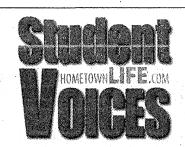


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Band chief quits to care for daughter

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park Marching** Band director Marc Whitlock told school officials and marching band parents this week he's resigning from the position to help care for his 18month-old daughter who has leukemia.

Macaylah Whitlock was born with transient leukemia, which sometimes occurs in children born with Down syndrome, which she also has.

"For the first couple of months of her life, after hospital treatments and transfu* sions, the transient leukemia went away," said Whitlock, 42. "Unfortunately, about two months ago, it kicked back in full speed and became more aggressive.

In about 20 percent of the cases it comes back as leukemia, and she fell into that 20 percent," he said. "We are in a chemotherapy regiment until November, then we'll re-evaluate her condition to see if the cancer goes into remission or we have to be more aggressive with treatment."

Whitlock said Macaylah exhibits the typical side effects hair loss, mouth sores, lethargy and weakness.

"Yet, we brought her home from the hospital this week and she recognized where she was, smiled from ear-to-ear and was jumping around like a trampoline," he said.

Whitlock, and his wife, Kellie, 41, a minister at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, are leaning on their faith, in believing their daughter will beat leukemia.

"We are people of faith, and we have no doubts through our faith that we will get through this," said Whitlock. "She's a strong little girl, who has shown her body can take the treatments. We feel the prog-

nosis is favorable to beat this cancer, and believe a year from now it will be in remission.

"We have great support from our church and band families who have been there for us, preparing dinners, baby-sitting and anything else that we need," he said. "I'm blessed to work for this district, it's been supportive and understanding and empathetic to our situation. The community has been very loving and giving."

Whitlock said he'll still teach instrumental band, but the extra-curricular duties for the nationally renowned **Plymouth-Canton Marching** Band - which finished sev-



ticipate fully in her recovery.

"I love the marching band with all my heart, but I know that between staff, the administration and the band boosters the kids are in great hands," he said. "But, I will be saddened not to be part of it

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Director

Marc

Whitlock

with his

daughter.

Macaylah.

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Mother's Day memory

Bird students pay tribute to their moms

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Nearly two dozen moms had a hard time holding back tears of joy when kindergartners serenaded them with several songs and then presented each one with a carnation during a Mother's Day tribute in teacher Benita Puzzuoli's Bird Elementary classroom Tuesday.

Following hugs from their parents, the kindergartners then ate cookies and took pictures with their mothers.

"It was so awesome, there's not another word to describe it," said Sparkle Ingram, 25, of Plymouth Township, who wiped tears from her eyes as 6-year-old Aaliyah sang to her. "It lets me know she appreciates what I do."

Sam Wolf give his mom, Jennifer Wolf, a big hug. Aaliyah said she liked singing to her mom because "she does everything for me."

Puzzuoli began the Mother's Day tradition five years ago after finding singer Jim Brickman's song "A Mother's Day" on the

"I wanted to do something special for moms who are here to help us," said Puzzuoli. "We also want to teach the kids a love of their parents and appreciation for everything they have."

Stacey Childs watched as Bugaboo - her 6year-old daughter, Brooklyn - took part in the serenade and then received her flower.

"It was so wonderful, very moving," said Childs, 36, from Plymouth Township, who also has a 4-year-old son, Jack. "Being a mom is more stressful than what I thought it was going to be, especially with sibling rivalry.

"But, it's worth it," she said. "There's no better gift than your children."

Five-year-old Kailey Fucinari said singing songs to her mom was the most fun part, and added "I listen to my mom because I love her."

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Sparkle Ingram takes a picture of her daughter, Aaliyah, and wipes away a tear.

'Lucky' woman thanks crew for her rescue

BY TONY BRUSCATO

enth in the nation last year

wonderful dealing with the

medical treatments while I'm

at work," said Whitlock. "She

is an inspiration to me every

day, and I need to be there for

her and my daughter and par-

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"My wife has been incredibly

A Plymouth woman who feels lucky to be alive following an accident in which she was ejected from her SUV and then pinned underneath a Jeep took time last week to thank the paramedics who saved her life.

Carol Loesch, 45, said she was on her way to a fast-food restaurant shortly after 10 p.m April 12 when she drove to the intersection of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

"I just remember approaching the intersection and seeing the Jeep," said Loesch, "and then waking up in the hospital with a tube down my throat."

In between, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics Greg Hartig of Plymouth Township and Mark Watson of Canton Township did what they do routinely every day.

"We were driving to our shift oint which is at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, and we drove right past the accident," said

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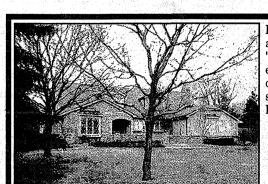
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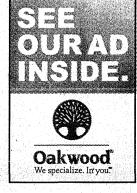
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The Plymouth Symphony League presents its Spring Home Tour, "To Renew or Redo?" May 31-June 1.

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The tour, which runs noon to 6 p.m. both days, will feature three renovated historic properties in the city of Plymouth and three newly constructed or rebuilt estates in Plymouth Township

The featured homes:

■ 12900 Pebble Creek, homeowners Bill and Helen Freij - This home with no 90-degree sharp corners was completed late in 2007 with two master suites plus a "Jack & Jill" suite. The home features marble, granite and travertine floors, custom medallions, travertine columns and a custom Great room travertine fireplace which took nine months to create not including the added marble imported from Italy, and all the mas-

sive use of exterior limestone from Indiana. The master bedroom fireplace and bathroom columns were made of cream of marfell marble imported from Italy.

■ 9211 Ball Street, homeowners EJ and Kimberly Ledesma – This particular home was a complete redo and renew as the current house you see was built around a 1946 twobedroom bungalow with a partially finished attic space which you could hardly stand in. The most previous owners, Ron and Dawn Kasperski, started the renovation while living in the house. They gutted walls and removed old carpeting in the basement opening it up to live in while they began the major construction of the rest of the house in October of

■ 1046 Church (City of Plymouth),

homeowners Jerry and Becky Campbell - In 1995 the home was 97 years old and won the Plymouth branch of the AAUW's landmark award designation. Interestingly, this home was once home of Jim and Cyndi Burnstein, whose present home was on a previous Spring Home Tour. The home is known as the Draper House after its original owner for whom the house was built in 1898.

■ 801 Harding (City of Plymouth), homeowners Pete Karr and Chuck Myslinski – The original home on this site was a three-bedroom, onebath ranch with about 1,000 square feet built in 1962. This home was certainly a "redo" home. Entering the living room you see an antique fireplace about 100 years old. The floors are a beautifully cherry stained oak and flow through to the dining room

and kitchen. The sun room boasts floor to ceiling Palladian windows with travertine floors.

■ 218 South Main (City of Plymouth), owners Lou and Sandy Wright - In 1890 this Queen Anne home was built by Thomas and Irene Whipple Patterson, in what was then the 'elite part of town' on a five-acre parcel with a stone foundation. It was designed with bay windows, some stained and leaded, with wide wooden moldings and trim and sliding wooden pocket doors in keeping with the homes of their wealthy neighbors. The cost when finished was \$3,000. In 1932 the house was sold to Misses Lena and Alma Weist. Lena was a trained nurse and Alma was a dietitian.

■ 12470 Willowway (Heather Hills Sub), homeowners John and Nancy

Peterson - Our more traditional/ transitional 1998 built cape cod home with a large first-floor master was purchased by the Petersons in 2006. The home had all the requirements for location on a court and backing to woods, condition and floor plan plus it boasted a first floor master suite with a vaulted ceiling.

Tickets are \$18 per person in advance, \$20 the day of the event, and may be purchased at Gabriala's (322 S. Main St), Michigan Made (830 W. Ann Arbor Trail), and the Plymouth Symphony office (18 Forest Place) in Plymouth. Tickets may also be purchased at Gardenviews (202 W. Main St.) in Northville. All proceeds from the League Home Tour go to support the many programs of the Plymouth Symphony.

Redford commissioner challenges Wayne County treasurer

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Saying that inaction on a glut of property tax foreclosures has caused urban decay, Phil Cavanagh on Thursday announced his intention to run for Wavne County

Treasurer. Cavanagh, a Democrat who is in his fourth term on the county Board of Commissioners, will take on Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, an incumbent with 32 years in office, in the August Democratic primary.

There is no plan in Wayne County" to deal with taxforeclosed properties, said Cavanagh, who represents Redford Township. "There is no vision."

Cavanagh said other county treasurers in Michigan have taken "innovative" steps to keep tax-foreclosed parcels from becoming blighted, by bundling them to sell off for redevelopment, and by investing in housing rehabilitation,



Cavanagh

jobs, and putting the houses back on the market. "He could

thus creating

economic development," Cavanagh said. Wojtowicz,

be driving

who has filed for a re-election bid, could not

be reached for a response. Cavanagh said the treasurer allows speculators to "cherry-

pick" prime foreclosed properties, but that others - currently about 9,000 — are ignored. He said Wojtowicz has raised at least \$25 million through foreclosure auctions that could be reinvested in other foreclosed properties.

Cavanagh, 46, was first elected to the county commission in 2000. He is an attorney and the son of the late former Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh. His commission district is made up of Redford, Garden City and Dearborn

Heights.

During his tenure on the commission, Cavanagh assisted with the joint county-township street-paving project; helped obtain money, through the county's recreation millage, for the new Capitol Park splash pad and the repair of the Garden City community pool; and has worked to improve flood control in Dearborn Heights.

Cavanagh is also known as advocate for improved mental health services and for abused

and neglected children. Cavanagh said some people have been surprised at his willingness to give up another commission term in order to challenge Wojtowicz. But, he said, "This is going to be an exciting race.

Cavanagh and wife Lily each have three children from previous marriages; the family lives in Redford.

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this year."

Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, said Whitlock is a "talented guy" and will be missed.

"Mark made an incredibly difficult decision to balance his personal life with his professional life," Stamper said. "This is bittersweet for him, but he doesn't want to impact the kids or the program.

"He did an incredible job of laying a good foundation, and has built a strong team," added Stamper. "Marc has made a big impression on the organization.

Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said the district is moving forward in filling Whitlock's position at the high school park, which includes both the teaching and marching band positions.

"Marc has applied for the

instrumental band position at West Middle School, and if he's selected we'll post the instrumental position at the Park and look for someone who also

Whitlock said, like any parent, it's been difficult watching Macaylah suffer.

has interest in the marching

band," said Bihun.

"But, the short-term suffering we're going through will result in a long lifetime of health and happiness," said Whitlock. "And, we firmly believe that.'

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Valedictorian tells grads to give back, cherish life

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beth Ann Dalrymple wanted to be valedictorian of her high school class.

But throughout her sophomore, junior and senior years at Thurston High School, a rare liver disease kept her out of class 20 to 40 days per year.

Still, she graduated with a 3.8 grade point average in

Dalrymple, who lives in Livonia, got to be valedictorian Saturday when she accepted her diploma from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, taking one class per semester, working full time at Ford Motor Co. and living with a liver disease that required a donor transplant.

The message she shared with her fellow graduates is about life and giving back, a tonic Dalrymple knows well

topic Dalrymple knows well.

"She lives out many of the values and missions of the university" especially giving back to human kind, said Leo Hanifin, the dean of

Engineering and Science.
Dalrymple volunteers her time with Gift of Life, asking people to sign the donor registry. As a member of the engineering honor society, she worked with high school students to get them interested in

engineering.
"She has demonstrated herself to be an exceptional stu-



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Livonia resident Beth Ann Dalrymple talks about her health and fabulous outlook on living after receiving a liver transplant in 2006. She was named valedictorian of her graduating class from the University of Detroit Mercy, where she earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

dent," Hanifin said. "But more than that, she's exceptional at working with people."

Dalrymple was diagnosed at age 14 with a liver disease so rare it wasn't given a name until 1995, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis. Although fatigued, she managed to func-

tion well for many years. She received a transplant in January, 2006.

"I can't even begin to tell you how good it feels to feel healthy," she said. "I'm 44. I feel like I'm 20."

She has been to Europe a few times. She likes to drive her restored 1967 Mustangs on Hines Drive on Sunday afternoons and plays clarinet and saxophone. She enjoys the company of her dog, Hermione.

Everyone should make the most of life and cherish it, she said.

About two and a half years ago, Dalrymple had started planning her own funeral. She said she was just trying to be practical. She had been on the waiting list for more than six years and recently had been bumped to the top.

But Dalrymple was too sick to keep a Saturday afternoon appointment with a funeral director. The next night, the phone

The liver belonged to a 45year-old woman. Dalrymple doesn't know the circumstance of the donor's death, but she's written two letters of thanks to the family and will continue to send more.

"That's a difficult thank you," she said.

She encourages people to talk with their families about organ donation. It's too difficult a decision for survivors to make in a hospital.

Dalrymple has worked at Ford since 1990 and began attending U-D in 1999, through a partnership the two entities had.

Professor Mark Schumack said she's the best student he ever worked with. Her work was impeccable, he said. She turned in calculations neatly typed and volunteered for a Saturday seminar, again with high schoolers.

He said she's probably "worth her weight in gold" at Ford.

Two years ago, she got a job in Ford's analytical department, working with the performance of engines. It's a great job, she said, given her hobby of restoring Mustangs.

In the future, Dalrymple plans to work toward a master's degree in engineering and would like to take another trip abroad, to visit Rome and look

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Bookstore opens, but for how long?

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth reopened May 2 after being closed for nearly two months, but owner Bashar Salame said he's not certain about the

future of the book store.
Salame and his partner,
Nader Iskandar, closed
the store March 10 when
a potential buyer wanted
to evaluate the operations
and inventory.

"The sale fell through," said Salame. "We're exploring our options and see where we go from there, whether we salvage the deal or work on another one. We're hoping to make the best of it, that's the bottom line."

Salame and Iskandar opened the Book Cellar in August 2005. However, the partners want to focus on their main careers and sell the bookstore.

Salame said many downtown businesses

Salame and Iskandar opened the Book Cellar in August 2005. However, the partners want to focus on their main careers and sell the bookstore. Salame said many downtown businesses are suffering financially because of the economic conditions.

are suffering financially because of the economic conditions.

"Native West liquidated, the Village Shopkeeper liquidated, business has been tough the past six months and it's becoming harder and harder to continue," said Salame. "If people don't support the little businesses in Plymouth, they won't be around for people to enjoy them."

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Showcase tickets

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Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. The event features some 80 vendors and 15 Plymouth restaurants. The Inn at St. John's is located on 5 Mile at Sheldon.

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

Community Band concert

The Plymouth Community Band presents a concert of American music 8 p.m. Friday, May 16 at Canton High School auditorium, located on Canton Center just south of Joy.

The program will feature teen pianist J. Bennett performing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and resident clarinet soloist Irv Feldman playing Artie Shaw's Clarinet Concerto. It will be an entertaining evening of great music.

Kiddie Kampus

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is offering, for the first time, Kiddie Kampus Summer Preschool.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers at Hoben Elementary School. Two three-week sessions will be offered with morning and afternoon class options.

For more information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12. mi.us/earlychildhood

Bible study

The Salvation Army of Plymouth will hold a Precepts Bible Study on 2 Peter for nine weeks beginning Wednesday, May 28.

Study will be held at 7 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street in Plymouth. Material is \$14 and interested individuals should telephone the business office at (734) 453-5464 to register. Limited seats are available.

Farm and garden

The Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden meets 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Plymouth Library. Presenter is Celeste Watts, who will discuss Ecological Gardening. All are welcome.

For more information contact Linda C. at (734) 459-

Band recruiting

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at Grand Nationals in
Indianapolis, is hosting a
series of informational meetings for students and parents
who are interested in joining
the 2008 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2008 summer/fall season. Musicians and future color guard members welcome.

The meeting is 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13, in the
Plymouth High School band
room (enter near the big yellow
truck), 8400 Beck, Canton.

For more information, call Scott Ragland, Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters President, (734) 634-3088.

Lecture series

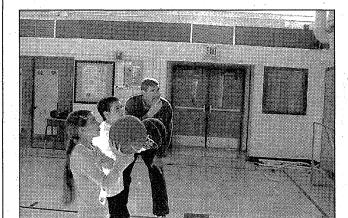
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Brown Bag Lecture Series Tuesday, May 13, at noon. The topic will be "Games Played at the DIA." The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The PCAC and the library also present the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Evening Lecture Series Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925," depicting works from the current DIA exhibition. Held at the Plymouth District Library,

223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. For more information visit the PCAC Web site at www. plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Economic luncheon

The Plymouth Community



Hoops for hearts

Students at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township, including twin fifth-graders Andrew and Jessica Hejka (above working with physical education teacher Mark Copp), raised more than \$1,700 in their annual 'Hoops for Heart Program.' Copp organized the annual event, with the help of volunteer parents. The program combines exercise and community service and raises money for the American Heart Association.

Arts Council presents an Economic Luncheon in conjunction with the current exhibit, the Changing Face of Michigan's Workforce: the Plymouth, Michigan Story.

The luncheon takes place noon Thursday, May 15.
Come listen to speakers present information about the past, present and future of Plymouth. Luncheon cost is \$10, and you must preregister. The exhibit can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, through May 15. The exhibit is free of charge.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For luncheon reservations visit www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Celebrating authors

Meet the authors of works ranging from youth pictures books (self discovery, Plymouth history) to adult nonfiction (college math, careers, journaling, diet & exercise, sports car) to adult fiction (historical, Christian) to poetry at the Plymouth District Library Saturday, May 17.

A meet-and-greet with the authors runs 1:30-2 p.m., with a formal presentation at 2 p.m. Authors have up to 10 minutes each to present their work (booktalk, getting published, reading, Q&A); the remaining hour is for members of the audience to meet one-on-one with authors at their display

stations for additional questions, conversation, book purchase or signing. Participating authors include:

■ Kelly Behr, Leslie Hampson, and Jillian Hakala, Footsteps in History,

Historical Fiction about Plymouth in the 1800s.

Richard Dahlke, Ph.D.,
How To Succeed in College

Mathematics: A guide for the

College Mathematics Student.

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Reality, photographs and
engineering diagrams about
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Rick Hauser, *The Naked Bunny*, a children's picture book about conforming and facing fears.

Hermann Kaiser and Raymond A. Kaiser, Career Booster Kit: How to Navigate

Toward a Better Career, including proven strategies & practical advice.

Cheryl Martin, M.A., Woman Reclining, a book of poetry about ideals of life, spirituality, motherhood, nature and war, illustrated with fine art photographs.

■ Tara Michener, Who IAm Not What IAm, a children's picture book about identity and self acceptance.

George Mouradian, Never to Die: a historical novel about Armenia & the quest for Noah's Ark.

■ Angel Pyle, Miss Junk
Food, a health and fitness
book based on the author's life
from junk food addict to body

builder.

Jane Saylor, The Road You've Traveled: How To Journal Your Life, including memory sparkers and tips for organizing thoughts.

■ David M. Schmittou, Omniscient, a novel about personal accountability and integrity from a Christian perspective.

Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Registration is requested for this free program at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or on-line at http://plymouthlibrary.org/ regis_friends.htm

Digital TV transition

The Plymouth District Library hosts a seminar designed to help television viewers with the transition to the digital age 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17.

Guest speaker will be Tim Redmond, vice president, Engineering & Operations, WJBK Fox 2, speaking on behalf of The National Broadcasters Association.

On Feb. 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. Viewers who watch free over-the-air TV with a broadcast antenna and don't have a digital TV, will have to get a digital-to-analog converter box for your analog TV.

For more information on the digital television transition, including information on a government coupon program for converter boxes, go to http://www.dtv.gov or call (888) CALL-FCC

Registration for the library presentation is requested at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at http://plymouthlibrary.org/regis_friends.htm

PCCS performances

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Orchestras present "A Night at the Movies" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. Tickets at the door, \$3 for adults, \$5 per family, and \$2 for students and seniors.

■ The PCEP Choirs annual spring concert, "Singsation," takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, also in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem.

Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 in advance through the Choir Office, located in room 1603 at Salem or by calling (734) 416-7765. For more

information visit www.pcepchoirs.org.

This year's "Singsation" concert will feature students performing challenging cho-

performing challenging choral works by Moses Hogan, Arthur Sullivan, and John Rutter as well as popular music from the Broadway musicals Sweeney Todd, Rent, Hairspray, Grease, and Children of Eden.

In addition, solos will be performed by graduating seniors in the choir program.

Isbister paver sale

Isbister School is holding a brick paver sale to commemorate the 40 years the school has been open. Current and former families are welcome to purchase a brick to honor their family or favorite teachers. Contact Lisa at (734) 416-6055 for more information.

Kiwanis raffle

The Plymouth Kiwanis
Club is having a raffle to raise
money to benefit upcoming
projects within the Plymouth
community, including working
with the Salvation Army, The
Plymouth Opportunity House,
First Step Women's Shelter,
Kids Against Hunger and
many other local needs.

The drawing is June 2 at Don Massey in Plymouth. The winner will have the choice of a two-year pre-paid lease on a 2008 Cadillac CTS (\$35,000 car) or \$8,000 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each, and only 200 will be sold.

Tickets are currently halfsold with just under 30 days left. For more information, call Mark Riegal at (7340 718-6176.

Jazz presentation

Our Lady of Good
Counsel Church hosts Hazen
Schumacher, ProducerHost of the NPR program
"Jazz Revisited" for 30 years
and the retired director of
Broadcasting at the University
of Michigan, who will present commentary and excerpts
from jazz recordings 10 a.m.
to noon Monday, May 12, in
the Social Hall of Our Lady of
Good Counsel Parish (North
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The presentation, which will feature listening to Satchmo, Ella, Frank and other jazz greats, is free.

For more information, call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

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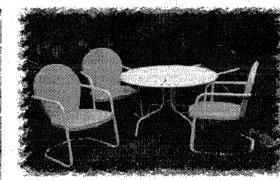
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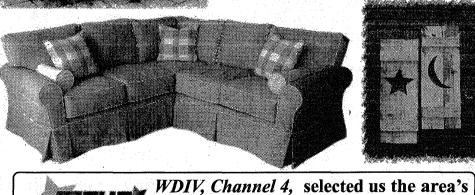
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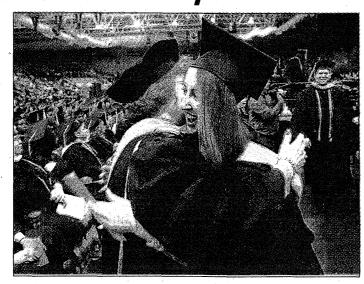
Madonna University holds its 61st commencement

Madonna University held its 61st commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth Township. Approximately 800 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks, with some 650 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed upon the late Mother Mary Cajetan Jankiewicz, CSSF, and Michigan Opera Theatre Founding General Director David DiChiera, Ph.D. The Distinguished Alumna award was given to Nancy (Rivers) Enright, '61.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies were Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.





Graduate Abbey Hebel gets a big hug from her aunt, Dr. Betty Jean Hebel, who teaches in the graduate business program.



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of Michigan Member of American Society of IRS Problem Solvers Lisa Mato holds a small fan designed for graduates, with the message "I DID IT." At far left, Shannon Paul receives her degree from Madonna University **President Sister Rose Marie** Kujawa and Board of Trustees Chair David Walawender.



David Brown of Livonia earned a degree in television and video, so naturally recorded his own graduation.



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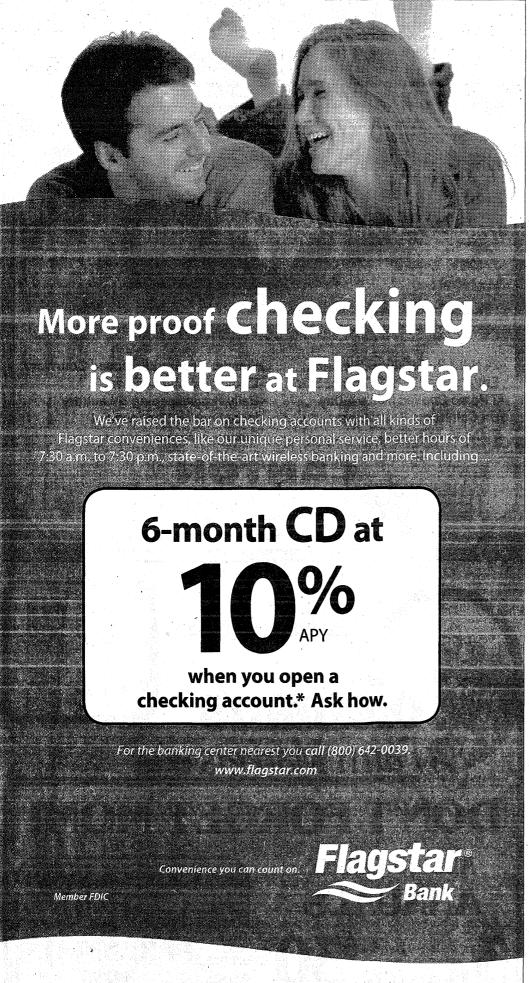
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AROUND TOWN

The Plymouth SuperCenter on Ann Arbor Road, along with Real Estate One in Plymouth and the American Cancer Society, will hold a fundraiser on Tuesday, May 13, for Relay for Life. SuperCenter owner Fawzi Simon will donate proceeds from car washes, gas purchases and certain food purchases from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faye's New York Deli, inside the SuperCenter, will also donate part of its proceeds to Relay for Life. Representatives from Real Estate One will be on hand to hold signs and encourage customers to get a car wash and purchase products to raise money for Relay for Life, which will be held May 17.

Gilda's Gala

The Chrysler Foundation sponsors Gilda's Gala 2008, a 10th-anniversary fund-raiser for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides emotional and social support to anyone impacted by cancer. Fox 2 Health Reporter Lila Lazarus will serve as emcee of this special event on May 15, 2008 at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 48084. Tickets are \$150 for the general public and \$100 for members. Price includes dinner, a martini luge, silent and live auctions and entertainment and dancing featuring Detroit's own Dr. Pocket. For reservations, call (248) 577-0800.

Saturday Night Laughter

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will hold a charity benefit 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights Entitled "Saturday Night Laughter," the benefit will feature comedian Mrs. Hughes (http://www.mrshughes. com), musician Rennie Kaufmann (http://www.renniekaufmann.com), a silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance, \$40 at the door. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks. The COCC is also accepting donations of money and items for the silent auction. All proceeds will go to International Orthodox Christian Charities, the official international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (http://www.iocc.org). To order tickets, donate money or auction items, or obtain

further information, contact COCC President Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@

University of Detroit Mercy profes-

sbcglobal.net Learn to gain inner peace sor Mike Whitty will lead a talk and workshop to empower people to gain more inner peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road. He'll be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Peace regular monthly meeting. All meetings are open to the public. A builder of regional, community, and human unity, Whitty offers free talks on peace, spirituality, economics, politics, ecology and business. He is the National Chancellor of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, and a member of Peace Action of Michigan and the Gray Panthers. Donations are accepted by the Citizens for Peace for use of the church facilities. For additional information, contact Colleen Mills, (734)-425-0079.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.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 daytime 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.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The comple is located at 27705 W. Seven one 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



CALENDAR

Queen for a day

Recently, WellsBrooke Premium Home Health Care celebrated its 10th anniversary by making their first client, Linda Boggs, Queen for a Day on 'Linda Boggs Day.' Boggs, injured in a motor vehicle accident more than 10 years ago, has had the same two WellsBrooke nurses, Beth Redmond and Carolyn Comstock, care for her for the entire 10 years. At the event, held at the WellsBrooke offices on Ann Arbor Road, Boggs Linda was presented with a bouquet of roses along with a special inscribed locket from WellsBrooke. The two nurses also received exclusive gifts for their dedication and service. Boggs, her husband, Orlie, and her two daughters, Connie and Debbie, along with her grandchildren, also enjoyed a tour of the newly renovated WellsBrooke offices and training facility. Afterward she and her family joined Brett Melnick, CEO; Barry Melnick, President; Cheryl Nagel, executive director; Amy Gelso, director of Client Services, and several other WellsBrooke representatives for lunch at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. For more on WellsBrooke, visit its Web site at www. WellsBrooke.com

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 information.

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 Conev 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 Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Mosaic Mothers

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Child care provided. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

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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 to 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 smallgroup 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 Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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 informa-

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Bankruptcy option one to consider; don't be embarrassed

Q: I lost my job, my house is going to be foreclosed and I'm having difficulties paying my charge cards. I've talked to a bankruptcy attorney who recommended that I file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. According to the attorney, I qualify to get rid of most of my debt. On the other hand, I've talked to a credit counselor who can work out a payment plan for my charge cards. I think bankruptcy is the way to go, however, I am worried about the consequences. Any thoughts?

A: One of the great things about this country is that we give people a second chance. That is the reason that bankruptcy laws exist, to offer a



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tions file for bankruptcy and they certainly didn't worry about any stigma or negative implications by filing bankruptcy. Michigan is going through difficult times. Many people are finding they cannot afford to pay some of their bills. In those situations, you

discuss debt situation with creditors to work out a payment program. For example, people who have charge card debt can work with their charge card company to reduce or even eliminate the interest on the account.

If, one can reasonably work out of a financial situation by following the above, then that is the course of action to initially pursue.

On the other hand, if there is no realistic solution to the debt then one should consider bankruptcy. Yes, bankruptcy does have a downside. It hurts your credit rating, makes it more difficult to obtain credit, and for some individuals it causes embarrassment.

However, if by wiping out debt, you can start fresh, as far as I am concerned, it outweighs any of the negatives.

Anyone who is considering bankruptcy should make sure that he/she deals with a bankruptcy attorney. Bankruptcy is a very specialized area of the law and most general practitioners are do not have the expertise needed. A qualified bankruptcy attorney is the essential.

Q: I read your column a few weeks ago about selling your life insurance policy. I have an old life insurance policy that I don't need. I have seen lots of ads about selling policies and I am somewhat leery. Can you

recommend someone I can discuss this with?

A: I have no problem with selling an old life insurance policy. Since you do not need the policy the question is how will more money end up in my pocket? One, by selling the policy or two, by canceling the policy and receiving the cash surrender value. If the answer is selling the policy, then that is the way to proceed.

It is a minefield out there when it comes to selling life insurance policies. As in every business and in every profession, there are good and bad people to deal with and in the case of selling life insurance policies, it's no different. The individual I have dealt

with and have confidence in with regards to the sale of life insurance polices is Mark

Orechkin (248-356-8820). I also recommend you get a referral from family or friends who've had experience in this area. I believe that knowledgeable referrals from people who you trust and have confidence in is invaluable.

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 noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

RESA rescinds special education staffing proposals

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Two proposals in a seven-point plan to change special education staffing in Wayne County were rescinded Thursday prior to a public meeting and in response to overwhelming negative public comment.

Mark Francis, director of special education and early intervention for the Wavne County Regional Education Services Agency, said RESA will not go forward with staffing changes as proposed for the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs that have generated so much response.

The proposal would have changed the teacher/student ratio for severely multiple impaired from 1 to 9 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 9 to 1 to 10 and changing the teacher ratio for severely cognitively impaired

The Detroit chapter of the

American Association of

Zookeepers will host its 19th

annual "Bowling for Rhinos'

bowlathon Saturday, May 31, at

Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia. A

family-friendly event will be at 3

p.m., offering bowling, a tin can

raffle, cookie walk and coloring

contest. The traditional bow-

lathon gets under way at 7 p.m. with bowling, a silent auction and

individually or form a team of

50/50 raffle. Bowlers may register

four to five. Fee is \$5 (shoe rental,

two games, pizza and soft drinks).

Information is available by calling

'Bowling for Rhinos' is May 31

from 1 to 12 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 12 to 1 to 10.

"I have already received over 100 letters, phone calls and emails and I have personally looked at each and every one. I am truly heartened by the show of support for special education that has been demonstrated the past couple of weeks and hope that it can continue to build and be heard by our legislature," said Francis.

Francis did not cancel the meeting because he said he wanted to encourage parents to stay active.

"We appreciated the responses and want to keep this moving forward," he said Thursday afternoon. "We are asking them to speak with their state and federal legislators. They are the ones who will have to deal with this."

Wayne RESA and Wayne County school districts face serious challenges in funding these very important programs. Costs to operate the center based spe-

(248) 541-5717, Ext. 3000, or e-

mailing aazk@detroitzoo.org.

Forms and fees should be

unable to attend but who would

like to sponsor rhino conservation

can visit www.aazkdetroit.org to

Bowlers are asked to collect sponsor money of a minimum \$20

for adults and \$10 for children.

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Bowlers who raise over \$50 will receive a "Bowling for Rhinos"

T-shirt and those who raise more

than \$100 will receive the T-shirt

and a rhino beanbag animal.

received by May 24. Anyone

donate.

cial education programs increase every year by at least 5 percent, yet reimbursement from the government is only 1-1/2 percent. Francis said the plan could have saved \$4

Wayne County has about 1,000 students in the severely multiple impaired and severely cognitively impaired programs.

Funding comes from the 3.368 mills, Act 18 millage that voters approved in 2002, the maximum allowed in Wayne County. Costs not covered by the Wayne RESA Act 18 Special Education Fund must be covered by local district funds. The 2001-2002 school year was the last time a charge back occurred amounting to \$28 million county-

"Obviously we put this out for public comment to get feedback from the community. There were some in favor of the changes but they were overwhelmingly

opposed," Francis said. "But we want to keep the momentum moving forward. Let legislators know we need to do something."

He said the programs have excellent teachers who need sup-

Jo Ann Johnson of Plymouth was one of those who was strongly opposed to the changes. She has a 12-year-old son who attends Old Village School in Northville.

She said Thursday afternoon that she would attend the Thursday evening meeting to oppose other proposals to cut staffing in the speech and language programs. She said she also wants make sure that any future proposals coming from RESA comply with state guidelines.

She and other parents have said they are concerned about the process for change that allows RESA to seek a waiver of state guidelines from the state superintendent of public instruction.





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Yes, you can do it: Handyman takes on talk radio show

Homeowners in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties no longer need to search high and low for home improvement advice.

Thanks to WAAM talk radio and their local handyman Keith A. Paul, reliable tips and information is now just a click away on their radio dial.

"It's YOUR Home" is a new weekly home improvement talk radio show on WAAM talk 1600. The show airs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays following the "Appliance Doctor Show" with Joe Gagnon.

"The listeners were requesting a home improvement talk show with a local flavor," said Gagnon, The Consumer and Appliance Doctor. "We needed someone with credibility who knows the business."

The show can also be heard on the internet at http://waamannarbor.com/.

WAAM contacted Paul, a Michigan licensed builder and owner of HandyPro Handyman Service in Plymouth, who agreed to host the show. Paul and his com-



Keith Paul (left), owner of HandyPro Handyman Service in Plymouth, hosts 'It's YOUR Home,' a new weekly home improvement talk radio show on WAAM talk 1600, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays following the 'Appliance Doctor Show' with Joe Gagnon (right).

pany have been servicing the Metro Detroit area with home improvements since 1996. His company has also franchised his business in Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana and Hawaii.

In addition to answering home improvement questions live on the air, the show has included topics such as "Top

9 things Every Homeowner Must Know to Keep Their Home Safe," "What Every Homeowner Must Know Before Hiring a Contractor" and "25 Must Do's on your Spring 'To Do' list.'

"But answering audience questions on air is always the biggest crowd pleaser," said

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David L. Drolshagen, WAAM general manager, "From day one, we have received many more calls on air than expected with questions on their home."

"It's YOUR Home" also gives one gift per show to listeners who answer a trivia question.

For more information on HandyPro Handyman visit handypro.com on the Web or call (800) 942-6394.

Plymouth firm expands

Officials at Part D Advisors, Inc., of Plymouth Township, announced the firm has relocated to larger offices.

"The move lets our team and technology expand service to our current and future customers," said John Eggertsen, Part D Advisors president.

While the new office location is three miles away from the old one, all phone numbers $\,$ remain unchanged.

Part D Advisors, founded in 2004, is one the nation's only

providers dedicated exclusively to helping organizations receive the tax-free 28-percent federal subsidy payments under Medicare Part D. Using the professional expertise and the latest technologies to provide Medicare Retiree Drug Subsidy application and follow-up assistance, Part D Advisors clients include municipalities, Taft-Hartley health funds, private employers, third party administrators and pharmacy benefit managers. Visit www. PartDAdvisors.com for more information.

Minute Press moves

To better and more conveniently serve the Plymouth business community and its residents with state-of-the-art print and graphics services, **International Minute Press of** Plymouth has moved to 1058 S. Main, having opened for business at its new location Monday, April 28.

"Tim Higgins and the staff at the Plymouth, Michigan **International Minute Press** Full Service Printing and

Graphics Center exemplify the franchise's philosophy of delivering the highest quality printing, copying, and design products; all in a tastefully decorated and visually appealing franchised format, dedicated to serving the complete print needs of the Plymouth and Wayne County communities," said Gary Nowak, regional vice president for franchisor Minuteman Press International, Inc. "They do so with an attitude totally focused on customer satisfaction."

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Carol Loesch poses for a photo with the guys who probably saved her life, **HVA** paramedics Mark Watson and Greg Hartig.

Hartig. "We whipped around and saw somebody was pinned underneath one of the vehicles. At first she was somewhat conscious and confused, but she

went unconscious on us." Watson radioed to HVA dispatch and began rescue pro-

cedures. "I brought the equipment to immobilize her on the backboard, we did an assessment of her and the fire department was able to get the vehicle off in about 10 minutes," said Watson. "She had a head injury

... it was life threatening." Loesch suffered a broken knee cap and head trauma, and still suffers from severe headaches and dizziness. But, that seems like a small incon-

venience to her, now. "I wanted to meet them for saving my life, because I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them," said Loesch, who was re-introduced to the two paramedics at the HVA regional office in Plymouth. "They were in the right place at the right

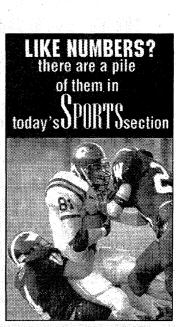
time. God was watching out." Loesch's husband, Don, 48, was equally grateful.

"I think they did a great job," said Don Loesch. "We're grateful for both of them."

Paul Hood, HVA vice president for eastern operations, had praise for the paramedic team.

"I'm very proud of them," said Hood. "They did exactly what they are supposed to do and it was a great outcome."

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits use during operations," special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving

the visually impaired. "People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

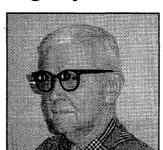
Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last Mav.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's Paid Advertisement



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find

You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

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Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing

Visit Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at suburbaneyecare.com or find out more about the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists at ialvs.com.



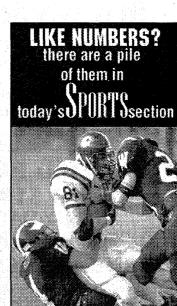
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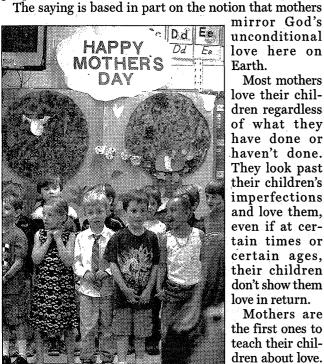
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Thank Mom for her love

"God couldn't be everywhere so He made mothers." There's truth to this saying often found on coffee mugs, plaques and other trinkets made as Mother's Day gifts.



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anything back. They continue to sacrifice their time and energy during their children's growing up years - and even after their children become adults. Until they have children of their own, few people realize how deep and wide a mother's

Most adults know how to love others because of the love they were first shown by their mothers.

No mother is perfect — some certainly wouldn't win

any Mother of the Year awards. But most do the best they know how, loving their chil-

dren the best they're able.

This Mother's Day, if you're blessed enough to still have your mother, take the time to thank her for her unconditional love.

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Parental responsibility

On May 7, 2008, the House Judiciary Committee convened to discuss HB4564, Michigan's Presumption of Equal Custody Bill. Our legislators are nearing a decision on a significant policy determination for this state's economy and our children.

Should Michigan have a presumption of equal custody to guarantee that fit, willing, and caring parents are equally responsible for their own children? The bill does not apply to individuals that been convicted of things like domestic violence, child abuse, and child neglect but clearly establishes where there are two good parents that they are equally impor-

HB4564 appears to not only be in the best interest of our children, but our state's economy as well. Taxpayers should no longer have to bear the burden of two parents arguing over immaterial things like who took their child to the dentist more times to be substantially involved in their children's

It is time to shift the burden of parental responsibility to parents instead of taxpayers and free up our judiciary for more important matters.

> **Lary Holland** Waterford

Restore Healthy Michigan Fund

Chronic diseases are the most common, costly and preventable forms of illness. According to the Center for Disease Control, chronic diseases affect almost half of our population and consume 75 percent of our health care dollars.

Given these sobering statistics, I am troubled that the Michigan Senate voted to cut the Healthy Michigan Fund (the main source for almost all state sponsored disease prevention programs) by almost 50 percent.

Restoring the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintaining state funded diabetes and kidney disease prevention and management programs is important. These programs are evidence-based and provide positive outcomes in our community. Programs focus on diabetes prevention through lifestyle changes and provide self-management training to those with diabetes, which can reduce the complications of blindness, amputation, kidney disease/failure, heart attack and stroke.

In Michigan in 2006, the leading causes of kidney failure were diabetes (42 percent) and high blood pressure (29 percent). Healthy Michigan Fund programs target diabetes and high blood pressure management because kidney failure caused by diabetes and high blood pressure can be prevented or delayed! If the Healthy Michigan Fund is not restored, these programs, along with many others, will be lost. Chronic disease prevention is cost effective and a worthwhile use of state funds. Our legislators should restore the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintain disease prevention and management programs. I have contacted my state representative and state senator to encourage them to restore the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintain diabetes

and kidney disease programs. I hope you will do the same. **Jennifer Tislerics**

LETTERS

Have to pay at some point

At John McCain's town mall meeting at Oakland University this past Wednesday, the senator vowed to never raise taxes, yet asserted his intentions to create an office to crack down on the problem of human trafficking, to win the Iraq war and keep a long-term presence there.

My criticism of McCain's vision for America stems from my fiscally conservative nature. While I do not like how high taxes are now, I recognize that our tax money is purchasing less and less. The increasing debt means that a huge percent of our tax money must be spent just on paying off interest on our debt to our foreign creditors. Add to that a rapidly weakening dollar that does not buy as much.

Consider that the largest embassy in the world is under construction in Iraq, which is an expansion of our government size, that our private armies in Iraq are extremely expensive, and that McCain wants to expand government domestically too with his human trafficking program.

How are we going to pay for this without raising taxes? Apparently, we will put it all on credit. That will mean more debt and that our interest rates will go up further. At some point we are going to have to pay for this, and I don't want to be trying to do that down the road in retirement.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in

today's **sports** section

Todd Leibert

Auburn Hills Science and politics

It was a truly remarkable departure for this year's Earth Day. Even President George W. Bush got into the act and joined the bandwagon. Bush now pushes "global warming" initiatives wherever he goes throughout the world.

Kudos to George; but I can't help but wonder where this newfound ecological mindset came from. The first six years of Bush's tenure have been marked with a continuous chorus of "we need science to support this." The U.S.A. would not approve the Kyoto Accord. All of his rhetoric despite decades of such science. Completely on this bandwagon has been our (U.S.) Rep. Joe Knollenberg claiming there is no good science to say there has been any global warming.

Now that Bush claims there is indeed global warming, will we trust his mouthpiece, Joe Knollenberg, to similarly "change" his mind and go with the new open mindedness? The truth of the matter is that George and Joe only fought such "science" because Al Gore made a movie. We need new and fresh leadership that acknowledge scientific evidence that does indeed exist. We need to vote Joe out during our next election.

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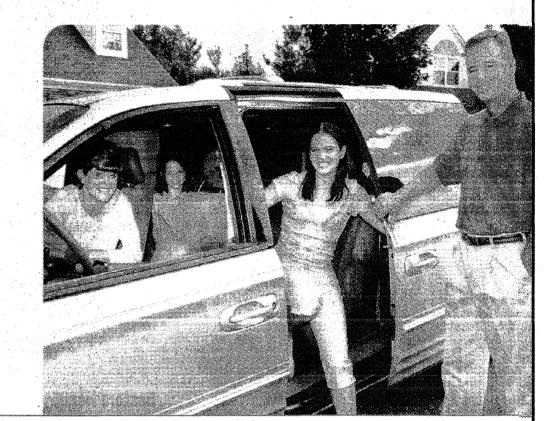
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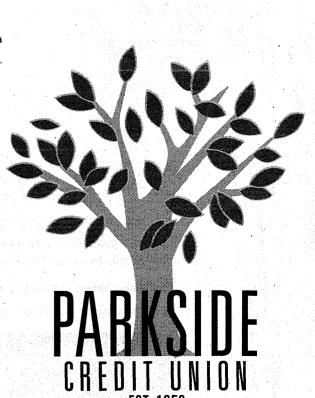




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Roeper blanked by state-ranked PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy's Jenna

Misch pursues a loose ball during the

Eagles' 6-0 win over Roeper Thursday

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The way the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team is playing these days, the Eagles can make average teams look bad and good teams

look, well, like Birmingham Roeper looked Thursday afternoon

PCA, which entered the contest ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 4, humbled the Roughriders, 6-0, to improve to 10-2-1 overall.

The triumph also clinched a second-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title

for the Eagles. The Roughriders slipped to 7-3-1. "Overall, I

thought our strik-

ers and mid-fieldafternoon. ers played well today," said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "The girls did a great job of communicating. I was really impressed with Allyson DeKruyter. She gave 110 percent

effort out there. Yates said the Eagles' defensive strategy focused on containing Roeper junior forward Stephanie Holloman, the team's top player, in Yates' estimation

"She's a very good striker - a very good athlete - so we wanted to isolate her with man marking and then play zone with the rest of the defense," explained Yates. "We wanted to keep the ball in the middle of the field so they couldn't play it up to her and so that we could play the ball up to our forwards.'

The Roughriders. who trailed 3-0 at the half, were bolstered by a spectacular effort from freshman goal-keeper Alia Raheem, who prevented a mercy rule-shortened game with several point-blank saves.

"Alia did a lot

of good things out there," said Roeper coach Mike Ruddy. "A couple of times she came out and challenged people when maybe she should have stayed back, but overall she did a great job, especially considering she's a freshman.'

Brooke Williams was the offensive star for the Eagles as she registered three goals, including the winners' first (five minutes into the game) and final net-finder with approximately nine minutes to play.

Jenna Misch, Nette Somercik and Peggy Abraham also scored for PCA.

Senior keeper Sara Ross

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Plymouth Christian Academy forward Brooke Williams advances the ball up the field during Thursday's MIAC clash against Birmingham Roeper. Williams registered a hat trick in the Eagles' 6-0 triumph.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Chris Johnson, who served as the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy since the summer of 2006, was relieved of his duties late last month after he failed to complete educational requirements that would have made him a certified AD, according to Dr. David Butler, the school's interim head of schools.

Johnson succeeded Doug Taylor, who left for a similar position in Virginia in June of 2006.

The upstate New York native was also forced to give up the reins of the Eagles' state-ranked girls soccer team, which he became head coach of prior to this season.

Assistant coach Nathan Yates was named head coach of the girls soccer team in late April, immediately after

Johnson's departure. "Chris is a very likeable guy and we're sad to see the parting of ways, but he simply waited too long to finish the certification process," said Butler. "He was hired with the knowledge that he would be on probation until he obtained the

certification and we didn't want to go into a third year with him on probation." Butler said the search for a new AD is

Several current PCA staff members, including softball coach Dan Hammar, will handle the athletic department's administrative duties until a full-time

AD is hired. PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton, offers 10 varsity sports: boys and girls basketball; volleyball; baseball; softball; boys and girls track; boys and

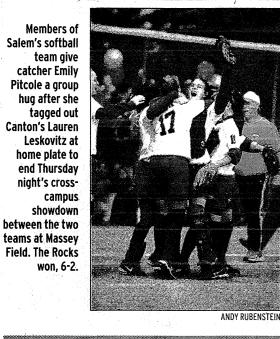
girls cross country; and boys golf. Yates retained Bob Lorion as an assis-

tant coach following his promotion last month. Lorion served as the Eagles' head coach for four years before stepping down following the 2007 campaign.

"One day after practice a couple of weeks ago, Chris called the team together and let everybody know what was going on," said Yates. "We were all pretty shocked and surprised, but the girls have handled the transition well and there have been no speed bumps. I realized what had to be done and we've continued

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Members of Salem's softball team give catcher Emily Pitcole a group hug after she tagged out Canton's Lauren Leskovitz at home plate to end Thursday night's crosscampus showdown between the two



Night vision: Rocks clip Chiefs, 6-2

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Thursday night's Canton-Salem softball showdown at Massey Field ended the way all highly anticipated rivalry games should end — with a bang-bang play at home plate.

When the dust had settled, it was the Rocks who got the most bang for their buck, surviving a late Chief rally to win 6-2.

With her team trailing 6-0 with two on and two out in the top of the seventh, Canton freshman Lauren Leskovitz laced a shot up the rightcenter field gap to bring home Sam

Partain and Nicole Rago. However, Leskovitz was nailed at the plate by a perfectly executed Lizzy McLoudto-Lizzy Mazorowicz-to-Emily Pitcole relay to end the game.

The victory improved surging Salem's record to 17-4 while Canton slipped to 8-10.

Freshman Briana Lee earned the win on the mound to improve her. record to 15-2. Canton senior Hilary Payne suffered the loss in her first pitching appearance in close to a month due to an injury.

"I thought we came out prepared to play hard tonight, everybody was hitting the ball and Briana was on the money," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We have four freshmen infielders — we only have one player who's playing the same position she did last year — but the defense was outstanding."

It didn't take long for the Salem hitters to make their presence felt as they pushed across two first-inning runs on Kelli Janiczek's two-out, bases-loaded, seeing-eye single that dropped just beyond the infield.

Payne nearly escaped a basesloaded, no-outs jam in the first when she got Pitcole to hit into a

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Suvoy passes away

Redford teenager Bobby Suvoy, who was featured in a March 27 Observer article that described how he was befriended by members of the Plymouth Whalers Ontario Hockey League organization, died Tuesday from the effects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which is better known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

Suvoy was 16 years old and would have been a sophomore at Redford Thurston High School.

The popular, athletic teen was diagnosed with ALS in August.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Patrice; sisters Denise and Jacqueline; and grandmother Jayne Provenzano.

He was laid to rest Saturday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Whalers forward Chris Terry and Natalie Shaver, the team's marketing administrator, visited Suvoy at his home on March 15 when he became too ill to attend Plymouth's home game that night against Sarnia.

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Chiefs golf outing

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Wildcats knock off **Howell in OT**

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Chiefs, Lady Warriors also record key lacrosse victories

Plymouth's boys lacrosse team worked overtime for a thrilling victory over Howell Wednesday night.

The Wildcats edged the host Highlanders, 9-8, in overtime when Scott Darel picked up a loose ball, dodged a defender and fired a bounce shot past the Howell net-minder.

Darel was mobbed by joyous teammates following his pivotal play.

"We do play exciting games, don't we?" said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We had great possession time in the first half, but just couldn't finish. Then we kind of lost it for a while in the third quarter and early in the fourth.

"I should just tell the guys at the start of the game that we're down three," quipped Costello.

Howell gained an 8-5 advantage with 11:06 left in the fourth quarter. Less than a minute later, however, Pat

to within 8-6.

Connor Martin then registered an unassisted goal to cut the deficit to one. Plymouth completed its comeback with five minutes left in regulation on Ryan Renault's man-up goal off an assist from Downey.

Plymouth net-minder Toufic Saati made a key save in the extra session before stellar ground work from Danny Norris and John Olevnik set up the game-winner.

"I am so happy right now," said Darel, following the game. "It feels great."

Costello gave props to a trio of freshmen: Ronny Lowe, Ben Burkman and Alex Miller.

"And our new guys — Blake Blaylock and Alex Turfe played well, too," he said. "We actually hit a few guys around the cage."

The contest was knotted at 3-all at the half.

Darel and Renault both Downey scored to pull the 'Cats finished with three goals.



Plymouth's Ryan Renault (18), pictured above during a game earlier this season, scored three goals in the Wildcats' 9-8 win over Howell.

PREP LACROSSE

Downey, Norris and Martin added one each while Downey (two), Pat Smiatacz, Norris, Tony McLaughlin and Chris Hoffman also recorded assists.

CANTON 6, NORTHVILLE 0: On Friday, the Chiefs blanked the Mustangs behind the strong play of All-State net-minder Justin Scott and the offensive exploits of Scott Wisniewski.

Canton improved to 9-4 with the victory.

"The defense put on a clinic tonight, shutting down the Northville attack," said Canton coach Kevin Riley.

The Chiefs held a precarious 1-0 advantage at the half thanks to a Wisniewski netfinder.

Meanwhile, Scott stoned a pair of point-blank Mustang efforts in the second quarter to keep Northville off the score-

The Chiefs doubled their lead to 2-0 early in the third quarter when Wisniewski stripped

the Northville goalie of the ball and promptly deposited the ball in the back of the net.

Canton ran away with the win after Joey Underwood tallied a pair of goals; and Matt Rodgers and Jake Underwood netted singles. Bryan Davison picked up an assist on Joey Underwood's goal.

PCS LADY WARRIORS 14, HARTLAND 10: On Thursday at Hartland, the Lady Warriors improved to 8-3 with the excit-

ing victory.
PCS trailed 2-0 early, but

stormed back to seize a 5-2 halftime lead. The winners' largest lead was seven in the second half.

Kate Spangler sparked the Lady Warriors' offensive explosion with five goals. Also finding the net for the winners were Lauryn Ebersole (three), Morgan Franke (two), Chelsea Olson (two), Lauren Hahn and Megan Burke.

PCS coach Dave Medlev credited Amanda Yang for setting up a lot of her teammates'

Oakland strikes early against PCA

BY DAN STICKRADT **ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER**

With a seasoned, veteran lineup, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian is living up to expectations this season as a quality baseball team.

The Lancers continued their best start since the early 1990s Thursday at home, scoring seven times during the first two innings to tame visiting Plymouth Christian 7-2 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division

"We are off to a very good start," said Oakland Christian third-year coach Mike Tison. "We're been running the bases well, playing good baseball. We're hitting the ball at the right time. We're doing the right things to win baseball

The Lancers plated four runs in the first inning and added three more in the second before cooling off against Plymouth Christian innings and suffered the loss.

Zinn gave up eight hits, two walks and hit three batters, but didn't get much help as the Eagles committed four errors.

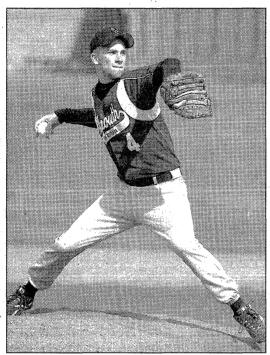
Oakland Christian's Josh Hartman laced a two-run single with the bases loaded and Robert Saunders added a two-run single later in the first inning, as the Lancers took the lead for

In the bottom of the second, Alex Loeffler plated a run when he reached base on a throwing error and Derek Zwier, who walked, scored on a pick-off play, easily beating the throw home.

Hartman added an RBI infield single to extend the lead to 7-1.

"We're doing a good job. We've kind of had to battle through a lot of adversity with injuries." said Tison. "Some of our pitchers have been out. One of our seniors, TJ Lutz, hurt his arm before the season and this was only his second game pitching. Our other top pitcher, Kramer Everett, hurt his wrist and it's in his cast. He can still pitch, because it's on his non-throwing hand.

But he got hurt at the same time as TJ came



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy pitcher Trevor Zinn fires a pitch during Thursday's MIAC game against Oakland Christian.

"But we're playing through the injuries and we've played well," added Tison. "We lost three games this season and two of them we probably should have won."

Plymouth Christian scored once in the first and once in the third, but never mounted much of an offensive threat.

Brent Zinn had an RBI single in the first and knocked home the other run in the third on a fielder's choice. Oakland Christian right-hander TJ Lutz got

the win by going the distance, striking out six against five hits and three walks. We shut them down after the first two innings," said Plymouth Christian coach Joe

Bottoff, whose team slipped to 8-6 overall and 3-5 in league play. Our outfield has been solid all year and that showed up again today. Our infield, they've had their good games and they've had their bad games. We had a couple of guys make some errors.

"Our usual shortstop was pitching today, so that might have had something to do with it," added Bottoff. "That was a tough position for us. Most of the problems came (on the left side) of the infield."

Juniors lead Rocks to win over Knights

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Salem's baseball team celebrated "Juniors Achievement Day" at Walled Lake Northern Friday

Led by a contingent of 11thgraders, the Rocks secured their spot atop the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with an impressive 8-2 victory over the Knights.

Salem improved to 13-7 overall and 6-2 in the division while Northern slipped to 10-8 and 5-3, respectively.

Two other teams — Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill - share second place in the Lakes with the Knights with 5-3

Juniors sparkled on the mound and at the plate for the Rocks. Dave Hales upped his record to 3-1 by scattering seven hits over six innings. Hales whiffed five without allowing a walk.

Junior Joe Posler pitched a onehit, two-strikeout seventh for the winners.

The Rocks' four most productive hitters Friday were all juniors: Heath Parling (2-for-4, two runs, two steals), Sam Ott (1for-3, two runs, RBI, steal), Posler (1-for-4, two RBI) and Drew

Grabowski (2-for-4, three RBI). Junior right-hander Andy Tinkey suffered the loss on the mound for Northern to fall to 5-1. Tinkey was ejected from the game during the Rocks' four-run fifth for arguing a call.

CANTON 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: On Friday at Canton, senior Matt Barylski delivered the gamewinning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to make a winner of Will Tidwell, who threw his third straight complete game to

DISTRICT #32 TOURNEY BRACKETS

Following is the schedule for the District #32 baseball tournament at Salem High School May 27 and 31:

■ Tuesday, May 27: Game 1 (pre-District) — Livonia Churchill vs.

3 - Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson, approximately 12:30;

Plymouth, 4 p.m. ■ Saturday, May 31: Game 2 - Canton vs. Game 1 winner, 10 a.m.; Game

■ Championship game: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, approximately 3 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL

improve to 4-1.

NORTHVILLE 10, PLYMOUTH 0: On Friday at Plymouth, the Mustangs improved to 23-1 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA's Western Division with a six-inning, mercy rule-shortened victory over the Wildcats.

The setback dropped Plymouth sion.

"When you play a team as talented as Northville is this year, you need to play mistake-free baseball," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Unfortunately for us, we just didn't do that today."

Northville starter Michael Collins spun a four-hitter over five innings before Kevin Uetz closed the win with a scoreless sixth.

Cliff Buttermore suffered the mound loss for Plymouth, lasting 3.2 innings before giving way to Kyle Sanders, who worked the final 2.1 frames. Northville banged out 14 hits — two each by Matt Deacon, Joe Mitchell and Steve Anderson. Mustang senior left fielder Damarii Saunderson was 1-for-3 with three RBI.

Garrett Rebain, Matt Priebe, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton all registered hits for the Wildcats.

PLYMOUTH 13, FRANKLIN 2:

On Thursday at Franklin, the Wildcats mercied the Patriots in six innings as Michael Rose went 3-for-3 and David Harvey jacked a two-run home run, his third of the season

Junior right-hander Brad Lineberry picked up the win for the 'Cats, giving up six hits and three walks in five innings. Kyle Sanders pitched a perfect sixth inning.

the first, three in the third, four in the fourth and three in the sixth. The Pats' lone runs came in the second. Plymouth outhit Franklin, 14-6. The Wildcats committed no errors.

'We were able to jump out to an early lead today and never looked back," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Mike Rose gave us a lift offensively with his aggressive base-running and hot bat. This was one of our best overall games of the year. We played well in every facet of the game today."

Other key offensive contributors for the Wildcats were Luke Merandi (1-for-2, three RBI), Garrett Rebain (2-for-4), Lineberry (2-for-4, RBI), Matt Skubik (2-for-4, RBI), Ronnie Goble (1-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and Kyle Traver (1-for-3, two RBI).

The Wildcats stole eight bases.



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Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Plymouth 2008 Sidewalk Repair Program will be received by the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, 201 S. Main Street, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

Major Estimated Quantities are:

3/4" Expansion Anchored Hook Bolts

4" Concrete Sidewalk 15,000 S.F. 6" Concrete Sidewalk Driveway Approach or Ramp 5,000 S.F. 8" Concrete Pavement Replacement 1,400 S.F. 1,000 S.F. 12" Reinforced Concrete Pavement Replacement

Specifications may be obtained from Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan after May 5, 2008 for a non-refundable charge of \$30.00 per set. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$10.00.

Specifications may be examined at the City of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan without charge. Questions on the project may be directed to the City of Plymouth Municipal Services Department at 734-453-7737 Ext. 136.

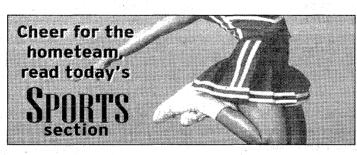
Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the Contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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Linda Langmesser, CMC

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Crush cruise

The Canton Crush 1999 hockey team claimed first place at the Fourth Annual Tim Horton's Spring Tournament earlier this month when they shook off a first-game loss and won four in a row. The Crush ousted Farmington Hills, 3-0, in the title game. Pictured are (front row) James Kinville, (second row from left) Kaiden Scott, Anthony Crews, Shawn Weldon, Brendan Kacic, Kayla Goleniak, Nic Azarovitz, (third row from left) Jacob Saunders, Zach Gallaher, Tanner Kendall, Nolan Turi, Justin Renzi, Steven Cope, Jack Balch, Graham Sudduth, Colin Finn, (back row from left) coaches Paul Goleniak, Joe Kacic, Nick Renzi, Tim Gallaher and Andy Balch.

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Canton improves vs. Franklin

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton senior Chris McGinnis has been money in the "vault" all season, but never more so than during the latter stages of Thursday's dual meet against Livonia Franklin.

McGinnis cleared a height of 13 feet during the latter stages of the meet to finish first and clinch the Chiefs' 73-64 triumph over the Patriots.

"Before Chris cleared 13, we only had 68 points and you need 69 to win, so all the boys ran down there and cheered him on," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "And Chris came through, like he usually

Richardson credited the win to his team's long-distance runners, a sweep in the 400 and Eric Piwowar's first-place efforts in the 100- and 200meters

"Our distance crew went one-two in the 1,600, one-two in the 3,200 and we won the 3,200-meter relay, so they really stepped up," he said.

The victory improved Canton's record to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, one game ahead of division champ Northville.

CANTON 73 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 64

THURSDAY AT FRANKLIN Shot put: 1. David Fortin (LF), 44 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 43-0; 3. Rob

Moores (C), 39-0.5. Discus: 1. Jason Foster (C), 127-5; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 115-9; 3. Lane (LF), 109-0. Long jump: 1. Ocie Lewis (C), 20-4; 2. isaac Cadet (LF), 19-8; 3. Baumgardner (LF),

High jump: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-10; 2. (tie) Keith Zech (C) and Tony Lawson (LF),

Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-0; 2 Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-6; 3. Nick Fenner (LF),

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Chris Jahoda, Brandon Tolinski, Josh Hurst, Keith Zech), 9:01.0; 2. Franklin, 9:42.8. 110 high hurdles: 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 15.9; 2.Cameron Wludyka (LF) 16.2; 3. Tim

100 dash: 1. Erić Piwowar (C), 11.4; 2. Paul egele (LF), 11.6; 3. Isaac Cadet (LF), 11.6. **800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:33.3; 2. Canton

OBSERVERLAND BOYS

SHOT PUT

Ed Merhi (Salem), 47-10.5

Dana Baltazar (Salem), 47-1.5

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 45-1

Sam Richards (Plymouth), 44-1

Adam Love (Garden City), 43-9

Nick Habbert (Garden City), 43-5

Cory Gomoli (Plymouth), 43-2 Rob Moores (Canton), 40-11.5

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 134-9

Cortney Frazier (Salem), 130-8 Dana Baltazar (Salem), 129-2

Jason Foster (Canton), 127-5

Nick Habbert (Garden City), 127-2 Adam Love (Garden City), 124-7

Keith Choma (Plymouth), 113-7

Cory Gomoll (Plymouth, 109-0

Rob Moores (Canton), 105-3 LONG JUMP

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 21-1

Ocie Lewis (Canton) 21-0

Jace Bearden (Salem), 20-8 Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 20-5

Dominique Williams (Salem), 20-3.5

Adam Somers (Canton), 19-2

Brandon Roberts (Plymouth), 19-0

Michael Hines (Thurston), 19-0

Adam Payne (Canton), 18-11

Xavier Long (Garden City), 18-3 HIGH JUMP

Jace Bearden (Salem), 6-4

Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-2

Keith Zech (Canton), 6-0

Cortney Frazier (Salem), 5-8

Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 5-8

Michael Hines (Thurston), 5-8

Paul Classen (Salem), 5-6

Adam Payne (Canton), 5-6

Pawon Daliwahl (Plymouth), 5-6

Leonard Wernette-Leff (RU), 5-6 Michael Nordby (Garden City), 5-6 Kyle Biega (Canton), 5-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 14-0 Chris McGinnis (Canton), 13-6

Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 13-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 13-0

Joe Massel (Canton), 12-0

Eddie Koelzer (Canton), 11-6 John Krutty (Salem), 11-6

Derek Draplin (Salem), 11-0

Gage Hermann (Canton), 11-0

Phil Snyder (Garden City), 10-0

100-METER DASH

NORTHVILLE 77

PLYMOUTH 60

THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH

Shot put: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 30-0; 2. D. McLeay (P), 29-2.5; 3. O'Brien (N), 24-7.5.

Discus: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 95-7; 2. D. McLeay (P), 83-8; 3. Sklut (N), 83-7.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-4.5; 2. Jill Morton (P), 15-9.5; 3. Ciampa (N), 14-0.5

High jump: 1. Jenkins (N), 5-2; 2. Roach (N), 5-0; 3. Jurumbore (N), 4-6. **Pole vault:** 1. Renolds (N), 10-0; 2. Beah

POLE VAULT

DISCUS

(Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Eric Piwowar), 1:34.4.

1,600 run: 1. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:44.3; 2. Greg Reed (C), 4:48.2; 3. Taylor (LF), 4:52.6. 400 relay: 1. Franklin, 44.1; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers,

400 dash: 1. Chris Jahoda (C), 53.2; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.6; 3. Davion Stackhouse (C), 54.2.

300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 40.7; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 41.7; 3. Stuart Gregory 800 run: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 2:02.6; 2.

Mike Krcatovich (LF), 2:04.0; 3. Josh Hurst **200 dash**: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.2; 2. Darell Myree (LF), 23.6; 3. Paul Voegele (LF),

3,200 run: 1. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:11.4; 2.
Kyle Clinton (C), 10:30.6; 3. Cole (LF), 10:43.6.
1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Sherif Hassanien, Davion Stackhouse, Jordan Wisniewski, Tim Belcher), 3:39.6; 2. Franklin, 3:44.9.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 6-2

Rocks' balance prevails

Salem relied on personalbest efforts from a number of performers to rout Walled Lake Northern, 93-44, Thursday afternoon in a WLAA Lakes Division dual meet held at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 3-2 in the division.

"Overall, we hope that as individuals and as a team we're able to carry these successes into the 'big' meets at the season's end and send some hopefuls to the state meet in Rockford," said Salem coach Kyle Metever.

Meteyer noted the performances of sophomore sprinter/long jumper Dominique Williams, long-distance runner Dan Martin, sprinter Anthony Mullins and long-distance standouts Craig Cowing, Matt Devey and Mike Charara.

SALEM 93 W.L. NORTHERN 44

THURSDAY AT SALEM Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 45 feet, 2 inches; 2. Ed Merhi (S), 43-10; 3. Anthony

Davis (S), 41-3.5. Discus: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 129-2; 2. Curtis (WLN), 127-9; 3. Cortney Frazier (S),

Long jump: 1. Dominique Williams (S), 20-3.5; 2. Jace Bearden (S), 19-7; 3. Derek Lindstrom (S), 18-0.25.

High jump: 1. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-8; 2.

Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.0

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.2 Anthony Mullins (Salem), 11.3

Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.4

Rico Tyus (Plymouth), 11.5

Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 11.5 Antoine Mitchell (RU), 11.5

Ocie Lewis (Canton), 11.6 ·

Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.6 Michael Hines (Thurston), 11.8

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 22.8

Eric Piwowar (Canton), 23.0

Devaunta Baker (Garden City), 23.5

Ryan Randall (Canton), 23.6

Pat Patin (Salem), 23.7

Anthony Mullins (Salem), 23.9

Dominique Williams (Salem), 23.9

Malik Rich (Plymouth), 23.11

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 23.9 Ocie Lewis (Canton), 24.0

Jeremy Quillico (Canton), 24.1

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 51.3 Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 52.3

Mike Hanchett (Plymouth), 52.6

Stephen Telenko (Salem), 52.9

John Stoddart (Garden City), 53.1

Chris Jahoda (Canton), 53.2

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.3

Davion Stackhouse (Canton), 53.4 Ken Lomski (Plymouth), 53.9

Kevin Stephens (RU), 54.3

Davon Mullins (Salem), 54.4 800-METER RUN

Kyle Wallath (Plymouth), 2:02.9

Ron Berger (Garden City), 2:04

Brian Chambers (Garden City), 2:04

Kevin deBear (Salem), 2:05.5

Keith Zech (Canton), 2:05.8

Scott Zech (Canton), 2:06.2

Justin Huey (Plymouth), 2:06.4 Craig Cowing (Salem), 2:06.6

Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:06.7

Paul Rakovitis (Canton), 2:07.3 1,600-METER RUN

Kevi deBear (Salem), 4:33.0

Derek Hoerman (Canton), 4:36.9

Josh Hurst (Canton), 4:39.7 Craig Cowing (Salem), 4:39.9 Mike Charara (Salem), 4:40.5

Matt Devey (Salem), 4:41.7

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 4:42.2 Dan Martin (Salem), 4:43.8

Jason Smith (Salem), 4:45.4

Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 4:47.3 3.200-METER RUN

Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:58.7

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

100 high hurdles: 1. Konopka (N), 15.93; 2. Ciampa (N), 17.20; 3. Mandy McManus

(P), 17.7 **100 dash:** 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12:18; 2. Cheaney (N), 13.37; 3. Walker (P), 13.70. **800 relay:** 1. Northville, 1:50.74; 2.

Plymouth. **1,600 run:** 1. Hagan (N), 5:11.58; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:39; 3. Murphy (N), 5:43.96. **400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Morton, Walker, McManus, Okolo), 51.81; 2. Northville.

Knisely (P), 8-6; 3. Murphy (N), 8-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth, 10:17.40; 2. Northville.

400-METER DASH

200-METER DASH

Pole vault: 1. John Krutty (S), 11-0; 2.

Derek Draplin (S), 10-6; 3. Philip Hernandez

110 high hurdles: 1. Brian Carter (WLN),

800 relay: 1. Northern, 1:34.3.

Frazier, Davon Mullins, Anthony Mullins),

300 hurdles: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 40.6;

800 run: 1. Justin Kane (S), 2:08.1; 2. Kevi deBear (S), 2:09.3; 3. James Middleditch (S),

Michael Ankoviak (WLN), 23.4; 3. Pat Patin **3,200 run:** 1. Matt Devey (S), 10:04.4; 2. Craig Cowing (S), 10:06.0; 3. Mike Charara

overall, 3-2 in WLAA Lakes Division.

THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH **Shot put:** 1. Gorley (N), 42-3; 2. Sam Richards (P), 42-1.25; 3. Cory Gomoll (P),

Discus: 1. Gorley (N), 140-0; 2. Pat Choma (P), 126-0; 3. Cory Gomoll (P), 109-2. Long jump: 1. Franchesi (N), 19-8.5; 2 Hrastu (N), 18-7.5; 3. Brandon Roberts (P),

Pole vault: 1. Franchesi (N), 12-6; 2. Dane (N), 11-6; 3. Mantay (N), 11-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Conno McKinney, Mike Hanchett, Warren Buzzard, Kyle Wallath), 8:51.53; 2. Northville, 9:20.32

Gibson (N), Reid (N), 11.95.

800 relay: 1. Northville, 1:35.44; 2.
Plymouth, 1:44.99.
1,600 run: 1. Zurek (N); 2. Justin Huey (P);

Plymouth. **400 dash:** 1. Connor McKinney (P), 51.27; (C) F2.01-3. Chew (N), 53.01

asto (N), 39.94; 3. Gerish (N), 42.16. **800 run:** 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:01.75; 2 Peterson (N), 2:02.39; 3. Matt Lewandowsky

3,200 run: 1. Zurek (N), 10:05.96; 2. Griffiths (N), 10:18.75; 3. Justin Huey (P),

Jace Bearden (S), 5-8; 3. Gavin Sheridan (S) **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville, 3:29.24; 2. Plymouth, 3:29.29.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Salem (Justin Kane, Kevin deBear, Dan Adsit, Jimmy

15.6; 2. Mike Giles (S), 15..8; 3. Scott O'Connor (3), 10.1. **100 dash:** 1. Alex Erebor, (WLN), 11.2; 2. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.3; 3. Michael Ankoviak

1,600 run: 1. Cory Sheena (WLN), 4:37.8; . Dan Martin (S), 4:43.8; 3. Austin Nell (WLN),

400 relay: 1. Salem (Pat Patin, Cortney

400 dash: 1. Thomas Ropek (WLN), 51.6; Stephan Telenko (S), 53.8; 3. Shawn Quinn

2. Scott O'Connor (S), 40.8; 3. Mike Giles (S), 44.7.

200 dash: 1. Carsten Walker (WLN), 23.4;

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Dan Martin, Dan dsit, Shawn Quinn, Zach Basanese), 3:46.5. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 4-2

HORTHVILLE 89.5 PLYMOUTH 47.5

High jump: 1. Franchesi (N), 5-11; 2. Brown), 5-11; 3. (tie) Mike Hanchett (P) and Reid

110 high hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 14.31; 2. Gerish (N), 14.98; 3. Piligian (P), 16.68. 100 dash. 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.11; 2.

Warren Buzzard (P). **400 relay:** 1. Northville, 58.36; 2.

Mike Hanchett (P), 52.01; 3. Chew (N), 53.03 **300 hurdles:** 1. Corcoran (N), 39.39; 2.

200 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 22.84; 2. Mike Hanchett (P), 23.32; 3. Gerish (N),

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:03.1

Matt Devey (Salem), 10:04.4

Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:06.0

Mike Charara (Salem), 10:07.0

Jason Smith (Salem), 10:13.9

Kyle Clinton (Canton), 10:20.3

Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 10:27.

Derek Hoerman (Canton), 10:31.0

Michael Nordby (Garden City), 10:57
110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.6

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 14.6

Mike Giles (Salem), 15.5

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16.0

Tim Belcher (Canton), 16.2

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 16.8 Quentin Peterson (RU), 17.8

Shawn Calvey (Garden City), 18.0

Jordan Norton (Canton), 18.1

Brandon Piligian (Plymouth), 18.9 300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 39.9

Tim Belcher (Canton), 40.1

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 40.8

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 42.1

Mike Giles (Salem), 42.8

Kyle Breitmeyer (Canton), 43.0 Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 44.0

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 45.0

MacKenzie Barrett (RU), 45.1

Jordan Norton (Canton), 45.6 **400-METER RELAY**

Plymouth, 43.1 Canton, 44.6 Salem, 45.5

Thurston, 45.7

Redford Union, 46.3

Garden City, 46.9

Canton, 1:32.9

Plymouth, 1:33.5

Salem, 1:35.3 Redford Union, 1:36.0

1,600-METER RELAY Plymouth, 3:31,9

Canton, 3:34.0

Salem, 3:35.2

Thurston, 3:42.6 Garden City, 3:49.0

3,200-METER RELAY

Canton, 8:18.5

Garden City, 8:29.7 Plymouth, 8:33.5

Salem, 8:43.4

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400 dash: 1. Roach (N), 1:00.46; 2. Drury (N), 1:03.25; 3. Dehne (N), 1:05.48.
300 hurdles: 1. Konopka (N), 48.74; 2. Ciampa (N), 50:01. 3. Johnson (N), 50.47.
800 run: 1. Hagan (N), 2:22.83; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:24.74; 3. Dickinson (N), 2:26.75.
200 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 25.85; 2. Jenkins (N), 26.78; 3. Drury (N), 28.18.
3,200 run: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 11:50.53; 2. Murphy (N), 12:15.18; 3. Hardenburg (N), 12:30.67.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 4:12.90; 2. Plymouth, 4:30.64.

*Coaches are encouraged to e-mail updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

800-METER RELAY

BOYS TRACK LEADERS



Salem catcher Emily Pitcole tags out Lauren Leskovitz during the top of the seventh inning of Thursday's annual under-the-lights game at Massey Field. The Rocks won, 6-2.

shortstop-to-catcher force play before striking out the next batter, but Janiczek delivered in the clutch.

The Rocks padded their lead to 3-0 in the third when Mary Cox led off with a scorching double to left-center, advanced to third on a Pitcole single and scored on Lee's sacrifice fly.

Salem added a pair of runs in the fourth on RBI singles from Christina Parsons and Cox; and one in the sixth when Pitcole's two-out single plated Parsons.

Salem's 2-3-4 hitters Parsons, Cox and Pitcole, respectively — reached base in 11 of 12 plate appearances to spark the winners' 10-hit attack.

Parsons was 3-for-4 with three runs and an RBI: Cox was 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI; and Pitcole was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a walk.

Leskovitz spearheaded the Chiefs' offense with her tworun triple and a third-inning single. Freshman third baseman Heidi Lucke also had a productive night at the plate, going 2-for-3.

Lee stranded six Canton runners in the first three

innings. She finished with four strikeouts and one walk. Payne struck out seven

Rocks in a complete-game performance. Both teams made their

share of big defensive plays. Salem freshman third baseman Heidi Schmidt speared a missile off the bat of Amy Dunleavy in the fifth.

Canton's most-electrifying defensive effort came in the second when right-fielder Nicole Rago threw out a Salem base-runner at first on what initially appeared to be a hard single to right.

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Salem one win from Lakes Division title

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team is so close to its first WLAA Lakes Division title in four years that it can almost touch it.

That's more than opposing batters can say about Rock freshman hurler Briana Lee's

Lee was nearly untouchable during the first four innings of Friday's five-inning 10-0 triumph over visiting Walled Lake Northern. She yielded iust three hits before giving way to fellow freshman Heidi Schmidt, who pitched the final

frame. With the win, Salem improved to 18-4 overall and 7-1 in the division. A victory Monday over Walled Lake Central would give the Rocks their first division title since

"It would be really nice to win the division this year, especially with this being the last year of the Western Lakes," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We are

PREP SOFTBALL

playing very well right now, but we know the toughest games are ahead of us and next week gets even tougher with four games in four days.

"There's no time to practice we just have to get out there and play our game and do what Sanborn (10-2) gave up five we know how to do."

Following Friday's lop-sided

that the Knights had handed the Rocks their lone divisional setback two weeks earlier. 'We sure wish we had that first game back against Northern because today

affair, it was hard to believe

it looked pretty easy," said Southerland. Pacing the Rocks' offense were Mary Cox (3-for-4, RBI), Schmidt (2-for-4, two-run

double) and Christina Parsons (2-for-3).**PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN**

0: On Thursday, a lead-off homer by Erin Rodes and a two-run shot in the first by Amanda Burnard carried the host Wildcats (12-7, 4-3) to

the WLAA-Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (14-6, 3-4).

Winning pitcher Lauren Smith allowed nine hits over seven innings. She struck out three and did not allow a walk as Plymouth played errorless

Losing pitcher Natalie hits, walked two and struck out three. One run was unearned.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-4 for the Patriots.

SALEM 4, CHURCHILL 1: On Tuesday, the Rocks rode a brilliant mound performance from freshman Briana Lee, who struck out 14 while yielding

just three hits and zero walks. Players with multiple hits for Salem were Christina Parsons, Mary Cox and Emily Meade. Emily Pitcole contributed an

RBI double. The Chargers' lone run came in the sixth when Paul Guzik singled and Jordan Kerr*

doubled.

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GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 151, **LIVONIA STEVENSON 157** FRIDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

(ST. MATTHEW COURSE) SALEM SCORERS: Tyler Jelenieiewski and Aaron Thompson, 37 each; Adam Powers, 38; Joel Cheesman, 39; Patrick Doty, 45; Alex

STEVENSON SCORERS: Drew Mossoian, 38; Christian Debay, 39; Dan Dufour and Adam Giordano, 40 each; Jordan Rayburn,

43: Jimmy Vavis, 47 STEVENSON'S DUAL-MATCH RECORD:

CANTON 155 W.L. CENTRAL 169

THURSDAY AT HILLTOP G.C. CANTON'S SCORERS: Jeremy

Lindlbauer, 38 (co-medalist), Aaron Blase, 38 (co-medalist), Zach Conrad, 39; Andrew Rickerman, 40; Brendan Muir, 41; Clark

W.L. CENTRAL SCORERS: Shawn Catto, 40; Chris Dodge, 41; Brett Abraham, 44; Armin Von Czarnowski, 44; Evan Smith, 49; Ben Baumgarten, 54.

DUAL-MATCH RECORDS: Canton, 5-1;

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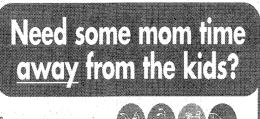
THURSDAY AT SALEM

No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Anjelica Woods, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Alli Carpenter (S) def. Emily Wisniewski, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Ewia Stack, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def.

Jessica Jugico, 6-2, 6-0.

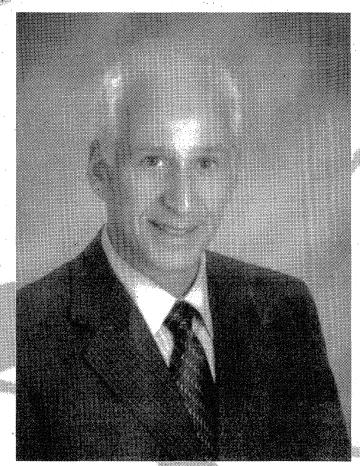
No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Michele
Thompson-Linda Colin, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry
MacDonald (S) def. Angela Tomassini-Rebecca Fenner, 6-0, 6-1; No.
3: Emman VanHoof-Emily Hayter def. Stephanie Belcher-Lauren
Penniman, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Alex Lamb-Jaclyn Hoover def. Crystal
Handerson-Lenniger Rellinger, 6-1, 6-3 Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-1, 6-3.

SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 8-2-1.









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Jazz concert to raise money for cancer patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Elaine Greenberg hasn't let her diagnosis of ovarian cancer eight years ago put a damper on her love of music and dedication to helping people. On Sunday, May 18, she holds another jazz benefit to raise funds for Living for Music, a nonprofit which uses music to ease the suffering of cancer patients by brightening their day.

The 3 p.m. concert features saxophonist George Benson and The Cliff Monear Trio, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Prior to the concert there will be a brief presentation to educate women about ovarian cancer. Greenberg says, people are still being diagnosed too

Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 age 15 and under. Call (248) 661-6344 or send e-mail to jazzconcert08@gmail.com.

Since Greenberg founded Living for Music five years ago, she has provided iPods for patients getting chemotherapy, and CD players for the music therapy program at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"We're very particular about to who we give," said Greenberg of Farmington Hills. "The money cannot go to a general fund but directly to people. This time we're giving about 40 insulated bags to Providence for patients to bring food to chemotherapy. Inside will be a Teddy bear, bottles of water and bars of soap."

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Volunteers sought for new study

The American Cancer Society is looking to Metro-Detroit residents to play a role in improving the lives of future generations by participating in a new study. The Society will be signing up volunteers for its Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) at Relay For Life of Canton noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Heritage Park.

The study, which will enroll a diverse population of half a million people across the U.S., will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

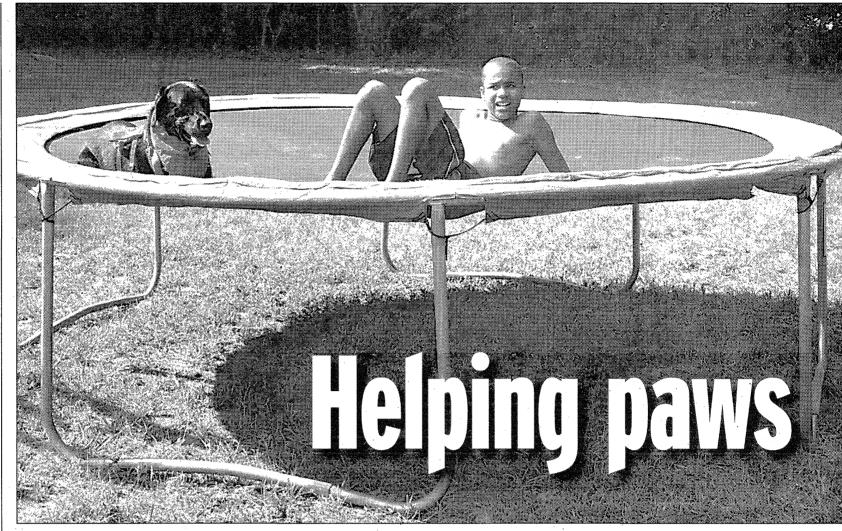
Participants must be between the ages of 30 and 65, must never have been diagnosed with cancer and must be willing to make a long-term commitment to the study. They will be asked to complete a brief written survey, provide a waist measurement and give a small blood sample at the enrollment site. After that, follow-up surveys will be sent to participants' homes on a regular basis over the next few decades to update health behavior information.

Researchers will use the data from CPS-3 to build on evidence from a series of American Cancer Society studies that began in the 1950s and involved hundreds of thousands of volunteer participants. The Hammond-Horn Study and previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, and CPS-II) have played a major role in understanding cancer prevention and risk, and have contributed significantly to the scientific literature and to the development of public health guidelines and recommendations. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, showed that obesity increases the risk of several cancers and linked aspirin use to a lower death rate from colon cancer. The current study, CPS-II, began in 1982 and is still ongoing. But changes in lifestyle and in the understanding of cancer in the more than two decades since its launch make it important to begin a new study.

The Canton Relay For Life event is one of 64 sites around the country where individuals can enroll in the new study this year, and will be the only time CPS-3 will be enrolling in Canton. Initial enrollment takes 20 to

For information or to learn how to become involved, visit www.cancer. org/cps3, send e-mail to cps3@cancer org, or call toll free 1-888-604-5888.





Genesis, an autism assistance dog, keeps a sharp eye on Daniel Williams in the backyard of their home. The 14-year old boy has been known to wander off due to the disorder.

Autism assistance dogs help meet special needs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **0&E STAFF WRITER**

Pam Williams was joking when she first mentioned getting a dog to pull son Daniel off the fence when he tries escaping the back yard. She knew about the different tasks Leader Dogs perform to keep blind and visually impaired people safe so why not autistic children. Williams went to the Web and found 4 Paws for Ability in Ohio. The nonprofit agency trains service animals to meet the special needs of people with disabilities.

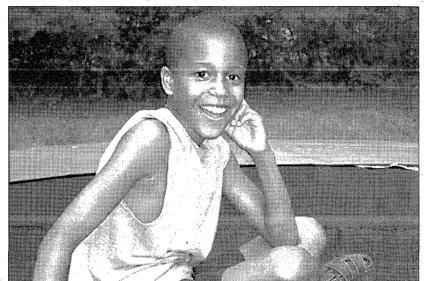
For the past year Genesis, an autism assistance dog, has kept Daniel out of danger. Just last week the 14-year-old ran out of the car before Williams had a chance to grab his hand. Genesis chased aft Daniel and blocked him from going any further until Williams could catch up.

Diagnosed with autism at age 2 1/2, Daniel is nonverbal. He is currently a student in the Birmingham Public Schools' autistic program.

"Daniel has no sense of danger and is hyperactive. She knows his running means danger," said Williams as she pulled out the red harness Genesis wears when they go out. A regular leash is hooked onto Daniel's belt tethering them together.

"In public we strap Daniel to Genesis and he can walk independently. It allows us to take him to more places. She is an awesome support. We stopped taking him to the grocery store because of his behavior. Now we are able to take him with us. We do a lot of walking. It really has empowered him to be independent

and she's a companion for him." Until Genesis, children in general avoided Daniel because they didn't understand the disorder. Ken



Daniel Williams

Williams, Daniel's father, sees her ability to attract children as the dog's greatest gift to the family.

"They said she would be a child magnet for him. For the first time last summer children would come to the door and ask is Daniel home. We would explain to them about autism,' said Ken Williams, academic dean on the Dearborn campus of Davenport University. "It helped him in his socialization. He sits there as if he's part of the conversation. He sits there like a teenager with a bunch of boys."

Although the 3-year-old dog has been trained to disrupt repetitive behaviors such as crying spells by touching the child with her paw and to give comfort by nuzzling, Genesis' most valuable quality as far as Pam is concerned is the ability to search and rescue. To demonstrate Daniel and Ken leave the house to find a hiding place outdoors. Pam takes out the special black collar and leash used

only for tracking. Within minutes Genesis and Pam have found the two. Pam spent 10 days with Ken and Daniel at 4 Paws for Ability learning to handle Genesis.

"If she had no other quality it is her ability to track and find him. You have heard about autistic who have drowned. If only they had a dog trained in search and rescue," said Pam. "She's been a real blessing in our lives."

The Williamses and 4 Paws have rescued Genesis as well. The black lab was in a shelter in Kentucky when Karen Shirk brought her into the autism assistance training pro-

The agency's executive director knows first hand the importance of service dogs. Shirk suffers with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disorder causing muscle weakness. At one point Shirk needed the help of a ventilator just to breathe.

After being turned down for a service dog, Shirk trained a puppy she named Ben to assist with everyday tasks. It was a short walk from there to founding 4 Paws for Ability. So far the agency has placed more than 299 dogs since 1999, 80 percent of those dogs with autistic children.

Seventy-percent of the dogs come from shelters and rescue groups. They learn basic obedience from inmates as part of three prison programs. The dogs then go through 500 plus hours of advanced training for tasks such as behavior disruption and tethering at the 4 Paws facility. While in prison the dogs leave for periods of time to work on socialization skills since they'll be going into stores and businesses as part of the daily routine of their families.

"They're groomed from the time they're babies to service autistic so they'll be tolerant of an autistic child," said Shirk. "We rarely take in dogs over a year old. The older a dog gets the harder to assimilate strange behavior.

'We do see a great improvement in communication skills in the child which comes from giving commands to the dogs. The dog doesn't have any expectations so they feel more comfortable with their dogs, talk to their dogs. For those learning to be verbal, they're giving commands and it teaches them cause and effect. It teaches them to communicate something and have a result. They're not going to get the dog to roll over by throwing a tantrum."

For more information about autism assistance dogs, visit www.4pawsforability.org, call (937) 374-0385, or send e-mail to karen-4paws@aol.com.

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Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

MAY

Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443. Fibromyalgia lectures

Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demonstration, chair massages 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. Presented by H.O.P.E. educational support group.

Skin cancer screening Free 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the

410, Livonia. Call (734) 462-9499. By appointment

To benefit the Arbor Hospice Foundation Thursday,

May 15, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Suite

Saturday, May 17, at the Detroit International Riverfront. The walk will raise funds for lung health education, advocacy, asthma treatments and research. Registration is free. Families, children, individuals, and teams are welcome to participate. For details and to register, visit www.AsthmaWalk. org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA. Hearing loss event Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday,

Plymouth. An evening of wine, food, auction items,

American Lung Association of Michigan Asthma

Walk will be held 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.)

and fun. For tickets, call (734) 794-5152.

May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mall (cost \$30), participants meet with their state representative and senator, and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to ngibben1@hfhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808, Troy, MI 48099.

Race for the cure

17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, Detroit. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-1862. Online team registration runs to May 13. individual registration through May 29, at www. karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit. Cost is \$12-

\$40. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. The free event offers entertainment, merchandise, pink ribbons to honor loved ones and other surprises. Visit www.karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Led by St. Mary Mercy's Tamara Lark, RD. 7-8 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Early registration required (\$15 per class). Call (734) 655-8950. The next topic is Carbohydrates: 101 Wednesday, May 21.

UPCOMING

Lupus loops bike ride

Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus.org. A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce Township.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900, W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month

at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and landbased exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis selfmanagement, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The annual Canton Chiefs

Baseball Camp will be held

June 16-19, from 9:30 a.m.

PCEP varsity stadium.

to 2 p.m. daily, at the team's complex just east of the

The \$120 registration fee

Canton Chiefs

baseball camp

notched the shutout for the Eagles. The Roughriders were short-handed when they arrived at PCA with just 11 players and their situation worsened a few minutes after the opening kick when one of their players became ill and had to sit out the remainder of the game.

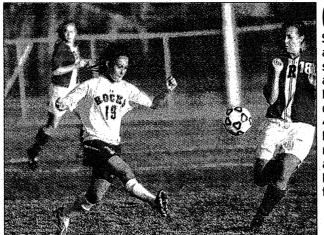
"When you don't have a lot of depth like our team today and you're playing a

very, very good team like Plymouth Christian, you just hope you can sneak in a goal or two, play good defense and pull out a surprise win, but that didn't happen today," said Ruddy.

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Yates said his team's potential is limitless if it continues to play like it has the past month.

"At the beginning of the season, the girls' goal was to win the conference," he said. "Now, I think bigger things are within their grasp if they keep working hard."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Close call for Rocks

Salem's Rachel Gizicki (left), pictured above during a game earlier this season, and her teammates dropped an agonizing 1-0 decision to Walled Lake Northern Wednesday night to drop their record to 6-6-3 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The lone goal was scored with just over 25 minutes left in the game on a counter attack. Salem nearly tied the game, but a Taylor Burgoon shot rang off the post.

includes a T-shirt and daily lunch. The player-to-coach ratio

is 5-to-1.

Ex-Chicago Cub Brent Sachs will be working with

the young hitters. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information. contact Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255 or visit: www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefsbaseballclub.

Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community **Education:**

■ A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

■ A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

Girls track times

All Observerland girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is Tuesday, May 13, at 9 p.m.

Salem grid camps

The Salem High School football program will be offering a pair of camps this summer - one aimed at youths and the other at women who want to learn more about the finer points of the sport.

The Salem Women's Football Academy, which is set for May 31 at Salem High School, will teach the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle foot-

ball women only. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will to go the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's "First Step" program.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$40 per girls under 13. Registration begins at

7:59 a.m. and the camp runs through 3 p.m.

The annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp will be held Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the PCEP varsity football field.

The registration for participants who pay before July 7 is \$10; the cost is \$20 after July 7.

Participants will receive hands-on instruction in the fundamental strategies and techniques necessary to become a successful football

program. The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents between the ages of 7 and 13, regardless of where

they will attend high school. For more information on the camps, visit www.football.salemrocks.com or send an e-mail to psstoo@comcast.net.

Salem football meeting

A meeting for all incoming freshman Salem football players is set for May 12 at 6:59 p.m. at Canton High School's "Little Theatre." All incoming freshmen players and their parents are encouraged to attend.



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Is senioritis limited to

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seniors?

As defined in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, senioritis is "an ebbing of motivation and effort by school seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences and lower grades.

But lately, this term has not been exclusive to seniors.

High schoolers of all grades have been displaying more laziness and lack of care for their studies.



bridges

High School sophomore Katherine Swan agrees. "Everyone just wants school to end and sum-

Father Gabriel Richard

mer to get here," she said. "They don't really care (about school work) because they have worked well all year long." In addition, stu-

dents could be taking a demanding curriculum filled with honors

Andrea McIntosh, a Greenhills School sophomore, says, "(We're) tired of working

'Everyone just wants school to end and summer to get here. They don't really care (about school work) because they have worked well all year long. KATHERINE SWAN

and tired of staying up until midnight and waking back up at 6 but we're going to keep working until the end."

On top of a possibly demanding curriculum, students can be involved with other extracurricular activities, whether it be sports, drama, or even preparing for summer school.

One nigh school junior said, "it seems that spring sports are the most demanding. So as they becomes more time-consuming, school starts to fall lower on my priority

A possible explanation to this lack of care for school is peer pressure, said Clare Miller, a Father Gabriel Richard High School

"Everyone else becomes lazy because they are influenced by their peers," she said.

Chances are, teens whose friends are hanging out on a school night instead of doing homework are more than likely to join in on the action.

Another explanation could be the warm

McIntosh said, "Winter seemed so long this year, so when the warm weather comes back, we get excited." Whether the reasons are legitimate or not, it seems to be a recurring problem for teenagers that when the school year draws to an end, so does their attention span.

"(When) summer is in sight," one teen said. "I want school to be over."

Ryan Bridges is a junior at Father Gabriel Richard -High School.



Plymouth High School sophomore Lindsey Cerilli.

An angel among us

Remembering Lindsey

BY JILLIAN HATTIE **OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST**

Everyone knows about the large population at PCEP. People often talk about its "campus-like" atmosphere.



jillian hattie

lose one of own, word spreads and everyone comes together quickly. That's what hap-

But it can

also be like

a small town

and when we

oenea on March 24, when we had to say farewell to Plymouth High School sophomore Lindsey Cerilli. Lindsey was 15.

When she was entering fourth grade, Lindsey, a Canton resident, was diagnosed with leukemia.

She experienced remission and reoccurrences and fought it for a majority of her life, but Lindsey never let her disease define her.

Brave, kind, strong, confident, loving, optimistic these are words that come to mind when one thinks of Lindsey. It's hard to come by but

ple who actually cared about the answer when she asked how you were doing. She had the special ability

Lindsey was one of the peo-

to brighten up your whole day, just by stopping by to say hello and her infectious belly laugh could always coax a smile.

Even though Lindsey was young, she had a lot of wisdom and taught many different people many different things without even knowing it.

A friend since middle school, Chris Sweet says, "Lindsey taught me two things over the years that I knew her. She taught me that you should be thankful for what you have and that you should love everyone around you. She did these tnings every day of her life.

Emma Williams, Lindsey's best friend, says, "I will always remember her as my best friend and always being there for me. I will remember her deep laugh and when she watched TV, she would never stare at it; she would watch TV from the corners of her eyes. I will remember her personality and never forget my best friend."

Of course the people affected most by Lindsey were her family.

She is survived by her parents, Joseph and Lori Cerilli, and her sisters, Annie and Kim.

When asked, Annie, a junior at Plymouth High School, said, "Of course I love everything about my sister, but I would have to say her courage meant the most to me. I can honestly say that I speak for myself and most likely many others when I say that there is no way I could go through what she went through. It takes a true fighter to fight a battle with cancer for 7 years. The courage she had changed my life and many others. Before she died I made her one promise and that was that I would change people's lives, and that's the one thing I hope to do for her."

Annie went on to add. "She showed me it's all right to be different and never to be ashamed of the way you look, think or act. She showed me that life can be rough but just keep smiling because the worst things only make you that much stronger. She showed me the meaning on friendship, sisterhood, and love."

Some people feel it's a tragedy when someone dies at such a young age.

But others believe that they passed because their work on earth was complete and if Lindsey's job was to set an example of how to live life to the fullest, to take what is given with grace and to love those around you the best you possibly can — mission accomplished.

Thanks for the lessons, Lindsey.

We'll take it from here.

Jillian Hattie is a sophomore at Salem High School.

Standing

How teens can leave a positive handprint on the world

> **MOLLY FESSLER OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST**

In Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay 'Self Reliance,' he discusses an issue that has plagued humans through the ages: Conformity.

Emerson may have been alive a while ago, but teens



especially can still learn from what he observed long ago and take it as an opportunity to revisit ourselves.

The first molly fessler question, is really to ask what confor-

mity is in today's society and what is non-conformity? Is it not wearing Hollister? Is it listening to Regina Spektor?

Is it doing drugs? Is it eating tofu?

We discussed 'Self Reliance' in my English class recently and it surprised me that a great many of my classmates felt they were the true rebels.

I don't think any of us can claim to be non-conformists.

As long as we brush our teeth, wear shoes and take out our garbage every week, we follow the silent (yet harsh if broken) rules society sets for us.

Perhaps the only thing we can really accomplish in the fight for individuality is to look at the little things.

Some efforts to upstage our ordered world are silly of downright stupid (like drug use) but some have the potential to change the world.

We can examine our bias, misconceptions, and stereotypes that stem from conformity.

Emerson argues, and so do I, that anyone who ever did anything worthwhile, had to swim against the tide. Maybe we can stick up for the kid who's being picked on. We could defend what we believe, even if everyone else thinks it's stupid. We could (GASP!) try the tofu.

For those of us who truly believe in being uniquely ourselves, we can take comfort and courage. Emerson said, "To be great, is to be misunderstood."

Just like Emerson, we know in our hearts we're something different. We'll leave some positive handprint on this world.

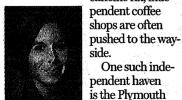
Molly Fessier is a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

The coffee conundrum

Independent coffee shops offer choice

BY MOLLY FESSLER **OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST**

When teens — and really anyone else — choose Starbucks for their caffeine fix, inde-



molly fessler

The Bean, as it is known to regulars, serves as a

Coffee Bean.

One such inde-

gallery for local artists, a stage for up and coming bands and a forum for slamming poets.

"It's a one of a kind meeting space for every kind of person," says Amanda Igrisan, a barista at the shop. "In one morning I can meet an average Joe, an artist and a middle school kid." Tucked in the corner of down-

town Plymouth, the Bean is filled with mismatched furniture, potted plants and a ceiling painted with clouds.

While a favorite among loyal customers, some fear the business is in danger.

"I go to the Coffee Bean because the coffee just tastes better but I worry people who like all that stuff in their drinks will go to Starbucks," says Angella Tritten, a sophomore at Plymouth High School.

Since Starbucks, the titan of the coffee world, opened a location on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, many espresso junkies have flocked to the familiar name.

Conscious Coffee Bean patrons, like Tritten, are afraid that a

Starbucks take over would result in an end to consumer choice and the loss of a counter-culture community center.

Igrisan though, says she has no worries.

"We really don't worry about Starbucks," she said. "It's so impersonal. People go there, get their coffee and leave. I can understand that fear people have though."

Many say the Coffee Bean offers a safe, cozy atmosphere, and a great latte and that's why they want to protect it.

"Here, we want you to come in and stay a while," says Igrisan, while her co-worker, Julie Patterson, added. "We're really friendly. We care about Plymouth (and) we care about you."

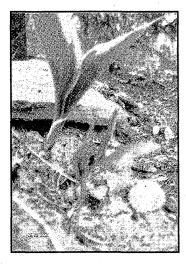
Molly Fessier is a sophomore at Plymouth



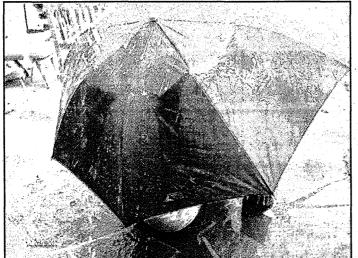
Amanda Igrisan, barista for the Plymouth Coffee Bean.

Rain boots need a space

by the door.



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Snow gives way to showers

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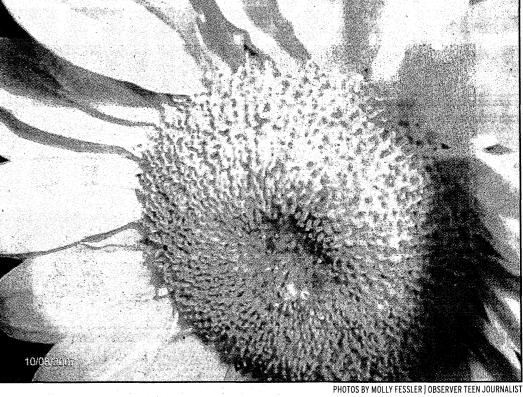
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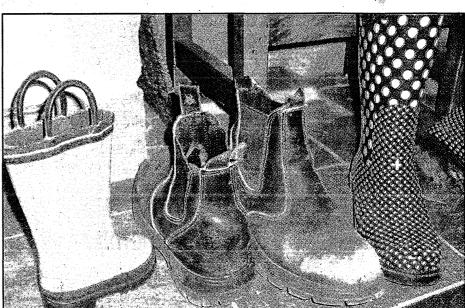






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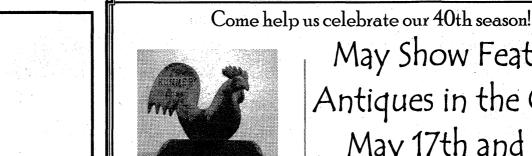
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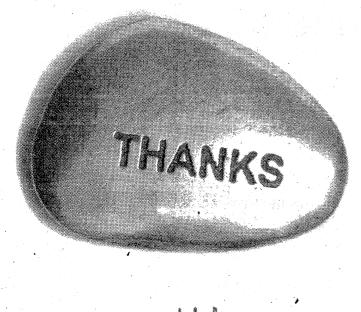
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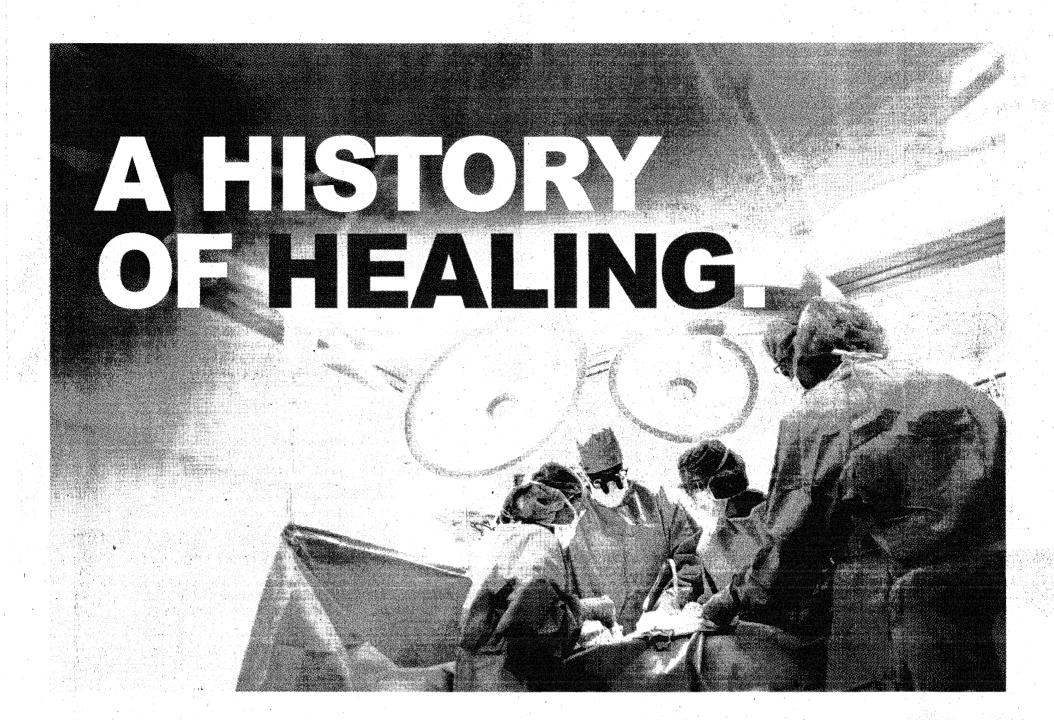












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Berkley High School Class of 1958

Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates, please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

Chadsey High School Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

> **DENNIS ROBERT** CARLSON, JR.

May 6, 2008. Age 62. Lifelong resi-

dent of Birmingham. Beloved father,

grandfather, son, brother and uncle.

His generosity and kindness will be remembered by too many to name. He

oved and was loved deeply. Founder

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Samantha Stolz (Tom), Gretchen

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(Stephenie). Adoring grandfather of Bailey, Blake, Noah, Jonah, Luke,

Jason, Cassidy, Sweden, Jesse and

Nicholas. Beloved son of Christabel

Carlson. Brother of Ingrid DeMarco

(Frank) and Eric (Gail) Preceded in

leath by his father, Dennis, Sr. Former

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32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14

Mile) Sunday 5-8pm and Monday 2-

8pm. Funeral Service Tuesday 11am at

Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600

Lahser Rd., Southfield. Visitation

begins at church at 10am. Memorial

ributes to Grace Centers of Hope, 35

View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EDSEL J. Carlson

Age 80, Livonia, MI, passed away

May 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral

RUTH H. CARR

April 14, 2008, age 99. Honored as a

creator and co-founder of BASCC. Wife of the late Jack Carr. Dear aunt of

William J. McAfee ,(Joan), Elizabeth

Andrews and Jean Harris, Memorial service Tuesday, May 13 th., 2:00 pm at Canterbury On The Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford, Memorial

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JAMES ARTHUR

DIAMOND

86, of Livonia, Michigan, died May 6,

2008, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He

was born in Wayne County, son of Arthur and Maude Diamond. Survived

by brother, Ted Diamond; niece, Lynne

Azzopardi and husband, Joe; nephew,

Stephen Diamond and great niece,

Maegan Azzopardi. A memorial serv-

ce will be announced at a later date.

JUNE TALBOT HILBORN

Born June 29, 1919, passed away

April 29, 2008, at the age of 88, of

Birmingham. Loving mother of Roger

(Jill), Thomas (Eileen) and Heidi

(Chuck) Wilkinson. Dear grandmother of 8. A memorial service will be

held on Friday, May 16, 2008, at

12:30pm, at the First Presbyterian

Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. We will miss you forever, although, we know

you are with our father and your

beloved husband, Anson. The family

suggests donations to The Salvation

Army or First Presbyterian Church -

Playground Fund. Please sign June's

online guestbook at;

Home, Farmington, MI

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hanel).

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

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A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch. (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. . Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-

9443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

com.

Class of 1958 A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008 at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313)

278-4488. **Detroit Cass Tech** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

EDWARD B. WROSCH

Age 90, Farmington Hills, MI, passed

away May 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

YOUNG

THOMAS JOHN YOUNG

Was born on December 19, 1928 in

Montreal, Quebec. He went to high

school at Lower Canada College and

received his bachelor's degree from

McGill University. John went on to receive his master's degree at the University of Toronto. A well respect-

ed executive with Ford Motor Company, John headed up Global

Paint Engineering where he was regarded as a world renowned expert in his field. John was a devoted hus-

band, loving father and grandfather.

He was an avid fisherman and loved to play golf - his highlight was getting a

hole in one at the Greenbrier Golf Club

in North Carolina. John passed away

on May 7, 2008 in Bonita Springs

Florida, surrounded by his wife and 5 children, after fighting a long battle

husband of Barbara. Loving father of

Michael (Lucy), Tim (Lisa), Susan Grunewald (Bob), Jill Spiegal (Peter) and Heather Eller (Bruce). "TJ" was

also the proud grandfather of 16

grandchildren. Brother of Katherine

Waters. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward

Ave. (btw 13-14 Mile) Sunday 5-7pm.

Funeral Mass Monday 11am at St. Owen Catholic Church, 6869 Franklin

Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to The Michael J. Fox

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Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780. View

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with Parkinson's disease.

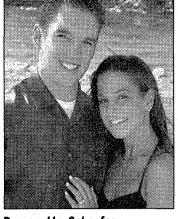
Pascaretta-Schaefer

Tony and Cindy Pascaretta of Oakland Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Pascaretta, to Jordan Schaefer, son of Gary and Susan Schaefer of Plymouth.

Katie graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann in April. In the fall, she will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Michigan,

Jordan received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In the fall, he will be attending the medical school at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University.

planned for Rochester Hills.



Arbor, with a bachelor's degree

A June 7, 2008, wedding is



Medley-Wingereid

Mr. and Mrs. David Medley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jeanne Medley, to William R. Wingereid, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wingereid Jr. of LeMont, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ohio State University and is currently employed as an account executive with Bridge Worldwide in Cincinnati.

The future groom is a graduate of Ohio State University and is currently employed as a manager at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Cincinnati.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 4, 2008, in Cincinnati.

Kore Lynn Kneip and Ryan Stanley Smith are engaged to

Canton. She is a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

elor's degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids in 2000. In 2007 she earned a bachelor's degree in English and her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed as a substitute teacher and part-time bar-

The future groom is the son of Christine Smith of Canton. He is a 1996 gradu-



ate of Plymouth Salem High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technical University. He is currently the program manager for Production Services Management In.

is planned with ceremony and reception at Lyon Oaks.

Survivors sought to tell their stories

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judith Barr is so excited about celebrating the 30th anniversary of First Step this fall, the associate director can't wait to tell the story of the agency dedicated to providing services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

A number of events are being scheduled along with a booklet about the history.

It is especially important for survivors to tell their stories so Barr is looking for people touched by the nonprofit. The theme of the 30th anniversary celebration is Your Story is

Our Story. "We do have some survivors' stories, some information but we want to reach anyone connected to First Step in any way, churches who collected donations," said Judith Barr. "A women's church group has made quilts for 12 or 15 years and come with about 30 quilts a year. We'd like to hear from them, why they chose the agency, why they do it. Some people come in and give parties for our families. We want to include them."

For more information about the booklet or celebration, call (734) 416-1111.

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Wedding specialists offer free advice

Wedding Specialists United are offering a workshop designed for brides and grooms-to-be to plan their Big Day. The next 90-minute event takes place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth.

Admission is free for those who make reservations in advance.

Call (734) 710-9492. Tickets

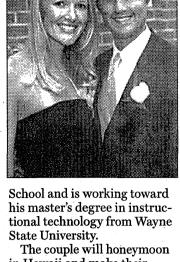
at the door will be \$10. A panel of experts will offer

information and answer questions about invitations, photography, flowers, cakes, decorating, reception halls, engraving, videography, and honeymoons. Couples will be able to have

an engagement portrait taken

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Wiener-Katz

Plymouth.

Rebecca Pauline Wiener and Ian Michael Katz are engaged to be married.

ENGAGEMENTS

Robin Zator Dzialo and

Timothy Allan Zdrodowski

will be married Aug.8, 2008 at

The Inn at John's in Plymouth.

Robin is the daughter of

Robert and Carolyn Dzialo

of Plymouth. She is a gradu-

ate of Plymouth-Salem High School, earned a bachelor's

degree from Michigan State

University and a law degree

Mercy. Robin is practicing

from the University of Detroit-

law at Polce & Szuba, PLLC of

Tim is the son of Watson

Canton. He is a graduate of

Plymouth-Salem High School

and holds a bachelor of science

teaching biology at Salem High

degree from the University

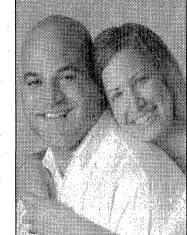
of Michigan. He is currently

and Barb Zdrodowski of

Dzialo-Zdrodowski*

Rebecca is the daughter of Laura Wallace of Plymouth and David Wiener of West Bloomfield. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is an area manager for The Buckle, a casual apparel and denim retailer.

Katz of Ottawa Hills, Ohio, and Nancy Katz of Sylvania, Ohio. He is a 1995 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School and graduated from Ohio State University in 2000. He received a law degree in 2003 from Syracuse University College of Law. He works as



an executive and corporate counsel at his family's Midas Auto Service Experts franchise organization.

An Aug. 31, 2008, wedding is planned for Toledo, Ohio.

Kneip-Smith

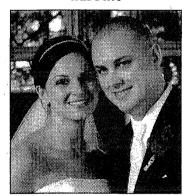
be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paulette Kneip of Westland and Roger Kneip of

She earned her first bachtender.

An October, 2008, wedding

WEDDING



Webber-Hall

Dusty Hall and Jillian Webber were married Dec. 8, 2007, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Robert Miller (Jillian's grandfather) and the Rev. Dorian McGlannan officiating.

The bride is the daughter

of Robert Webber of Livonia and Janice Webber of Livonia. She is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in psychology. The groom is the son of

Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and will graduate in May 2008 from Wayne State University with a degree in kinesiology.

The bride was attended by Kelly Evanoff, maid of honor, Erin Webber, Karen Hall, Kacie Parm, Misty Butcher, Alexis Gay, Jennifer Schack and Elizabeth Raley.

The groom was attended by Brandon McCullough, best man, Bob Webber, Tommy Hall, Harvey Hall, Nick Evanoff, Danny Wright, John Diponio and Andy Wright. Tommy Miles was the usher.

A reception was held at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Florida.

The Halls are making their home in Novi.

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William Jesse Ray was laid to rest in the Garden of Love and Devotion under the statue of Pieta at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, MI

MARIANA TOWER RITTER

Born on December 14, 1914 and went home to the Lord on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the age of 93. Granddaughter of two Civil War veterans; faithful wife of Leonard Ritter, a decorated career serviceman; mother of Donald Ritter, who served his country honorably in the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam var. Her other son, Gene Ritter, preceded her in death just 4 years ago. Mariana is survived by her four grandchildren, Kacey, Michelle, Jeff, and Tasha., two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Joey LeAnne, two daughters-in-law, and countless friends who loved her dearly. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile in Livonia, Michigan. (734) 261-5050.



KENNETH S. STOPA, SR.

away on May 6, 2008. He was born on August 19, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Sylvia (Urban) Stopa. Ken entered the United States Army in 1968 during the Vietnam War; he proudly served his country until 1970. He was united in marriage to Karen L. Woodruff on July 13, 1973 and spent 35 loving years together. Ken had a Master of Science in Hospital Administration from Concordia College. He was Senior Respiratory Therapist for Children's Hospital in Detroit. He was known as one of the best therapists mainly because he got along with everyone. Ken also was a professor at Wayne County Community College and was well respected by all of his students. A significant aspect of Ken's life was his music. He was the front man for the well known Motown group the Silvertones. Ken was not only the lead singer for the Silvertones, but he also played the guitar, saxophone, flute, and harmonica. He submitted a song to Hitsville USA. They played many weddings and special events and they are still remembered today. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen; his mother Sylvia Stopa; his children, Kelly L. Gregory, John W. Gregory, and Kenneth S. Stopa, Jr.; his sister Geraldine (Bud) Hillard; his brothers, Donald (Paula) Stopa and Duane (Billie) Stopa; and his grandchildren, Brett Gregory and Ashley Gregory. He was preceded in death by his father. A funeral service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. Scott Crosstek with the First United Methodist Church of Brighton officiated the service. Mr. Stopa was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in

Livonia. Memorial contributions

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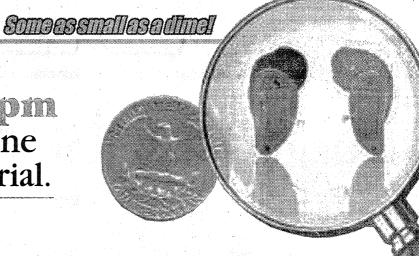
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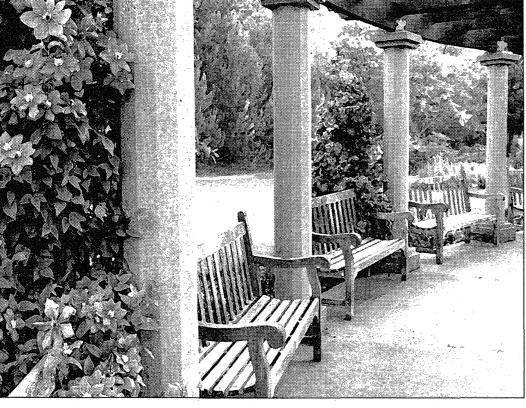
The fifth annual spring show, Fine Art at the Village, will feature ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multimedia, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and more. An outside panel of experts juried the entries and invited artists with the highest scores to participate in the show.

Judges also will assess the artwork during the festival and award outstanding entries.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view art work of this caliber and meet the artists," stated Donna Beaubien of Troy, the festival's executive director.

"Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree-lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shops and restaurants. Children can enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities."

Costumed characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival will interact with youngsters while supervis-



Janet Schenk of Troy will exhibit her photography at Fine Art at the Village, in Rochester Hills.

ing their art projects in the children's art area.

Other entertainment will include Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band; the Blackberry Creek Dancers; cool jazz by Russell Donnellon; and Super Stilt Walker.

Local artists include: ■ Ceramics — Wayne Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills, and Jan Robb of Troy

Andrews of Rochester,

■ Fiber — Veronika Tobey of Rochester Hills, Judy Sledge of Troy and Barbara

■ Jewelry — Charlotte Lodico of Oakland and Michael MacManus of

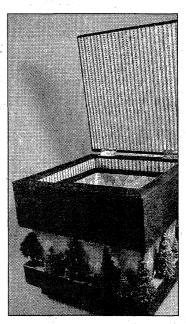
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 \blacksquare Multi-media — Ruth **Heginbottom of Troy**

■ Painting — Lucia Lucas of Bloomfield, Barbara Markham of Rochester, Kathy Boltz Phillips of West Bloomfield, and Harry Villalonga of Oakland Township



A one-of-a-kind mixed media art box by Ruth Heginbottom of Troy.

- Photography Janet Schenk of Troy
- Sculpture Rusty
- Voorheis of West Bloomfield ■ Wood — Bob Daily of **Rochester Hills**

A nonprofit art group, Creative Arts Council, sponsors the show.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and noon-6 p.m.,

Sunday. The Village of Rochester Hills is located at the northeast corner of Adams and

Walton in Rochester Hills.

Teen film fest focuses on environment

Teens with an interest in short films and an opinion on the environment, still have time to submit their works to the East Michigan **Environmental Action** Council's (EMEAC) second annual Youth **Environmental Film** Festival.

"This is a great opportunity for students statewide to learn about environmental problems using technology in a fun atmosphere as part of a team effort among their peers," stated Lottie V. Spady, EMEAC's director of education.

Entries are limited to five minutes and can feature live action, animation, claymation, still photography, or several other techniques. The contest is open to students, ages 13-18, and youth organizations. Films must be suitable for viewing by all ages. All films must be labeled with its title, and the filmmaker's email address and phone number. Material may be submitted in a Mini DV, Quick Time Movie File or on a DVD.

Participants must complete an application form located on EMEAC's Web site at www.emeac.org.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m., May 15, at Green Screen Film Festival, 3901 Margaret Street, Detroit, MI 48221.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$200 prize, go on location with a local director and have their film submitted nationally.

The youth film festival is slated for 9 p.m., June 2, at the Main Arts Theatre, located on Main street, just north of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak.

For more information call (313) 505-3325.

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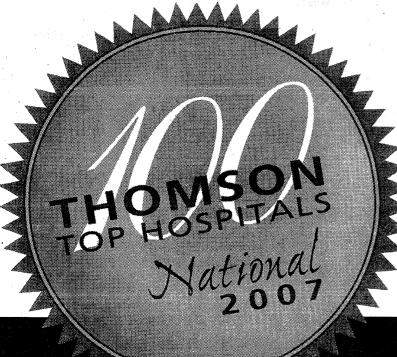
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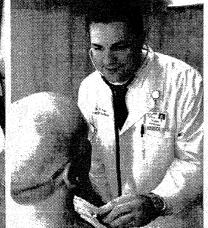
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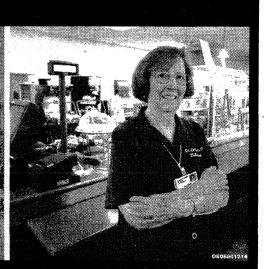
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Hills musical couple present 'An Afternoon of Song' Livonia Arts Commission

Adat Shalom Synagogue presents "An Afternoon of Song" at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday,

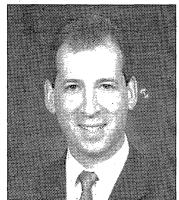
The concert will feature Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo and Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, and joined by the Zamir Chorale, the Adat Shalom Choir, and the Adat Shalom Ruach Youth Choir.

Musical selections include opera, classical music, Israeli songs, musical theater favorites, and songs celebrating the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Advance tickets are on sale at the synagogue during business hours or may be reserved by calling Caren Harwood at (248) 851-5100. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

General admission is \$10. **Noteworthy Contributors** (\$36 per person) and Virtuoso Sponsors (\$54 per person) are invited to a "pre-glow" reception at 2:30 p.m. and will have special seating.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo has been the cantor ied philosophy at St. Johns



Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo

of Adat Shalom Synagogue since June 2007. Prior to joining the Adat Shalom family, he served as cantor at Beth Hillel-Congregation B'nai Emunah in Wilmette, Ill., and as cantor and education director at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim in Cranford,

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo graduated from The Jewish Theological Seminary with a master of sacred music as well as a diploma of Hazzan. He stud-



Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo

College in Annapolis, Md., and majored in opera studies at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo has performed in recitals and concerts in New York, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey, where he was a member of the New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble. Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo resides in Farmington Hills with his wife, Lisa, and their three children.

Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo has been a musician from as early as she can remember. After teaching herself to read music at age 4, she studied piano and violin and eventually went to the Manhattan School of Music as a violin major. During her time at Manhattan, she discovered her singing voice and, after changing her major to vocal studies, graduated with a bachelor of music in vocal performance.

She has performed in concerts and recitals in various venues, including the Donnell Public Library in New York City and the Tanglewood Music Center, where she performed in the U.S. premiere of Alexander Goehr's Sing, Ariel with soprano Lucy Shelton, under the direction of conductor and composer Oliver Knussen.

Lanzkron-Tamarazo homeschools the couple's three children, Max, Doris and Nicoletta.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt Road, in Farmington Hills. For further information, call (248) 851-

TAIL-WAGGER TWO STEP WALK

What: The 15th annual walk raises

When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, May 18

Where: Twin Chimneys picnic site

at Independence Oaks County

Park, 9501 Sashabaw, north of

the I-75 Sashabaw Road exit, in

Details: Teams and individuals,

pledges and walk from two to five

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in search of exhibitors

The Livonia Arts Commission is still looking for exhibitors for Art From the Heart, its annual arts and crafts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, in front of Livonia City Hall at 33000 Civic Center Drive.

Mediums include ceramics,

glass, pottery, fiber, wood, jewelry, metal, weaving, leather, photography, mixed media (2-D and 3-D), drawing, sculpture, painting, and more. Awards will be presented for Best of Show and First, Second and Third Place.

For more information, call (734) 466-2540.

Young musicians wanted

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding new member placement auditions on Saturday, May 17, at Stevenson High School in Livonia. If you have at least six months of music background, come join one of LYPM's six concert groups. The youth orchestras have openings in novice, intermediate and advanced groups plus a Flute Choir and a Saxophone Choir. To schedule an audition, call (734) 464-8704.

Three Cities to show art

Three Cities Art Club holds its annual spring Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale from noon Thursday, May 15, through 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18, during regular hours at the Canton Township Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

An opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, with live music and refresh-

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a prize, one of three gift certificates from local merchants.

In addition to fine works of art for sale, there will be art supplies, note cards, prints, and more. The event is sponsored by D & M Art Studios and Martin Miller Artist Supplies.

For more information about the event or the club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@

Christ Our Savior to hold prayer vigil

In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will be opening its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, for a Prayer

People are welcome to come anytime, stay as long as you

wish. It's a wonderful and moving experience to come into God's house and open your heart to God, silently praying for as long as you feel moved to. Everyone is welcome. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96. For more information, visit www.christoursavior.org.

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Couple makes Tail-Wagger walk an annual family tradition

BY SHARON DARGAY

FCCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Karen and Doug Doyle will start their morning early, Sunday, May 18, making about 40 pizzas at their Hungry Howie's store in Clarkston.

After they deliver the pies to the 15th Annual Tail-Wagger Two Step at Independence Oaks County Park, they'll walk their dogs along the park's picturesque trails.

The routine is an annual tradition for the Madison Heights couple. They walked in the first Tail-Wagger, a fund-raiser for the Michigan Animal Rescue League, (MARL) 15 years ago and hasn't missed one since. And for 14 of those years, they've baked and supplied the pizzas for the event, which is expected to draw about 250 MARL sup-

"We are honored to do so," Karen Doyle said. "Anything we can do to help them get revenue, we'll do. I know all of the animal shelters need help right now."

by Hour Magazine

But Doyle holds a special place overwhelmed." in her heart for MARL, located at 790 Featherstone, in Pontiac.

"I have been aware of this shelter for over 20 years. I've gotten four dogs from the rescue league. I can't say enough about the crew there. It takes so much time to work with these animals. Once they bring them in they need to socialize them and make them adoptable.

"Shelter dogs make the best dogs and that's due to the employees and volunteers."

The couple adopted a sixyear-old Lab mix, Abby, and a Rottweiller mix, Ivy, 11/2.

Doyle was so impressed by shelter manager Kayla Allen, that she named one of her first adopted dogs, a German Shepherd mix, after the woman. Another previous adoption from MARL, Shep, also was a Shepherd mix.

"People should look in shelters when they are going to adopt a pet. In this time of economic difficulty, all of the shelters are

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Doyle's sister-in-law will watch Ivy and Abby while the couple make pizza the morning of the walk. Then they'll all participate in the event.

MARL supplies soda pop and hot dogs, in addition to the pizza at an after-walk picnic lunch. The organization also runs contests for most obedient dog, best dressed canine and best trick. There's also an owner-dog look alike contest.

"It's a fun day," Doyle said. "It's a beautiful park. There are dirt trails but they are well-groomed. There's a lake there with several trails going around it. "It's very pleasant to walk."

Participants ask friends or family members to sponsor them in the walk. They bring donations to the event and also may mail them to MARL by June 30

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would-be working retireds. Like people in other age groups, they're at a loss to bv Mildred L. they can do at this point

- how they can earn money doing it; - who can help them; and

- where they should go to find that help. They're looking for answers.

Jamie Pennington, of Atlanta's Flexible Executives, has been placing people in a variety of project-based work consulting from management and marketing to IT, sales, finance, advertising and PR/Communications, since early 2006. People who are 55 and older comprise more than half of her firm's database, which spans 28 states. Most of them

work at home after corporate or entrepreneurial careers. "There's an anxiousness to give back," she comments. "A lot of executives have been very successful in their own right. It's much more about contributing and helping younger companies succeed. A sense of accomplishment gets people

getting out there and doing project-based work." Linda Stewart, president, CEO and founder of Epoch Partners L.L.C., headquartered in Boston, fills assignments for about 600 individuals in this category for three to six months, occasionally longer, in financial services. Some of her placements are also project-based. She points out that

these workers "have made their mistakes on someone else. They have no political agenda and can collaborate." Predicting that the knowledge transfer -- "mentoring" -portion of her business will eventually reach 40 percent, she says that this group is "redefining the way they work." She maintains that the average life cycle of a new product or service, from concept to launch, used to be five years. That's been squeezed to fewer than 18 months. For this reason. seasoned guidance in meeting this sped-up cycle will be essential. She further observes that "accomplished professionals and executives in unprecedented numbers are looking for alternatives to employment. They still want to contribute. A lot want to be consultants but don't know how

ON YOUR OWN How can you find companies like these? Stewart advises you to consider M Squared Consulting Inc., Executive Smarts L.L.C., Business Talent Group L.L.C., and Gerson-Lehrman Group. "Look for specific disciplines," she suggests, 'such as accounting, IT and general management." However,

the search might be difficult. Pennington indicates that areas

underserved by companies like hers are public relations,

market themselves."

advertising and business strategy. Stewart considers "most' underserved because of the newness of the concept. Pennington advises you to look for honesty -- watch out for the Web -- and speak with five or six executives using a service with which you might affiliate.

If you have relationships with executive recruiters, this isn't the time to overlook them, according to Joseph Daniel McCool, author of the industry study "Deciding Who Leads: How Executive Recruiters Drive, Direct & Disrupt the Global Search for Leadership Talent" (Davies-Black, \$27.95). "I think they'll be forced, over time, to give older, retired executives more opportunities to come back into the workforce, perhaps on a flexible schedule . . . Retired workers usually aren't in recruiters' networks, but they would be wise to reconnect, because executive recruiters can be especially influential when it comes to reintroducing their know-how into the workforce."

Finally, look around you, close to home. Publicist Cher Murphy of Cher Murphy PR in Vienna, Va., owns a young firm after years in other companies. Her mother, Lana Atwell, fit the bill as business development director. "She is more than qualified after working more than 38 years for the government," says Murphy, "the past five of them in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She is a great negotiator, committed and loyal to the end. It's great working with someone with the same work ethic and, even better, the one person that you know will never let you down."

If there's no progressive family member to recruit you, no



Photo: Options for the working retired are increasing. Here we see Cher Murphy of Cher Murphy PR in Vienna, Va., with her mother, Dana Atwell, whom she hired for her start-up. Experience and reliability

company to return to and no recruiter to contact, be prepared for companies that charge monthly or subscription fees. Pennington's application fee, which includes a background check, costs \$300.

were critical factors in Murphy's decision to hire Atwell as business

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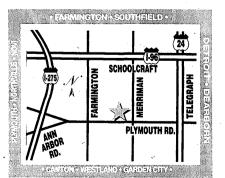
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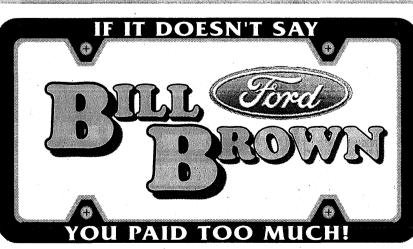
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Shingles, stone work, and a metal roof prepare the Pioneer (407-39) for any kind of weather. This 2,052-square-foot home contrasts a rustic cabin quality with that of a contemporary structure built to last. The unfinished, skylight attic area over the two-car garage offers options as an art studio, an office, or guest area. The entrance to the Pioneer has the ranch effect with a covered porch and railings.

The entry has coat closets on both sides, while directly ahead, below the staircase banister, are built-in bookshelves adjoining the raised hearth on the left. The entire left portion of the Pioneer is dedicated to the living room and parlor. Between the rooms, in the space directly opposite the massive rock fireplace, bay windows offer a view and extra light.

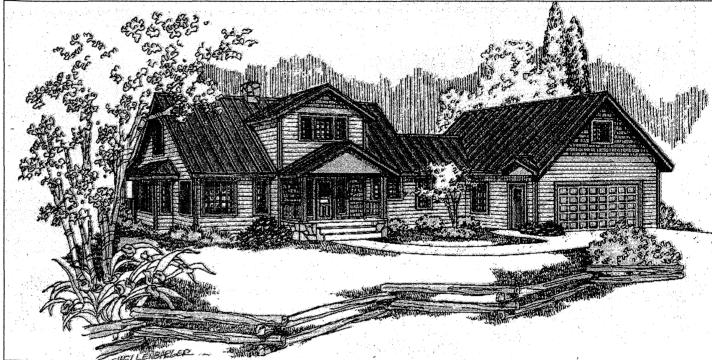
In the rear, a covered deck with steps into the backyard is accessed through a patio door in the living room. The main bathroom is located between the living room and dining area, adjacent to the stairs to the second floor. The area underneath the stairs has been used as a pantry. The kitchen has been conveniently arranged with the sink and dishwasher on the counter end near the dining room. The range and oven are on an island and the refrigerator is at the end of the counter near the island. The area has the appearance of open space and easy accessibility.

Near the kitchen, between the entry and the garage, a large utility room provides

Upstairs in the Pioneer is as unique as its exterior. The master suite and the second bedroom both have two skylights apiece and very large wall closets. There is an extraordinary bathroom arrangement for use by both bedrooms. The tub. with three frosted windows above, has a linen closet and a sink on each side. The Pioneer would be ideal for a large lot, with trees that make a rustic setting. The Pioneer is a home that allows the owners to use their imagination in the use of its spaces.

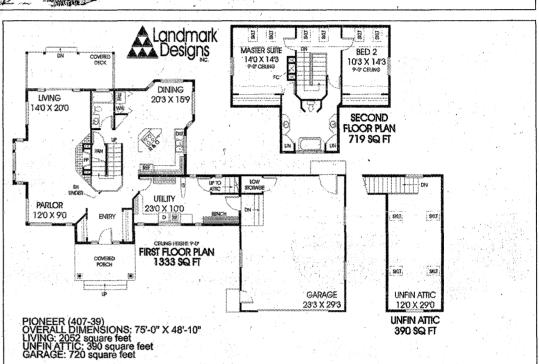
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Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or AAM members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248)

862-1033 ■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property **Management Council** (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part time staff. Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or **Building Industry Association** members and \$65 for guests. For registration information,

call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) will present
"Condominium Flexibility:
Cleaning Up After The
Flood" on Tuesday, May 20,
from 8:30 a.m. to noon at
Association Headquarters,
30375 Northwestern Highway
in Farmington Hills.

In Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title. Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) presents
Green Built™ Training on
Wednesday, May 28, from
1-4 p.m. at Association
Headquarters, 30375
Northwestern Highway, in
Farmington Hills

Farmington Hills.
Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt
Construction discusses
building with materials and
methods that result in Green
Built™ certification. Building
Green offers a change from
selling cost per square foot
to making an environmental
statement. The training is
\$50 per person, or free if you
join Green Built within 30
days. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for **Building Professionals**" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of **Builder Professional Services** Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance,

better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations. Chuck Breidenstein, **CAPS** of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach management skills that give industry leaders a solid foundation in the best business practices for planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling smaller businesses. Case studies and sample forms will be used to provide practical and applicable tools for management success.

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

■ Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) presents
Green Built™ Training
on Wednesday, June 11,
from 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA
Headquarters, 30375
Northwestern Highway in

Farmington Hills.
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Green offers a change from
selling cost per square foot
to making an environmental
statement. This training will

focus on building operations and global impact. The training is free for BIA members. For registration information,

call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR
Professional Remodelers
Council will hold a "Barbecue
Blender" industry networking event on Wednesday,
June 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. at
BIA Headquarters, 30375
Northwestern Highway,
Farmington Hills.

Attendees will enjoy networking, food and drinks with remodeling professionals. Registration is free for those involved in the remodeling industry. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "A/C Trouble Shooting" course on Tuesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The course provides a basic understanding of air conditioning components and functions, trouble shooting and preventative maintenance for professional maintenance staff

maintenance staff.
Registration fees are \$45

per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present Economic Forecast and Legislative Update for the Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begins at 11 a.m.

Join AAM for its first annual Economic Forecast and Legislative Update Luncheon. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry. Economic Forecast speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners. Legislative Update speaker is Jack Schick of Karoub Associates

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

862-1033. Association membership

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors, was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Residential Property Managers (NARPM), joining more than 1,500 residential property managers throughout the United States.

NARPM is the nation's only professional organization for managers of small residential properties, from single units to 4-plexes. Members represent more than \$13 billion worth of residential properties nationwide. NARPM was founded in 1988 and provides networking, education, and public relations services to professionals within the residential property arena.

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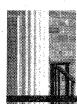
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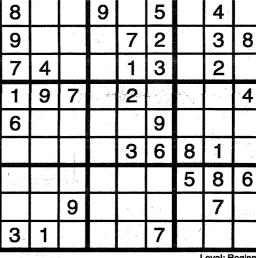
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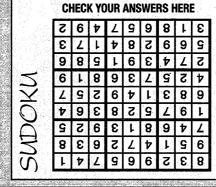
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GREAT EXPECTATIONS GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes travelling, for friendship first leading to LTR. 22147056

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good s/morals. 2207254

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'
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LET'S GET TOGETHER! Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-80, for friendship first, maybe more. **23**270132

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION Tall, attractive WIWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide verity of interest to share all life offers. \$\mathbb{T236416}\$

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF, 44, professional, hard-working independent, enjoys church, shopping more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. \$\tilde{T}\$235988

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JUST A NICE PERSON... looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. ₹249320

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COULD YOU BE THE ONE? ght, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, out-ing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind wish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment. love and laughter. 2230694 POSSIBLE LTR

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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. **27993381** PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive,
132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed
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SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun.
Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests.

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37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more.

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punky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. spunky and A LOT TO OFFER
SBF, 46, educated, enjoys her pets, life.
Seeking similar male, 38-48, who is positive
and healthy, H/W proportionate, to share
life. \$\mathbf{T}262384\$

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous inter-

ests including history, traveling, and home life. 27409879 SEEKING FRIENDSHIP SEEKING FHIENDSHIF SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/ Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and mov-ies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open.

23134425 HERE I AM GUYS Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 55", 156lbs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. 27238307 LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

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Hi my name is Lois, I'm a 56-year-old widow
with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear
glasses. I have no children but have 3 cats.
I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up
north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, gardening and also enjoy a
lot of other things and open to many more.
I've got a sense-of-humor, love to laugh, very
caring and considerate person. Looking for
someone with similar interests, not necessarily the same as mine. Seeking a long-term relationship and see what happens. 2137067

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM,
45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate,
loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why
not try me? \$\frac{\tag{\text{T985794}}}{\text{CPS85794}}\$

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ANTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/ LTR. 27245846 LOOKING FOR ME?

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Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. \$\mathbb{T}246987\$

HELLO
SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. \$\mathbb{T}249756

WORTH A LOOK
SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. ☎253834

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! SWPF, 42, smoker, seeks WPM, 40ish-60ish, smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowl-ing, dining, time at home. 17269456

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 27113901 MUST LOVE WRESTLING! Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. \$\mathbb{T}268699\$

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DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. 2200296

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. \$\mathbb{T}262181\$

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, the-ater. Is it you? \$\mathbb{T}\$271085

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A LOT TO OFFER SWM, 30, 5/6", 185lbs, brown/blue, look-ing for SWF, 236-45, who is open, friendly, likes getting out and having a good time.

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate.

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LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/ outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 22265340

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes
rollerblading, biking, running, the outdoors,
animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with
a cool personality and can appreciate an
awasome run, \$22374 me guy. 222374

BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. \$\frac{\pi}{272875}\$ DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 27, 5'11", 185lbs, nice athletic build, smoker, seeks financially secure woman, 18-41, for friendship, possible romance.

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking triendly SF, age/location open. \$\mathbf{T}\$531308

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41,
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boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking
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connection. ☎176478

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 1269646

SEEKING A LADY
SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes dancing, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will respond to all. \$\frac{\tag{274642}}{274642}\$ HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
Sociable SM, 57, 57", graying brown/blue,
mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food,
reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, BF to share these. \$2223744

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more 7557011 more. **22257001**

Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. COULD IT BE YOU? DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45,

nitment-minded, caring, sweet and so-e. **27160056** BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. 22684501

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Some things do get better with age. Blueeyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically
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LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friend-ship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more.

WELL? SBM, 33, 6'1", 200lbs, construction worker, smoker, seeks WF, 25-40, who is sexy, intelligent, and knows what she wants. \$\pi^273854\$

LET'S MEET
Retired SWM, 74, N/S, enjoys long drives, playing cards, good movies and television, long drives. Seeking WF, 65-80, N/S, with good sense of humor. \$\overline{\pi}\)267998 LOVES THE OUTDOORS WM, two grown daughters, likes bowling, walks in the woods, fishing, some travel, going to movies and more. Hope to find a WF, 40-58, who enjoys these kinds of things. \$\mathbf{T}270367\$

SWM, 50, 5'11", 1851bs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, plano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. offee houses, art galleries. Musi al drinker, N/S, H/W proportionate.

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, cuddling, trying new trings, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share lifes little pleasures and adventures. \$\mathbb{T}\mathbb{ SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SENIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona
for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home.
Please be shapely, independent and know
what you want in life. 2692418

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBM, 36, 5°11", 165lbs, goate-beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. \$\mathbf{T}\$250650

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/ brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. \$\mathbf{T251226}\$

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. \$\overline{\pi}\$587540 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

WM, 63°, dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign bom a plus. 2257029 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, oncerts and going to movies. Looking for attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50,

an attractive Latin/His for dating. 22257496 LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, NIS, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. \$\mathbb{T}860305\$

A WALK AND A TALK
easydoing, lovable SWM, 50, good lis-Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops nature and concerts. I seek a like-minder counterpart for where ever it goes. 22200890

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Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. \$\frac{\tau273294}{273294}\$

GORGEOUS SMILE! SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy mov-ies, dining, television, cuddling. \$\mathbf{T257889}\$

HEART OF GOLD SBF, 39, 5'6", average build a SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, en-joys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. \$\overline{T266442}\$

in This Box U Can Find...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call! \$224748

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BiF, 25-40, race open, D/D
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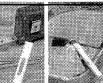
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With gas prices hovering between \$3 and \$4 in most places, I'm not sure how much of a market there is for muscle cars, but Ford Motor Co. is betting that at least some drivers are chomping at the bit to get behind the wheel of a classic muscle car brought back to life. For the first time since 1970, Ford has put the Shelby name

on a Mustang Cobra by giving us the 2007 Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 coupe. Also available as a convertible, it's a true muscle car, complete with a powerful engine, six-speed transmission, beefy

audio system and your very own gas guzzler tax to boot. The Shelby GT500 looks tough and seems like it's ready to growl at you if you look at it the wrong way. The front end features wide upper and lower fascia opening with a functional air splitter. The upper intake has the Cobra logo mounted off-

center, and the hood features heat extractors that protrude

near the leading edge. The Le Mans-style front-to-rear racing stripes add to the performance-car feel and 18-inch aluminum wheels are standard, as are a rear deck spoiler, dual stainless-steel exhaust, and fog lamps. You'll be tempted to stop at the test track on

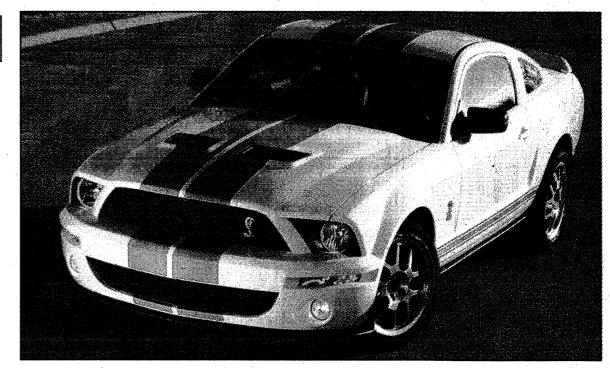
your way to work every morning.
You could handle the test track pretty well with this package. The GT500 is called that for one reason – the supercharged 5.4-liter, 32-valve V8 engine that outputs 500 horses and 480 foot pounds of torque.

To dissipate the heat from all this power, Ford has given the Shelby GT500 a high-capacity radiator, an intercooler mounted below the blower, a loop-style power-steering cooler, and an oil-to-water stacked-dish engine oil cooler, in addition to the heat extractors on the hood. This engine is EPA rated at 15/21 mpg (hence the gas guzzler tax) and requires premium

This powerplant is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and I'm not exactly taken with it. The clutch feels heavy and requires a lot of foot pressure to push, and it can be difficult to quickly find the proper gear with the shifter. With everyday use you might find it easy to get used to, but I'd like something that's a little less work. Stop-and-go traffic in this car really gives your left leg a workout.

That aside, the GT500 can be fun to drive because it rides and handles well for a muscle car. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut independent system with reverse L lower control arms and a 34 mm tubular stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a solid-axle, three-link system with coil springs, 24 mm solid stabilizer bar and a Panhard rod for axle control.

You feel in control of the GT500 all the time, even on



New Ford coupe is first to carry Shelby name in 37 years.

winding curves, and rough roads don't toss you around the cabin like some "performance" cars seem to.

Rack-and-pinion power steering is standard and provides good road feel. The brakes are excellent.

Inside, the GT500 has a look to match its exterior. The steering wheel cap and the leather seats feature the Cobra logo. The power front seats are six-way adjustable, and though there are rear seats, I wouldn't advise using them; things are pretty tight back there. Up front, though, there's plenty of room for the driver and passenger, and it's easy to find a comfortable driving position.

The instrument panel is complete, including a reminder light to let you know when to upshift. The tach is on the right side of the cluster, though, while the reminder light is under the speedometer. At first, this doesn't seem to make sense, but when you consider it, if you're looking the tach for shift guidance, you don't need the light anyway.

The center console includes a storage area and there are two cupholders and two auxiliary power outlets, as well. The trunk is surprisingly roomy; you can fit a week's worth of groceries in

Air conditioning is standard, as are power windows and

locks, and remote keyless entry.

The standard audio system is a Shaker 500 AM/FM/six-disc CD system with an auxiliary jack for your mp3 player, and eight speakers, rated at 500 watts of power. The standard system is very good, with thumping bass response and clean highs, but you can upgrade to a Shaker 1000, which - like its name implies - gives you 1,000 watts of power, plus 10 speakers. You can add satellite radio to either system.

This car could be a tempting target for thieves, but Ford has included a passive anti-theft system, separate alarm sounder,

an interior motion sensor and an anti-tow sensor.

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The key is a transponder key, which sends a code to the ignition system to allow the vehicle to be started. Don't lose the

keys; transponder keys can cost hundreds of dollars to replace. The GT500 comes with dual-stage front airbags capable of deploying at full or partial power, seat-belt pretensioners and seat-deployed side airbags.

The Ford Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 (that's a mouthful) starts at around \$41,000. Add the gas guzzler tax - which is not optional, by the way - satellite radio and the premiere trim package, which includes a wrapped a stiched instrument panel brow and center console with upgraded door armrest and aluminum pedal covers, and you're at about \$43K. Make no mistake; this car is going to cost you, in its initial

purchase price and at the pumps. But if you can get past that, the GT500 just might give you more muscle than anybody in your neighborhood.

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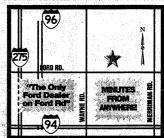
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