered free of charge. New Hope for KIDZ meets at the same time and place and is for children

### ages 3-18.

New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages, a group for parents who have lost a child and grief workshops several times a year, as well as other bereavement resources.

For more information call 248-348-0115.

### Ice cream social

**Plymouth Community** Council On Aging hosts its annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond.

Reservations are required, tickets are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCCA Office, 201 Main, in downtown Plymouth. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members. There will be a special demonstration by "PAWS With A Cause" dogs trained to provide lifetime team support for people with disabilities and to encourage independence.

For any additional information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

### Suicide loss support

With a revised summer schedule, New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

This monthly group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group.

For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115 and visit www.newhopecenter.net

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### Chamber golf

The Plymouth Community **Chamber of Commerce hosts** its annual golf outing Monday, July 9, at Northville Hills Golf Club, an award winning Arnold Palmer Championship Golf Course.

The outing begins with free clinics at 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and cocktails will be immediately following in the Northville Hills Clubhouse.

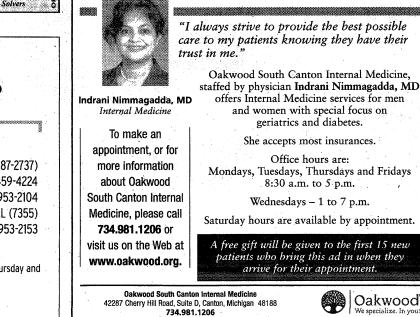
Individual golfers are \$300 per person or \$1,000 for a VIP Foursome, which includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign.

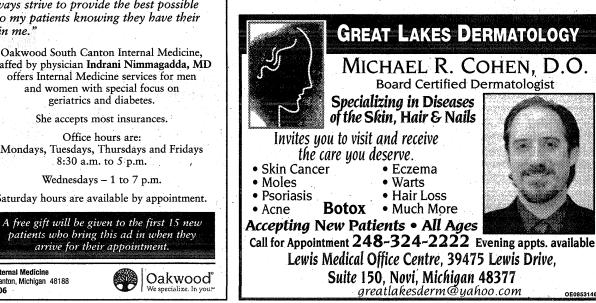
The chamber's golf outing will also be the location of the 2007 Corporate Challenge. Each participating foursome will be placed in one of four business categories to compete for top honors. There will be one trophy awarded to the winning foursome of each category. The four categories for the 2007 Corporate Challenge are Financial, Professional, Industry and Automotive.

This outing, sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth, is one of the chamber's major fund-raisers and supports its community programs, including Plymouth 101, Walk of Trees, Scarecrows in the Park and Santa in Kellogg Park.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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### LOCAL NEWS

During a training exercise firefighters prepare to put out a propane fire, which resulted because of a faulty grill.

# Take some precautions before firing up the grill

### BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

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Before you throw your shrimp and steak on the barbie, have you taken appropriate safety precautions?

Capt. Ken Arble of the Canton Fire Department has said Fourth of July festivities are a prime time for dangerous grill accidents. He's seen entire grills catch fire, garages in flames and the side of a home destroyed.

"We've been fortunate in Canton, but it does happen," he said, adding that most grilling accidents result in minor hand burns.

According to the Michigan Propane Gas Association (MPGA), which represents propane dealers and propane product manufacturers in the state, some safety instructions include following the grill manufacturer's instructions, never leaving the grill unattended and keeping a close watch on children in the grill's vicinity.

Joe Ross (a.k.a. "The Grill King") of the MPGA said some of the main culprits in grilling accidents are faulty grills and gas lines, and when people fail to properly connect a propane tank to the grill. The result, he says, can be a "ball of flames" when a match or spark comes into contact with the gas leak.

"It's really rare, but it can be catastrophic," Ross said. "One of the biggest fears is the fire will get out of hand."

Arble said this is particularly a problem when people make the mistake of placing their grill on top of their deck, close to their home.

"The wind can come through and blow (the flames)," he said. "You don't want your vinyl siding to melt or your home to catch on fire."

Arble suggests moving the grill far away from the residence. He also recommends snug clothing instead of loose

ll's attire.

"Some grills are quite large and sleeves can catch on fire while people are just reaching to flip over a hot dog," he said. Other suggestions include:

After filling or exchanging a propane cylinder, take it home immediately. Keep the vehicle ventilated and the cylinder valve closed and capped.

Always use and store cylinders outdoors in an upright position. Do not use, store, or transport cylinders near high temperatures or store spare cylinders near the grill.

When not in use, grill burner controls should be turned off and the cylinder valves closed.

For more information about grilling and propane safety, please visit www. UseMichiganPropane.com. Arble encouraged those with questions to call Canton Fire Station No. 1 at (734) 398-5262

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### Here's your chance to meet, eat with crew of Motor City Middays

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The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address. Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the Observer S Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

July winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran Transportation, makeover from Ruby Blu Salon in Farmington



Shila , Jay Towers and Bill McAllister.

Hills, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9) and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

No purchase is necessary to enter Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month willmake the final selection. Lunch and/ or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.







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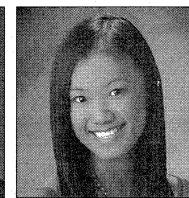


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Jeffrey Edmonds (Canton) Canton Garden Club, \$500



**Steve Elliott (Plymouth) Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton** Breakfast, \$1,000



**Darlene Enersen (Canton) Canton Community Foundation/** Penelope Hope Klei, \$500



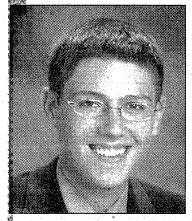
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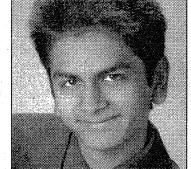
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Marvin Schulz Memorial, \$300



Sharan Shokar (Canton) Meredith L. Whalen Memorial, \$500



**David Turrill (Canton) Canton Community Foundation/** Harold Rosin Scholarship, \$500

# 35 local students earn scholarships through Canton Community Foundation

### **BY KURT KUBAN** STAFF WRITER

Nearly three dozen local students will go to college in the fall with the help of scholarships awarded through the Canton **Community Foundation** Education Grant Program for 2007.

The Foundation is in the process of handing out a total of 35 scholarships totalling more than \$36,000. It is the most scholarships ever awarded through the program, which dates back to 1990. "This program is one of the most important things we do here at the Foundation," said Joan Noricks, the Foundation's

president. Some of the scholarships are funded directly by the Foundation, while others, like the Elizabeth Durack Memorial scholarship, are funded by local businesses, organizations and founda-

tions. Some of the groups that fund a scholarship through the program include the Canton Lions Club, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Garden Club, and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast.

Local businesses that grant scholarships through the program include Jack Demmer Ford, Manns Lumber & Millwork, the Bittinger Team, and Yazaki North America, which grants out perhaps the most coveted scholarships in the program. The two Yazaki North America, Inc. Scholarships are worth \$2,000 annually for four years if the student maintains a good academic record. This year's recipients are Namita Patel and Jeffrey Houdek, both of Canton.

The majority of the other scholarships range between \$500 and \$1,000. According to Noricks, the

scholarship recipients were

decided by a committee made up of community leaders and several high school counselors. The committee used a scoring system to grade applicants, which was based on academic record and a written essay.

Most of the scholarship winners just finished up their high school careers, but others are more nontraditional students -- a group the Foundation has tried to reach out to with the program. Noricks said its important for the program to be available to anyone in the community that wants to get an education .

"It's a case of sometimes kids have messed up, or they just didn't go to college right after school or dropped out of college, and now they want to go back after a couple years," Noricks said. "Now that they understand how important an education is, its important there is someone there to offer them assistance."

One of those non-traditional students who earned a scholarship through the program is Canton resident Scott Brenner, a 35-year-old quadriplegic who is attending Madonna University in Livonia. Brenner was paralyzed from the chest down after a diving accident when he 16 years old. After he gets his degree next year, he plans to attend law school so he can work on cases involving the American's with **Disabilities** Act. Brenner was awarded

a \$1,000 Bittinger Team Scholarship. He doesn't have a job, and says the scholarship will really help him.

"Absolutely this is helpful," he said. "When you are dealing with the cost of an education, any amount of scholarship money will help."

Of course, there are plenty traditional students who also



Nazneen Uddin (Canton) Bittinger Team Scholarship, \$1,000

earned scholarships, including Jakub Poznanski, who just graduated from Plymouth High School. A four year member of the Plymouth-Canton Robotics team, the 18-year-old Canton resident will begin studying computer science in the fall at Carnegie Mellon, a private university in Pittsburgh. He was awarded a \$500 Canton Community Foundation Scholarship.

"Even with financial aid, this will be really helpful for me," said Poznanski, who lauded the scholarship program. "It's definitely great that there is a program like this available.'

The scholarships are awarded to Canton, Plymouth, and



Karen Wingrove (Canton) Bittinger Team Scholarship, \$1,000

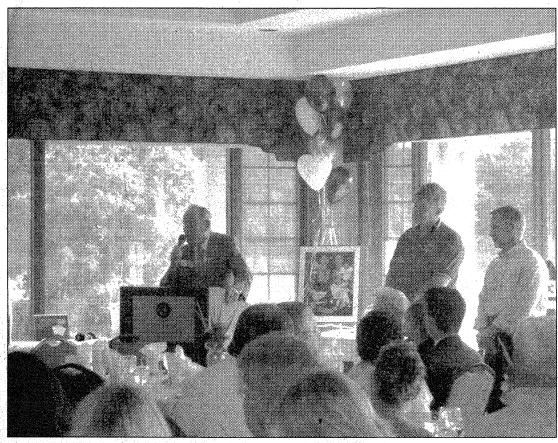
Plymouth Township residents who have been accepted to a college. In most cases high school seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

For more information about the Canton Community Foundation's scholarship program, or any of its other programs, please visit its Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, or call (734) 495-1200.

Two of the scholarship recipients are not pictured: Valerie Akers of Canton, who earned the \$500 PCEP Choir Boosters Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarship; and Kristina Joseph of Plymouth, who earned the \$1,000 Denski Family Scholarship.







The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosted a "Hockey Night," featuring Fed Wing great Bill Gadsby, that raised some \$10,000 for Kids Against Hunger.

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bunnies. Call (734) 455-2847 or visit www.rabbitrr.org for details.

In the meantime, the rabbit float will join nearly 100 entries in the parade organizer Fred Hill said should take about 1:15 to enjoy. It starts at 7:30 a.m., and runs up Main from Theodore to about Hartsough.

The parade will start with a pre-parade of bicycles, some 180 youngsters on bikes decorated for the holiday. The parade itself will feature some standards: Mark Randisi and the Sounds of Sinatra, Steve King and the Dittlies and the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team. There will also be some 100

youngsters marching to thank the community for various aspects of their education. Following the parade is the Good Old Fashioned Picnic at Plymouth Township

Park, on Ann Arbor Trail at

Stores open Wednesday until 6pm



Plymouth-Canton students practice for their march in the Fourth of July parade in downtown Plymouth.

McClumpha. The picnic runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and features hot dogs, pop, chips and ice cream, all for a nickel each.

The picnic will also feature a variety of activities, including a live performance by Matt Watroba (noon-1 p.m.); games (1-2 p.m.); judging for the bicycle decorating contest (2 p.m.); and the annual fishing derby noon-2 p.m.

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# Raising funds, awareness

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, who hosted a benefit for the organization, Kids Against Hunger, extended Plymouth residents an invitation earlier this month to dine while helping to stamp out world hunger.

"Hockey Night in Plymouth," a fund-raiser for the volunteerdriven effort to package and distribute food in communities worldwide, featured a banquet, auction and Detroit hockey legends, including former Red Wing Bill Gadsby.

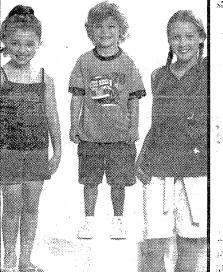
The event, with more than 300 people from throughout the state in attendance, raised more than \$10,000 for a super packaging in Lansing scheduled for Oct. 20.

Present at the packaging will be the entire Kiwanis family: Circle K (college and university students), Key Club (high school students), Builders Club (middle school students), K-Kids (elementary school students) and Aktion Club, a group for adult citizens who live with a disability.

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world's leading food scientists. One packet provides six nutritionally complete servings to feed the starving children around the world as well as the hungry here at home.

The night also served as an opportunity to honor those instrumental in the union of the two groups.

Director of KAH-Coalition of Michigan Dr. Donald Burwell received an honorary membership to the Plymouth Club of Colonial Plymouth. Other acknowledgment came from Congressman John D. Dingell and in a tribute from Governor Granholm, presented by State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville).

Special recognition was also made for club members Lee Harrison and Rob Noel who received the George F. Hickson Award for outstanding service in their pioneering of the joint project.

The two groups have been working in conjunction for the past three years and have packaged more than a half-million meals. The Plymouth-based Kiwanis group was able to increase the effectiveness of the project by making it mobile, raising the funds for a van and trailer. Currently, other KAH groups are studying the Michigan model to further operations.

"This has allowed [KAH] to move closer to our founder's goal of having at least one high school, middle school and elementary school in every district in the country do a packaging once a year," Burwell said. "If we can accomplish that, we can eliminate world hunger."

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### LOCAL NEWS

# Blood drive donors can win car lease

A visit to a Red Cross blood drive this summer could mean driving home a Lincoln this September.

The American Red Cross and Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City have joined forces to recruit blood donors this summer, so everyone who attempts to give blood at any participating American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region blood drive now through Sept. 5 can register to win a free two-year lease on a 2007 Lincoln MKX, the Luxury Crossover winner of Autopacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award. "The Red Cross is pleased to have the support of Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury,"

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said CEO Diane Ward. "Our hope is that the chance to drive home a 2007 Lincoln MKX at the end of summer will entice current donors who haven't given in a while and new donors to schedule an appointment to give blood during the summer months." To kick off the summer pro-

motion, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury will help prevent critical shortages during the July 4 holiday by hosting the second of two blood drives in their showroom at 32000 Ford Road in Garden City. Make an appointment to give blood 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, July 2, and see the 2007 Lincoln MKX that will be given away in September.

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The Red Cross struggles to maintain a strong blood inventory during the summer months, when fewer people donate blood, and there is an increase in the demand for blood to treat trauma patients. In addition to accident victims, other patients, such as those undergoing various surgeries or treatment for cancer and blood disorders, need blood to survive.

Every presenting donor age 18 or older who attempts to donate blood at participating drives will be issued an entry ticket. At the end of the promotion, 25 finalists will be selected to participate in the final drawing for the Lincoln MKX on Sept. 8 at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury.

To schedule a blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit the Red Cross Web site at www.GiveLife.org.

### **HITTING THE STAGE**

### Music in the Park

The "Music in the Park" concert series is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise noted):

- 🛾 July 4 Matt Watroba (Plymouth Township Park)
- July 11 Biakuye Duo
- July 18 elmo THUMM
- July 25 Harpbeat
- Aug. 1 Equinox Aug. 8 - Candy Band

Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and Phoenix

Aug. 22 - Laz and the Gemini Good Mischief Band

### Music in the Air

The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park. The schedule (concerts start at 7 p.m.):

July 6 - Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band. July 20 - Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.

July 27 - Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's hometown star.



### **FIRE RUNS**

on Francis, on Morgan, on Schoolcraft and on Red Ryder; fire on Chandler; single-family fire on Union.

Sunday, June 24 -Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Morrison, on Greenview Place, on A Drive and on Manton: carbon monoxide detector run on Greenbriar: rescue run on Newporte.

Saturday, June 23 - Residential rescue runs on Manton, on Northville Road, on Barrington and on Wildwing; single-family fire on Ann Arbor Trail.

Friday, June 22 - Vehicle accidents with wash-downs

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

titis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals will also help. For appointments, cost, Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

### **Heartland Hospice**

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tricounty area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients. and their families during their endof-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Association of Nonpublic Schools.

at Five Mile and Sheldon and on Farmer west of Adams; residential rescue runs on Van Buren and on Morrison.

Thursday, June 21 -Rescue run on westbound M-14 west of I-275; residential rescue runs on Newport, on Ross and on Francis; investigation on Plymouth Road; industrial rescue run on Port.

Wednesday, June 20 - Residential rescue runs on Gold Arbor, on Newporte, on Litchfield and on River Oaks; rescue runs on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon and on Haggerty north of Massey; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420. Waste to Watts

- The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours
- are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

### Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

### **Toastmasters** meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! **Canton Communicators Club meets** every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley,

should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise

**Register for St. Genevieve School** St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan

Mercy scholarships Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepa-

Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or

call (248) 893-3538.

**Travel clinics** 

**Genealogical society** The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m., July 12, at the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone, Hamburg. A member of the Hamburg Historical Society will talk about the history of the Hamburg area and a visit to the museum. The

public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745. Blood drive **Divine Savior Catholic Church will** 

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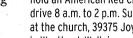
Church and Harvey; rescue

on Beck and on Parkview;

period June 20-26:

Tuesday, June 26 -

hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.



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### **SUNDAY PERSPECTIVES**

# in beating budget deficit

avbe That's the answer to the question: 'Do we have a budget deal?" I've held off writing about this for almost six months because the situation seems to change day by day. But right now, at this minute, for the moment, it looks as if the three branches of state government - Democratic House, **Republican Senate and Gov. Jennifer** Granholm – have a deal that's coming together.



**Chuck Moss** 

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The 2007 budget is finished. Don't look too closely at how. Now we're looking at a replacement for the Single Business Tax and, after that, we tackle the 2008 budget. This will start the real push for higher taxes. First off, the new SBT

replacement, or Michigan Business Tax. I'm getting more and more nervous

about what I'm seeing here. This proposed tax scheme rewards small business which is good. It also rewards large companies that have lots of employees (like auto manufacturers) and lots of capital equipment (like auto manufacturers). It punishes large companies that have neither (like computer firms, software developers, Internet companies, etc.). In other words, it protects the 20th century base while hitting the new economy. That's like rewarding the old industries in 1907 while heavily taxing the fledgling automakers. I can't sign on to anything like that.

As for issue two - I've read the articles and letters: "Why don't you buttheads just put everything aside and *do* something? Do what's best for Michigan." Well, that's what's taking so long. There is a difference of opinion about what's best for Michigan.

One side, led by Granholm, thinks that Michigan desperately needs government programs and services, which requires more 'revenue," which means taxes. The other thinks that there's still a lot of places in the budget to cut before we hit up our families and employers for more money - which nobody has much of right now. I'm in that second group.

Interestingly, the second group isn't just Republicans, and the first isn't only Democrats. The House Democrats haven't brought out a tax hike bill because Speaker Andy Dillon can't find enough of his members willing to vote for one. Plus, we have Republicans who believe state government needs a raise. There is room for compromise, which is why we've balanced the 2007 budget (finally!) and are closing in on an SBT

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replacement. But there's more work to be done.

Michigan needs to make some hard decisions, like everyone else does. We need reform of the public pension system - and that means teachers, too.It's currently unsustainable and, left on autopilot, the system will crash like GM's did. Clearly the promises we've made to current employees and retirees must be kept, but neither can we afford to give future employees blank checks. To see what your public servants are making, check out the Web site: http://db.lsj.com/ community/dc/som/index.php. Amazing!

The prison system is fiscally unsustainable. We can't let bad guys out. We've seen what happens when a Patrick Selepak hits the streets. But does everybody in prison absolutely, positively need to be there? How can services be provided more cheaply? What alternatives can we use for sentencing?

State government must change its sloppy ways of doing business. Why not move to a biennial, or two-year, budget, like Oakland County has? And bureaucrats who overspend their budgets should be fired, not rewarded. "Revenue enhancements" that mortgage our future to pay for pork and patronage spending should be resisted.

These are common sense things that you do every day. Lansing owes you no less. Then and only then should we ask you to open your wallets.

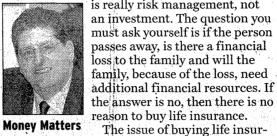
Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham) represents the 40th state House District.

# Taxes should be last resort Investment a better choice for newborn than buying insurance

Dear Rick: We just had our first child and we were approached about buying life insurance on our newborn son. Is this a good move?

Congratulations to you and your husband on the birth of your child. I frequently see young families approached about buying life insurance. The general sales pitch is insurance is cheap and buying it now guarantees insurability down the road. Although it's a good sales pitch, it doesn't make sense to me.

I believe life insurance, in fact all insurance, is really risk management, not



**Rick Bloom** 

ance to guarantee insurability doesn't make sense. First, it is unlikely that, down the road, if your child needs life insurance, they will not be able to buy it. However, it is still

theoretically possible. Even if that was the case, the amount of life insurance you would buy now would be an immaterial amount in the future.

I believe a better idea is to begin an investment program where you are putting money into a growth investment and designate it to your child. For example, if you and your husband are eligible for Roth IRAs, that could be an excellent vehicle for you.

Another alternative would be to begin a savings program for college using the Michigan Education Savings Plan. This program has a \$25 minimum investment and is an excellent option.

One last note, since you do have a new child, it is important that you look at your life insurance needs and make sure that you are adequately covered. If you need more life insurance, I recommend that you consider purchasing a term policy. Term policies allow you to insure yourself for a period of time; the time most important to you is while your child is still on your payroll. Dear Rick: I am single and have no children or dependents. Why do I need to do any estate plan?

One of the common mistakes about estate planning is that people assume that it only affects you upon your death. A good estate plan deals not only with death, but also with how to handle an emergency situation. In your situation, estate planning while you are living is probably more important than upon your death.

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For example, if you cannot make a medical decision for yourself, don't you want to appoint someone to make the decision for you? As opposed to having a judge or someone who you don't know make the decision? You may wish to have a friend or a relative make the decision. Having a Medical Durable Power of Attorney is an invaluable document for you.

Even though you do not have children, that does not mean that you do not want to be in con trol of who gets your money upon your death You may want to leave your money to a friend

or even a charity. As far as I am concerned, you should be in charge of your money, not the state.

In addition, just because someone does not have children does not mean that they don't want to make things easier on their loved ones. By hav ing a proper estate plan, it does make handling your affairs upon your death much easier.

Not everyone needs a trust or to do very complex estate planning. Many times people can take advantage of some of the free fill-in-the blank forms that are available. There is a fill in the blank will known as the Michigan Statutor Will, which is an excellent document.

Another form available is the Michigan Patient Advocate Form, which is a free fill-in-the-blank Medical Durable Power of Attorney form. These are excellent documents and they fit a number of people's needs. You can get these documents in the public library or my Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com and download one for free.

Estate planning is for every adult. We all have responsibilities and one of those responsibilities is that upon death or in a crisis situation, we don't leave a mess to others.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@ hometownlife.com. For more information visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).





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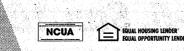
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# New challenges await 0&E golfers

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It won't be quite U.S. Open-style conditions, but golfers will be put to a tougher test with more at stake during this year's Observer & Eccentric Open.

The men's 36-hole medal play tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-12 at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses. The women's 18-hole event is also set for Saturday, Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows

Tourney director Bill Durham, a pro at Fox Creek, promises at least two new wrinkles this year at the two venues - speedier

greens and more rough. "The main thing is that we've let the natural areas grow for environmental reasons," Durham said. "It makes it more challenging and we've gotten good feedback from our customers.

"Another attraction is that we've worked on the greens and we've received compliments from the general public. And in general, it provides a good tourney setting."

The total prize payout for this year's tourney, according to Durham, has been bumped up to \$4,400.

The entry fee is \$95 for the men (cart not included) and will be open to the first 200 golfers. The maximum handicap is 20

with a current U.S. Golf Association index required to participate.

Meanwhile, the fee for women (not including cart) is \$50 and a USGA index is needed.

Entries for both men and women close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. Pairings and starting times will be announced beginning at noon Thursday, Aug. 9.

Last year's men's winner was Livonian Jim Omietanski, who repeated as champion. The supervisor from Ford Motor Co., recently named the varsity boys golf coach at Livonia Stevenson High, shot rounds of 69 and 72 to win by six strokes over Livonia dentist William Himm. Omietanski earned

a \$200 gift certificate and a first-place trophy.

Former Churchill High golfer Dan Higham took the men's first flight title, while Livonia's Janina Jacobs shot an 82 to capture the women's crown.

Last year, a total of 52 men competed in the championship and first flights, while nine competed for the women's crown. Durham would like to see that total double this year.

"I'd be happy with 100 to 120," he said. "I'd like to get it back to where it was in the mid- and late-80s."

For more information about the O&E Open, call (248) 476-4493.

### Hoop tutoring company helps youngsters reach their potential

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If your basketball-loving youngster needs a full course of instruc-

tion in the sport — or just a little

seasoning - Perfect Play, Inc. has

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a program for him or her on its vast

The Canton-based two-year-old

tutoring business that was founded

by former NBA player Brandon

Williams in 2005, offers a variety

of skills-based programs, but just

one ultimate goal: to help young

hoop players reach their potential.

And it has the tools to accom-

plish those goals, namely a staff

that includes several former pro-

fessional players - from Grant

Dena Head - and a state-of-

Long to Jimmy King to local star

the-art set of new courts located

in the northwest corner of High

Michigan Ave. in Canton Twp.

Velocity Sports, which is located on

Play two years ago, he understood

the importance of education and,

hence, Perfect Play," said Angelo

Perfect Play. "We believe that in

Flemings, the general manager of

order to understand the game, peo-

ple need to know the fundamentals

first and all of the techniques, both

on the offensive and defensive ends

"Also, when it comes to coach-

ing, we teach how to run practices,

how to prepare a team — all those

things transfer into perfect play for

Prior to the installation of bas-

ketball courts at High Velocity, the Perfect Play staff instructed their

clients wherever they could find a

suitable court. They'll still travel

to local high school and middle

of the court.

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### **QUEST FOR 'PERFECT'ION**

What: Perfect Play, Inc., a company that offers basketball tutoring services;

Where: Most of the training takes place at High Velocity Sports in Canton;

Who: The company was founded by former professional player Brandon Williams; among the instructors are ex-NBA players Jimmy King and Grant Long;

How much?: Sessions range from \$25-\$300;

For more info: Call (734) 487-7678.

schools to hold team clinics, but the majority of their teachings will



### Whalers

### trade The Plymouth

Whalers traded their first pick (56th overall) in Wednesday's **Canadian Hockey** League Import Draft to the Sault Ste. Marie Grevhounds, Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced.

**Ontario Hockey** League teams can play two import players, or non-North Americans, per season. The Whalers' quota is already filled with returning defenseman Jozef Sladok and goaltender Michal Neuvirth.

Neuvirth, a secondround pick in 2006 of the Washington Capitals, won the OHL's F.W. "Dinty" Moore Trophy after compiling a league-low goals-against average of 2.32.

### **Coast to Coast** Baseball

Coast to Coast Baseball, which is based in Marietta, OH, is holding a number of open tryouts through out Michigan this summer to select players in three age groups (11-12, 13-15 and 16-18) to represent the United States in international competition. Tryouts will be held at the following locations:



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Perfect Play, Inc. student Raymond Reed (left) goes strong to the hole against Angelo Flemings during a recent workout at High Velocity Sports in Canton. Flemings is the general manager of the basketball tutoring company.

**Churchill fills vacancies** Daugherty, Jenkins named to varsity positions

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage wasted ' little time in hiring two new varsity coaches for the 2007-08 school year to fill vacancies left by Keith McDonald, who resigned recently to take an assistant principal position. Hage named 35-year-old Patrick Daughtery as the girls track and field coach, while 27year-old Chad Jenkins will fill the girls basketball job. Daugherty, who teaches Physical Education and

Health at Churchill, is also the Madonna University men's and women's cross country coach in the fall. He has served seven seasons as a varsity boys assistant in track and field at Churchill under Rick Austin. "I'll be busier, but it's not

a lot different coachingwise, but at the same time there will more administrative duties because I'll be in charge of the whole team,'

said Daugherty, a native of Hudson who played three sports in high school before going to Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan universities. "I already have a good rapport with the (assistant) coaches. I'm not going to change too much. The formula has been successful and I'll try and maintain that, while putting my own touch on certain things."

Daugherty inherits a highly successful program. In his four years, McDonald guided the Chargers to a 24-0 dualmeet record, two Division 1 regional titles, three Western Lakes Activities Association and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational crowns, and four divisional championships.

"Our goal is always to win the WLAA team championship and get as many kids to the state meet," Daugherty said. "With Keith in the building, he's always somebody I can rely on. I'm thankful Marc (Hage) gave me the opportunity."

Jenkins, a former catcher and captain of the Eastern Michigan University baseball team (1998-2002), has served as both as Churchill's JV boys and girls basketball coach.

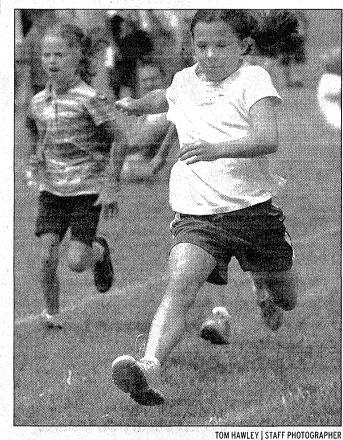
With the MHSAA sports seasons switch, causing girls basketball to move to the winter along with boys basketball, Jenkins had to make a decision.

"It was a tough choice either way." said the Caro native. "My relationship with the girls was stronger and I was confident about working with them.'

Jenkins, who teaches math at Churchill, plans to bring an uptempo style of play this winter to the Chargers, who finished 13-30 in McDonald's two seasons as varsity coach.

We'll be aggressive, we'll play man-to-man defense," said the Caro native. "We'll run the fast break. We'll run motion sets, spread the floor and let our guards penetrate and

Please see COACHES, A11



### Good to the last stride

Nine-year-old Emma Krimatzki of Livonia placed second in the 50yard dash of the Livenia Youth Fitness competition held Thursday at Rotary Park. For complete results of the event, please see page A11.

be held at High Velocity.

"When High Velocity turned what used to be inline hockey courts into basketball courts, one of the owners, Goose Finnerty, offered us the use of the facility." said Flemings. "When they built these courts, they did it right. These courts are floating courts, which are the best, and they added a lot of other details that make this facility outstanding."

### All-encompassing

The range of Perfect Play's participants runs from pre-school to high school, according to Flemings.

"Our first program is called 'Be Simple,' which is primarily for young kids who have never played the sport and don't know the fundamentals or even what the out-of-

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Elite Baseball, Grand Rapids, Wednesday, July 25, noon;

Premier Training Center, Macomb, Thursday, July 26, 2 p.m.;

🖬 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Friday, July 27, 10 a.m.;

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Saturday, July 28, noon; and

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, July 29, noon.

In addition to these open tryouts, a threehour hitting camp will be held each day.

For more information, players can visit www. CoastToCoastAthletics. com; or call (740) 373-4455.

### Tidwell

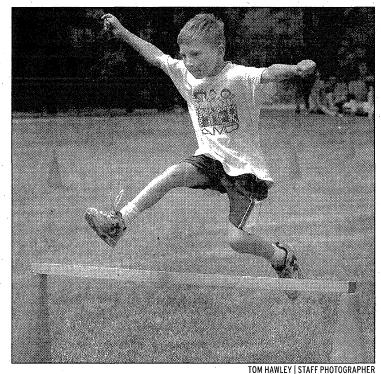
### selected

William Tidwell, a three-sport athlete at Canton High School, has been selected to participate in the **Economics for Leaders** program at Hillsdale College July 15-22. Tidwell, who lettered in football, basketball and baseball this past academic year, was one of 33 students nationwide chosen for the prestigious program.

The honorees were selected based on their outstanding leadership skills.

### **LOCAL SPORTS**

# Livonia Fitness winners advance



Eight-year-old Livonia resident Darin Topolewski hurdles through the agility

Metro Beach Metropark is the next destination for City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Fitness Meet champions.

On Thursday, a total of 100 boys and girls ages 7-14 competed in sprints (50, 60 and 75 yards), standing long jump, running long jump, softball throw, agility course and chinning at Rotary Park.

Age classifications included Class A (13-14), Class B (11-12), Class C (9-10) and Class D (7-8)

Winners will represent Livonia in the Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet, July 26, at Metro Beach.

Top finishers included:

### AGILITY RUN (BOYS)

(A): 1. Josh Hune; 2. Cody Fox; (B): 1. Michael Diaz; 2. Matthew Freed; (C): 1. Maxwell Montini; 2. Brendan Meakin; (D): 1. Darin Topolewski; 2. Essa Hattar; AGILITY RUN (GIRLS) (B): 1. Kellianne Meakin; 2. Jenna Smith; (C): 1. Jessica Smith; 2. Victoria Sill;

CHINNING (BOYS) (B): 1. Matthew Freed; 2. Alexander Perelli; (C): 1. Christian Sullivan; 2. Brendan Meakin; CHINNING (GIRLS) (B): 1. Tasha McKinle (C): 1. Ally Moore: 2. Rebecca Plasentin SOFTBALL THROW (BOYS) (A): 1. Josh Herle: 1. Chris Kanagy; 2. Mike Diaz; (C): 1. Jack Engel; 2. Charlie Bonser; (D): 1. Quinn Blair; 2. Anthony Leopardi; SOFTBALL THROW (GIRLS) (A): 1. Caleigh Griffin; 2. Nicole Sorenson (B): 1. Taylor Cutting: . Kennedy Crawford; 2. Hannah Ford; (D): 1 Frin Andrews: 2. Sarah Cervanan RUNNING LONG JUMP (BOYS) (A): 1. Jacob Van Dyke: 2. Cody Fox . Justin Van Dyke; 2. Cody Happ-Nige (C): 1. Maxwell Montini; 2. Logan Delonis; (D): 1. Kevin Murphy; 2. Darin Topolewski; RUNNING LONG JUMP (GIRLS) (B): 1. Mairi Van Dyke; 2. Sheila McKinley; (C): 1. Jessica Smith; 2. Jennifer Perelli; (D): 1. Lauren May; 2. Mikaila Murphy; STANDING LONG JUMP (BOYS) (B): 1. Andrew Smutek (D): 1. Juan Enriquez; STANDING LONG JUMP (GIRLS) (B): 1. Brianna Jed; (C): 1. Shae Tatigian (D): 1. Samantha Nardizzi; 2. Keira Carlson; DASHES (BOYS 50, 60, 75 YARDS) (A): 1. Jacob Van Dyke; (B): 1. John Kalil; 2. Justin Van Dyke; (C): 1. Christian Sullivan; 2. Noah Krimatzki; (D): 1. Conner Cassar: 2. Sam Banso

DASHES (GIRLS 50, 60, 75 YARDS) (A): 1. Caleigh Green; 2. Nicole Sorenson;
 (B): 1. Mairi Van Dyke; 2. Brianna Jed;

### course during Thursday's Livonia Youth Fitness competition held at Rotary (D): 1. Lauren May; 2. Laura Ford; (C): 1. Kennedy Crawford; 2. Emma Krimatzki; (D): 1. Irelyn Sullivan; 2. Lavne Tatigian Park. He finished with a time of 26.04 seconds. Bulls' Teno shuts downs Rams, 5-1

Steve Teno pitched seven strong innings Friday night, leading the Michigan Bulls to a 5-1 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory over the Michigan Rams at Ford Field.

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Teno pitched a five-hitter and struck out five as the 22and-under Bulls improved to 11-4-3 in the LCBL.

Losing pitcher Justin Collop (Wayne Memorial), who pitched this season at the University of Toledo, gave up five runs, all unearned. He allowed five hits in six innings, while walking two and fanning five. Drew Churchward went 2-for-3 with an RBI as the 20and-under Rams fall to 9-7-2. Aaron Powell collected two

hits, while Rudy Jovanovski knocked in two runs. Nick Thurman also added an RBI for the Bulls.

On Wednesday, Storms threatened all evening, but the Rams and Bulls got in eight innings, only to have the outcome end in a 6-6 tie because of a time limit.

Max Kelmigian's two-run double in the seventh scoring Mike Wiseman and Nick Urban sent the game into

extra innings for the Rams. who put five on the board after trailing 6-5.

Kelmigian finished with two hits, while Urban added two RBI. Churchward and Wiseman also knocked in runs

Kyle Rhoad, Dennis Jones and Mike LePor each collected two hits and knocked in a run for the Bulls. Josh Ivan and Powell also drove in runs. The Rams used three pitchers with starter Shane McCatty going the first five, allowing five runs (three earned) on eight hits and two

walks. He struck out three. Steve Karchefske came on in the sixth and seventh innings,

allowing one run on one hit with three Ks and a walk. Sam Yashinsky pitched a scoreless eighth.

**Bulls starter Brian Weeks** went 6.1 innings, allowing three runs on three hits and four walks. He struck out seven. Carl McDevitt blew the save, allowing three runs on five hits. Detroit Tigers 37th-round draft pick Toby Matchulat (Redford Union) walked one and got the final out.

# Western Michigan nets Moccia as recruit

### **BY BRAD EMONS** STAFF WRITER

They may not be ready for Wimbledon just yet like Serena and Venus Williams, but Western Michigan University women's tennis program will have a pretty formidable sister act of its own as recent Livonia

record in singles and a 22-15 overall mark in doubles.

Amanda, meanwhile, is one of two new recruits for WMU coach Betsy Kuhle, who also added Yumi Matsuto, a transfer from NCAA Division II power California (Pa.).

Amanda Moccia played No. 1 singles for the Spartans in 2006, finishing 21-6 including runner-up finisnes in the Division 1 regional and Western Lakes Activities Association tournaments (falling in both finals to eventual state champion Christina Ruiz of Northville). The four-year varsity letter winner split two matches in last year's state finals, reach-

ing the quarterfinals held in Midland. She posted a twoyear No. 1 singles record of 40-13.

The All-Stater and Stevenson MVP is ranked in the top-75 in the Midwest by the U.S. Tennis Association, while TennisRecruiting.net had her rated as the No. 3 graduating senior and 66th overall in their Hot 100. "I think Amanda was under the radar of most college recruiters and is going to be a great addition to our program," Kuhle said.

with a 36-4 record and ranked 10th in the country

She played prep tennis

C.J. Mwila and Sharif Carter run through a drill during a workout at Perfect Play, Inc. in Canton.

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bounds and free-throw lines are," he said. "We lower the rims to seven feet to make it easier for them, and we let them play with lighter balls.

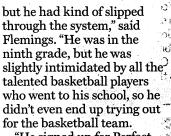
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Stevenson High graduate Amanda Moccia, a first-team All-Observer selection, will join sister Ashley this fall.

Ashley, a 2005 Stevenson grad, just completed her sophomore year with the Mid-American Conference champions and NCAA regional qualifier compiling a 23-15

Matsuto, a native of Kobeshi, Japan, earned NCAA Division II All-America honors in doubles

begin at 4 p.m. Monday at

Stevenson. Gavoor said a total

of 75 basketball games and 32

between the two sites over the

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Churchill A.D. said. "He cer-

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# Armenian Youth Games get underway in Livonia

Over 600 American and Canadian Armenian youths converged on Livonia over the weekend for the North American Eastern Region Homentemen Olympic Games. Events, which began

Saturday and conclude on Tuesday, included swimming, track, basketball and soccer hosted by Livonia Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College.

On Thursday, Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson led a flag-raising ceremony at Livonia City Hall to wel-



attack. I like the up-tempo style."

Jenkins said he'll stage a shooting camp for grades 5-9 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, July 9-11.

He will also take his team for the University of Michigan July 26-28 for a

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come the participants. The Mayor was joined by Father Daron Stepanian of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Dearborn, along with the University of Michigan marching and drill team.

This is the second time Detroit has hosted the Games, according to organizing chairman Sonny Gavoor, the Schoolcraft College women's cross country coach.

Last year's Games were held in Washington, D.C. with next year's site being Chicago, Ill. The track competition will

team camp. "Chad's been running our summer camps

and he's been great," Hage said. "He's done a wonderful

"The girls lobbied for him.

He's a players' coach, but he's

also a disciplinarian. They

"And every team he's

girls and boys basketball

coached - JV baseball, JV

- they all have had all had

like playing for him.

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tion is dedicated to promoting Armenian youth in athletics and boys-girls scouting for ages 12-35. It was established in 1918 in Armenia, soon after the 1915-

18 genocide by the Ottoman Turks. The organization has held North American Regional

four-day period.

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# Power pitching, booming bats prominent in Observerland

### **FIRST TEAM**

Matt Fitzgibbon, Sr., P, Garden City: The senior right-hander was outstanding for the Cougars, going 6-2 with a 2.01 ERA, with a walk-to-strikeout ratio of 13-39. Fitzgibbon showed a propensity for coming up huge in big games, throwing a one-hitter in the Division 4 district semifinal against Romulus and then defeating heavily favored Ann Arbor Pioneer in the regional final, 2-1;

"He pitched tremendously for us," GC coach Steve Herman said. "Especially in the biggest games. It was all pretty impressive that he beat the top teams."

Toby Matchulat, Sr., P, Redford Union: After missing the first 10 games of the season, the 6-5 fireballer struck out 16 in his 2007 debut, a 3-1 win over Detroit Country Day. For the ensuing weeks, Matchulat impressed major league scouts with his array of pitches, enough to get drafted in the 37th round by Detroit. The lanky righthander finished with a record of 5-3, but struck out 68 batters in 43 innings and gave up just 1.71 earned runs per game.

"Toby has a live arm and throws extremely hard (89-91 MPH)," RU head coach Mike Taylor said. "He struggled at times with his control, but hopefully they will work out the kinks at the next level. I wish him well and I hope he finds his place somewhere."

Matt Tuttle, Sr., P, Livonia Stevenson: Tuttle amassed 100 strikeouts in 63 innings in his third season on the Stevenson pitching staff, and was so effective that he finished with an 8-1-1 won-loss record and 2.05 ERA.

Head coach Rick Berryman said Tuttle, who will continue his baseball career at Adrian College, was "a very dependable starter" and set school records in game appearances (45) and strikeouts

He was named to the WLAA Lakes

Division and all-district teams and also was selected to play in the High School East/West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

"Matt has untapped potential, he'll get better and better," Berryman said. "He can maximize his potential if he keeps working. He applied himself in the off-season, that's why he had 100 strikeouts in 63 innings."

**Erik Wright, Jr., P, Canton:** The junior lefty compiled a 6-3 record and 1.76 E.R.A. He struck out 68 batters in 55 innings while yielding just 36 hits. In back-to-back games in late April, the WLAA All-Division honoree one-hit Wayne Memorial before throwing a two-hitter against No. 1-ranked Northville in a 2-1 setback.

"Erik had a tremendous year this year as a junior after pitching very well on the varsity last year as a sophomore," Canton coach Scott Dickey said. "Two of his three losses this year were the result of unearned runs. He was our ace and one of the top pitchers in the conference this year. He should be one of the top pitchers in the entire area next year."

Chris Ake, Sr., INF, Lutheran Westland: Ake worked hard after his junior year to overcome a back injury and it paid dividends, with his third selection to the all-Western Lakes and all-district teams. He batted .485 with five homers and scored 28 runs while driving in 29.

"Chris epitomizes what it means to put in your time and do whatever it takes to become a great player," Warriors head coach Kevin Wade said. "He really worked hard and put time in the weight room and it paid off. Chris is a great player, we are surely going to miss his leadership and everything he brought to this team."

Chris Gazley, Jr., INF-P, Redford Union: The multi-talented Gazley led Redford Union in virtually every offensive category, including a new school record for batting average (.531) as well as 12 doubles, 43 runs and 41 RBI. For his efforts, he was named to the All-Mega White, All-District, All-Region teams and was RU's team MVP. He also played solidly at third base and was outstanding as RU's No. 2 pitcher, finishing with a leagueleading 9-1 record and 87 strikeouts along with an ERA of 2.01.

"Chris is one of the more complete players around," Taylor said. "He is strong at every position you put him at and he has been the most dependable day-in and day-out player I have coached."

Gazley, in addition, was selected to the All-State second team, named by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

**Brett Lackey, Sr., INF, Garden City:** The three-year varsity starter was "the heart and soul of our team, he's one of our captains and one of our leaders," Herman said. "As he went, the team went. Brett was our most important cog."

Lackey earned team MVP honors for his season-long consistency, which netted All-Mega Red and All-District honors, and was described by Herman as the "human vacuum" with his shortstop fielding prowess.

Whatever he delivered at the plate was a big bonus, finishing with an average of .313 with 17 runs and 14 RBI.

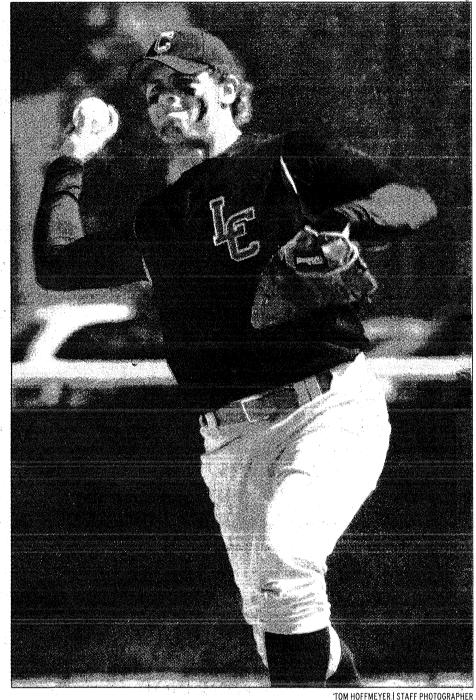
### Blake Smith, Sr., INF-P, Redford

**Thurston:** The four-year starter for the Eagles pretty much did everything he could to help his team succeed, head coach Bob Snell said.

"Blake is just a pleasure to coach," Snell said. "He has excellent baseball skills, can play a lot of different places, is key in clutch situations and, more than that, he's a great teammate."

Smith earned All-Mega Blue firstteam honors for his offensive and defensive contributions, finishing with

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Livonia Churchill second baseman Bryon Niemczak is a two-time first-team All-Observer selection

# Area softball players brought their 'A' game in '07



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Canton shortstop Lauren Delapaz was a four-year varsity starter and multiyear honoree on the All-Observer softball team. FIRST TEAM

Hilary Payne, Canton, Jr., pitcher: A junior southpaw, Payne was the ace of the Chiefs' pitching staff. She also excelled at the plate as she hit near the top of the Chiefs' line-up the entire season. A hard-thrower with a variety of off-speed pitches, Payne is being recruited by several Division 1 colleges.

Hallie Minch, Garden City, Jr., pitcher: Once again, Minch was usually right in the middle of whatever was happening with the Cougars this season. She was an offensive cog, batting .486, with five triples and 34 RBI, but also held the fort down whenever she pitched. The junior - named the team's MVP - finished with 201 innings pitched, allowing just 42 earned runs (1.46) and going 20-9 in the won-lost department. She collected seven shutouts and fanned 217 batters.

Her season was also capped off with selection to the All-Mega Red first team, all-district and all-region teams.

"She is a very smart player and a leader on the field," said Garden City head coach Barry Patterson. "I think what really sets Hallie apart from any other players is she's such a fierce competitor who wants the ball on the mound or wants to be the one at the plate in the most crucial and the biggest situations." **Erin Rodes, Plymouth, Soph., catcher:** A secondyear varsity player, Rodes hit .400 with one home run and 15 RBI along with providing coach Val Canfield with excellent defense behind the plate. The was versatile, too, playing left field as well as catching.

"Erin is an extremely dedicated player and a very well-rounded player," said Canfield. "Defensively, not much got past her and she had a very quick release. She was the captain of the infield. She was our lead-off hitter, too, so she was the one who got things going for our offense.

Alyssa Abramoski, Jr., Liv. Ladywood, Inf.: The junior first baseman was a consistent threat at the plate, hitting .352 with one home run, eight doubles and four triples. The Blazers' lead-off hitter also sparkled in the classroom as she earned a spot on the league All-Academic unit.

"Alyssa always shows a tremendous amount of effort," said Ladywood coach Sara Thiesmeyer said of the team's co-MVP. "I can always rely on her as a solid player defensively and as someone who is extremely versatile when at the plate."

Lauren Delapaz, Sr., Canton, Inf.: A four-year letter winner, Delapaz excelled both from her shortstop position and from the clean-up spot in the batting order. Headed to Eastern Michigan University with an athletic scholarship, Delapaz rounded out her high school career by hitting .481 and earning All-WLAA first-team honors.

Kim Klonowski, Sr., Plymouth, Inf.: Klonowski, whi is headed to Youngstown State University on a softball scholarship, capped an outstanding prep career by hitting .490 with three home runs and 20 RBI. She also provided the Wildcats with solid defense up the middle from her shortstop position.

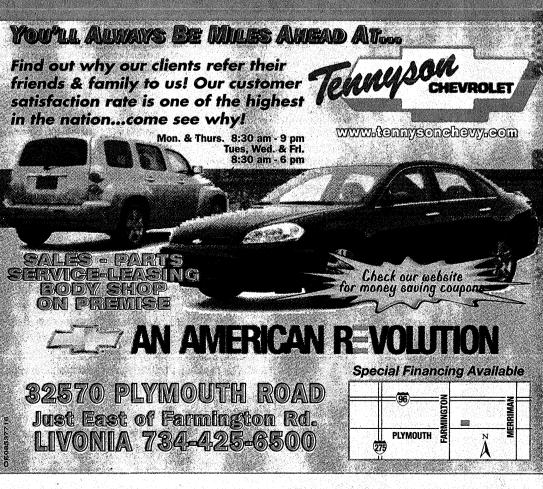
"Kim is just a phenomenal athlete and she was a great leader for our team," said Canfield. "The contributions she made to our program the past four years are just two numerous to mention. She will be greatly missed next year."

Briauna Taylor, Soph., Liv. Franklin, OF: The sophor more shortstop hit clean-up for the Patriots and she did so effectively, racking up a .524 batting average, 26 RBI and 26 steals. The All-WLAA standout shined in the field as well, committing just eight errors in 212 innings (.949 fielding percentage).

"I believe Briauna is the best shortstop in the state," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez. "She has quickness, unbelievable range, a strong and accurate throwing arm and soft hands. Her 90 assists says it all. She has received numerous

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a .450 batting average along with 28 runs and 24 RBI while also providing solid defense at shortstop. When called upon to pitch, he did yeoman's work, compiling a 5-4 record (including three tough losses where he gave up one or zero earned runs) and a 1.42 ERA.

Bryon Niemczak, Sr., INF, Livonia Churchill: Niemczak's all-around value to the Chargers shined through once again, with the co-captain batting .345, collecting 21 RBI and sparking the team with his baseball skills and leadership, head coach Ron Targosz said.

"It seemed as though in most games, as Bryon went, then that was how the team went on that particular day," Targosz said. "Bryon's skills at the plate and on the field are something that are truly special. His knowledge of the game is something that most high school players wish they had."

Niemczak was named to the Western Lakes Activities Association all-conference team for the second time in his prep career.

Matt Priebe, Fr., INF., Plymouth: Although just a freshman, Priebe played like a seasoned veteran as he led the Wildcats in several offensive categories, including batting average (.417), runs scored (25), hits (40), home runs (three) and RBI (23).

He also turned in a some solid stints on the mound for coach Chuck Adams squad.

"For a freshman to come in to our program, bat clean up all year and

put up those kind of offensive stats, it's astonishing," Adams said. Kyle Gring, Sr., OF, Canton: Gring had

a sensational senior season at the plate as the smooth-swinging lefthander hit .466 with a .602 on-base percentage and .773 slugging percentage. During a red-hot streak late in the season, he ripped 19 hits in 25 plate appearances. Gring rocked four home runs and knocked in 22 runs for the Chiefs while providing spectacular play in the outfield.

"Kyle worked very hard during the off-season and it paid off as he had a tremendous senior season," Canton coach Scott Dickey said. "He was one of the best hitters in our conference this year and earned All-District honors as well."

Luke Knochel, Sr., OF, Livonia Stevenson: The three-year starter in center field hit 426 and drove in 23 runs while scoring 30 himself, providing a yearlong spark to the Stevenson attack. He earned all-district and all-conference honors for his efforts.

For his career, he finished with a lofty .423 batting average, six school records and 52 stolen bases getting thrown out only four times.

"Luke is just a phenomenal athlete," Berryman said. "He is a very consistent, hard-working player. I enjoyed watching him play for three years. He's just a good athlete with a great work ethic and knows how to play the game." COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Taylor, Redford Union: Taylor doesn't look much older than the players on his Redford Union team.

But the 1999 RU grad has built a successful program in a relatively short period of time, one that grizzled coaching vets would be thrilled to achieve.

In 2007, Taylor guided the hardhitting Panthers to a 27-7 record, falling just short in the ultra-competitive Mega Red before capturing a Division 1 district championship, the school's

first in a decade. According to Taylor, who has amassed a record of 86-62 in his five seasons as RU head coach, the team is "still young," but has grown in maturity and experience to the point that

the 2008 season could be a real breakthrough. "We've got nine guys coming back and five starters, so I think next year

we'll finally be able to get over the hump," he said. Taylor said winning the Observer

coach of the year honors is "not a feather in my cap because it's everything involved with our program. But it's a tip of the cap to the program."

Meanwhile, he cited assistant coaches Dennis Rogowski, Justin Rosin and Brian Sloma with having a lot to do with this season's success, which came to a screeching halt when Allen Park routed RU in the D-1 regional.

"The experience of winning districts and playing in the regional this year will help us come this time next year," Taylor said.

When not busy with RU's program, Taylor is an assistant coach with the Livonia-based Michigan Rams of the Michigan Baseball Collegiate League, a 20U team which plays at Ford Field.



**Erik Wright** Canton



Matt Fitzgibbon **Garden City** 



**RU** coach

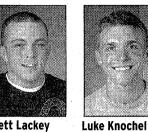




**Tyler Bledsoe** Chris Ake Churchill Lutheran High



**Chris Gazley Redford Union** 



**Brett Lackey Garden City** 

**Blake Smith** 

Thurston



Stevenson

**Bryan Niemczak** Churchill

### HONORABLE MENTION

2007 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL

P - Erik Wright, Jr., Canton

Matt Fitzgibbon, Sr., Garden City

- Toby Matchulat, Sr., Redford Union - Matt Tuttle, Sr., Liv, Stevenson

C • Tyler Bledsoe, Soph., Liv. Churchill

INF - Chris Ake, Sr., Lutheran Westland

INF/P - Chris Gazley, Jr., Redford Union

INF/P - Blake Smith, Sr., Red. Thurston

OF - Luke Knochel, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

P - Jared Miller, Jr., Canton Agape P - Ryan Baglow, Lr., Lutheran Westland

C • Tim Siegfried, Jr., Wayne Memorial

C - Kyle Schuett, Sr., Redford Union

INF - Matt DeLong, Sr., Redford Union

INF - Garrett Gumm, Soph., Liv. Franklin INF - Alan Siepierski, Sr., Westland Glenn

- Kirk Ciarrocchi, Sr., Liv, Churchill

INF - Nick Plinka, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

- Dan Stoney, Soph., Canton OF - Jesse Carpenter, Jr., Liv, Franklin OF/P - Chris Kangas, Sr., Westland Glenn

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Taylor, Redford Union

1B - Matt Barrera, Sr., Plymouth INF - Ben Kosmalski, Sr., Plymouth

INF - Bryon Niemczak, Sr., Liv. Churchill

INF - Brett Lackey, Sr., Garden City

INF - Matt Priebe, Fr., Plymouth Kyle Gring, Sr., Canton

SECOND TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Garden City: Jon Turnbull, Paul Cole, Kevin Polzin; Thurston: Brian Corner, Ryan Smith; Redford Union: Steven Greenawalt, Bobby Ray, Jason Matties, Nick Levinson; Churchill: Vinny Carozza, Mike O'Keefe, Eric Mitchell, Tyler Cotter, Brian Runge, Steve Jones: Franklin: David Leins, Mike Basner, Tyler Canyock; Stevenson: Matt Loney, Sam Vomastek, Jeff Sorenson; John Glenn: Jerry Smith, Andrew DeLuca, Nate Lopez, Jake Murawski; Wayne: Clint Cavanaugh, Trey Raynes, Jon Bryant, Mike Green, Brent Patterson; Lutheran Westland: Austin Baglow, Micah Hausch, Dan Abbott, Adam Zehel; Clarenceville: Allen Mazur; Huron Valley Lutheran: Ryan Jones, Kurt Metzger; **Salem:** Sam Ott, Brad Way, Matt Woster, Justin Horger, Mike Myers, Steve Pydyn; **Canton:** Brad Barath, William Tidwell, Dan Milus, Blaine Paden; **Plymouth:** Garrett Rebain, Brad Lineberry, Ronnie Goble, Ryan Valle, Tyler Locklear; Plymouth Christian: Trevor Zinn, Brent Zinn, Matt Saagman, Charles Cain; Canton Agape: Brandon Pierson, Tyler Majeski,



compliments from other coaches throughout the season." Christina Susalla, Jr., Garden City, IF: Susalla was named to the All-Mega Red first team, all-district and all region squads and received a team 'gold glove" award for her superb fielding and soft hands at first base for the Cougars.

And she made big contributions at the plate, finishing with a .356 batting average along with nine doubles and 26 RBI.

"I believe that Christina is one of the premier power hitters in the area," said Patterson, adding that Susalla also is the consummate



coach's dream. "As a coach you hope all your players play with the desire and passion that 'Sus' brings to the field every day."

Brittany Taylor, Soph., Liv. Franklin, **OF:** The sophomore batted either first or second for the Patriots and she did it well, hitting .543 with 30 RBI and 53 runs scored. The All-WLAA, All-District performer hit five round-trippers and 11 doubles while striking out just nine times in 116 at-bats. Taylor's 63 hits were a school record.

"Brittany improved in all aspects of the game," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, "She raised her batting average by 139 points from last year and she was much smarter on the bases this year, too. Most importantly, Brittany has a team-first attitude and she cares so much about her teammates.'

Kelsey Weekley, Jr., Redford Union, **OF:** Natural ability coupled with softball smarts and leadership factored into a season to remember for Weekley, who led the Panthers with a .542 batting average, three home runs and 26 RBI. Weekley, a tri-captain who earned team MVP honors as well as selection to the All-Mega White first team, set RU records in Mega White competition both for total bases (40) and batting average (.605). She played every position in the field except catcher and second base and was one of the team's top starting pitchers. "She's an outstanding talent," said Panthers head coach Alan Kruck. "And what a leader. She'll jump in at any position, she takes the lead as far as that goes." **Briauna Taylor** Kelly Behr, Sr., Salem, OF: The threeyear varsity player was a two-year All-District and All-Conference performer. She hit .338 and was one of the best defensive outfielders in the WLAA, throwing out five opponents at the plate and three at first. Behr graduated first in her class with a 4.0 grade-point average. "Kelly is a very smart player and can hit and field her position equally **Christina Susalla** well," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "She has great range in the outfield and can cover a lot of ground." Nicole Love, Jr., Redford Thurston, **OF:** The MVP for the 2007 Eagles enjoyed an excellent all-around season, slugging three home runs and knocking in 16 runs while compiling a .435 batting average. She adequately patrolled left field and was named to the All-Mega Blue team for her efforts. "She was very reliable all season, both offensively and defensively," said Thurston head coach Renee McManamon. "She's an all-around great girl." Rob Witherspoon, Liv. Stevenson (Coach of Year): Earned back-to-back Coach of the Year honors after leading the surprising Spartans to their first Western Lakes Activities Association title since 1984 with a 6-3 win over Northville. Stevenson, Lakes Division champs in WLAA, finished 21-11 overall, Witherspoon's third straight 20-win season. The 35-year-old Witherspoon

### **2007 ALL-OBSERVER** SOFTBALL TEAM

### **FIRST TEAM**

P-Hilary Payne, Jr., Canton P-Hallie Minch, Jr., Garden City C-Erin Rodes, Soph., Plymouth INF-Alyssa Abramoski, Jr., Liv. Ladywood INF-Lauren Delapaz, Sr., Canton INF-Kim Klonowski, Sr., Plymouth INF-Briauna Taylor, Soph., Liv. Franklin INF-Christina Susalla, Jr., Garden City

OF-Brittany Taylor, Soph., Liv. Franklin

OF-Kelsey Weekley, Jr., Redford Union

OF-Kelly Behr, Sr., Salem **OF-Nicole Love, Jr., Redford** Thurston

# Miss Golf Warner in league of her own

Canton

### FIRST TEAM

Shannon Warner, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The Division 1 medalist repeated as 2007 champion by shooting 73-72-145, winning by five shots at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

Warner also captured the regional with a 77 and was runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament

She also shot a tourney-record 69 to win the Grosse Ile Invitational and was runner-up in the Traverse City and Ann Arbor invitationals by one stroke.

Warner, medalists in 10 of 11 dual matches, sported a nine-hole average of 37 and averaged 74 for 18 holes.

"Shannon was able to lower her nine-hole and 18-hole averages from



### 90 for 18.

The team captain, who shot 88-90 at the state finals, was named Ladywood's most improved player for the second year in a row.

"Erica improved tremendously this past year," Nagy said. "She is very determined and we'll look to her for her leadership again next year."

Paige Scarpace, Jr., Liv. Franklin: The junior earned All-Division honors in the WLAA with a 99 at Pheasant Run and missed qualifying for the state finals by only four shots after firing an 89 at Giant Oaks.

Scarpace averaged 48 and dual matches and took medalist honors five times. Her stroke average was 98 for 18-hole tournaments.

"Paige was a surprise this year," Franklin coach Brian McCallister said. "I realized early on that she was talented, but she put it together very quickly. It was exciting watching her grow as a player. When she missed qualifying for the state tournament by a few stroke, I could see her develop aresolve that next year she will qualify..... I know she is ready to get to work for next year." Chrissy McHenry, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior averaged 48.09 per nine holes and finished 13th at both the Division 1 regional and WLAA tournament (en route to All-Division honors. McHenry also took seventh at the Farmington Invitational. "Few people on this team played better than Chrissy when she really focused on her game," Delo said. "Shewas the ultimate competitor and could always be counted on to give me a good score." Jessie Veltri, Sr., Westland Glenn: The third-year varsity member improved her stroke average each of her seasons going from 51 (in 2005) to 50 (in 2006) to 49 (this season. Veltri was medalist seven times in 39 career matches. She finished with a 94 to earn All-Division honors in the Western Lakes Tournament. "Jessie will be missed for her leadership, hard work and commitment to the great game of golf," Glenn coach Stephen Pilon said. "Jessie helped many of the younger players learn the etiquette and rules of golf, as well as helping them learn many aspects of the short game." Mariel Meyers, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior shot an even 100 at the Division 1 regional at Giant Oaks and added another 100 to earn All-Division accolades at the Western Lakes Tournament. Meyers averaged 49 for dual matches and was medalist twice. Her scored counted in every Franklin match. "Mariel was a solid senior leader for our team," McCallister said. "She scored in every match and tournament for us this year. She led by example with hard work and a will to improve. Being a four-year varsity player, it was nice to see her end her career as part of a successful team. It will be tough to replace her." Amanda Dobos, Jr., Livonia Churchill: The junior shot 102 at both the Division 1 regional and WLAA Tournament (to earn All-Division honors). She had a nine-hole average of 50. lowering by 10 strokes this year, and



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Kim Klonowski Plymouth



Kelly Behr Salem



Nicole Love Thurston



Kelsey Weekley Erin Rodes **Redford Union** Plymouth



Rob Witherspoon Alyssa Abramoski Stevenson coach Ladywood

is 91-67 overall in five seasons with the Spartans. The Allen Park native also coaches football at Livonia Churchill and is a fifth-grade teacher at Johnson **Elementary School** 

### SECOND TEAM

P-Jamie Johnson, Jr., Liv. Stevenson P-Melissa Leach, Sr., Salem P-Amanda Gruenewald, Sr., Huron Valley P-Meghan Patterson, Jr., Plymouth INF-Laura Deacon, Soph., Liv. Stevenson INF-Jordan Kerr, Jr., Liv. Churchill INF-Paula Guzik, Soph., Liv. Churchill INF-Sarah Sanders, Soph., Redford Union INF-Beth Heldmeyer, Soph., Plymouth OF-Shannon Pietruska, Soph., Garden City INF-Erin McLaughlin, Sr., Liv.

Ladywood. OF-Bobbie DeBolt, Jr., Redford Thurston UTL-Sarah Anthony, Sr., Canton UTL-Abby Sochacki, Sr., C'ville **COACH OF THE YEAR** Rob Witherspoon, Livonia Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Stephanie Sadek, Kim Beaudoin, Alyssa Johnson, Ali Taylor; Plymouth: Stacey Klonowski, Amanda Burnard, Amy Bondy, Melissa Butzow; Salem: Kait McKinley, Abby Pairitz, Emily Pitcole, Christina Parsons; Churchill: Amber Holod, Emily McShane, Hilary Antal; Franklin: Kelsey Garbutt, Heather Jaroh, Natalie Sanborn, Allison Bonsall; Stevenson: Amanda Paison, Lauren Brueck, Kristina Vaclavek, Janice Hollandsworth, Emily Hollandsworth; John Glenn: Brittany Holbrook, Tarra Anderson, Stacey Truskowski; Wayne Memorial: Heather Henning, Taylor Krohn; Ladywood: Gina Sykes, Lauren Taylor, Kyla Suchy; Huron Valley Lutheran: Emily Helwig, Anna Schaffer: Clarenceville: Kellie Manis, Charmaine McQueen; Lutheran Westland: Rachel Becker, Andrea Guse, Amanda DeVries, Kara Jackson; Garden City: Kelly Floetke, Christina Seward; Redford Union: Katie Gleason, Alannah Hofmann; Redford Thurston: Breanna Taylor. Emily Kuhn.

last year which really helped our team record," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "She did a nice job as captain to lead a young team. She is a pleasure to coach and really fun to watch play the game."

Andrea Warzyniec, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The senior, a four-year letter winner and two-time captain and MVP, placed seventh in last month's Division 2 state finals shooting 78-80.

Warzyniec also fired at 79 to finish runner-up at the regional. She also made All-Catholic for the third straight year by finishing four. In tournaments, Warzyniec

placed in the top 10 six times in eight events. She was also in the top three in all of her dual matches.

"Andrea has a very solid game, which comes from tons of practice and lots of dedication," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "Andrea has been a great leader and player for us the past four years."

The Scholar-Athlete Award winner is headed to Michigan State. Chelsea Bathurst, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior earned medalist honors

six times and sported a nine-hole average of 43.9. The Spartans' co-captain and team MVP earned All-Conference honors with an 88 and added a third-place finish at the regional. She also placed sixth at the Farmington Invitational and 16th at the Brighton Invitational. She led Stevenson with a two-day total of 184 at the Division 1 state finals.

"Chelsea was invaluable to our team as she played in nearly every match all year and we had to rely on her every time to give us a low score to be competitive," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said. "She is the ultimate competitor always wanting to do better and win. The only match she missed was due to a minor injury of passing kidney stones that led to a very, very late night trip to the emergency room."

Kelly Thomas, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The senior was a four-year varsity letter winner and two-year captain. She shot 89-77, including a 1-under 35 on the back nine at the state finals at MSU's Forest Akers (East Course) after carding an 86 to place fourth at the regional.

She averaged 85 in tournaments and 43 per nine holes in dual matches.

Thomas also tied for runner-up honors in the Catholic League tournament with an 84. She is a threetime All-Catholic selection.



Shannon Warner Churchill

Thomas ranks seventh in her graduating class with a 4.05 GPA. "Golf was new to Kelly when she

came to Ladywood four years ago and she has worked endless hours to go from averaging 60 her freshman year to 43 her senior year," Nagy said. 'Talk about hard work and dedication. What a great accomplishment."

Thomas will also attend MSU.

Angela Jamrog, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: A four-year varsity letter winner and two-time All-Observer honoree averaged 46 per nine and 87 in tournaments while overcoming a broken wrist just prior to the Catholic League tournament.

Jamrog, who missed the regional, returned to the state finals where she shot 88-82 while wearing a neon pink cast.

"Angela was determined not to let this end her golf season," Nagy said. "It took a lot of courage and guts to do what she did and it goes to show you how dedicated to her team and golf game she is. I'm so proud of her, as are her teammates. Angela is the one who can put a smile on anyone's face at any time."

Jamrog plans to play golf at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Abbey Wolfe, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior took fifth in the WLAA tourney with an 88, added a 10th at the Division 1 regional and shot a two-day total of 185 at the state finals.

She never missed a match in four vears.

Wolfe, who helped the Spartans win the Farmington Invitational, was medalist twice and averaged 46.19 per nine holes.

"Abbey as everything a coach could ask for in a player," Delo said of the co-captain. "Abbey worked diligently on her game and took every match to heart, whether we were winning or losing. As a captain, Abbey displayed qualities that help teams become winners. Once again, we counted Abbey's score in every match we played in for the second consecutive season." SECOND TEAM

Erica Mazur, Jr., Liv. Ladywood: The junior is a two-time varsity letter win-

ner who tied for runner-up medalist honors in the Catholic League tournament with an 84.

She averaged 48 for nine holes and

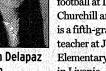
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Stefanie Turner, Soph., GK, Livonia Churchill: Her coach, Dave Hebestreit, said Turner is the best high school goalkeeper he saw all season and she had the statistics to back that statement up — finishing with a goals-against average of 0.66 and 12 shutouts, helping the Chargers post a 14-3-3 record. She earned team MVP honors and was named to the Western-Lakes All-Division Team for her performance.

"Her ability to play with her feet alleviated so much pressure for us and allowed us to build out of the back," Hebestreit said. "Also, her knack for coming up with the big save at key moments really helped us succeed this year."

Jamie Chandler, Sr., D., Livonia Stevenson: A rock on defense, the senior was the Spartans' most consistent player, also logging key minutes in the midfield keeping opponents from breaking loose. As a bonus, she tallied a goal and assist.

"You always knew what you were going to get out of Jamie each night," Stevenson head coach Chris Pinta said. "She'd come out and work hard, and defend well, doing just about anything you asked of her." Chandler was named to the

Western Lakes All-Conference Team.

Bailey Brandon, Soph., MF, Livonia Churchill: One of two Chargers named to the Western Lakes All-Conference Team, Brandon led the team with 12 goals and nine assists and was "the offensive catalyst in the heart of the field," according to Hebestreit.

"Bailey is a gritty, ball-winning central midfielder, who has a unique ability to control the center of the field," he said. "Her speed, technique and perseverance were second to none this year."

Alyssa Chambo, Sr., MF., Garden City: The third-year varsity player showed speed and versatility, earning regular playing time at forward as well as midfield and taking most of Garden City's free kicks. She scored six goals and was named to the All-Mega Red first team as well earning team MVP honors.

"Alyssa's strongest quality is her consistency," Cougars head coach Bill Torni said. "Her passing, fitness level and desire never wavered. Her accurate free kick placement was one of the team's best weapons."

Rachel Kain, Jr., MF, Canton: A two-

year letter-winner, Kain anchored the Chiefs' midfield and tallied six goals with four assists. She was a first-team All-WLAA performer.

"Rachel played a perfect midfield for us this season," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She can play all the midfield positions effectively and was a main reason for our success this season."

Brittany Hengesh, Sr., D., Plymouth: The four-year varsity player excelled at several positions for the Wildcats before taking over as a solid defender during her junior season. She didn't score this season, but was instrumental in keeping the ball out of the Wildcats' net.

"Brittany had a fantastic senior season and a great career," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "She was the foundation of our defense this year. We had two or three freshmen back there a lot of the season and she was a great leader for them."

Alisha Lussiez, Jr., F, Livonia Churchill: Lussiez scored a lot of important goals for the Chargers this season, finishing second on the team with 10 goals, along with 11 assists. Hebestreit emphasized her "technical" ability, being able to "settle a ball, turn a defender and attack the goal unlike any other player I have ever seen in high school girls soccer.

"She was often dangerous in games and was a huge part of our ability to go forward and attack the defense," he added.

Lussiez's season was deemed worthy enough for inclusion on the Western Lakes All-Conference Team.

Becci Houdek, Sr., F., Canton: Houdek, who is headed to Ferris State University on a basketball scholarship, was a rare four-year starter who made an impact on the Chiefs' program from her very first game to her last. She finished her senior season with a team-high 13 goals and nine assists, even though she was the No. 1 target of opposing defenders. She's a two-time All-WLAA first team honoree.

"Becci had an outstanding career," Tomasso said. "She won just about everything there is to win except a state title. Her ability and knowledge of the game are what put her at a different level than most girls. She was hard to stop, especially in the big games."

Kelly Adsit, Sr., F., Plymouth Salem: Despite battling injuries throughout



Members of the 2007 All-Observer girls soccer first team are: (kneeling, from left) Jamie Chandler, Livonia Stevenson; Alisha Lussiez, Livonia Churchill; Bailey Brandon, Churchill; Alyssa Chambo, Garden City; (standing, from left) Rachel Kain, Canton; Vicky Slavin, Stevenson; Nicole Tolentino, Redford Thurston; Abby Lorion, Plymouth Christian; Brittany Hengesh, Plymouth; Stefanie Turner, Churchill; Kelly Adsit, Plymouth Salem and Churchill head coach David Hebestreit. Not pictured is Becci Houdek, Canton.

much of her senior season, the captain was an incredible role model and leader for her young teammates. She led the Rocks with 11 goals and five assists and was named firstteam All-WLAA for the second year in a row.

"Kelly has classic forward skills," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "She has very good speed and a rocket for a shot. She can create her own shot and create shots for her teammates. Kelly made a huge impact as a freshman and never let up from then on."

Abby Lorion, Sr., F., Plymouth Christian: The four-year starter capped a stellar senior season with 30 goals and nine assists, earning her Division 4 first-team All-State accolades. She finished her career as the school's all-time leading goal scorer (93) and was voted the 2007 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Most Valuable Player.

"As Abby's career went on, she really learned how to spread the ball around to her teammates," said her coach and father, Bob Lorion. "She was a very unselfish player with great vision on the field. She was a great playmaker."

Nicole Tolentino, Sr., F., Redford Thurston: Tolentino demonstrated her ability to make something out of nothing with her speed, footwork and aggressiveness near the opposing goal. She led the Eagles with 11 goals and chipped in with three assists, earning All-Mega Conference honors as well as selection to the all-district and all-region squads. Tolentino's season also earned her all-state honorable mention honors.

Thurston head coach Jason Brater said Tolentino was deserving of such accolades, describing her as "really tough to beat down with her toughness and speed."

Victoria Slavin, Jr., F., Livonia Stevenson: Another Spartan named to the Western Lakes All-Conference team was Slavin, who scored 12 goals and six assists, among leaders in both categories for the team.

"Vicki is and was our biggest offensive threat," Pinta said. "If she wasn't going, neither were the Spartans. She could change a game when she was on and proved it on many occasions this year." Against Livonia Churchill, for example, the coach said Slavin "owned the middle and could not be stopped."

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Hebestreit, Liv. Churchill: The veteran coach wrapped up his 15th season at the helm of a Livoniabased team (Franklin, Churchill) and called it his "most rewarding" year ever, guiding a talented and motivated Chargers team to a 15-3-3 record — the best there since 1986.

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Churchill also captured the Lakes Division and Western Lakes Activities Association conference titles, defeating Division 1 semifinalist Northville in double overtime, 1-0.

Hebestreit said his team showed up at the beginning of preseason already in tip-top shape, enabling him to focus more on the X's and O's of coaching. That was an example of how dedicated the Chargers were on and off the field.

"The girls are a fun group and incredibly easy with which to work," he said. "They have a thirst for information and a desire to develop their game to the highest level."

According to Hebestreit, the success should continue in 2008. "With so many players returning, and the entire starting unit, and such a high soccer IQ on the team, the possibilities are bright for next year. ... But only if each of us continues to put in the necessary work in the offseason." Since taking over at Churchill,

Hebestreit's record now stands at an impressive 65-52-16.

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FIRST TEAM GK - Stefanie Turner, Soph., Liv. Churchill D - Jamie Chandler, Sr., Liv. Stevenson MF - Bailey Brandon, Soph., Liv. Churchill MF - Alyssa Chambo, Sr., Garden City MF - Rachel Kain, Jr., Canton MF - Brittany Hengesh, Sr., Plymouth F - Alisha Lussiez, Jr., Liv. Churchill F - Becci Houdek, Sr., Canton F - Kelly Adsit, Sr., Ply. Salem F - Abby Lorion, Sr., Ply. Christian F - Nicole Tolentino, Sr., Red. Thurston F - Victoria Slavin, Jr., Liv. Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

SECOND TEAM GK - Brittany Warner, Sr., Plymouth GK - Chelsea Gregg, Sr., Clarenceville D - Liz Tokarsky, Sr., Liv. Stevenson D - Allyson Yankee, Soph., Lutheran

Westland

D - Leslie Weisz, Soph., Canton D - Kelli Mapes, Jr., Red. Thurston

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MF - Meghan Horgan, Sr., Liv, Franklin MF - Alyssa Mira, Soph., Liv, Churchill F - Amanda Moody, Jr., Clarenceville F - Katie Shull, Jr., Ply. Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR David Hebestreit, Liv. Churchill

### HONORABLE MENTION

Garden City: Cara Braun, Marianne Lewallen, Brooke Solomon; Thurston: Becky LaDuke, Megan Schulz, Renee Wright, Ashlie Ingold, Alena Alessandrini: Redford Union: Stephanie Reamer, Karen Jackett, Jessica Busuito, Chelsea Marlow; Churchill: Kayla Johnston, Jessica Stroud, Andrea Lopez: Julianne Puroll, Hannah Otto, Tessa Allen; Franklin: Kelly Powers, Kelly Roulier, Molly Perkins, Kristine Ostrosky; Stevenson: Kaitlin O'Hara, Stephanie Gutowski, Kathleen Griffith, Amber Sharp, Taleen Mergian, Molly McConnell, Kayla Kimble, Amanda Keedle; Clarenceville: Season Belcher, Mallorie Lemon, Kristen Jolly, Tori Bunker; Lutheran Westland: Julianne Thomas, Miranda Kasprowicz, Emily Meier: Ladywood: Laura Bou-Marou, Sarah Kempa, Kaitlyn Vitale, Jessica Benaglio, Caitlin Szczypka, Michelle Rind: John Glenn: Sara Davis, Marge Shupe, Justine Easter, Joslyn DeGroot, Lauren Whitt: Wayne Memorial: Chrissy Jones, Whitney Jacobs, Kellie Newsted, Samantha Dye, Danielle Borg, Elizabeth Hardy: Canton: Lisa Pierce, Tracy Rymph, Megan Staub, Jessica Trost, Hannah Mills, Laura Daniels; Salem: Miranda Evers, Lauren Booth, Lindsey Newton, Sara O'Leary, Sara Stanislawski; Plymouth: Clare Baptist, Chelsey Quinlan, Val Klemmer, Kasey Webb, Kelly Dobbs, Katie Krajewski; Plym. Christian: Sarah Ross, Jalese Debiasi, Meghan Polera, Sara Roth.



FIRST TEAM Shannon Warner, Jr., Liv. Churchill Andrea Warzyniec, Sr., Liv. Ladywood Chelsea Bathurst, Sr., Liv. Stevenson Kelly Thomas, Sr., Liv. Ladywood Angela Jamrog, Sr., Liv. Ladywood Abbey Wolfe, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

an 18-hole average of 101, 15 strokes better than a year ago. She was runmer-up medalist five times.



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"Amanda really emerged as one of the better players in our league," Harper said. "She shot some personal best score this year and we're looking forward to her continued development. She was a great leader as a co-captain. She always wants to learn and improve, and takes well to coaching. She can hit the ball a long way and is also fun to watch play the game." COACH OF YEAR

Angela Jamrog Ladywood



Andrea Warzyniec

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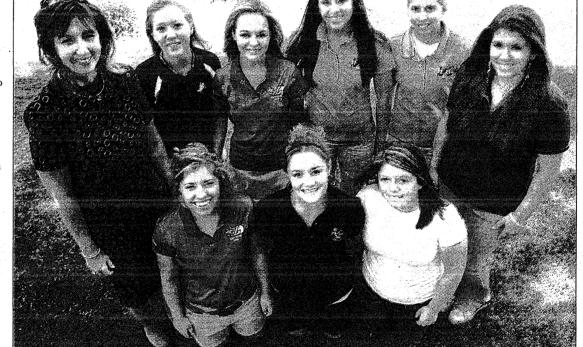
Kellianne Nagy, Liv. Ladywood: The seventh-year coach guided the Blazers to their best state finals showing in school history with a runner-up place only behind Dexter in Division 2 after finishing fifth in 2006 and sixth in 2005.

Nagy has led the Blazers to seven straight trips to the state finals, all top ten finishes.

After going 8-0 in dual matches, Ladywood was also runner-up in both the regional and Catholic League tournaments. The Blazers added a second at the Grosse Ile Invitational, a third at Brighton and a fourth at the Birmingham Seaholm-Farmington Hills Mercy Tournament.

"Our team motto all season was, 'The Magic in the Believing,' and we did that,' Nagy said. "It was a

great finish to a great season for us. And a great finish to a great journey for my trio of seniors Andrea (Warzyniec), Angela (Jamrog) and Kelly (Thomas)."



The 2007 All-Observer Girls Golf team includes: (front row, from left) Kelly Thomas, Livonia Ladywood; Abbey Wolfe, Livonia Stevenson; Chelsea Bathurst, Stevenson; (second row, from left) coach Kellianne Nagy, Ladywood; Amanda Dobos, Livonia Churchill; Erica Mazur, Ladywood; Muriel Meyers, Livonia Franklin; Paige Scarpace, Franklin; Jessie Veltri, Westland John Glenn. Also on the team (see separate photos) are Ladywood's Angela Jamrog and Andrea Warzyniec and 'Miss Golf' Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill.

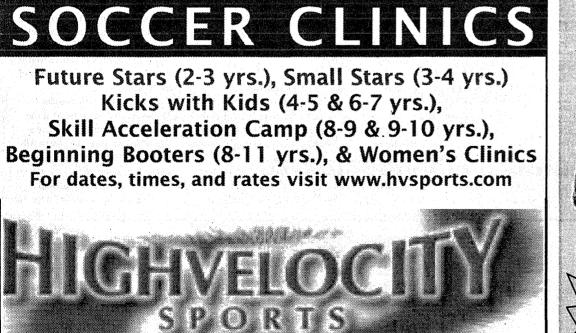
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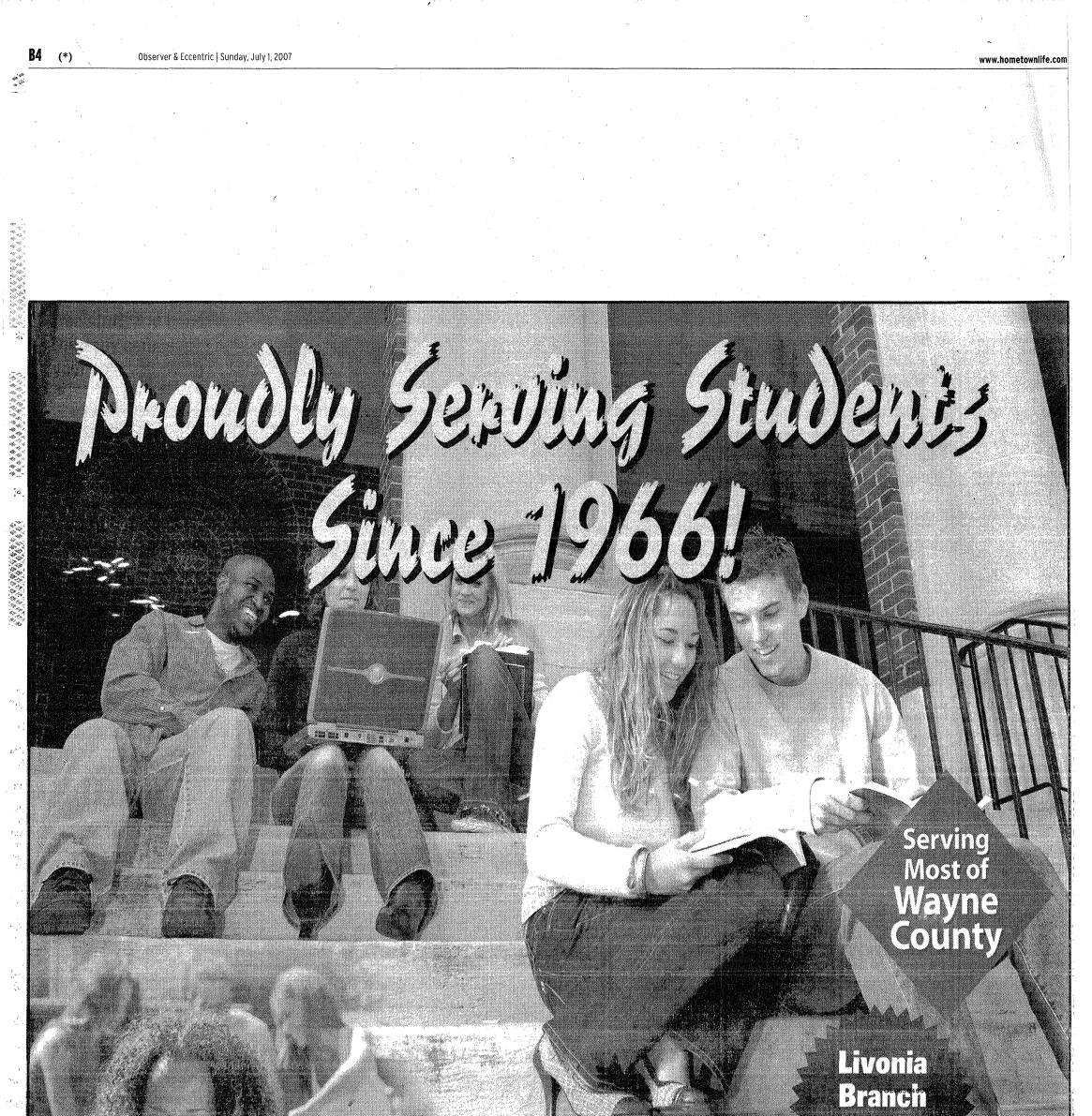
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### **FIRST TEAM**

Robyn Whalen, Sr., Liv. Franklin (shot put): The senior excelled in the throws with a fourth in the shot put at the Division 1 state meet and a fifth in the discus. She is the school's first double event All-Stater in track and field.

Her personal best in the shot put was 40 feet, 9 inches, second on the all-time list at Franklin, while she threw school-record 139-0 in the discus.

Whalen took first place in every meet in the discus except the state meet. She was WLAA champion and regional champ in the discus, while adding a third in the shot put at the regional and a first in the WLAA.

"Robyn has been one of the hardest worker we've ever had on the team," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said, " and that work paid off with such a great senior year."

Lauren Krupsky, Sr., Liv. Churchill (discus): The senior was the Division 1 champion in the discus with a throw of 129-9.

The two-year captain is a twotime state qualifier in the discus and had a season-best toss of 39-5.5 in the shot put.

"Lauren has the perfect perspective for high school athletics - she has fun," Churchill coach Keith McDonald said. "Not only does she train hard and compete fiercely, but she also has more fun than anyone else. Her throws coaches (John Filiatraut and Joe George) an I are so proud of Lauren for everything

she has accomplished. In the WLAA meet, Krupsky was runner-up in the shot put and fourth in the discus. She added runner-up finishes in both events at the regional.

Brittany Petty, Sr., Plymouth (high jump): The senior posted an area best jump of 5-6 and placed fourth at the Division 1 state meet with a leap of 5-4.

Petty, headed to the University of Michigan, was both regional and WLAA champion.

"Brittany had a bounce-back year," Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said. "After a tough year physically, Brittany was smart in her training. It paid off with a record year as a state qualifier and earning All-State.

Stephanie Okolo, Jr., Plymouth (long jump): The junior earned a fifthplace finish at the Division 1 state meet with an area best jump of 17-7.75. She was also runner-up at the regional and was WLAA champion (17-0.5).

"Stephanie is fun to be around," Britnell said. "She has a great attitude. She doesn't even know how good she can be. She struggled this

### **2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK TEAM**

Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 2. Kyndra Abron, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Chelsea Carradine, Fr., Redford Thurston.

Discus: 1. Lauren Krupsky, Sr., Churchill; 2. Kailee Hobbins, Sr., Churchill; Bridgid Molloy, Soph., Livonia Ladywood.

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Liz Hollaway, Fr., Franklin; 3. Shaakira Haywood, Soph., Plymouth,

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Megan Wilson, Sr., Franklin; 3. Chanel Payne, Soph., Westland John Glenn.

Pole vault: 1. Marla Winkler, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Kristin Zgorecki, Sr., Churchill; 3. Eren Ural, Jr., Churchill

100-meter hurdles: 1. Taleece Jackson, Sr., Thurston; 2. Brittany Gentile, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Jackie Gribeck, Jr., Churchill.

300 hurdles: 1. Tauri Rothermel, Sr., Churchill; 2. Casey Lynett, Sr., Franklin; 3. Mallory Lukas, Jr., Churchill,

100 dash: 1. Ashley Parker, Jr., John Glenn; 2. Lauren Schwecke, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Julie Hersey, Jr., Plymouth.

200: 1. Mandi Coppola, Sr., Churchill; 2. Sarah LaBerge, Jr., Churchill; 3. (tie) Katie Morasso, Soph., Ladywood; Lakeysha Smith, Jr., John Glenn.

400: 1. Brittany Mrozek, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Megan Yanik, Fr., Ladywood; 3. (tie) Ashley Butkowski, Soph., Franklin; Nicole Thornsberry, Sr., Churchill.

800: 1. Rachel McFarlane, Jr., Churchill; 2. Sara Kroll, Fr., Churchill; 3. (tie) Allison Milican, Sr., Franklin: Kristen Frey, Sr., Stevenson,

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**COACH OF THE YEAR** 

Keith McDonald, Livonia Churchill

hard to become the vaulter she is today.'

Taleece Jackson, Sr., Red. Thurston (100-meter hurdles): The area's premier hurdler took runner-up honors in the Division 2 state meet with a season-best 14.9 in the semifinal heat. She also took third in the 300 hurdles at the state finals with a time of 45.76. She was also a state qualifier in the long jump (17-4) and was a member of Thurston's 4 x 200 relay team that qualified for state. Jackson holds six school records

and was All-State 10 times. "Taleece is the kind of athlete any coach would love to have," Thurston's Al Chambo said. "The most difficult thing in dealing with her was deciding which events she would do. Taleece loves to compete and like the pressure of being the

'go-to' person." Tauri Rothermel, Sr., Liv, Churchill (100 dash): Just a junior, Parker was the area's premier sprinter winning the WLAA titles in both the 100 and 200. She also was runner-up in the regional in both events and was undefeated during the dual meet season.

Parker posted season best of 12.3 in the 100 and 25.4 in the 200. She took second at the Tory Clark Invitational and Jackson Last Chance meets. Parker is a two-time defending WLAA champion in the 200.

"Ashley really committed herself to track this year," Glenn coach Alan McGowan said. "She came off an incredible indoor season, and really excelled outdoors. She set very high goals for herself this season and attained many of them."

Mandi Coppola, Sr., Liv. Churchill (200): The senior earned a fourthplace at the WLAA meet in the 200 and ranked second in the area with a time of 26.9.



**Keith McDonald** Churchill coach



LaKeysha Smith Kelly Hahn Plymouth John Glenn



Milan Boyer Churchill



pion. She was also a member of Stevenson's first-place 1,600 relay WLAA. "She puts in 100 percent effort into each and every workout, along with preparations into her events. I'm excited to see what more success she'll have as a senior next

year.' Rachel McFarlane, Jr., Liv. Churchill (800): The junior qualified for three individual events at the state meet including the 800 (2:19.09), 1,600 (school-record 5:08.44) and 3,200 (school-record 11:12.63).

McFarlane was runner-up in all three events at the WLAA meet, and at the regional she was runnerup in the 800 and 3,200, as well as third in the 1,600.

She was also a member of Churchill's school-record 3,200 relay team in 2005.



**Robyn Whalen** 

**Ashley Parker** 

Sarah LaBerge

Churchill

John Glenn

Franklin



Marla Winkler

Stephanie Okolo

Lauren Krupsky

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the great young

distance athlete

Kelly Hahn, Fr.,

Plymouth (3,200):

The mid-season

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1 regional (11:28.7) and WLAA

"Kelly is young and talent,"

the year progressed in both the

Britnell said. "She got stronger as

mile and two mile. Kelly was also

a strong leg on our 4 x 800. I look

forward to have Kelly the next few

John Glenn, 400 relay (Chanel Payne,

Soph.; Ashley Montgomery, Jr.; Lakeysha

Smith, Jr.; Ashley Parker, Jr.): This

team, made up of all underclass-

men, won the regional (50.68) and

WLAA meet (50.4). They finished

10th in the state finals.

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(11:33.62) titles. She also went 5:17.7

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Nicole Thornsberry Churchill

**Lindsey Graciak** Churchill



Stevenson

**Brittany Mrozek** 

**Tauri Rothermel** Churchill

Sara Kroll

Churchill

**Liz Buttery** Churchill

said. "After a bad handoff, we were 30 minutes down, then they brought it all the way back to a win.'

Churchill, 1,600 relay (Samar Aoude, Soph.; Nicole Thornsberry, Sr.; Liz Buttery, Sr.; Tauri Rothermel, Sr.): After finishing runner-up at the WLAA and regional meets, this quartet posted an area-best time of 4:05.12 at the state finals.

"It's sometimes hard to find kids who are willing to run the 4 x 400 no matter the situation or how tired they are," McDonald said. "All four runners ran their career-best times at the state meet, including (Tauri) Rothermel anchoring with a 59.4 split. With four runners with this much heart on a relay, you learn to expect great performances."

Churchill, 3,200 relay (Sara Kroll, Fr.; Lindsey Graciak, Soph.; Erica Hope, Sr.; Rachel McFarlane, Jr.): This quartet won the Western Lakes meet in a record time 9:35.25 and also placed runner-up in the regional (9:53.73).

"It was great to see so much improvement," McDonald said. "They train and compete with such purpose. They hold each other accountable in training, leading to great performances.'

Keith McDonald, Churchill, Coach of Year: Moving into an administrators role next school year, McDonald



**Courtney Calka** Stevenson

Mandi Coppola Erica Hope Churchill Churchill of Livonia Invitational chamate impact this season by finishing fifth in the Division 1 state meet (11:13.14) after winning the Division

year with some injuries, but made up for it at the right time." Marla Winkler, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The senior was WLAA, Division 1 regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion. She also was champion of the Stevenson and West Bloomfield invitationals.

She tied the WLAA meet record with a season best leap of 11 feet, which set a new school record, and lost only one meet all season. Winkler ranked second in points for the Spartans.

"From the time she learned to pole vault she dedicated herself to be a better vaulter each year," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She put the time and effort into attending camps and worked so very (300 hurdles): The senior captain set a Churchill record in the 300 hurdles at the regional with a runnerup time of 46.44. She was Western Lakes meet champ with a clocking of 46.62.

"Somebody will run in Tauri's hurdle and relay spots next season, but she could never be replaced," McDonald said. "She is the main reason herself and why all are sprinters are so successful. She sets the tone at our practices. I don't know who was happier at the regional when she got the school record - her or I. I've been telling her for four years that she was going to get the 300 hurdles record. She had been so close so many times." Ashley Parker, Jr., Westland Glenn

She also anchored Churchill's WLAA and regional champion 4 x 200 relay team. She also anchored the Chargers third-place and state qualifying 4 x 100 relay team (which also finished second in the WLAA).

"Not many athletes hate to lose more than Mandi," McDonald said. "She is an excellent competitor. Throughout the season she battled illness. Mandi is the type of athlete a coach learns to expect great things from. With Mandi at the anchor, I'm a lot more relaxed during our sprint relays."

Brittany Mrozek, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (400): The junior was WLAA (59.99), regional and Public Schools

"Rachel is simply successful from the 400 to 5,000 meters," McDonald said. "She trains harder than anyone else and has the results to prove it. Rachel is a running enthusiast. She is a very technically

and strategically sound racer." Courtney Calka, Soph., Liv. Stevenson (1,600): The sophomore set a new WLAA record and school record in the 1,600 with an area-best time of 5:03.27. She was also regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion. She also clocked an 11:24.0 in

the 3,200 and was a member of Stevenson's regional champion 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams.

"Courtney is truly an outstand-ing athlete," Graham said. "I have

beating a formidable Romulus foursome. This team also qualified for the state meet in the 800 relay (1:47.23).

They also took first place at the

Tory Clark Invitational at Adrian,

"This group of girls pushed themselves this season," McGowan said. "Last season they missed the state meet by .3 seconds, and were disappointed. They set high goals for themselves and were able to accomplish many of them this year." Churchill, 800 relay (Milan Boyer, Sr.; Nicole Thornsberry, Sr.; Sarah LaBerge, Jr.; Mandi Coppola, Sr.): The Churchill foursome had the 10th-best clocking at the Division 1 state meet (1:46.01) after winning the WLAA (1:46.84) and regional (1:47.82) meets.

"It took awhile to perfect their handoffs, but once we did, the times really started to drop," McDonald

leaves girls varsity track at Churchill with a 24-0 dual-meet record including four WLAA, four division, two regional and three Public Schools of Livonia Invitational titles. His overall dual-meet record dating back to his days at Dearborn Divine Child is 58-0 overall.

"The student-athletes, parents, administration, staff and Mr. (Marc) Hage are second to none," McDonald said. "The success we have been able to achieve on the track makes it even more memorable. I now when the second Monday of March rolls around I will be missing coaching track."

McDonald was ably assisted by Sue Tatro, Vern Williams, John Filiatraut, Joe George and Michelle Phillips.

# Netters get into the swing of success

### **FIRST TEAM**

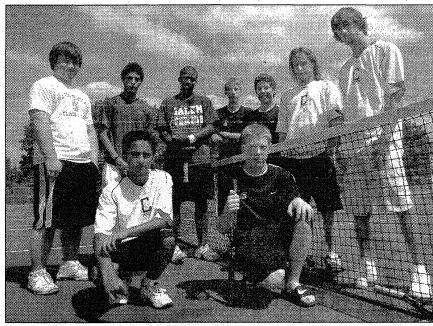
Lawrence Washington, Jr., Salem: Washington capped a stellar junior season by capturing the No. 1 singles title at the WLAA conference meet in May. The only two blemishes on his 22-2 record came against highly rated players in an earlyseason tournament and in a Division 1 Regional semifinal match.

"Lawrence gives it everything he has every time he steps on the tennis court," said Salem coach Bill Nelson. "He's not only a great player, but he's a great leader and role model for the younger players as well." Eric Szydlowski, Sr., Canton: The Chiefs' No. 1 player enjoyed an outstanding season that culminated with a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet in May. A former star soccer player, Szydlowski turned his attention full-time to tennis following his freshman year and the move paid off big-time on the courts.

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"Eric is Mr. Tennis," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "He has truly become addicted to a sport that has given him so much and will continue to as he plays in college. He will reach the unbelievable shot and be back in the middle of the court before the opponent has a chance to blink." Gino McCathney, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: A

captain and three-year letter-winner, McCathney went 15-6 at the competitive No. 1 singles slot. He captured the title at his Division 1 Regional meet and was named the Spartans' Most Valuable Player. "Gino has solid fundamentals, an excellent serve and fine control of the ball at the net." said Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd. "He has become a very solid all-court player.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Pictured above are the members of the 2007 All-Observer boys tennis team: (standing from left are) Gino McCathney (Stevenson), Neil Bakshi (Salem), Lawrence Washington (Salem), Pat McHugh (Stevenson), Mike Greco (Stevenson), Jay Cunningham (Churchill), Taylor Frangie (Churchill), (kneeling) Aniket Patil (Churchill) and Erik Koch (Stevenson).

He can also get to any shot in the state of Michigan, and make a respectable return."

Neil Bakshi, Sr., Salem: Bakshi was promoted from No. 4 singles to No. 2 with successful results. He went 21-3 and advanced all the way to the D1 Regional semifinal. Bakshi also finished second in the WLAA conference meet.

"Neil is a very steady player who knows

what to do on the court," said Nelson. "He never gets rattled."

Erik Koch, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The Spartans' No. 4 singles player went 18-5 during his first season on the varsity. Among his many highlights were gold medal-winning efforts at the Saline Invitational and at the Division 1 Regional meet. The 10th-grader won his opening

### **2007 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TENNIS TEAM**

SINGLES Lawrence Washington, Jr., Salem Erik Szydlowski, Sr., Canton Gino McCathney, Jr., Liv. Stevenson Neil Bakshi, Sr., Salem Erik Koch, Soph., Liv. Stevenson Aniket Patil, Soph., Liv. Churchill DOUBLES Ryan Hollingsworth, Jr., Canton David Kang, Soph., Canton Jay Cunningham, Liv. Churchill Taylor Frangie, Liv. Churchill Mike Greco, Jr., Liv. Stevenson Pat McHugh, Jr., Liv. Stevenson

match at the D1 sate meet and battled a No. 2-seeded Ann Arbor Huron player in the next round before losing a tight match.

"Erik is a great example of steady play, excellent anticipation and quick feet," said Ladd. "He never beats himself. All season he has demonstrated mental toughness as well as his trademark consistency. He's impressed everyone with his variety of shots.'

Aniket Patel, Fresh., Liv. Churchill: The Chargers' No. 2 singles player crafted a sterling 19-4 record in just his first year of high school tennis. He placed second in the WLAA conference meet and won his flight at the D1 Regional competition.

"It is very tough playing No. 2 singles as a freshman, but Aniket really learned a lot about his game in the early part of the year and learned how to win at the high school level. He has much more to learn, but had a very successful season," said Churchill

coach Reid Friedrichs.

Ryan Hollinsgworth, Jr., and David Kang, Soph., Canton: The Chiefs' No. 1 doubles tandem enjoyed a highly successful season.

"Ryan has played both competitive singles and doubles, and he's been successful at both," said Lehmann. "He's a team player who respects his partner and shows his own competitive attitude to his advantage.

"David is a quiet player with a great arm to finish the point. He's a strong all-around hitter with skill that has only become stronger."

Jay Cunningham and Taylor Frangie, Liv. Churchill: The Chargers' dynamic No. 1 doubles duo went 20-2, finished second at the WLAA conference meet before winning their flight at the D1 Regional.

"Jay and Taylor Compliment each other perfectly," said Friedrichs. "Taylor is extremely consistent and Jay can hit winners from anywhere - when they want to play, they can beat anybody and just about did."

Mike Greco, Jr., and Pat McHugh, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The Spartans' No. 1 doubles team went 10-10 during their first year of varsity tennis. Season highlights included advancing to the D1 Regional final and dropping a hard-fought, three-set match to highly ranked Northville during a regular-season contest.

"If you think about smart and steady play, poise under pressure and perfect placement, you should think about these two young men," said Ladd. "They never give up, they never explode and they never berate each other - they just play savvy doubles. They are unflappable, as well as gracious; in victory and in defeat."

### **SPRING ALL-AREA**

# State champ Thornton jumps to head of class

### FIRST TEAM

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Nick Moores, Sr., Canton (shot put): The senior earned All-State honors in Division I by placing fourth with a schoolrecord throw of 53 feet, 3.5 inches.

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"Moores, the Chiefs' MVP, also captured the regional (52-8) and the Western Lakes Activities Association (51-0.5) titles. He also placed second in the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions. Moores also had a best throw of 147-10 in the discus and ran 11.1 in the 100-meter dash.

"Nick was a very dedicated and determined athlete for Canton this year," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "He will be attending Saginaw Valley State to play football and do track and field."

Steve Paye, Sr., Canton (discus): The senior was regional champion (153-8) and took a fourth in the WLAA meet. His best throw in the shot put was 46-1.

As a junior, Moores placed sixth in the Division 1 state finals in the discus

The two-time state qualifier was invited to the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions.

The three-sport standout (football, basketball, track and field) was named Canton's Senior Athlete of the Year.

"Steve is a fantastic person and was voted as a captain for the 2007 season by the team and coaches," Richardson said. "He will be attending Saginaw Valley State to play football and do track and field."

Eric Thornton, Sr., Canton (high jump): The senior earned the Division I state championship by clearing 6-7 at East Kentwood.

Thornton also was regional and Western Lakes champ, jumping 6-7 each time. His best jump of the season was a school-record 6-8.

Thornton also captured first place at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions and added an eighth in the Midwest Meet of **Champions** 

As a junior, the two-time state qualifier in the high jump placed fourth.

Thornton, who also plays basketball, has plans to attend either Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State or Saginaw Valley.

Myles White, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (long jump): The junior placed eighth in the Division 1 state meet with a jump over 21-10.5 after setting a school record with an area-best 22-3.

White also excelled in the hurdles and in sprint relays. He was the WLAA champion in the 110 hurdles (14.67) and qualified for the state meet with a fourth-place finish at the regional (14.46).

In the 300 hurdles, White took second at the regional with a school-record time of 39.21 and added a third in the Western Lakes meet (39.71).

"As a long jumper, Myles consistently jumped over 21 feet most of the season," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "He only started hurdling last season and has improved enough that he made the state meet in both the 110s and 300s.

"He is a hard worker and hopefully will continue to improve going into his senior season."

Mike Sylvester, Sr., Liv. Franklin (pole vault): The four-year letter winner capped off his career by placing fifth in the Division 1 state meet with an area-best jump of 14-4.

Sylvester was also regional champion (13-10) and tied for fourth at the WLAA meet.

He ranks second all-time in the pole vault at Franklin only behind 2004 Olympian and MHSAA record holder Paul Terek

Sylvester, headed to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, also excels in the classroom with a grade-point average exceeding 4.0.

Baze Efremov, Sr., Salem (110-meter hurdles): The senior became the Rocks' first state qualifier since 2004 after tying the school record with a time of 14.4.

Efremov was the regional runner-up in the 110 hurdles



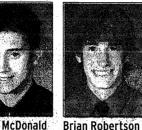
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Jackson Northwest Relays. Thornton was also member of Glenn's school-record 4 x 100 relay team.

Thornton also took runner-up honors at the WLAA meet in the high jump (6-3).

"Ian had an outstanding senior year," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "He established some definite goals for the season and work hard to accomplish all of them. I am very proud of him and wish him best success at Adrian College next year."

Larry Dawkins, Sr., Westland Glenn (200): The junior tied the school record in the 100 (10.6) and set a new Glenn mark in the 200 (22.1). He was WLAA champion in the 100 and 200 dashes, as well as runner-up in the regional in the 200. At the Division 1 state finals, Dawkins finished sixth

(22.95). He also anchored Glenn's school-record 4 x 100 relay. "As Larry's confidence grew in his running, his times

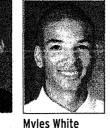
dramatically dropped," Shough said. "He prepared himself for the season by building his endurance in cross country. He trained hard all season and his efforts paid off by setting three new school record. He will be a definite force for us next year. He is an outstanding individual with still greater potential."

David St. Amant, Sr., Liv. Churchill (400): The senior placed eighth in the Division I state meet and posted an area-best 49.4.

St. Amant is a three-time regional champion in the 400 and two-time Western Lakes champ (49.79). He was also 2007 River Rat Invitational champion and meet record holder.

"David is one of the hardest working and competitive athletes I've been around," Austin said. "He competed in four events most meets. He is very coachable and possesses a great passion for track and field."

St. Amant, the Chargers' Fred Price Award recipient, will run track at the University of Michigan.



**Eric Thornton** Stevenson

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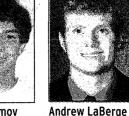
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"Matt is one of the most talented runners we've had at Stevenson," Shaw said. "He has had a very good career. He has been one of the top point producers and we have counted on him numerous times to win races to help his team and helped the younger runners."

Patrick Slavens, Sr., Plymouth (3,200): The senior earned a berth in the Division I state meet by placing second at the regional in 9:51.5. He went on to win the Western Lakes meet with a school-record clocking of 9:49.58.

"Pat had a great year getting better every meet," Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said. "His hard work and dedication made his teammates better. After probably a disappointing junior season in his mind, Pat came back mentally tough and is now a school record holder and a state qualifier."

John Glenn, 400 relay (JaJuan Marks, Fr.; Ian Thornton, Sr.; Corey Davis, Jr.; Larry Dawkins, Jr.): This quartet broke a 32-year-old record with a time of 43.5.

They finished fourth at the regional, but qualified for the state meet. The also won the Western Lakes crown and took third at the Jackson Northwest Last Chance Invitational. "This group just kept getting faster and faster all season

due to their hard work and determination," Shough said. Stevenson, 800 relay (Steve Eideh, Soph.; Nate Sergison, Soph.;

Dan Cragel, Sr.; Myles White, Jr.): The WLAA champions clocked an area-best 1:29.5 and added a third at the regional.

The foursome qualified for the state meet and just missed placing by one spot (ninth overall). Three of the four members will return with only Cragel graduating.

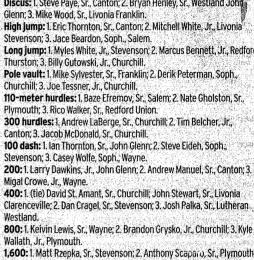
Churchill, 1,600 relay (Billy Gutowski, Jr.; Andrew LaBerge, Sr.; Jacob McDonald, Sr.; David St. Amant, Sr.): This school-record setting quartet was runner-up in the Division I state meet with a time of 3:19.28 after winning regional and setting a Western Lakes meet record (3:21.8). They were also Observerland Meet champions.

"The 'Fantastic Four' area special group of athletes who





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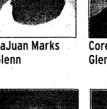
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**CO-COACHES OF YEAR** Mike Unger, Lutheran Westland Rick Austin, Livonia Churchill

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110-meter hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov, Sr., Salem; 2. Nate Gholston, Sr.,

and won all five dual meet races. He was also lead-off leg for Salem's first-place shuttle hurdles relay team at the North Farmington Raider Relays. He added a third in the Observerland Relays and a fifth in the WLAA met.

"Baze is the most talented hurdler to come through the Plymouth-Canton Schools in at least ten years," Salem coach Kyle Meteyer said. "Dan Johnson, Baze's hurdle coach from his freshman, sophomore and junior years, gets the credit in shaping him into a excellent hurdler. Baze is the most modest athlete who never boasts, and is never satisfied with his performance, no matter how well he does. Salem will miss his presence dearly next year."

Andrew LaBerge, Sr., Liv. Churchill (300 hurdles): The senior was the WLAA champion with a time of 39.4 and clocked a 39.12 at the state meet where he finished eighth en route to All-State recognition. He was also a state qualifier in the 800 and 1,600 relays.

"Andy is an incredible athlete," Churchill coach Rick Austin said "He mastered the hurdles in a short amount of time after coming over from the 400 dash. He possesses great closing speed in the last 100 meters of a race. He won our outstanding Sprinter-Hurdler Award and was an outstanding captain. His dedication brought him in on Saturdays to do extra work."

LaBerge's dad also ran for Churchill. Andrew will attend the University of Michigan.

lan Thornton, Sr., Westland Glenn (100 dash): The fourth-year Glenn team member tied the school record this spring in the 100 dash with a time of 10.6.

Thornton was regional champion and reached the semifinal heat of the state finals. He was also second at the

Observerland Relays and WLAA meet, as well as third at the

John Stewart, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville (400): The senior enjoyed a banner state meet by finishing third in the 400 and fourth in the 200. At the regional, Stewart took first in the 200, second in the 400 and fourth in the 100.

He was the Metro Conference champion in the 100, 200 and 400 (breaking a 30-year-old meet record held by Detroit Country Day).

Stewart was also Livonia City champion in 100, 200 and 400. His clocking of 49.5 in the 400 broke the school record set in 1977 by Bill Peterson. His best clockings were 11.2 in the 100 and 22.5 in the 200.

The Oakland County Meet runner-up in the 400 will attend Michigan State University.

Keivin Lewis, Sr., Wayne (800): The senior was regional champion in 1:57.81 and was Western Lakes runner-up in 1:57.66. Lewis was a three-year captain and four-year varsity letter winner.

"Keivin did an excellent job for Wayne not only this year, but all four years of his high school track career," Wayne coach Lee Grizzell said. "He did a great job of leading by example. Keivin is an extremely hard worker, with probably the best running form of anyone in the entire conference. He has run year-round in order to be the best that he could possibly be. Keivin is not only a great runner, he's also a great person. Our team and school will miss him greatly."

Matt Rzpeka, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (1,600): The senior captain captured the regional with an area-best time of 4:26.3 and was runner-up in the WLAA meet with a time of 4:27.56. Rzepka also ran 1:57.7 in the 800 as a senior.

As a junior, Rzepka placed sixth at the state meet with a personal best clocking of 4:21.6. As a sophomore he was Observerland Relays champion.

work very hard on their individual events and take great pride in their relay performances," Austin said. "They expect to win every time that they step onto the track. They came in Saturdays for extra workouts. Jacob (McDonald) will train for the decathlon at EMU next fall, while David and Andrew will run at the University of Michigan."

Churchill, 3,200 relay (Brian Robertson, Sr.; David St. Amant, Sr.; Brandon Grysko, Jr.; Eric Puroll, Sr.): The Churchill quartet placed runner-up at the Division I regional (8:07.59) and posted a season-best of 8:07.6.

"This group ran together in all of our biggest meets," Austin said. "These guys ran the 800 dash like it's a right of passage, an attitude which prevails in all of our 800 dash runners. Brandon (Grysko) and Mark (Waterbury) will return as two our the top 800 runners in the area next season. We believe that the 3,200 relay set the tone for the rest of the meet. These guys did a great job of establishing the tone."

Mike Unger, Luth. Westland, Co-Coach of Year: The veteran coach guided the Warriors to a fifth-place finish in the Division 4 state meet after earning his fifth regional title in school history.

Unger's Warriors also captured the Metro Conference crown for the 13th time in 15 years and finished first in the Division 4 MITCA Meet of Champions.

"The credit for our success this year was due, in large part, to the senior leadership on the team," Unger said. "They practiced hard all season long doing what was asked of them and more. They were excellent examples to the underclassmen by their work ethic and performances under pressure.

"Their hard work paid off as they performed very well in the important meets at end of the season. An indication of this was that all the seniors had personal bests at or after the regional. The eight seniors who did compete in the stat medaled, having their personal best and ran on relays that were season bests.

"Credit must also be given to assistant coach Dave ruth for his expertise and help throughout the season."

Rick Austin, Liv. Churchill, Co-Coach of Year: Just completing his 12th season, the former Churchill hurdler guided the Chargers to both the Division 1 and WLAA titles.

Churchill, 5-1 in dual meets, also won the River Rat Invitational at Ann Arbor Huron and was runner-up at Observerland, the Livonia City meet and the West Bloomfield Invitational (to eventual state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer). Austin helped produce five regional champions, seven All-State athletes and 13 state qualifiers.

Under his leadership, Austin has guided Churchill to a total of four division dual-meet titles, two conference and nine Livonia City championships.

"The team struggled with inconsistency the first half of the season," Austin said. "It took an outstanding outing at the Observerland Relays and the River Rat Invitational to build our confidence and get us going.

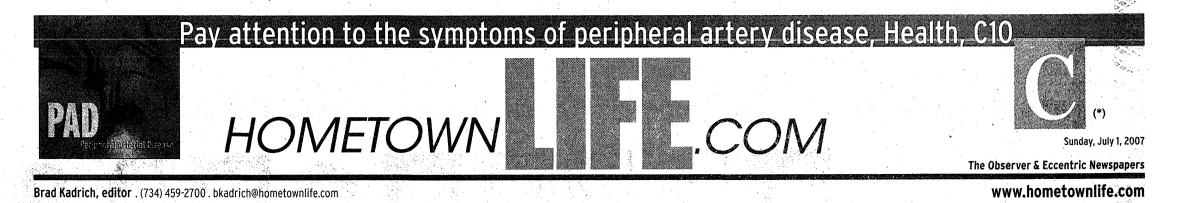
"Our leadership was dynamite. Our leadership mantra is from a line out of the movie, Remember the Titans, which says, 'Team attitude reflects team leadership." Our captains Andy LaBerge, Jon Robinson, James Waterbury, David St. Amant, John Fenton and Jacob McDonald set the tone for the start over our second-half revival."

Austin also credited his coaching staff of John McGreevy, Patrick Daugherty, John Filiatraut, Joe George and Vern Williams

"They put in many hours year-round," Austin said. "They are very well respected by our kids and the track and field community."

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# Test is only part of an evaluation

My son is and has always been an A student. His teachers have always wanted us to consider placing him into the accelerated program in our district. The problem is that one of the requirements for entrance is an IQ test. As an African-American, this concerns me. I have read that these tests are racially and culturally biased against minorities. I know that he is qualified but fear that this test will count negatively against him. What do you think about these tests and how can I be sure that this will not be the deciding factor in my son's admission?



**Chat Room** 

Wilamowski

Terry

Intelligence tests are a very effective way to assess a person's academic potentials. They are an important portion of the testing that I do, but they are seldom the only source of information that I employ. I, like most professionals, am aware that the information gathered by these tools is subject to limitations, such as language barriers as well as socio-economic factors. While the latest version of the test that I use has made great efforts to diminish racial and cultural concerns, some bias will probably always be present.

That being said, I want to assure you that most academic programs, accelerated or not,

use multiple tools when they assess students for placement. This multidimensional approach provides the most accurate and detailed understanding of a student's abilities. So it is highly unlikely that one test or set of results will be the sole criterion used to determine admission.

However, the only way to know for sure is to contact the program directly and ask them about their admission policies and criteria. Address your concerns with them before making the decision to pursue admission or not. You may also find it beneficial to find out what other advanced programs are available before committing to one. This search may further help to alleviate any concerns that you have regarding admission policies and standards by offering more options for you to choose from.

In the end, no matter what program you select, I'm confident that you will make the most of the opportunities that are available to your son. Good luck.

### What are three pieces of advice that you would give to a motherto-be about successful parenting? I am expecting in four months and my head is spinning with all that will be required of me to raise this little girl properly. Any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Firstly, I would tell you to trust yourself as a parent. Take all, or almost all, of the advice that you are given with a grain of salt. (Unfortunately, some advice will require substantial amounts of salt and an occasional dash of pepper.) You must decide what is right for you and your child. There is a saying about everyone having an opinion and it's true; especially when it comes to parenting. The good news is that there are gems of parental knowledge that can be obtained from the least likely sources if one only puts forth the effort and knows how to sift through it properly. With time and lots of patience, you can develop the necessary skills to do this. Next, I want you to be brave enough to tell your child "no." Too often parents confuse saying "no" with being a mean or a bad parent. In truth, every child needs to hear "no." This helps them to recognize appropriate limits and boundaries. It's far easier to say "yes" and avoid making the child upset, but this strategy results in reinforcing temper tantrums and other behavioral difficulties. They must learn that not every trip to the store results in a toy, candy or some other treat. Children will cry when they hear the word, but this may just mean that it is working. Besides, when used wisely, a well placed "no" opens up the door for many more appropriate 'veses.' Finally, I would encourage you to facilitate your child's self-efficacy and development of a healthy and realistic self-image. Briefly, this means to teach your child to try new and challenging tasks and accept failure as part of the process of success. This process reinforces the child's view of him or herself as a capable person with proof of real life accomplishments. Teach them that they cannot always win and that they are not always the best and that coming in second, third, or last is a part of life that is essential to strong emotional development. This allows them to create effective coping mechanisms for times when they experience difficulties and wards off problems such as depression and anxiety. I hope that you find these suggestions helpful. But please remember that the application of these ideas, like any of the advice that is out there, is up to you. You must decide how these ideas fit into your parenting toolbox. You must decide how and why to use them. And, most importantly, you need to determine how much salt they require.

### For action group, it's all about story telling by BRAD KADRICH STAFE WRITER

Audiences that come to see Ring of Steel, a stunt troupe and training program based in Ann Arbor, are generally opposed to violence.

So is Christopher Barbeau, Ring of Steel's maestro, for that matter.

That's why Barbeau, 44, a national junior epee champion with a third-degree black belt in aikido and a second-degree black belt in jujitsu, makes sure everyone knows the members of his troupe are storytellers.

That's what they'll be doing when they make their debut in Plymouth at the Kiwanis Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade Wednesday: Telling stories. And Barbeau is sure the Plymouth audience will walk away having enjoyed the performance.

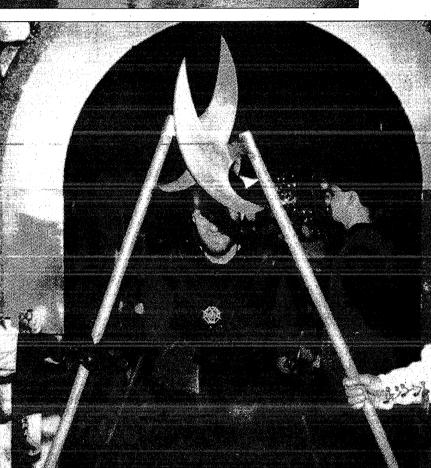
"Audiences generally react very positively," Barbeau said. "We're storytellers, and the stories we tell are about conflict. In all of them, be it Shakespeare or a silly comedy, the fighting moments are the key to the productions. We're the ones who come in and bring it off safely and effectively, and nobody gets hurt."

According to Barbeau, Ring of Steel, which specialized in sword play, hand-to-hand combat, high falls, etc., is the largest action theater, stunt and special effects troupe in the country. Barbeau formerly choreographed events at the Michigan Renaissance Festival; now, his students do the work. Barbeau, who started swordfighting when he was 11 and studied fencing and martial arts at Bloomfield Hills Roeper High School, is the fight director for the Michigan Opera Theater, the Toledo Opera and the Michigan Classical Repertory Theater. He helped establish Ring of Steel in 1989, and the troupe



the Ring of Steel work through a scene from Shakespeare's Hamlet. The group does more than 200 performances a year.

Members of



Terry M. Wilamowski is a clinician specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@ yahoo.com. Please see STEEL, C3



Ring of Steel members wait to enter a banquet hall during a corporate medieval party at which they were brought in to perform.

Congregation to celebrate life of late pastor



Janet Noble-Richardson

### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Rev. G. Richard Danielak plans to visit Janet Noble-Richardson's grave the morning of the day he and the congregation celebrate her life at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Members and ministerial staff at the church haven't forgotten the former pastor, even though it will be a year since she was killed in an automobile accident July 11, 2006. Noble-Richardson, 46, had been battling cancer before her Ford Explorer was rear-ended on the Ohio Turnpike.

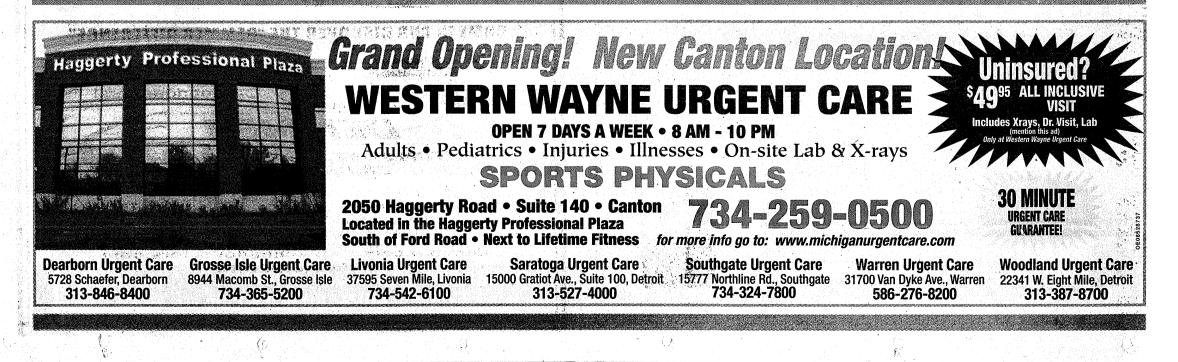
At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, they'll gather to remember the pastor who cared for their spiritual needs for 17 years.

Danielak feels honored to have received a call from Noble-Richardson six years ago to join the staff at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church as an associate pastor. Danielak first met her when

the two served on a committee for the Presbytery of Detroit. Danielak came out of retirement to answer the call. He's been a minister 48 years and says no one he ever ministered with compared to Noble-Richardson.

"When she came to the church, a bond was created immediately," said Danielak, director of pastoral concerns at St. Timothy. "The church loved her with a passion. I was on vacation with my wife when I received a phone call she was dead and returned immediately. There was total shock throughout the church. When she died, a little bit of us died."

Please see PASTOR, C3



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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

### REUNIONS 25

### St. Mary of Redford All classes

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St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, October 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@ wadetrim.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations required by Sept. 14. **Fordson High School** 

### Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com. **Garden City High School** Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or Ihowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com.

### Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.), Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

### Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and email addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace. com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet. In addition to our class we are also looking for members in the classes of 87,88,89 for a combination reunion at some point.

### **Garden City East**

### Class of 1982

A 25-year reunion 6:30 to midnight Aug. 11, 2007, at Radisson Hotel, Livonia, \$65/per person, contact Sandy Heintze at stolino64@comcast net for details and payment information. **Grosse Pointe North** 

### Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@tavlorreunions.com Hamtramck High School

Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion 1:30-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, John Barleycorn's Bar & Grill, 112 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens.

Nancy Mascaro Miller at nancy,mm@ comcast.net or (313)291-3558. **Livonia Churchill** 

### Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni. com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.

### Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

com.

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. **Novi High School** 

### Classes of 1974 , 1975, 1976 and 1977

A combined class reunion, July 28, 2007 at Rock Financial in Novi. For information please contact: Laurie (Maier) Butler (1974) Ibutler@motorcityharley. com; Claire (Salow) Klingelhofer (1975) clairek1@comcast.net; Leigh (Tarczy) Guzowski (1976) laguzow@alumni. nmu.edu; Patty (Pohlman) Mayer (1977) mayer123@comcast.net **Our Lady of Sorrows** 

### Class of 1966

Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634

### **Redford Thurston High School** Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@comcast.net

### Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of firstcome/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at and shaffer@netscape. net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo. com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought. **Rochester High School** 

### Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion. Banquet Aug. 11, 2007, Europa Bistro Restaurant, Rochester. Friday night meet at B's Bar. Sunday morning Ram's Horn, Rochester Road and Hamlin. Contact Rose Harned Elgie at (248)852-4427 Class of 1982

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### REUNIONS

### **Roseville High School** Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

### **Roseville High School** Class of 1957

Seeking classmates for 50th reunion. Oct. 13, 2007. Contact Rich Crowe at (248)583-9784 OR email: crowe 123@hotmail.com. **Royal Oak Dondero High School** 

Class of June-Jan. of 1959 Seeking classmates for Aug. 4 reunion. Include name, address and e-mail address to: Jean (Elliotte) Palmer 248-435-7875, TJPalmer73@aol.com, or Mike Soule at 248-853-7483.

### **Royal Oak Kimball High School** Class of 1977

A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248)788-2109.

### Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for symmer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

### **Southfield High School**

Class of 1977 A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@ aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@

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### St. Anthony Elementary All classes

Reunion on Oct. 6, 2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrkf4yahoo.com or call (734)995-9243 for further details and to give us your contact information.

### St. Casmir School and Church Graduates and parishioners of St. Casimir's School and Church are invited to a two-day celebration at Madonna University on July 14-15. It includes a reception, dinner-dance, Mass, brunch, bus tour and picnic. For more details, contact Tom Wozniak at 734-525-7240 or twozniak@twmi.rr.com. The parish and school Web site is www.saintcasimir.com.

St. Colette Youth Ministry Anyone who attended a St. Colette Youth Ministry meeting and their families (adult team members, too) are invited to an alumni reunion 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the church, 17600 Newburgh Road. Tickets are \$5 to cover costs. For information, visit http://alumni.stcolette.net to view updates.

### St. Philip Neri Class of 1957

### 35th Anniversary

WSDP

Class of 1967

WSDP, the student radio station with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is celebrating its 35th anniversary on 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$50. More information available at www.myspace. com/wsdpalumni and www.881theescape. com. You can also call Bill Keith at (734)416-7732 for reservation form. Reservations are due Oct. 1, 2007.

Contact Diana Caudill at 602-620-0700.

A reunion weekend, Aug. 24-25, 2007. For

information, contact Gary Hassin: grob-

ert8@yahoo.com - (415) 235-1199.

Winship Junior High(Detroit)

### **Andover High School** Class of 1987

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Please register at Classmates.com for more details!

### **Avondale High School**

Class of 1957 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15. 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447. **Berkley High School** 

### Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsliasophia@ gmail.com. Reunion website is www. BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

### **Birmingham Groves**

Class of 1977 A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

### **Birmingham Seaholm**

Class of 1962 A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@ mybluelight.com.

### **Bishop Borgess**

Class of 1977 A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email harningk@yahoo.com. Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@ hotmail.com for more information. **Burt Elementary and Junior High** 

### (Detroit) Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandvsgarden2003@ yahoo.com, Sue-Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@

### clarenceville\_alumni\_reunion@yahoo. com

### **Clawson High School** Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182

### **Dearborn High School** Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591

### **Dearborn Fordson** Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with

your current address and phone number. **Dearborn Edsel Ford** 

### Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel. Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@yahoo.com

### **Detroit Cass Technical High School** Class of 1967

6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn. Cost \$67 per person in advance, \$75 after June 1. No tickets sold at the door. Phone, Nedra (Custer) Friday, (313)272-6649, email Casstechreunion1967@yahoo.com or mail inquiry to P.O. Box 43912, Detroit, Mich. 48243-0912.

### **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates. contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

### **Detroit Cody** Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5. 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more. Detroit Cooley

### Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia, Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junguist at (810)667-9131, Website www. geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register

### **Detroit Denby** Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please e-mail maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249. **Detroit Girls Catholic Central** 

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### Class of 1967

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com. **Detroit Henry Ford** 

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special

Event Center in Livónia. Seeking January,

June and summer graduates from 1967.

VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email

For information, call Ellen (Neihoff)

A 50-year reunion. Oct. 12, 2007, at

O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn, In

interested in attending or know the

whereabouts or former classmates, con-

tact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion

scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Best Western

Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can

update their addresses by either calling

Sharon at (734)261-3264 or e-mailing cel-

ebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit

A 45-year reunion will be held in Sept.,

15, 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club.

Dearborn Heights. Seeking information

on classmates from that year. All other-

at (734)285-4927 or Ralph Brighton at

A 40-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 17, at

Embassy Suites, Livonia. Buffet dinner

with cash bar. \$60 per person, Contact

Sandi911@comcast.net or call (248)646-

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other classmates, contact Angie (Conz)

Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at

and June graduates. If interested in

classes welcome. Contact Helen Knights

website at ctrinc.divincinet.com

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Aug. 4, 2007, at Crystal Gardens, Southgate. For more information, contact A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or email ymack@twmi.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

A 50th anniversary, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Marinelli's Restaurant, 4924 Rochester Road, Troy, just south of Long Lake Road. If you have information on classmates contact Harold Pryor at

(734)462-5996 Westland John Glenn High School Class of 1977

A 30th reunion Oct. 6, 2007. For more information and to sign up please go to the following websites: www. johnglennhigh77.com or www.classmates. com.

### prodigy.net **Clarenceville High School** All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info. contact:

for inclusion in memory book at www. classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley/1967

### **Detroit Cooley** Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586)754-3984 Sharon (Wiand) Witberg (586)977-1469 or (586)864-2352, Roger Avie (248)476-5400 or Robert Postoian (248)788-2746.

information, contact Linda Foster at (517)543-3041. **Ferndale Lincoln High** 

A 50-year reunion, Aug. 24-26. For

**Class of 1947 January and June** 60th class reunion, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy. For information or details contact : Treva (Powell)Hamill, 248-667-1601, bobtrev9@ aol.com or, Dick Reising, 248-623-9060, dreisings@sbcglobal.net

### Local church offers free vegetarian cooking classes

Free Vegetarian Cooking Classes using the NEWSTART Principles for Health will be held on July 8, 10, 15, and 17 at the Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

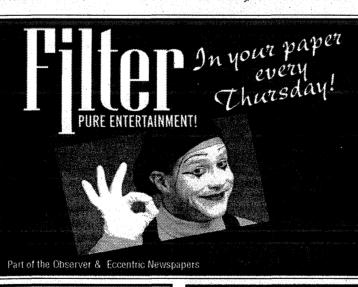
NEWSTART = Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God. Each class will have different demonstrations,

free sampling, handouts, and lectures.

Additional materials will be available for purchase.

Because class sizes must be limited, reserve in advance on or before July 6. For more information or to reserve a seat call 313-580-9081. A second phone number is available for reservations only - 734 326-6998.

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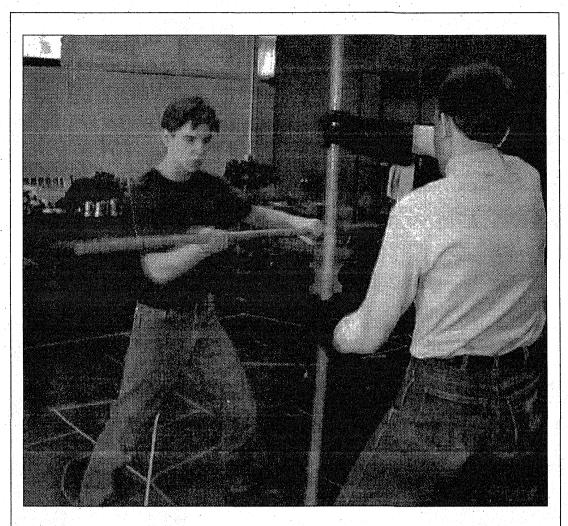
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Ring of Steel member Mike Kessler works out with his guarterstaff during the group's practice session.

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has taken its act to schools, corporate training sessions and other venues ever since.

"We study a lot of Shakespeare, a lot of psychology," Barbeau said. "It's all theatrical ... it's a fairly academic area."

Barbeau said the troupe, which has some 65 members ranging in age from 8-58, provides an avenue for training amateurs and professionals in community programs such as theaters. The members run the gamut from computer gamers trying to see what it's really like to fight with a sword to martial artists trying to break into stage or screen.

The troupe is an outgrowth, Barbeau said, of his early performing years, when the group with which he performed would move on, leaving nobody to step in.

### **ARTISTIC AND STRATEGIC**

house Ring of Steel was conducting and the rest, as they say, is history. "The biggest thing is the

combination of artistic, strategic and physical elements when you're doing it right," said Lehman, who started a Ring of Steel chapter while a student at Cornell University in New York. "We incorporate parts of dance and music to keep it appealing, you're thinking about it strategically from the viewpoint of the characters, and then it's good exercise, too.

"It's fun to play with your friends like that," he added. "When a fight goes well, you get the audience reacting, and it's a lot of fun."

The troupe performs at some 240 community events each year. This year, they're adding the Plymouth Fourth of July parade.

After 10 years of performing in the Ann Arbor parade, Barbeau said the troupe wanted to branch out.

"The Plymouth parade is fairly large, and we've been able characters such as Capt. Jack Sparrow (of Pirates of the Caribbean fame) and Indiana Jones. Those characters will be doing battle against nefarious evil-doers.

Fred Hill, who organizes the Plymouth Fourth of July parade, was excited when Ring of Steel said they wanted in.

"The sword-fighting, the action ... they'll be jumping on and off the float," Hill said. "It will wake people up. It will be alive."

Not everyone is all that excited, at least at first. Barbeau said reaction to the troupe wanes a little in the wake of things like the shootings at Columbine High School or this year's murders at Virginia Tech.

He said he often speaks to school groups and, at the beginning, administrators are in the back of the room, arms folded across chests, clearly uncomfortable with his presence.

"By the end, they're usually smiling," Barbeau said. "Our performances aren't

# Give your pets a safe, patriotic 4th of July

Pet Supplies "Plus" is running its first annual Patriotic Pet contest.

The company is accepting pet photos through 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, that reflect the spirit of Independence Day.

Photos will be judged based on aesthetic value and originality. Any photos that suggest a pet is uncomfortable or endangered will be disqualified.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$200 Pet Supplies "Plus" gift card. The second place winner will get a \$100 gift card and the third a \$50 gift card. Seven runners up will receive \$10 gift cards. Complete contest rules are posted on the company's website.

Photos can be submitted by e-mail through the company's website, www.petsuppliesplus. com, or dropped off at any participating Pet Supplies "Plus" store in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Winners will be notified by phone and e-mail on Monday July 30. The winning photos, along with the names of the winners, will be posted on the Pet Supplies "Plus" Web site.

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Two months ago, Danielak and the church members realized they couldn't let the July 11 anniversary of her death pass unnoticed. Children in the congregation will enter the sanctuary first and later join in singing IAm the Resurrection. One of Noble-Richardson's favorite projects was organizing the annual children's Vacation Bible School, a weeklong program combining Bible stories and fun. A donkey she crafted for a past VBS made a return appearance not long ago as a way to draw attention to a fund-raiser in her memory for Heifer International, a nonprofit that provides animals to people in Third World countries so their families can survive and thrive.

In addition to Danielak, Revs. Phil Reed, Kellie



Pet Supplies "Plus" offers tips for a safe Fourth of July:

■ If someone is setting off firecrackers and sparkling fountains near your home and the activity is rattling your dog or cat — draw the curtains and turn on soft background music. Don't take your pet to a fireworks display. If you must take your dog along with you to watch fireworks, make sure the leash is secure and you are supervising at all times.

■ If you're entertaining on Fourth of July, make sure guests don't leave gates and doors open. If you have a cat, consider keeping him confined to a specific area of your home. Bring a photo of your dog with you when camp-

Whitlock and Allen Timm, executive presbyter for the Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit, will speak about Noble-Richardson during the Life Celebration her husband Matt is expected to attend. Reed will unveil a memorial to Noble-Richardson. Reed assumed Noble-Richardson's position until an interim pastor could be appointed. Danielak expects it to be three years before a new pastor is found.

"We want to highlight the children because her main thrust as pastor was the children. She worked with them with a passion," Danielak said. "There will be the bell choir, readings I've selected and four ministers there with communion. At the end of the service, we'll uncover a special memorial.

"I can't talk about her without getting choked up. One of her favorite things was buting or at the beach, so you quickly can make "lost dog" posters. Protect pets by making sure they have up-to-date identification tags with your home and cell phone numbers. Consider getting an identification micro chip for your pet.

■ Keep pets cool on hot summer days. If you're leaving them at home, make sure the air conditioning is on or windows are open, allowing air to circulate. Never leave pets in a car — even one with open windows — on hot summer days. On an 85 degree day, the temperature inside a car will climb to 102 degrees in just 10 minutes. Limit outdoor activities on hot days to avoid heat stroke.

■ Having a barbecue on the Fourth? Keep your dog away, from the trash. A scavenging dog easily can eat aluminum foil or plastic along with the remnants of a barbecue chicken plate.

Table scraps, such as dips sauces, and fatty meats can cause gastro intestinal problems. Corn cob can expand in a pet's stomach, causing damage. Chicken and rib bones can, choke a pet or block the diges-, tive tract.

Born in Pakistan, Noble-Richardson moved to Pennsylvania with her family at age 13. She was ordained in 1987 after attending Princeton Theological Seminary. She was lovingly called Pastor Janet by the congregation at St. Timothy.

The public is welcome to attend the Life Celebration on July 11, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service. Call (734) 464-8844.

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Now there are. One such performer is Jacob Lehman, a first-year law student at the University of Michigan. Lehman joined the group in February 1999. He'd done fencing for four years, and was looking to continue the hobby.

He saw a flier for an open

looking to expand our horizons, Barbeau said. "The Plymouth parade seemed like a logical place."

### PIRATES ON PARADE

Ring of Steel's float will be centered around a pirate ship, and the troupe will reenact scenes using recognizabout violence. We're exploring the human psyche at the moments violence occurs, and teaching how everybody loses when people have to fight. We like to think it's a positive message."

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### BY SHARON DARGAY COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

Sue Denha of Bloomfield Hills is on her feet in high heels for hours when she's at work styling hair.

"For years, I suffered from my toes, from getting blisters and calluses. When I bought these, they were expensive," she said, showing off a pair of pointy-toed Marc Jacobs designer shoes. "I worked two or three hours in them and I said how could I pay this much money for shoes that I can't wear?"

Rather than trade her fashion heels for a pair of comfy loafers, Denha, 47, who likes to dress fashionably when dealing with salon clients, began searching for shoe inserts that would alleviate the pain.

When she couldn't find them, the Iraq-born mother of three designed her own.

She's marketing an arch support and toe cushion under the name "Heaven 4 Toes" and expanding her line this month to include men's, boot and other footwear inserts.

She tried various fabrics and shapes, working trial and error for about four years until she found the materials and adhesive that worked.

"This wasn't (initially) for market," said her husband. Emmet Denha, who now helps with the business side of his wife's venture. "This was for her. The packaging and all that stuff was the least important because she wasn't doing it for that reason. She was trying to find something for herself."

### **SHARING HER IDEA**

When she finally created something she liked, she showed it to other people.

They'd say, 'Can I try it?' And she would just give it to them. It grew so much that she couldn't afford to just keep giving them away."

Instead, she started looking for manufacturers, a difficult task for someone who considered herself a "computer dummy." With the help of her youngest son, who's now 15, she taught herself to search the Internet and use e-mail. She hired a designer to help with packaging and took her newly manufactured toe and arch cushions to a product show in Las Vegas, Nev.



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Sue Denha of Bloomfield Hills shows two of her inventions that help professional woman walk comfortably in fashionable high heels.

She learned from the experience, discovering that it's better to take one step at a time and not rush a new venture. And that's advice she'd give to any woman starting her own business.

"I'd tell them try not to spend money on advertising when you know your product needs more touches. I learned that I needed to present the product better. I wasn't really ready," she said. "The people from marketing know right away. I was hurt because they said, 'Sue, your packaging, it's not good enough."

### **IMPROVING THE PRODUCT**

She revamped her packaging and devised five more products for shoes and boots. All of the new products, as well as the arch and toe cushions, are die cut. That makes it easier to trim the toe cushions to fit any size shoe.

"They have (inserts) on the market, but this fabric is really amazing," she said, noting the difference between her product and similar inventions. "What was on the market was hard like a rock. I thought it would be good to make something softer."

Although she started manufacturing and marketing her product by "doing this and that" and "going here and there," Denha advises other entrepreneurs to "do it the right way and make a business plan."

Visit Denha's Web site at www.heaven4toes.com. Her product client list includes Style 2000 in West Bloomfield, Oakland Shoe Repair in Troy, Savon-Shoes Outlet in Southfield, as well as stores in Maryland, New Jersey and Jackson. Suggested retail price is \$7.99 for a package of one arch or toe cushion or \$13.99 for a package of two.



ANNIVERSARIES

### Klucks celebrate 60th

Donn and Marge Kluck of Redford recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family lunch on Sunday, June 3.

The couple was married June 7, 1947, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Detroit with a reception following at the Dearborn Inn.

They raised a family in South Redford and are members of St. Hilary Catholic Church. They are shown renewing their vows at St. Hilary.

Donn and Marge have five children: J. David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake; Suzanne (George) of Farmington Hills; Nancy (Joe) of Dearborn; and Daniel (Vicky) of Portland, Tenn. Their youngest son, Joseph (Debbie) died July 5, 2004.

They have 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren (and one on the way) and one greatgreat grandchild.

Marge continues to be involved in church and community activities including volunteering at the Inter-Faith clothing and food bank and the Redford Seniors.

Donn continues to work at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. He served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II.



Phillipses celebrate 50th Sam John Phillips and Sophie (Sonia) Ann Popowitz were married on June 23, 1957, at St. Clement's Orthodox

### Noone-McGuane

Mike Noone of Livonia announces the engagement of his son, Patrick Michael Noone of Chicago, Ill., to Bernadette Grace McGuane, daughter of John and Grace McGuane of Chicago. Patrick is also the son of the late Kathy Noone.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is the director of sales for Technomic Information Services in Chicago.

The bride-to-be is a 1999

### **Kilgore-Brown**

Tim and Barb Kilgore of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherrill Lynne, to Nicholas Brown, son of William and Kay Brown of Livonia.

Sherrill is a third grade teacher at Hulsing Elementary in the Plymouth Canton School District.

Nicholas works at Bright House Network.

An Aug. 4, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton followed by a reception at Burton Manor in Livonia. The couple will honeymoon at Disney World.

### Sochalski-Kolbus

Raymond and Anmarie Sochalski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Marie, to Andrew Ryan Kolbus, son of Ellen Simonds and stepson of Phillip Simonds of Livonia. Andrew's father is Clifford Kolbus of White Lake.

Lindsay is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University working on her geology degree. She is a member of the Honor's college, is on the dean's list, and is the current president of the Geo Club at EMU.

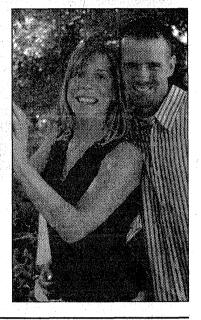
Andrew is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School, and is currently attending Michigan Technological



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graduate of Resurrection High School in Chicago and a 2003 graduate of Loyola University Chicago. She is a senior product manager for Technomic Information Services in Chicago.

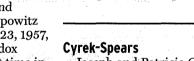
A July 21, 2007 wedding is planned.





University working on his electrical engineering degree. He holds the honorary title of Department Scholar for the MTU electrical engineering department, and is also on the dean's list.

Lindsay and Andrew are planning to complete their final year in college before making definite wedding plans.







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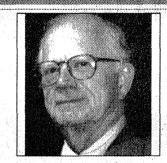
### SPEARS RANEY

of Kalkaska MI, formerly of Sarden City, passed away on June 2007 at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Long Term Care Unit after a ong battle with Parkinson's Disease. Spears was born on September 22, 1932 in Athens, AL, the son of the late Claude and Nellie (McCune) Raney. He lived in Athens until joining the Army in 1952. Spears served in Korea and in Germany. In 1959 he noved to Wyandotte where he worked for Firestone. In 1967 he began work-ng for General Motors until his retirenent in 1994. Spears married Margaret L. Rabourn on September 23, 1967 in Livonia. He was a lifetime nember of The American Legion Post 217 and the Moose Lodge in Garden City. Spears is survived by his wife of 39 years, Margaret; step-sons, Stephen Rabourn of Tucson, AZ, Don G. (Shirley) Rabourn, and Duncan Hazel) Rabourn of Kalkaska; brothrs, Silas (Nellic) Raney of Louisville \$Y, Paul Raney and Ross (Patricia) Rancy of Athens, AL; sister, Mary Ola schaken of Florida; step-grandchil-Iren and step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who enew him as Uncle Snooks. He is preeded in death by his parents; sister, Douglas Rancy Davis; step-son, Charles C. Rabourn; step-daughter-inaw, Ingrad Rabourn; and step-grandas taken place. Memorials may be given in Spears memory to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30)61 Southfield Road, Suite #119, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements acte made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Höme, our family serving yours.



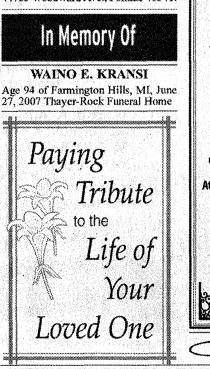
JOSEPHINE A. STACK

lune 27, 2007 Age 86 of Beverly Hills, formerly of West Bloomfield. Wife of the late Walter S. Dear mothr of Margaret L. and Robert W. Sister of Mary Burzynski (the late lohn). Also survived by several nieces ind nephews. Family will receive iriends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 3-8pm and Monday 3tom. Prayers Monday 7pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10:30am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at thurch 10am. Memorial tributes to eader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### **GORDON B. RIGGS**

76 years old, passed away peacefully on June 20th. Husband of the late Diane Keena Riggs. Survived by daughter Pamela Riggs Maturo of Ann Arbor, grandchildren Lulu and Paulie Maturo, sister Martha Lee Davis of California, brother Kentón Riggs of Colorado and dear friend Susan Gierak of Birmingham. Born in Lafayette, Indiana, attended Purdue University, served in the United States Army, and graduated Harvard Business School. Gordon worked for over thirty years at Ford Motor Company in Product Planning and Corporate Strategy and acted as the first American member on the Board of Directors of Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan. An active member of his community, Gordon served on numerous Birmingham civic and charitable boards, was Chairman of the Board of the Community House and honored as 1st Citizen of Birmingham in the year 2000. A memorial and reception will be held at the Community House in Birmingham on uly 12th at 4:30 pm. Please note that there was a misprint in Thursday, June 28th's paper with the incorrect memo-rial date. The correct date is July 12th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009 or Children Charities Coalition, 44765 Woodward Ave., Pontiac 48341.





### In Memory of JEAN PACOCHA-PUTMAN and

### ERNEST IRVING PUTMAN

On July 6, 2007 at 12 noon, memorial services will be held at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Jean was born Aug. 25, 1923 in Detroit, MI and passed Feb. 2, 2007; Ernest was born July 15, 1923 in St. Johns, Michigan and passed Feb. 8, 2007. Both lived in Arizona. They are survived by daughter, Barbara, and her husband, Tom R. Greninger, and son Terry L. Putman, along with six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and seven greatgreat-grandchildren. Sisters Stephanie Draggoo and Marilyn Kapke also survive Jean. Sisters Betty Morrison, Audrey Millis and brother, Paul Putman, also survive Ernest

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Church, located at that time in Detroit.

They spent their 50th anniversary in Las Vegas, a surprise gift from their children.

The Phillipses raised their five children, Jeff (Lois), Tim (Robin), Dan (Lori), Sandy Kline (Kevin) and Greg (Suzette) in Redford Township.

Sam is still an active member of the Redford Lions' Club. Sam and Sonia, who now reside in Northville Township and are members of Our Lady of Victory Church, have 13 grandchildren and four "bonus" grandchildren.



The Phillipses in 1957



**Delewskys celebrate 50th** Frank and Bernice

(Sklolarus) Delewsky of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Delewskys were mar-

ried June 29, 1957, at St. Cunegunda Church in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 42 years.

They have two children, Nancy of Livonia and Marie of Milford. They have two grandchildren, Melissa and Michael. Frank is retired from

Farmington Public Schools. Bernice is retired from preschool child education.

They celebrated their anniversary with a blessing at Mass at St. Aidan's Church, followed by a luncheon at For Hills with family and friends on June 4. Previous to their anniversary they enjoyed a 19-day cruise to South America.

Joseph and Patricia Cyrek of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne of Livonia, to Josh Spears, also of Livonia, son of Chuck and Gloria Kraemer of East Jordan, Mich., and Robert and Julie Spears of Kingsley, Mich.

Julie is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is the director of rehabilitation of Manor Care of Farmington Hills.

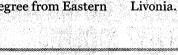
Josh is a 1996 graduate of East Jordan High School and a 2001 graduate of Grand

### **Howe-Barich**

Thomas and Julie Howe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Lynn Howe, to Bryan Joseph Barich, son of Mark and Vicki Barich of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She received bachelor of business administration degree in 2007 from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Marketing Intelligence/Data Analyst at DenteMax.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Dearborn High School. He received a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern



### **Eliana Jaye D'Angelo**

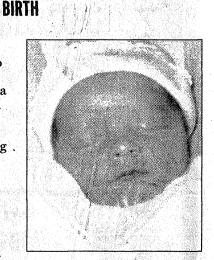
Tom and Jennifer D'Angelo of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Eliana Jaye, born March 12, 2007 in Ann Arbor.

She weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long at birth.

Eliana has a big brother, Dominic.

Grandparents are Bob and Linda D'Angelo of Plymouth and Dale and Darcy Moody of Clinton Twp. and Rod and Paula Perkins of Wasilla, Ark.

Great Grandparents are Roy and Flo Perkins of Northville



and Velda Hahn of Dearborn and Connie Allen of Rochester.



Valley State University. He is

an executive team leader for

A September wedding is

planned at the Inn at St. John's

Target Corp.

in Plymouth

Michigan University in 2005. "He is employed as a budget analyst at TACOM. An April 2008 wedding is planned for St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia. The couple will reside in

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **AROUND TOWN**

### **Genealogical** society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m., July 12, at the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone, Hamburg. A member of the Hamburg Historical Society will talk about the history of the Hamburg area and a visit to the museum. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

### Blood drive

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

### Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538. **Travel clinics** 

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

### **Heartland Hospice**

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

### **Register for St. Genevieve School**

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic

Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

### Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

### Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

### Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones. (888) 973-1145.

### **Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more informa-

### Toastmasters meet

tion.

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

### Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for

parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net. Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

### CLUBS

### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

### Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

### **Kiwanis Club**

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www. pckiwanis.org).

### **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

### Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

### **MOPS** meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

### Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stayat-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

### DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

### German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information. American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for

further information. The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478. Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to partici-

pate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information. Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

### **CONCERT SCHEDULES**

### Music in the Park

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■ The "Music in the Park" concert series is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise noted):

July 4 - Matt Watroba (Plymouth Township Park)

- July 11 Biakuye Duo 🖬 July 18 - elmo THUMM
- July 25 Harpbeat
- Aug. 1 Equinox
- Aug. 8 Candy Band

Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and Phoenix

Aug. 22 - Laz and the Gemini Good Mischief Band

### Music in the Air

 $z_1$ The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park. The schedule (concerts start at 7 p.m.): 3

July 6 - Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band. July 20 - Randy Brock

Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues. July 27 - Sarah Lenore

Band, featuring Plymouth's hometown star.

Aug. 3 - Trilogy, where 30 years of great songs plus six great guys equals a great night.

Aug. 10 - Delta Rhythm Kings.

Aug. 17 - Steve King and the Dittilies.

Aug. 24 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band brings their te? own brand of blues and soul

Aug. 31 - King Sweat closes the season with soul.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network as the title sponsor for the 2007 Music in the Air concert series.



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A stoic toad eyes a potential meal.

# Homely toad makes a faithful companion

am an unabashed partisan of Bufo americanus, the American Toad. Beneath its warty appearance and bloated stumpy-legged body is an

amphibious

a long-term

evolutionary drama of

adaptation

and survival.

And now as

June wanes

and nights get humid, toads

become mas-

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Oakland Naturally

Jonathan Schechter

when it comes to devouring bugs and beetles. My love affair with toads

has been long and passionate: I don't share that fact with many. Long ago, when I was little and always muddy and skin-kneed and running barefoot through the woods of rural Connecticut and my dad was a biology professor in New York City I fell in love with toads. Perhaps that's because

hollow apple tree, I am watching my toad. He lives under my screened porch. And on many summer nights I live above him, wrapped in my hammock world and night breezes.

I do not know when he first moved into his summer estate beneath mine, but I think I know why. I water porch plants and spill water in the process. The water drips between the old porch boards and creates humidity. Bugs like humidity. Toads love bugs. As dusk approaches he emerges from his palatial pad and hops to the edge zone between porch and shrubs where the bugs gather.

I am aware of his presence and he is very aware of mine. His toad eyes watch me. He stands his ground as long as I keep my distance. Sometimes he emerges in daylight. Perhaps his stomach churns for a lunch time bug-whopper, hold the mayo please. I can wiggle close on my belly with barely two feet separating his nose and mine and he doesn't budge. Get closer and he slowly retreats back under his porch. The first time I saw him, his stealth, followed by his piggish slaughter of a moth, caught my attention. I missed his "gotcha" tongue snatch, but I witnessed him using his front feet like a food-gulping contender at a human hot dog eating contest. Humans shove down the dogs. He shoved in the plump squirming moth. And sometimes I think he watches my

hummingbird when it hovers low, wondering "Can I?"

My toad is a good companion. Granted he can't talk to me as I sip ice-coffee and he ignores my "Hey guy" greeting as he loiters at his bug-blind. And he would not be much of a backpacking companion, but I enjoy his presence, warts and all. Oh yes, warts: Toads do not cause warts. But they produce a potent toxin from a gland between the eyes and warty skin that is an irritant to many mammals if ingested. Domestic dogs only taste toad once. It goes like this: Mouth toad, spit out toad, foam, paw mouth, never sample toad again.

Keep in mind that no matter where you live in Oakland County, you will have toads playing out their role of environmental theatre and bug control.

Toads are great habitat generalists, adapting to what nature and man offers unless your world is paved over, free of nearby water and your lawn is bathed in pesticides. A

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I could find them and catch them. I did not care that they usually peed inside my clasped hand, "Look what I found!"

Today, I still find myself muddy and barefoot and I still don't care that toads pee for protection. But now I wash my hands.

This evening, just before dusk with an editorial deadline looming, cumulus clouds turning red from the setting sun, house wrens singing and a gray treefrog calling from his

nearby pond for breeding and moist earth for hibernation adds to a stable population. How can you not love a creature with such easy demands, great defense, curious habits and a desire to eat anything that gets in my garden, or yours. Gulp on good buddy. Gulp on.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Lockers for the Salem High School Boys Locker Room. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions and request for a walk-through can be directed to Salem Athletic Director, Tom Willette at 734-416-7775. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center (attn: Salem Locker Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 20007. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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### PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT. (734) 354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 07-06-07. at 9:00 a.m., at B & B Towing Co., 934 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following: MERCURY TRACER 1MELM13PVW617927 1987

At 9:30 a.m., Chandler Towing, 8801 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

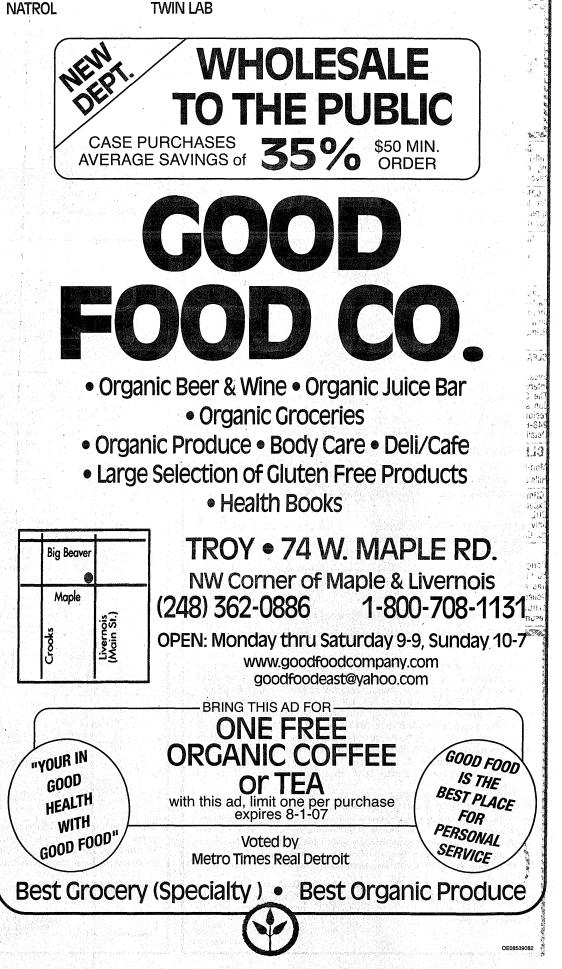
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At 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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### **HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**

homage to the wonders of a

It too is rooted in real life;

the story is of McDunn and

her brother Tom as children,

and their discovery of an old

broken-down flatbed truck

the siblings create worlds of

adventure and landscapes of

"One day (the truck) was a

ship taking us out to sea," she

be a jungle. We had more fun

playing on that flatbed truck

remind kids and their parents

of the things that can happen

television and computer for a

if children are pulled off the

couple hours and allowed to

dream up their own worlds.

"I was hoping to encour-

age young children to get out

and play," she said. "I think

WRITING IS 'A PLEASURE'

imagination is a critical part

When McDunn was grow-

her write poetry, a hobby she

went to college and became

a teacher. It's only been in

the last few years that the 57-

year-old wife and mother of

Michael, 22, and Kevin, 24,

decided to devote herself to

the written word once more.

"Now that I'm older, I'm

finding it's a pleasure to go

let fall to the wayside once she

than any kids today playing

The story is meant to

said of her childhood play-

behind a building. There

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child's imagination.

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# Dust Bowl inspires local author to tell story of 1930s

### **BY MEGAN PENNEFATHER** STAFF WRITER

After the drought, and the dust that choked out the farms, and after the American prairie had been laid to waste. it rained.

But still, even after seven years of not even a drop of water, Mother Nature wasn't through with the families living on the Great Plains during the 1930s.

"When it finally rained, it wasn't rain, it was mud because of all the dirt and dust in the air," said Rosemary McDunn of Clarkston. "The farmers lost all of their equipment, all of their livestock. Hundreds of people died of dust pneumonia. It was just a very tragic time in history." It's also the subject, or at least the backdrop, of MeDunn's book, The Green Coat: A Tale from the Dust Bowl Years, first published in 2006 and re-issued this year

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to include a study guide and questions for teachers.

The Green Coat tells the story of 12-year-old Tressa, the daughter of German immigrant farmers in the 1930s. The family's hardship during the Dust Bowl era leads Tressa to take a job as a servant to earn extra money.

Though the book is a work of historical fiction, it's no coincidence that McDunn's mother also grew up during the Dust Bowl era, happened to work as a servant when she was 14, or that her name was Tressa.

"My inspiration for the book came from the stories my mother and grandmother told me about the Dust Bowl era," said McDunn, a social studies teacher at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford.

The book was originally targeted to middle school students because, as McDunn said, "I wanted to bring something to the classroom that made history come to life."

After the book was finished and published, though, an odd thing happened: Sure, middle school students read it, but so did their parents and grandparents. McDunn had quickly transcended her audience.

"What I found was parents started picking up the book, grandparents started picking up the book," she said. "I had all these adults saying, I loved your book."

### **BUDDING AUTHOR**

Published by Bezalel, a new company started by one of McDunn's fellow teachers at Our Lady of the Lakes, The Green Coat is being sold online at amazon.com, and Web sites for both Borders and Barnes and Noble. Sales have remained steady, and go up a bit during the school year.

It was Bezalel's founder, Cheryl Dickow of Waterford who encouraged McDunn to publish her work. Dickow had worked with the budding author as a teacher and thought she had a pretty good idea of what type of author she'd make.

"What she has captured in The Green Coat is almost not even comparable with what is available to kids," said Dickow, who recently left her teaching job to devote herself full time to Bezalel. "That book has everything and I wanted to be a part of it."

The Green Coat wasn't to be the only story McDunn had in her. Also this year, Bezalel published When Kids Dream



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### NOTICE **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2007 SUMMER TAXES**

Summer taxes are due July 1, 2007 and payable through August 10, 2007 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the Church Street lobby of City Hall or use the DROP BOX located next to the book return behind the Library.

> Teresa Cischke, CPFA **City Treasurer**

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable



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Clarkston resident and author Rosemary McDunn, shown above with Maggie, is finding success with her children's books.

### back to this," she said.

The author certainly has a fan in Dickow, who said she's amazed by McDunn's talent. "She is just one of those

people you feel blessed to know," said Dickow.

But as so often seems to happen, this success story is bittersweet. It was McDunn's wish that her mother, the inspiration of the book, would

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live to see its publication. It didn't happen; McDunn's mother lost her battle to Alzheimer's disease months before the book was published.

"I firmly believe there's a life after this one, and I'm sure my mom is very aware of what is going on," she said. "And I think my mother would be very proud.",

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Project Name:	Friendship Station Kitchen Renovations

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** PLANNING COMMISSION

### **PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 002**

TO AMEND TEXT: ORDINANCE TO AN AMEND CHARTER TOWNSHIP NO. 99 FOR THE PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99 PURPOSE OF CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 110 OF 2006 BY AMENDING Article II Zoning Districts, Zoning Maps and Uses Permitted; Article XIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District; Article XXI Residential Unit Developments; Article XXII Single Family Cluster Housing; Article XXIII Planned Unit Development Option; Article XXVII Nonconformities; Article XXVIII Special Provisions; Article XXXI Zoning Board of Appeals; Article XXXII Planning Commission and Article XXXIII Amendments. DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 18, 2007 **TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 PM

**PLACE OF HEARING:** PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend Article II Zoning Districts, Zoning Map and Uses Permitted; Article XIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District; Article XXI Residential Unit Developments; Article XXII Single Family Cluster Housing; Article XXIII Planned Unit Development Option; Article XXVII Nonconformities; Article XXVIII Special Provisions; Article XXXI Zoning Board of Appeals; Article XXXII Planning Commission; and Article XXXIII Amendments, as follows:

1. Section 2.7.4: Update the public hearing requirement for Special Land Uses consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

2. Section 2.7.5: Revise the text to state the Planning Commission's decision on a special land use must be incorporated into the

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Public Act 110 of 2006.

3. Section 14.11: Revise the ARC Amendments section to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.

4. Section 21.7: Update the public hearing requirements for Residential Unit Developments consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

5. Section 22.4: Update the public hearing requirements for Single Family Cluster Housing consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

6. Section 23.7: Update the public meaning required Planned Unit Developments consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006. Section 23.7: Update the public hearing requirements for

7. Section 27.3.2: Update the public hearing requirements for Nonconformities consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

Section 28.1.3(a)2: Update the public hearing requirements for Condominiums consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

(9. Section 28.13.1: Revise Open Space Preservation Development to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.

10. Section 31.1.4: Revise membership and operation of the Zoning Board of Appeals in conformance with Public Act 110 of 2006.

11. Section 31.4: Revise text to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.

12. Section 31.11: Revise Variances text to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.

13. Section 31.14: Added new section "Appeal of Decision" to reflect judicial review requirements of Public Act 110 of 2006.

14. Section 31.8.2: Update the public hearing requirements for Variances consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

15. Section 31.8.3: Revise text so that use variances require a 2/3 majority vote for approval, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

16. Section 31.12.3: Revise text so that use variances require a finding of unnecessary hardship, consistent with Public Act 110 of

17. Section 32.2: Update text so that misfeasance and nonfeasance are also reasons for removal from the Planning Commission, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

18. Section 32.4: Update text regarding the duties of Planning Commission and update reference, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006

19. Section 33.1: Update text to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.

20. Section 33.1.3(b): Update the public hearing requirements for Amendments consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application No. 1969. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary isonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Services).

> Kendra Barberena, Secretary Planning Commission

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auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

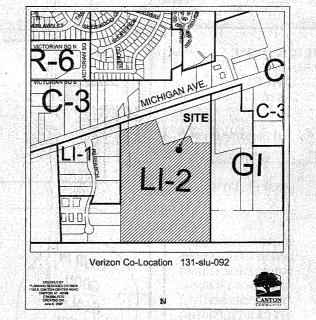
David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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### PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 16, 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**VERIZON WIRELESS TOWER SPECIAL LAND USE** -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COMMUNICATION FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.14 FOR PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 701. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 12, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

### SEE ATTACHED MAP.

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	kitchen renovation of Friendship Station by
$e^{-\frac{1}{2}}e^{-$	the Charter Township of Plymouth, as
	Owner, until 3:00 pm on Friday, July 20,
	2007 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth
	Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road,
	Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time
· · ·	and place all bids will be publicly opened
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Description of Project: Tear-out existing wood cabinets and fixtures and renovate the kitchen per the drawings and specifications.

Funding for the project work is being obtained through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set fourth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Contractor must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965 No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3 and 5, and Title 18, USC Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act", and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

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Plans and specifications may be examined on or after July 2, 2007 at the Plymouth Township Hall at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Copies may be obtained for a cost of \$20.00 per set.

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# Three things to lower high blood pressure

### Dave from Wyandotte is concerned about his high blood pressure and wants to know what he can do to bring it down?

High blood pressure is a very serious condition which affects one in three American adults. It can cause serious health problems, even death. Here are three simple things you can do:

First, exercise! Regular exercise can lower blood pressure by 10 points. It can even prevent the onset of hypertension. Second, eat right! A landmark study called Dietary Approaches to

Stop Hypertension, or

DASH, showed a diet full

low-fat dairy, poultry, fish, nuts and whole grains can

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Rosie from Allen Park suffers from allergies. She does not want to rely on medication and wants to know what else she can do? Rosie, you are not alone! About 50 million people suffer with allergies. It is the sixth leading cause of chronic disease in the United States. More than half of those who battle with allergies suffer with hay fever or pollen allergy. It causes more than 16 million doctor visits each year. The key is to avoid pollen exposure.

Try to stay indoors when the pollen count is high. This includes dry, windy days or between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. Keep your windows closed in your home

and car. Use the air conditioning unit instead. Don't cut the grass, have someone do it for you.

Finally, don't hang clothes and bedding outside to dry.

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.

# **Where there's smoke, there's fire** Leg pain can mean heart danger, U-M expert says

### BY KARA GAVIN CORRESPONDENT

Symptoms of peripheral artery disease can be a valuable warning of future heart attack and stroke danger — if you pay attention to the signs.

David Dow thought he was having back problems and that his legs were hurting as a result. As it turns out, the pain may have saved his life.

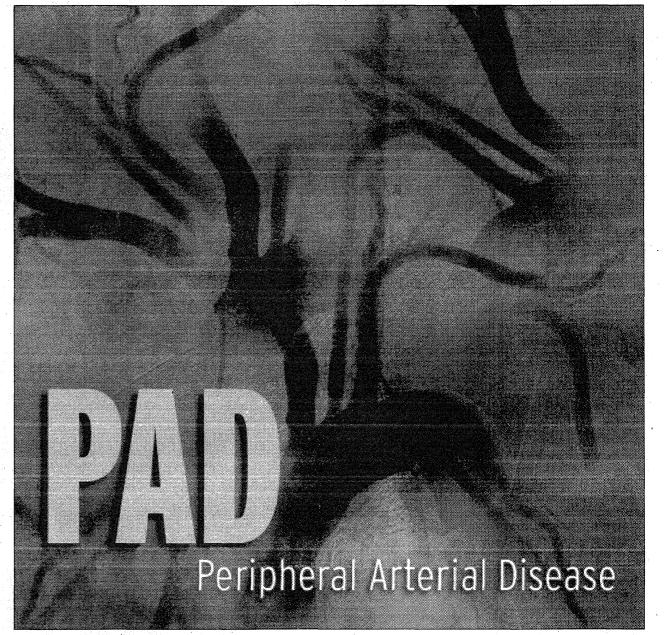
An otherwise healthy 57-year-old, Dow figured he just needed to learn some back-strengthening exercises, so he found a personal trainer to help him. But despite the workouts, his leg pain got worse, making it hard for him even to walk from the car to the grocery store entrance. Dow and the trainer suspected something else was wrong and he sought the advice of his doctor.

Soon his doctor's tests revealed the true cause: blockages in the blood vessels of his legs. In fact, the arteries going to his lower extremities were nearly 100 percent blocked. The cause? Years of heavy smoking and high-fat meals and other factors had caused cholesterol, scar tissue and blood clots to build up inside his blood vessels.

Most people think this kind of clogged artery disease, or arteriosclerosis, only happens in the heart. But as Dow's case shows, it can happen throughout the body. When it does, it's called peripheral arterial disease, or PAD.

In some people, PAD causes leg pain that acts as an early warning that someone is at high risk for a heart attack or a stroke, says a University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center expert.

"This is the hallmark of a disease that's all over," said Dr. James Stanley, a director of the U-M Cardiovascular Center and the vascular surgeon who operated on Dow. "It's like gray hair. You don't just get it on one side of your head.



So if you've got this kind of blockage in your leg, you're going to have it other places."

In fact, nearly a quarter of people who have leg pain due to PAD will be dead in five years, mostly due to heart attacks and other heart problems, Stanley said. For people like Dow, whose leg pain kept him from walking even short distances, the odds are even worse. As many as half will die by five years.

Fortunately, Dow got diagnosed and treated. Stanley performed a bypass operation to open his blocked leg arteries, similar to the bypasses that heart patients have. A recent checkup showed he's doing well.

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### JULY

### **Divorce support group**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

### Camp Oasis

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) host its sixth annual Camp Oasis July 15-21 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton for children ages seven to 17 who have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. For information or to have application information mailed, send e-mail to michigan@ ccfa.org or call (248) 737-0900.

### Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice. Volunteer training

### Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. We are located in Southfield and serve the Tri-county area. Evening and daytime classes available. Office support is also needed. To register, call (800) 770-9859.

### UPCOMING

### Health camps

Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the St. Joseph

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Mercy Health Exploration Center in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518. Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demon-

strations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades. Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5).

### Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the later effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

### ONGOING

### Our Body exhibit

Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3, at Detroit Science Center. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

### MS support group

Family and friends of those with MS (multiple sclerosis) are invited to attend a new support group held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital's A & E building in Farmington. For directions call (248) 231-1136.

### **Volunteers** needed

Sandcastles grief support program for children and teens needs volunteers for Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health-System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. SandCastles also offers a weekend bereavement

### camp in August which is in need of volunteers. For more information or to register for training, call (313) 874-6881.

### Hatha Yoga classes

Beginning and Intermediate continue 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a noncompetitive setting. Includes meditation and breathing techniques. Class participates need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. **TOPS** 

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

### Running 101 Classes for beginning runner 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Ann Arbor and Northville, Mondays in Novi, Wednesdays in West Bloomfield, five week course of five sessions presented by Running Fit. Cost is \$39. To register, visit www.runningfit.com.

Gardasil vaccine Gardasil is the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer, precancerous genital lesions and genital warts due to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend HPV vaccination of girls ages 11-12, girls as young as 9 years old may be vaccinated. The vaccine is also recommended for girls ages 13-18 to catch up on missed shots or to complete the shot series. Gardasil is available at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, in Oak Park at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. For information, appointment or pricing, call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8755.

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### WAKEUP CALL

"For sure, it's a wakeup call," says Dow, who has quit smoking and changed his eating habits. "You know that old saying, "Where there's smoke, there's fire?' I'm sure that I not only have the vascular issues in my lower extremities, but I'm sure I have them in other parts of my body."

Dow isn't alone, says Stanley, who has operated on thousands of patients with severe PAD in his decades as a professor of vascular surgery at the U-M Medical School. Nearly 30 million people in the United States have some form of PAD, though the vast majority are "silent" cases that don't cause symptoms. Among people over age 70, nearly one person in five has PAD.

Who's most at risk for PAD? People over 50, smokers, people with diabetes, people with high blood pressure, people with high cholesterol and people who are overweight or obese, Stanley explained. In other words, it's the same group of individuals who have a high risk of heart attack and stroke. So the advice for preventing

PAD, or stopping it before it gets serious, is largely the same as the advice for preventing a heart attack or stroke: guit smoking, eat healthier, get more exercise, control your blood sugar if you have diabetes, lose weight and get your blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked. And ask your doctor if you should take a daily aspirin to prevent clots, or drugs to reduce your blood pressure and cholesterol. Even though PAD makes people's legs hurt or feel tired when they walk or exercise

a symptom that doctors call
"claudication," which feels like
a "Charlie horse"-type cramp
one of the best things to do
is to walk more, Stanley says.

"The more a patient walks, the more likely it is that they will develop little 'detour' blood vessels, called 'collateral' vessels, around the obstruction," he said. The large majority of people can develop these vessels that will ease the pain.

### REST PAIN

But in some people, PAD has already gotten bad enough to cause pain or numbness even when the person is sleeping — something called "rest pain." Stanley says this pain often awakens patients from sleep. It most often occurs in the ball of the feet and may feel like someone has wrapped a bandage around the foot. This level of symptoms is ominous, he says, because it indicates a more severe blockage without adequate collateral vessels.

Another sign of severe PAD is the development of painful sores, or ulcers, on the feet and toes. These occur because the blood flow to the lower leg isn't enough to feed the tissue, and it begins to break down. People with diabetes, whose bodies have an especially hard time healing such ulcers, are most at risk. Left untreated, skin ulcers can get worse and even turn into gangrene often leading to amputation.

The vast majority of PAD cases are nowhere near this serious. But people who don't get help for symptoms when they first start may find their problem becoming much worse over time.

So Stanley recommends that anyone who has discomfort in their leg or legs, especially new pain that lasts more than a week, should talk to a doctor. She or he might perform a Doppler examination — a painless, non-invasive ultrasound test that detects blood pressure in the extremity.

The Doppler test can tell whether someone has PAD and how bad the blockage might be. Depending on the result, the doctor might recommend an MRA (magnetic resonance arteriogram) of the leg, or a conventional arteriogram that involves injecting dye into the leg arteries through a device called a catheter.

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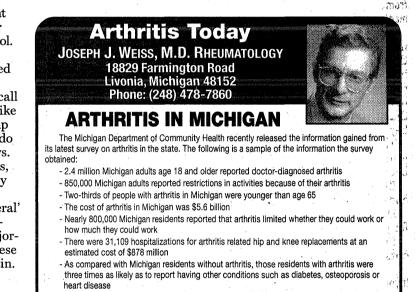
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If a severe blockage is found like in Dow's case, there are several options. Two are similar to those for heart patients: a minimally invasive procedure like an angioplasty that opens blockages with a tiny balloon, or bypass surgery to place a new graft to carry blood into the blocked area.

There are also promising new options on the horizon, to help the body grow new blood vessels in the blocked area. The U-M CVC is the first place in the world where patients with severe PAD can volunteer for an experimental new gene-therapy treatment called MultiGeneAngio.

The MultiGeneAngio trial takes cells from a vein in the patient's arm, adds in new genes that encourage the growth of blood vessels and then injects the cells into the blocked artery using a minimally invasive technique. Right now, it's still being tested for safety and to find the right dose of cells, says Dr. Michael Grossman, the U-M interventional cardiologist who is leading the study at U-M. But if the study proves successful, it may one day become a new treatment option for patients.

Until that day, the best weapon against PAD is better knowledge of the fact that pain in the legs is more than an inconvenience. "If one has PAD, there are two issues," Stanley says. "What happens to your leg, and what happens to your life."



These statistics give an outline of how pervasive arthritis is in Michigan and how serious it is. Not mentioned, but a feature you should keep in mind, is the value of early treatment.

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# Red Cross holds holiday blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a critical holiday blood drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 2, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, on the southbound M-5 Service Drive in Farmington.

The week of the 4th of July is an especially difficult time to collect the 800 units of blood that are needed on a daily basis to fulfill the requirements of our local hospitals. Platelets have a shelf life of only five days and are necessary for treating patients undergoing cancer therapy, open heart surgery, leukemia and aplastic anemia. To help encourage participation, the Red Cross is holding a raffle for a two-year lease on a new Lincoln MKX for anyone attempting donate between June 25 and Sept. 5.

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# **Opportunity Center repeats fund-raiser**

**Community Opportunity** Center (COC) will hold its third annual Italian Night Monday, July 16, at East Side Mario's at 31630 Plymouth Road west of Merriman in Livonia.

This is the third year East Side Mario's has partnered with COC to host the Italian Night fund-raiser with all proceeds being used to meet the housing and personal needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who are affiliated with COC.

Anyone who dines at the restaurant from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 16 will be treated to East Side Mario's celebrated spaghetti, salad and bread for just \$10. Drinks, tips and tax are extra. The restaurant will donate the entire \$10 to Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation supporting adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County.

Last year some 350 diners attended the affair raising \$3,500 for COC. Some of the wait staff donated tips they earned during the four-hour period, and some diners made direct donations to COC that

"We are excited to partner with East Side Mario's to raise almost \$7,000 over two events to benefit persons with developmental disabilities," said Denise King, executive director of Community Opportunity Center. "This was a fun and easy way for our family members, friends and supporters to enjoy good food and a wonderful night out while helping meet the needs of the men and women with developmental disabilities whom we are fortunate to assist. The wait staff at East Side Mario's has been very kind and professional in making sure our

guests received top service and enjoyed a memorable evening."

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The first event was so popular that COC and East Side Mario decided to repeat Italian Night in 2006 and 2007. Last year East Side Mario's Manager Joe Hibbert was honored with an Award of Special Achievement by COC for his leadership in helping stage the now annual Italian Night.

Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to more than 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 22 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County. Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

For additional information call Denise King at 734-422-1020.



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# Vacation helps workers be productive, happy

### **BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

When attorney Mark McConnell gets a chance to go on vacation with his family, he likes to get away.

"We went to Disney World," he said of his family, which includes wife Sherry and daughters Allison, 5, and Grace, 4. They enjoy time at beaches as well.

The McConnells, Westland residents, have visited a couple of water parks "which is a lot of fun for them although I think I'm getting too old for those rides," said Mark, an assistant city attorney for Westland with the Angelo Plakas and Associates firm in Westland. Sherry's a registered nurse at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"I don't really have a set number of days," Mark McConnell said of vacation. The key is getting his work done, and he and other lawyers at the firm work together to see things are taken care of. "We all try to do it as far in advance as we can.

"I think it's great to relax for a while," he said, agreeing vacations help workplace productivity. There is, however, the work to face upon return, which can be stressful. They generally take vacations in the summer, as Allison's in school and they don't care to travel during school-year breaks when places are crowded.

Dentist Joe Tseng of Farmington Hills, whose practice is in Westland, takes "probably a couple weeks. When you're working for yourself sometimes it's hard to get away for long periods." He has colleagues cover for him, particularly for emergencies.

Tseng and wife Terry, a homemaker, have a 17-year-old daughter, Lauren, who skates on a synchronized skating team. The family likes to combine vacations with Lauren's competitions.

Northville Township's Sam Kennedy runs Strategic Partners in Canton, which does not-for-profit management consulting. His vacation time's "not enough." He and wife Elaine, director of New

Morning School in Plymouth Township, tend to take summer breaks when she's not in school.

They like to visit family, including their grown children, "visit family a lot all over. My plan is to have family in all the nice places I want to go." Kennedy, a Plymouth A.M. Rotary member, recently traveled to Salt Lake City with Elaine for Rotary International's convention and then to Seattle; they have family in both cities.

At his work, people who call expect a response. Kennedy lets key people in his client world know he'll be gone. He makes sure the phone's covered, and has a cell phone that gets e-mail when he's away.

"I think it's critical to do that," he said of taking vacations. "We're in a knowledge business. I've got to be fresh."

Their recent 10-day trip was longer than usual, as the Kennedys take long weekends regularly. He finds vacation a good time to clean his calendar. "I think we do better work when we're not strung out."

Mary Gregosky of Allen Park's co-owner of C & M Printing in Westland. "It's very difficult for us. When you do take some time off because there are just the two of us things pile up. It's difficult to take more than a couple days at a time."

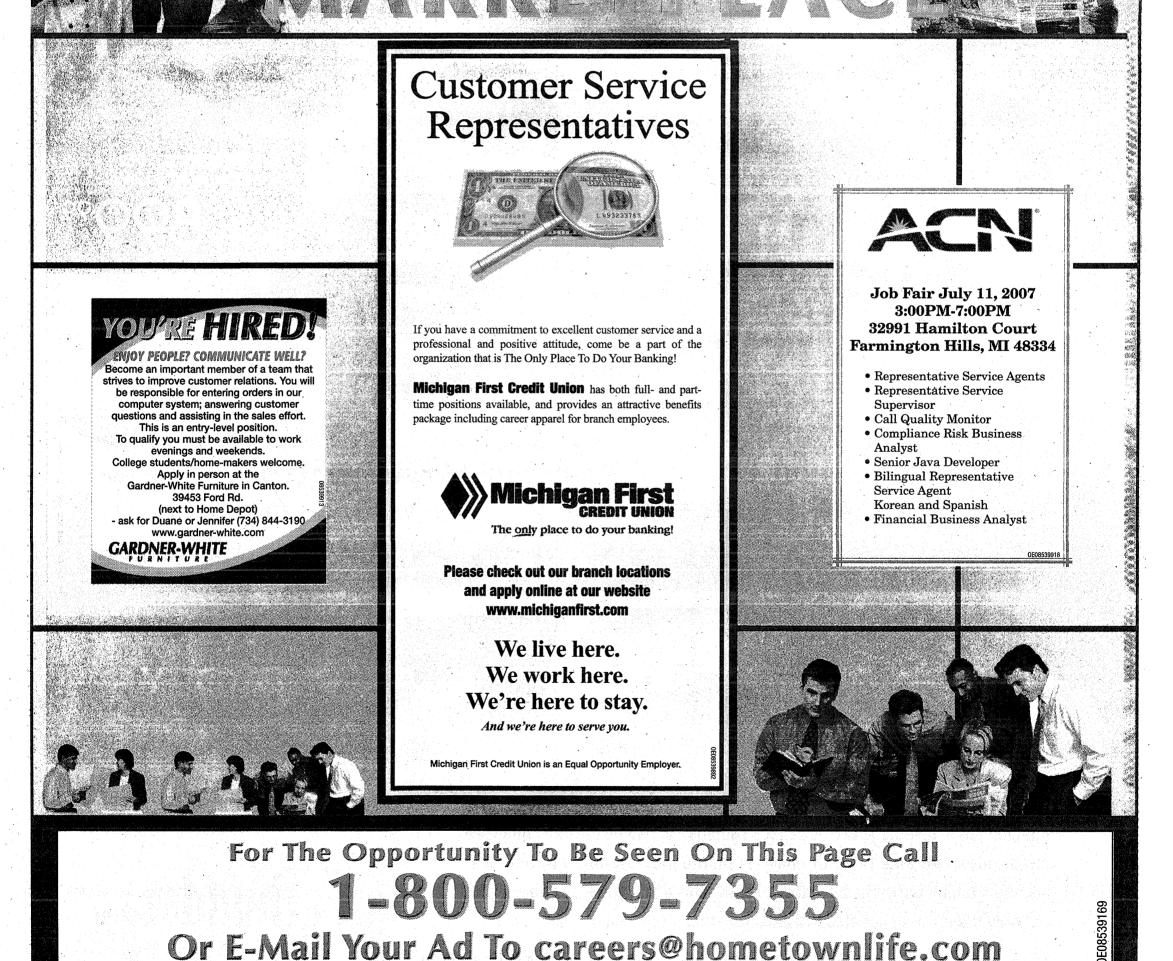
The print shop closes on the weekend, which helps with time off. "We do as often as we can," Gregosky said of trips. "It doesn't seem like it's enough."

Stephanie Baron of Macomb County's busy as public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society, and is also working toward an M.B.A. at Walsh College. "I think if you can plan things out properly" for vacation it works, said Baron, who uses "out of office" e-mail and voice mail messages when she's gone.

"There's always time to get away somewhere," said Baron, who's partial to shorter, more frequent breaks. She always provides media with another contact while she's gone, "give them all the right contact information.'



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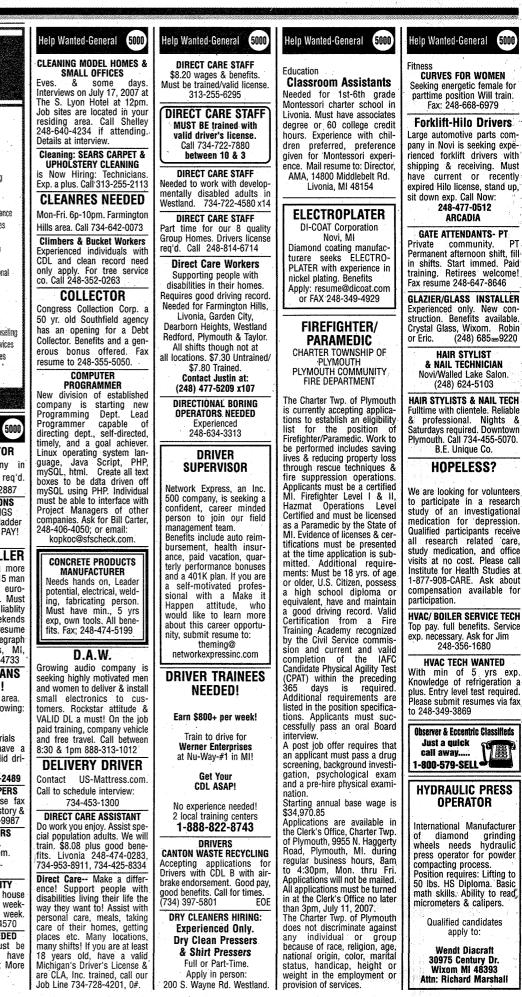
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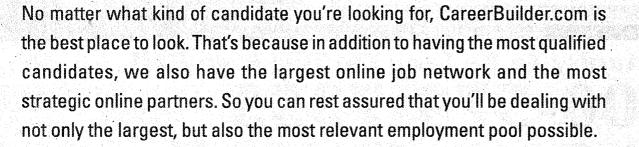
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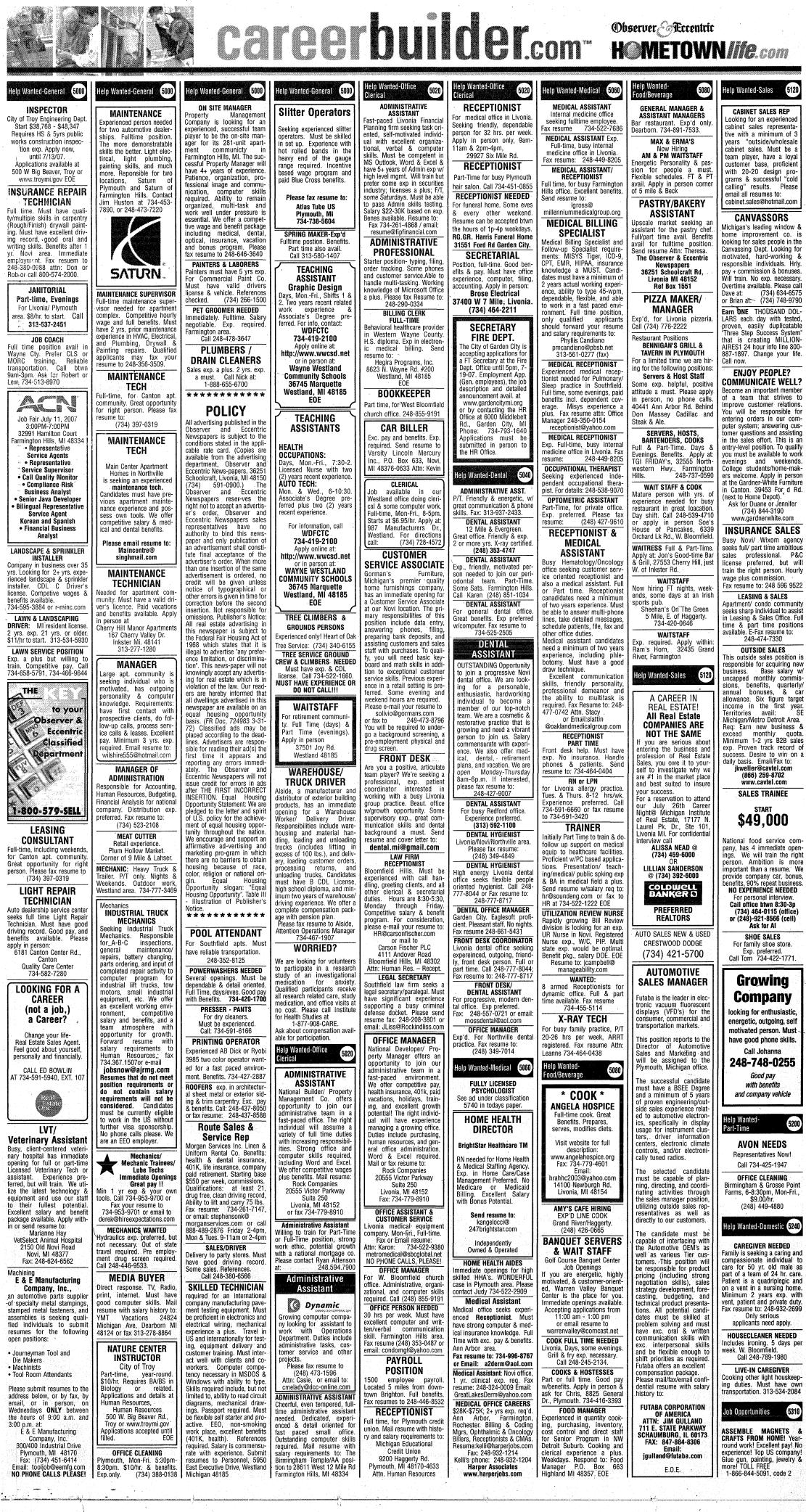
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LET'S TALK SOMETIME SBCF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. for friendship, possible romance. **1**:152399 SOULMATE SEARCH

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sin-cere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. 2589875

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PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. 25891247 SOUND LIKE YOU?

SF 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. 20207859 POSSIBLE LTR

POSSIBLE LTH SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR, **27**993381 TAKE ME GOLFING

TAKE ME GOLFING Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must-to make a relationship work. 27976914 SEEKING FRIEND

SEEKING FHIEND DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. 2655264 CURIOUS AND ADVENTURESOME

SWF, 5'8', blond/blue, hwp, enjoys sincere friendships, good con-versations, traveling, dancing and the beach, searching for a SWM, 52-58, with a warm smile and great personality. 20206243

SWM, 52-55, with a warm smile and great personality. 72 205243 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125ibs, loves all life, animals, arts, fam-ily, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. 72 892242 WORTH YOUR CALL PEE 22 Efd" light genglering brown/based, dimples 200lbs

WORTH YOUR CALL SBF, 22, 54", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **T3**201967 DON'T THINK TWICE SWE 52 enjoys blues music. St natick's day independent films.

SWF, 57, enjoys blues music, St. patrick fav. traveling, nature, a good laugh, and being active. Seeking SM, 49-59. 27868397 LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. 2090301

READ THIS AD! SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and gualities. \$164114

ROMANTIC EVENINGS SWPF, 5'3", 120lbs, auburn/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, trav-eling, antiques and long walks, would like to meet a SWM, 55-60, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more.

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 SWF, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. **37**207161

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LET'S MEET SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. 2205287

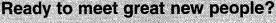
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SBF, 37, hard-worker, enjoys movies, dining and cooking, seek-ing a SBM, 37+, sincere, trustworthy, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR if compatible. **1**93299 SEARCHING FOR A MAN ...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 27962317 SIMPLE REQUEST

Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. 2508061

ARE YOU MY MATCH? SBF, 34, 5'5", average, likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM, 34-50, professional, outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun. To 166214



ONCE IN A LIFETIME SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a slim to medium build, N/S, gentie-man, 48-65, 5'8"+, for companionship, maybe more. 22 175130

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 Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucaisan gentlemen, 55-50, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. 35 92074.

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with good sense of humor. 220296 LOOKING FOR ME? Energetic SBPF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentle-man, N/S, to share these. Let's talk 27135617 SOUND LIKE YOU? SE 20.5'E" 170lbs, cheaple, sweet two and anergratic looking to

SOUND LIKE YOU? SF,20, 5'6", 170lbs, shapely, sweet, fun and energetic, looking to meet a nice, active, fun guy, child/animal friendly, to share good times, good laughs, talks, smiles and special times. T 172279 NO DRAMA

NO DRAMA SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like inter-ests, to share special times. 2172726

ests, to share special times. **3**172726 SEEKING MR. RIGHT Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very pas-sionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activ-ties. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **3**985794 LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

SBF, 23, outgoing, i like to have fun. movies, walks, dinner,travel. Seeking a SM, 21-45, to share interests and companionship. 2193525

GIRL NEXT DOOR SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone con-versations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. 2188347

ARE YOU MY MATCH? SBF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. 12188807

LET'S TALK SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. TO 190972

HOPE IT'S YOU SBM, 30, 5'6", 180lbs, mom, dark complexion, brown eyes, medi-um length hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things life

offers. 2191375 SENT FROM HEAVEN

SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attrac-tive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. 2201386 GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 2963760 VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. T113198 I NEED A LOVE.

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SBF, young 60s, wigood morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **2** 134425

SEEKING MY DEAREST FRIEND SBCF, 5'5", dark brown/black, 190lbs, great sense of humor, hon-est, kind, seeking BCM who has a sincere need of developing a great friendship. 27205418

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 SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, out-doors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. T140690 TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME

 Handsome SBM, likes working on cars, movies, the park, and out-door activities, seeking a special woman, 36-48, who shares simi-lar interests. Honesty a must. T2206777

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 SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, socia-ble, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. T114530

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SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. 2200127 EASYGOING

WANT TO JOIN ME?

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant per-sonality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF; for dating and fun times. 37187614 PR69

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WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests age open. 2131277

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. 2165436 WHY WAIT?

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Sin, 96, Seeks Interlighted, caning, tai, autacture, community of minded SF, 59°-83°, race open, who loves The Lord and all life offers. 27202927 DO U LIKE TIGERS? Sweet, friendly, handsome male, 31, energetic, fun, likes to trav-el, seeking nice, sweet, clean, attractive female, for fun, friend-ship, possible LTR. 27215273 SOMEONE 2 TALK 2 SBM, 5'6°, enjoys swimming, basketball, movies and hanging out with friends, seeking a woman, 18-30, attractive, to get to know maybe LTR if compatible. 27203356 BRUNETTES ARE BETTER SWM, 5'6°, blode/blue, masculine build, seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, trav-eling and shopping, brunette a+, smokers ok. 27203186 HANDSOME MALE SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confi-dence, likes concerts, travel, dining, Seeking WF, 30-58, attrac-tive, passionate, loving, affectionate. 27994367 I'M YOUR MAN SBM, 21, 6'17', independent, employed, kind, considerate, confi-casual dating and fun. 27203609 CATCH OF THE DAY! SWM, 34, blonde/blue, 2701bs, intelligent, likes sports, camping, fishing and hiking, seeking a W/HF, 21-40, for good conversa-tions, friendship, maybe more. 32204057 READ THIS ADI SBM, 20, 5'9', outgoing, likes swimming, seeking a woman, 18-21, to spend time with. 37203820 HI LADIES SBM, 30, dark complexion, hard-working, student, looking for a lov-

21, to spend time with. 02203820 HI LADIES SBM, 30, dark complexion, hard-working, student, looking for a lov-ing, good-hearted woman, with a zest for life to share the specia times, good talks and a lasting, loving relationship. 2204961 BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE SWM, 35, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out, Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unim-portant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 2205048 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC 622-Tall, athletic SWM, 44, 627, 2001bs, trown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. 2587540 HI

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SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. 2192324 LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fish-ing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 22114846 WORTH THE CALL

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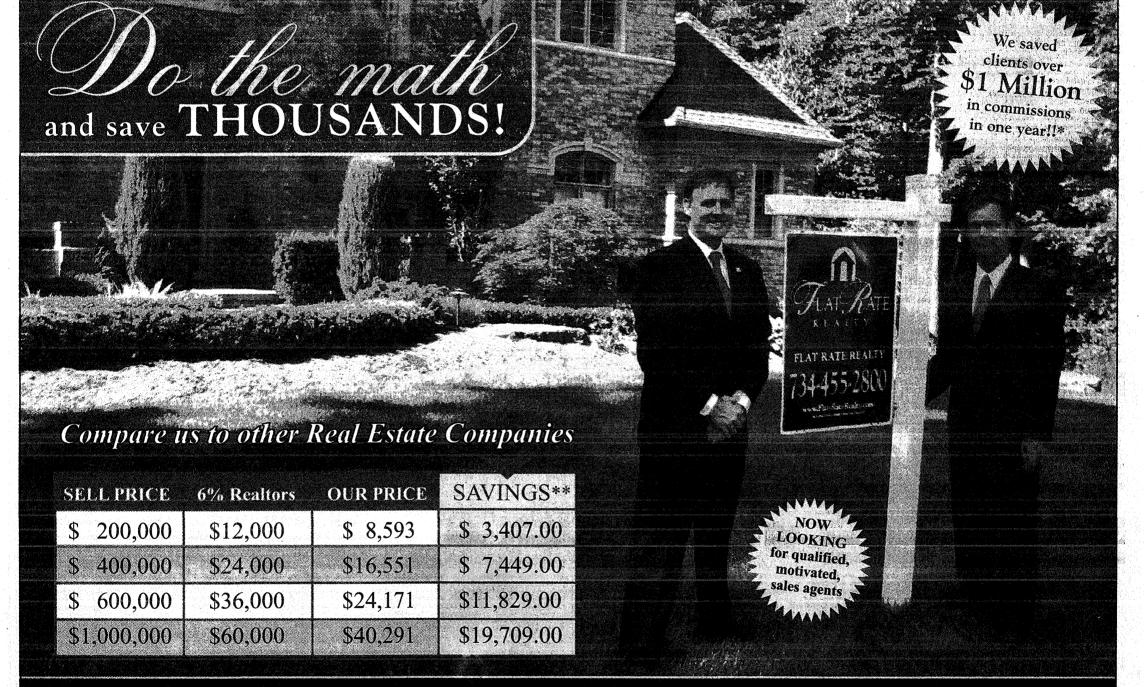
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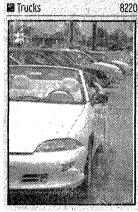
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2007 Mustang tears up the road

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**By Danielle Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures** 

It s just not right to keep a wild animal in a cage, and the same can be said for taking the 2007 Ford Mustang on any road with a speed limit under 70.

Well, really, taking this car on a road with any speed limit is just plain wrong. When I pressed the gas pedal for the first time, as

the showroom salesman stepped out of the car, I felt giddy with excitement and ready to take on the streets of Metropolitan Detroit. Finally, the Mustang and I would have some time alone to talk. And talk we did.

The roar of the Mustangs engine, an unmistakably powerful V8, was something I both overlooked and welcomed, and all 300 horses kicked up dust as I flew around turns and took corners as smoothly as if the car had been floating. Tight rack and pinion steering, gas-pressurized

front and rear shocks and multi-link rear suspension make for an easy ride. The Mustang is smooth, balanced and hugs the road like the two are best friends.

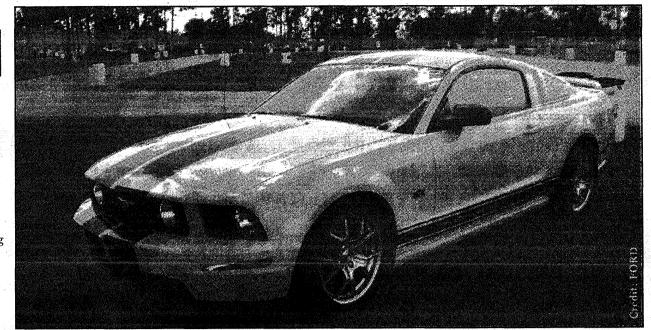
The sleek lines of the car make it impossible not to notice, and I saw quite a few heads turn as I drove by. With 10 colors to choose from, the Mustangs exterior can suit anyone s interests, and the throwback 1960s-style body shape satisfies even the oldest of Mustang appreciators.

Inside, a rich black interior coupled with the low front seat gives the car a dark, cave-like feel. An optional upgrade package gives buyers silver accents on the dashboard, shifter area and steering wheel, just adding to the intensity the car already provides.

The main dashboard console is simple and easy to read, with a 500-watt stereo system standard and an indash six disc CD changer, as well as a port located in the center console allowing any kind of MP3 player to plug in.

A very cool feature on the new Mustang is the ability to choose from 110 colors in which to display the gauges and numbers on the instrument panel. It s not exactly functional or necessary, but it s definitely nice to be able to choose from all those colors. Don t like green? Fine, change the display color to purple. Feeling blue today? Cheer up with yellow or orange.

I preferred red, myself, to match the color of the particular model I was driving.



After more than 30 years, the Ford Mustang can still dominate the streets, and the 2007 model is a nice reminder of the car s roots.

Space-wise, the Mustang doesn t exactly deliver. Two people can be seated comfortably --and with room to spare —in the front of the cabin, but as far as backseat passengers go, forget it. There s no leg room behind the front seats, but then again, who would want to sit in the back of a Mustang, anyway?

According to carsdirect.com, 30.3 inches, nearly 3 feet, of legroom is available in the 2007 Mustang. The front offers 42.7 inches, or almost 4 feet, though the difference seems much greater while actually inside the car. Tall passengers will not be comfortable in the Mustang.

My brother, a 20-year-old, 6-foot-4 basketball player, was cozy in the front passenger seat.

The trunk offers 12.3 cubic feet of storage, or enough space for a cooler and some towels to hit the beach, as summer is fast approaching and everyone loves a muscle car in the sunshine.

For safety, the Mustang presents anti-lock rakes, front impact airbags, driver and passenger side impact airbags and side impact bars. Seat-belt pretensioners are also featured standard.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Institute and the HYPERLINK "http://www.iihs.org/%20" Insurance Institute for Highway Safety rated the 2007 Mustang at five out of five stars in driver and passenger frontal impact tests, and four out of five in driver side-impact tests.

I wouldn t say the safety features are incentive to let the Mustang open up to its full potential on the road, but they sure make a speed-crazy driver a bit more comfortable.

Gas mileage, however, would be the factor keeping anyone away from speed in a 2007 Mustang. With an estimated 17 to 19 miles per gallon city and 25 to 28 miles per gallon highway, the Mustang isn t a guzzler, especially with a V8, but it s not entirely wallet-friendly, either.

The price of the Mustang is pretty nice, for what buyers get from such a car. The base models go anywhere from \$19,250 to \$31,700, but newer, specialty editions like the Saleen can push \$70,000.

The car sure has come a long way, considering that when the Mustang debuted in Dearborn in 1964 it cost ya \$2,368. Ford has done a great job of bringing the 1960sinspired design back to the body of the Mustang, and buyers the world over are noticing the effort.

The Mustang has always been a racing car, a showpiece, and the 2007 model is no different. This thing is made for action.

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