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Plymouth native falls short of top 10

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth native and country singing star Sarah Lenore may have been voted off NBC-TV's *America's Got Talent* Thursday night, but that certainly isn't the end of the 19-year-old's career.

"Sarah is already entertaining offers," said her dad, Brian Wiercioch of Plymouth. "She's had quite a few offers from some very influential companies."

"The show was just incredible exposure, and she got well-known with the exposure," he added. "You can't buy that kind of publicity. She got more than 99.9 percent of other entertainers."

Wiercioch said Lenore and her mother, Susan Wiercioch, were scheduled Friday to fly back from Los Angeles. However, there was a change in plans as Brian Wiercioch hinted the two were to meet with executives, presumably about possible recording contracts.

Wiercioch said his daughter may still go on tour with *America's Got Talent* along with other contestants on the show.

As for the tense moments before Lenore was told she wasn't among the final 10 acts which will compete for \$1 million and a contract to perform in Las Vegas, Wiercioch said it was sad ... but also a relief.

"After the judges' reactions the previous night, I pretty much knew," Wiercioch said. "Sarah was prepared either way. She was weepy at first and obviously not happy, but she'll get over it and move on. Things are definitely looking up for her."

"I'm kind of relieved because it took a lot out of me," added Wiercioch, who has seen his daughter audition the past several months in Nashville — where she now lives — Atlanta, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. "It's time to move forward."

"The goal was to get a record deal, not become a reality TV star."

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Plymouth native Sarah Lenore (right) reacts to being eliminated from the NBC reality show 'America's Got Talent' Thursday night.

Set in concrete

Pouring of cement sign of progress for Sheldon project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A real sign of progress at the Sheldon Road underpass site — the pouring of concrete — is in full swing as the project nears a December deadline.

"We've started constructing a lane on the north end, and south of the tracks both bridge abutments are done," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive. "We should be putting steel supports for the bridge on top of the abutments next week."

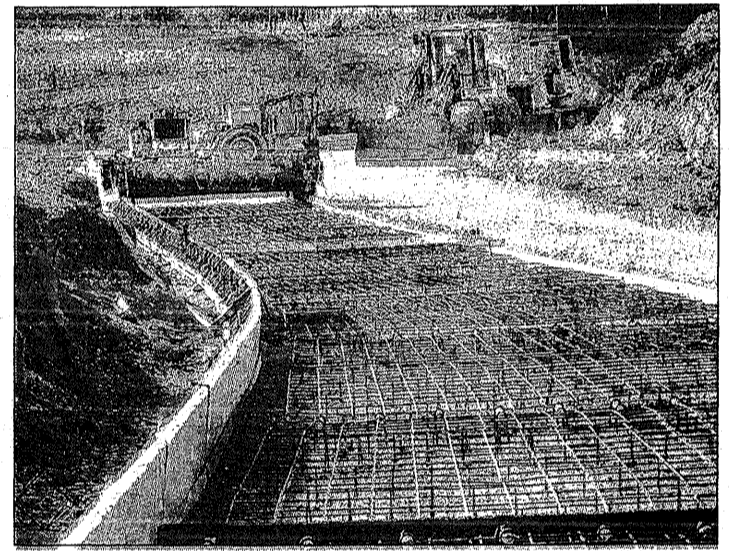
"We've still got to build the walls on either side of the abutment and build the bridge," he added. "When that's completed, we'll put the permanent railroad tracks

down, then take the temporary tracks out of service, mass excavate the land where the tracks sat and then continue paving underneath the bridge."

Helmkamp said the project is continuing on the accelerated schedule approved earlier this year.

"The acceleration budget and schedule is in place. We've been working longer hours in the evenings and on weekends," Helmkamp said. "There are no speed bumps right now and we're proceeding with the target we've always had to get it done in December. We're keeping our fingers crossed and forging ahead."

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Construction crews have begun pouring concrete, a step Wayne County officials call a sure sign of progress in the Sheldon Road Underpass project.

Enrollment continues steady climb

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators are confident the district will once again record a significant increase in enrollment over last year.

The unofficial count after classes resumed Sept. 2 indicated there were 204 more students enrolled throughout the district — seven more elementary students from the official count day in September last year, 33 more middle school students and 164 more at the high school park. Total enrollment has increased from 18,726 students last year to a tentative 18,930.

School districts throughout the state

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Enrollment is up by more than 200 students in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Web site designed to hit township issues

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry was running for the township board of trustees last month, he said residents to whom he talked had a lot of questions and felt like there was nowhere they could go to get answers.

Berry lost the election, but never forgot the concerns, and now he hopes he's provided a place to voice them, having recently launched a new Web site, www.plymouthtalk.com.

"We've been trying to figure out how we can let people express their views and have an opportunity to ask questions without fear of reprisal," Berry said of the site he designed with Web designer Bill Case. "It's still a work in progress."

To post, users must first register, an easy process the site walks users through in minutes. Berry hopes residents will use the site not only to raise issues and question leaders, but to praise individuals and groups worthy of it. He warns users, however, their comments won't go on the site unfettered.

"We'll edit some comments, but only for profane language and for things like libel," Berry said. "The best way to start a Web site

is to be honest with people."

The impetus for the site, Berry said, was an issue between former supervisor candidate Dianne Gonzalez and township officials over requests Gonzalez had made under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Berry said people had questions, but nowhere to get that information.

He thinks a site similar to plymouthtalk.com could have saved the school district thousands of dollars a couple of years ago when it was seeking a bond issue.

"The district spent \$25,000 to study whether the bond should go forward ... they could have used a site like this and tested people's opinions," Berry said. "The FOIA thing bothered me. I don't know if it bothered other people, and this is one way to find out."

Berry, a Republican, said his involvement in the community isn't going to end just because he lost the election. He said the Web site is a way to remain connected, and it's for everyone.

"It's an open and free forum ... even Democrats are welcome," Berry said, laughing.

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Ernesto's gets new name and new menu

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ernesto's Italian restaurant on Plymouth Road reopened for business Wednesday with quite a few noticeable changes.

First of all, the name has been changed to Ernesto's Italian Garden. The outside has been painted and the pink and orange Mediterranean look is gone in favor of a Tuscan decor with dark, wood beams and lots of wrought iron.

And, probably the best of all, the prices have been lowered to reflect today's family budget.

"Ernesto's has been a destination place for years, but with the economy the way it is families and corporations don't entertain like they used to," said Theresa Shackelford,

'The biggest message we want to send is the value of our menu ...'

TERESA SHACKELFORD, *Ernesto's employee*

who wears a number of hats at Ernesto's, including interior decorator and menu writer. "The biggest message we want to send is the value of our menu, with most of our menu items under \$15 and appetizers that are all under \$8.

"We have new menu items, but also some dishes from the old menu like the Chicken Ernesto, which has been the house favorite for 30 years," she said.

The menu items include portabella ravioli, eggplant chicken Parmesan, steaks and veal. Fresh fish includes wall-

eye, salmon and Lake Superior white fish.

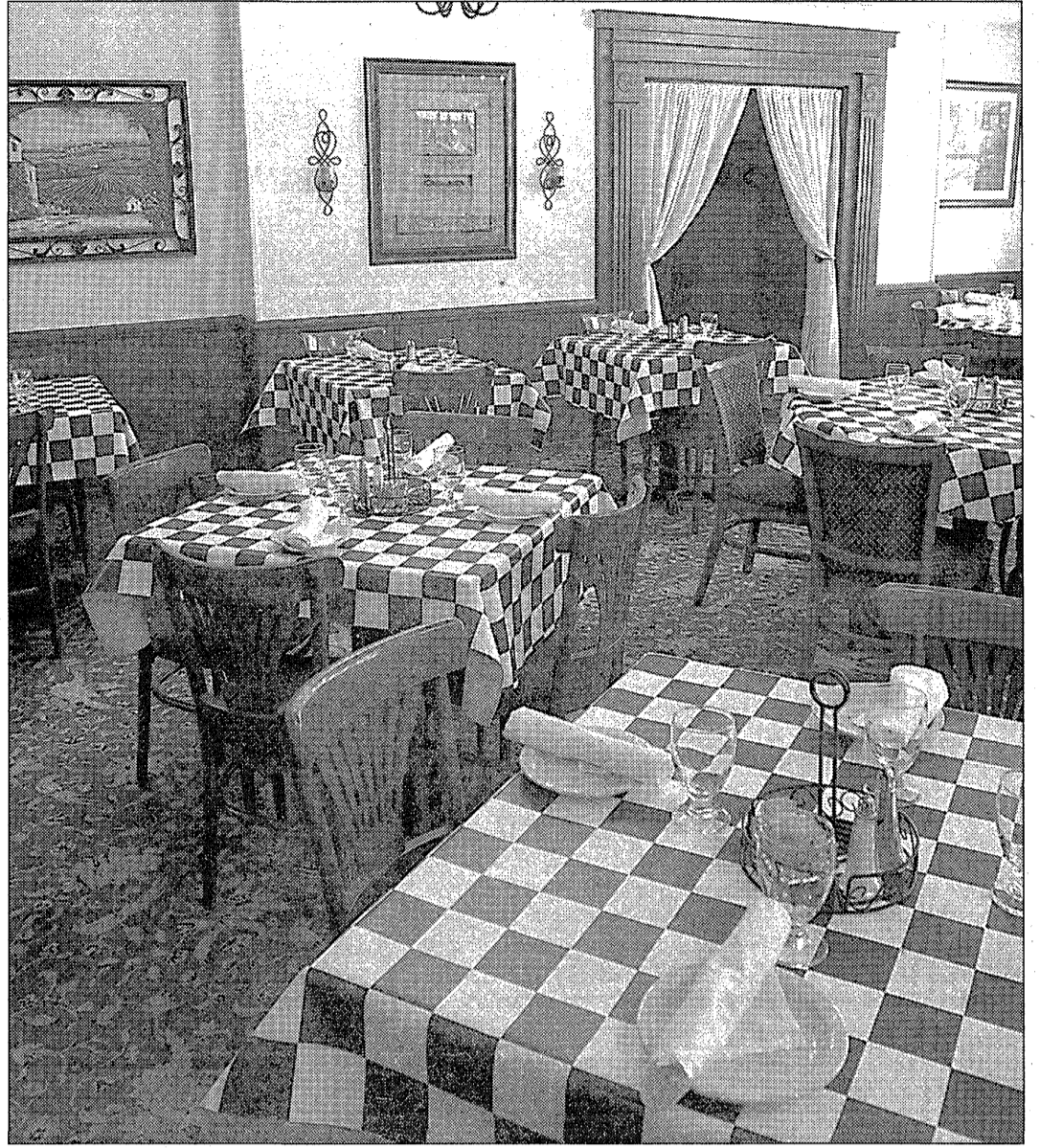
Ernesto's closed Aug. 31 for renovations, and gone is the sports bar Fast Eddie's which Shackelford said "didn't draw a crowd."

And, along with the value menu is a family friendly environment.

"We still get calls about the dress code because of the old stigma that if you didn't have a tie, don't come in," said Shackelford. "We have a very family friendly environment. Come in as you are after work, after the Michigan football game or soccer practice. Bring the family, we now have a \$3.95 kids' menu."

Ernesto's Italian Garden is open 4-10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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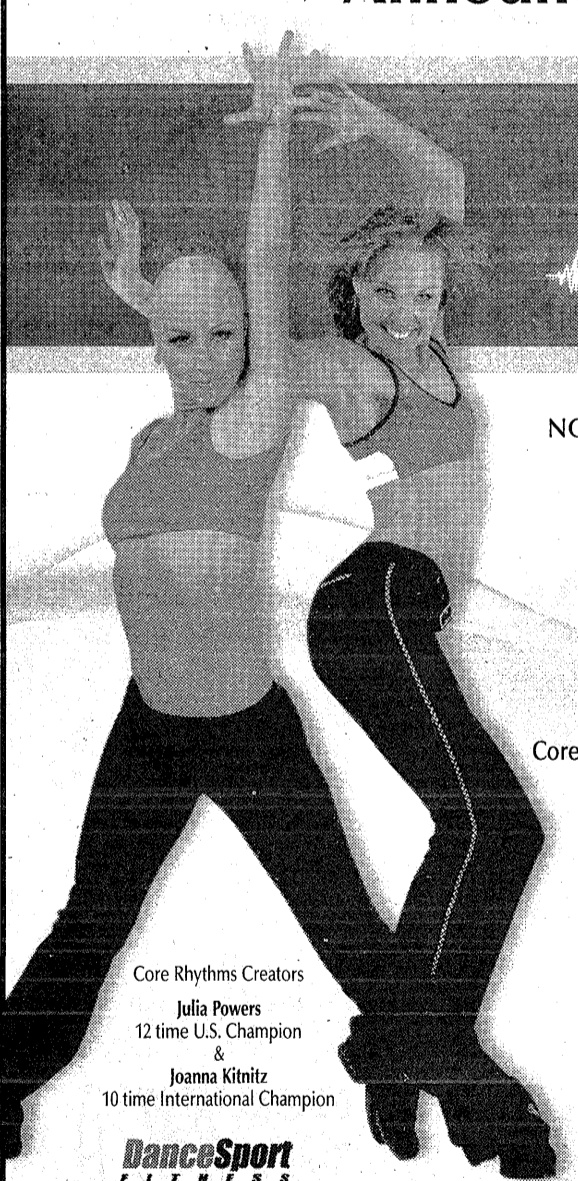
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Home health care agency hits 25-year mark

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

United Home Health Services is celebrating a quarter-century of family and healing this year.

The accredited company was founded by five health care professionals working out of an old house in Plymouth with less than a dozen workers. Today, UHHS is located in a suite at 2200 Canton Center Road and has nearly 100 employees.

While Penny Rhein, who began working for UHHS shortly after it opened, chuckles about all the changes the company has undergone in the past 25 years — the business didn't have a single computer when it was started — she says some aspects of the company have held firm.

"We have always had a family atmosphere," said Rhein, UHHS president. "We have a great deal of care for one another and we really care about our patients."



Penny Rhein, president of United Home Health Services, and geriatric care manager Angelina Muscat.

Rhein started out with UHHS as a nurse and went through the ranks becoming a clinical director and vice president before taking the job as company president.

"This is so much more than a job for me," said Rhein, a Canton resident. "I'm passionate about what we do."

The non-profit company, which has patients all over

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of the company's skilled home care has been a success.

"Whether people need someone to give them personal care in bathing or grooming or just want a companion, we have been able to do it," she said, adding that the private duty services include transportation, housekeeping, medication reminders, grocery shopping and meal preparation

and Alzheimer's and dementia care.

Given the personal nature of their business, Rhein said she knows it can be difficult for some to open their homes to strangers but says that UHHS performs a thorough screening of its job applicants, including background checks and drug tests.

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western Wayne County and some areas of Oakland and Washtenaw counties, has a slogan of "United in our caring," and operates under the belief that people tend to get better when they're at home.

The company offers nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social work, nutritional counseling and has certified home health aides.

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"The lack of an understanding of a Christian worldview has left many Christians vulnerable and confused by the dominant varieties of what the world is offering about God, man, truth and the meaning of life," said Dr. John Grenfell III, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. "That is why we feel privileged that First Church is one of thirteen Michigan host sites for this important event."

The church is located at

45201 N. Territorial Road (1/4 mile west of Sheldon). The simulcast is set for Saturday, Sept. 27 starting with check-in at 8:30 a.m., the training from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and includes a full set of seven classroom DVD's. The registration fee is \$119.

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Law firm management team

The Southfield law firm of Levine, Benjamin, Tushman, Bratt, Jerris and Stein, P.C. announced Thursday it has changed its name, installed a new management team and launched a new Web site.

The firm, which concen-



Bimberg

Partners Gary W. Bimberg (of Plymouth), Joseph E. Houle, Kevin M. Kain and Greg M. Liepshutz have been selected as the firm's new management team, with Houle elected president and chief executive officer.

The firm's new name was prompted by the impending retirement of several former members of the firm coupled with the trend in the legal

practice in Social Security disability, workers compensation and personal injury law, is now called Levine Benjamin.

industry to adopt shorter, more memorable firm names. "Our former name was often shortened to Levine Benjamin by our clients, so the change simply made sense for us," said Houle.

Bimberg practices exclusively in the area of Social Security disability law. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and the U. S. Federal Court, Eastern District of Michigan in 1995. He is a frequent lecturer, author and instructor about Social Security disability claims. He has been a shareholder and partner in Levine Benjamin since 2000 and with Joseph Houle, heads the Social Security division at the firm. He is a Plymouth resident.

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Cox issues warning on auction rate securities

Attorney General Mike Cox recently issued a warning for Michigan investors who have purchased an investment product known as Auction Rate Securities (ARS) and are unable to fully access their funds. Cox began investigating ARS investments in May 2008 after receiving complaints from consumers.

"Investors need to have confidence in our financial system, and that includes providing promised liquidity to consumers who purchased Auction Rate Securities," said Cox. "I am committed to protecting Michigan citizens from losing their hard-earned money. Today's announcement serves as an alert to Michigan citizens who may have invested in Auction Rate Securities to contact the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation if they believe their investment was misrepresented to them."

The sales practices related to ARS securities are currently the focus of a multi-state task force that includes Michigan. The investigation into ARS practices is continuing and has already yielded numerous nationwide settlements with broker-dealers, including: Merrill Lynch; Morgan Stanley; UBS; JP Morgan Chase; Citigroup; and Wachovia Securities.

Cox urges any investors who have purchased ARS securities from any source to contact the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) to register their complaint. OFIR, by statute, is the securities regulator for the State of Michigan, and is working in conjunction with the Attorney General's office on resolving this issue. OFIR will share all complaints with the Attorney General's office, and forward complaints to the North American Securities Administration Association (NASAA). OFIR may be contacted by calling (877) 999-6442 or visiting www.nasaa.org.

[michigan.gov/ofir](http://www.michigan.gov/ofir).

Earlier this year, the ARS market experienced numerous failures and collapsed. The market failure prevented investors who had purchased ARS securities from accessing their funds. Since the ARS failures, the Attorney General's office has received numerous complaints from investors. In many cases, investors have complained that they were misled about the nature of ARS securities, and not provided with relevant information. In particular, many investors report that they were informed that ARS securities were a liquid "money market" type investment that was suitable for such things as short-term cash reserves. These investors often purchased ARS securities with short-term cash funds, which then could not be accessed.

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record official counts on the fourth Wednesday in September and report them to the state, which is used to determine how much funding will be given each district.

"I'm always concerned, until we get the final count, that we haven't made the budget," said Steven Sneedman, school board treasurer, referring to the 140-student increase built into the 2008-09 budget.

"That means we don't get as much funding as we thought we were going to get in the budget, which means cutting programs, which I don't want to do.

"It's always good having a growing school district, but that also has problems in terms of space," he added. "Especially with the state mandating, over the next couple of years, all-day kindergarten. As a growing school district, that will be difficult for us to implement."

■ It appears the high price of gasoline means more students are busing to school.

"We're noticing our bus ridership is up 8-9 percent from last year," said Dean Mileto, transportation supervisor. "I believe it's due to the high fuel prices that parents have experienced, so now students are riding our buses.

"That has caused us some issues with overcrowded buses," he added. "We are working very diligently on getting those issues solved."

■ P-CCS will spend \$2,000 to have a Canton Fire Department EMS unit stationed during varsity football games.

"Because of our trainers and doctors on staff, we can stabilize and feel comfortable we are clearly within safety guidelines to provide appropriate response time to any kind of injuries," Supt. Craig Fiegel said. "Booster clubs meeting with the athletic department still felt a need, and we are promised by putting someone (Canton Fire Department) out there for varsity games only. The money would come out of the concession stand funds."

■ The Board of Education voted to spend \$31,125 to purchase an orchestra pit filler for the Salem High School Gloria Logan Auditorium.

"There is an eight-foot drop from the stage to the cement floor of the orchestra pit, and over the years several people have been injured falling into this pit," James Larson-Shidler, assistant superintendent of business services, wrote in a memo to Fiegel. "The orchestra pit filler will be an important addition as it will alleviate the safety concerns while increasing the size of the stage significantly when the pit is not in use."

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Blum's Landing

Parents of slain soldier building outdoors retreat for wounded troops

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In one of the most remote corners of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, along a small picturesque lake, a lodge has risen among the scented pines. When it is complete, it will cater to some very special clients — wounded military personnel in America's war on terror.

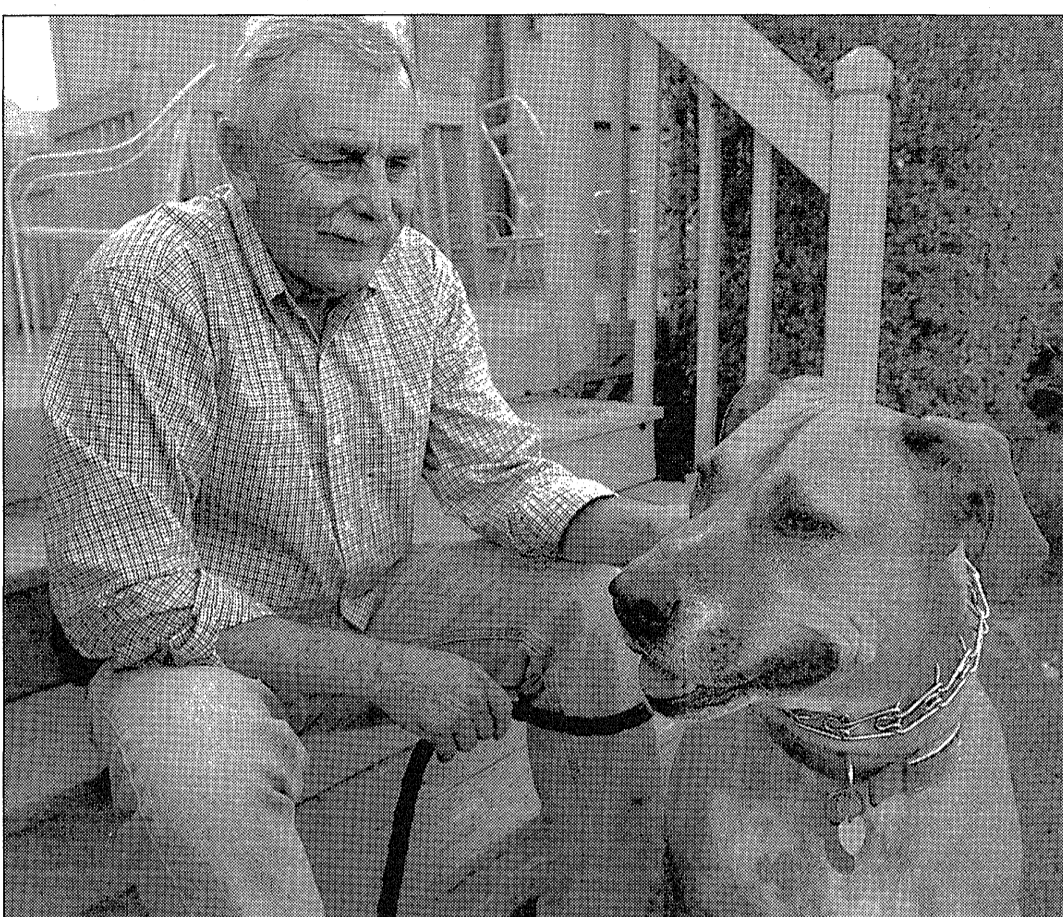
The lodge, known as Blum's Landing, is the brainchild of Janet and Terry Blumberg, the Canton couple whose son, Trevor, was killed during the early days of the Iraq War. In fact, the whole project is to honor their son, who was known as "Blum" among friends, and others like him who have sacrificed so much fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Blumbergs hope the 12-acre retreat in Presque Isle County near Rogers City will provide some peace and tranquility to soldiers who have been wounded — either physically or mentally.

"I've talked to a lot of moms who are concerned about their sons. So many are coming back with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)," said Janet Blumberg, who is the principal at Henry Ruff Elementary School in Garden City. "The one thing that moms are saying is that their sons are not the same as they were when they left. They are different people. This place will give a sense of love and a sense of peace."

Trevor Blumberg, a 1999 Salem High graduate, was killed on Sept. 14, 2003 when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. They had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier. A member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he was 22 years old when he died.

The Blumbergs say their son loved to fish and camp, and all things related to the outdoors. He especially cherished



Terry Blumberg, the father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, with his son's dog Scrappy.

BLUM'S LANDING
Owners: Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton
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the woods, lakes, and rivers of northern Michigan. When he first enlisted in the Army, he often told his parents how much he wanted to bring his fellow soldiers to Michigan for fishing and camping trips.

When the couple received Trevor's death benefits from the Army, they decided to invest it into something that honored his memory and his wish that, if he didn't come back, they would take care of his "guys" — those he served

with in Iraq. Blum's Landing is the result.

They bought 12 acres of forested land on the small, non-motorized Orchard Lake, and have built a main house, which will serve as a kind of bed and breakfast for soldiers and their families. It is a placid setting that borders a thousand acres of state forest land. It is also just minutes from miles of sandy Lake Huron beaches, the Black Mountain Recreation Area, trout streams, lakes, and thousands of acres of state forest. It's the kind of place Trevor would have loved, though he might question the size of the lodge.

"Trevor would say this is way too much," Terry Blumberg said. "He was the kind of guy that would be happy in a little shack.

Blum's Landing is still a work in progress. The main house has been built, but still needs plenty of work. The interior walls and floors still need to be built. When it is done, it will contain a suite upstairs for visitors. The Blumbergs plan on living downstairs when they ultimately move there after Janet retires in few years. They also plan to build a couple cabins closer to the lake so they can accommodate more soldiers and their families, as well as a dock and other amenities.

Terry Blumberg, who also served in the Vietnam War, estimates they have already spent more than \$400,000, and will need an additional \$300,000 to complete the project. He is working with military groups and others on fund-raising ideas, and would love some help from the public on other ideas. They are also soliciting donations so they can complete the project.

"I've never raised funds for anything in my life. This is all new to me," he said.

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Presented by
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Publish: September 14, 2008

WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
 IN COOPERATION WITH CANTON TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CANTON CENTER ROAD / SHELDON CENTER / SHELDON CONNECTOR PROJECT (WARREN TO JOY) CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN T.2S. R.8E.

September 18, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
 Summit on the Park, PDC Room Banquet Center
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Project Description:
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- Project Overview with Preliminary Plans
- Reconstruction with five lane cross section and intersection improvements
- Road, grading, drainage and sidewalk improvements overview
- Proposed Construction Summer 2009
- Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

Publish: September 11, & 14, 2008

OCC conference focuses on AD/HD

The ninth annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) is scheduled for Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

The conference is again sponsored by Michigan Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD), Oakland Community College and the Michael Golds Memorial Fund.

"We are pleased to be recognized as Metro Detroit's premier conference on AD/HD," said OCC Counselor Mary Jo

Schuster, one of the conference coordinators. "This year we have expanded our presentations to 20 different sections by national and area experts on every aspect of the impact of AD/HD on individuals and their families."

Keynote speaker will be Yvonne Pennington, Ph.D., speaking on "Raising Amazing Kids to Adulthood Even if One Has AD/HD". Her son Ty Pennington is the star of ABC's hit show "Extreme Makeover Home Edition".

The conference is designed for physicians, therapists, educators, social workers, students, adults with AD/HD and their family members.

Topics will include Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Adults with AD/HD; Ten Steps to Better Career Decisions; Accessing AD/HD in Minority Groups; Knowing the Facts of Your Life with AD/HD in Planning for College and Success in the Real World; Survival Tips for Women with AD/HD; Neurobiology of AD/HD; Your Defiant Teen; and School District Responsibilities Regarding Students with AD/HD.

Pennington will conduct a session entitled Unveiling the Underlying Issues of AD/HD and What to Do About Them.

The annual OCC event honors the memory of the late

Michael Golds who struggled with AD/HD. He was academically successful for the first time upon enrolling at age 30 at Oakland Community College. Golds graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University and was in his second year of graduate school in Florida when he died in a tragic accident.

His parents, Barbara and the late Jack Golds of West

Bloomfield, established a memorial fund at OCC for an annual symposium to help others understand and better cope with the impact of AD/HD on their lives. Dr. Jack Golds, 74, passed away July 30.

General admission for the conference includes lunch. It is \$59 before Sept. 15 or \$75 at the door.

Early registration guarantees a luncheon spot. Students

presenting ID will be admitted for \$30.

For a detailed conference description see the CHADD Web site: www.chaddmi.com.

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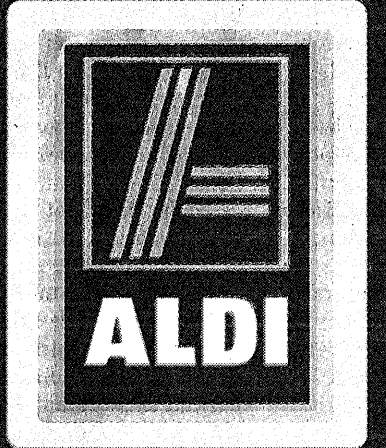
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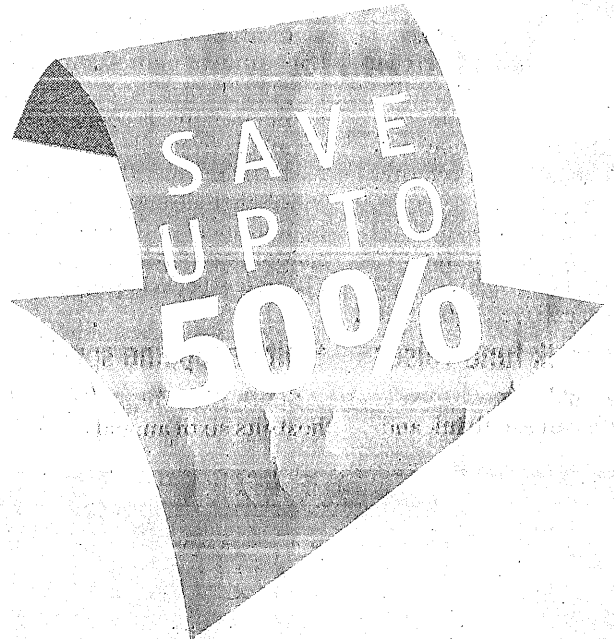
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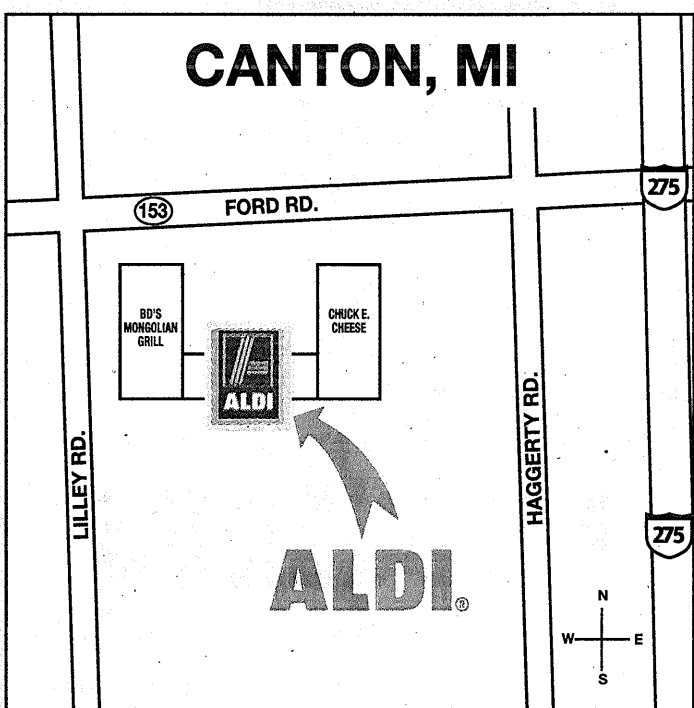
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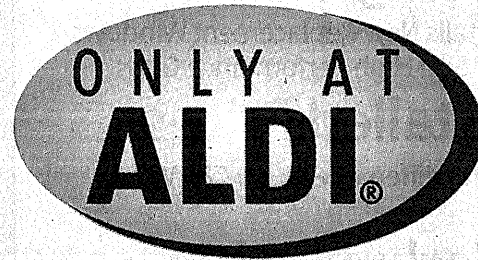
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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkdrich@hometownlife.com

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Organizers are expecting some 1,500 customers for the show, which also features food and drawings.

For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

Stem cell meeting

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host an educational meeting open to the public on the topic of Stem Cell Research 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The November ballot will include a proposed constitutional amendment to permit stem cell research in Michigan. Marilyn Hysen, from Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures will be the featured speaker at the League's Sept. 17 meeting. Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures is a nonprofit organization formed to educate the citizens of the State of Michigan, about the complex science, the biomedical potential and the current policies affecting stem cell research in Michigan, in order to promote informed decision making on this important issue.

Goodfellows' treat day

The Plymouth Goodfellows and Maggie Moo's Ice Cream & Treatery have teamed up to support "No child without a Christmas."

From noon and 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 25 percent of all Maggie Moo sales will be donated to the Plymouth Goodfellows so they may assist Plymouth children this Christmas.

Maggie Moos is located on 5 Mile just east of Beck in Plymouth Township. Any questions, call (734) 262-3199.

Cancer walk fund-raiser

Diners in downtown Plymouth can eat, drink and

help beat breast cancer, all at the same time.

Compari's and Fiamma Grille, located on Main just past Ann Arbor Trail, host a fund-raiser Monday, Sept. 15, for "Breast of Plymouth," the team headed by former Mayor Dan Dwyer walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

Diners eating between noon and closing time need only tell their waiter they're supporting Breast of Plymouth, and the restaurants will donate a portion of the check to the walk, scheduled for Sept. 26-28. Breast of Plymouth team members include Dwyer, Ed Hingelberg, Lisa Carney and Kate Hondorp.

On-line classes

On-line credit recovery classes are available through Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Education Center.

Classes are available for Algebra 1, Biology, English 10, English 11 and Geometry. The classes are offered for grades 10, 11 and 12.

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Chorale scholarships

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BeckRidge auditions

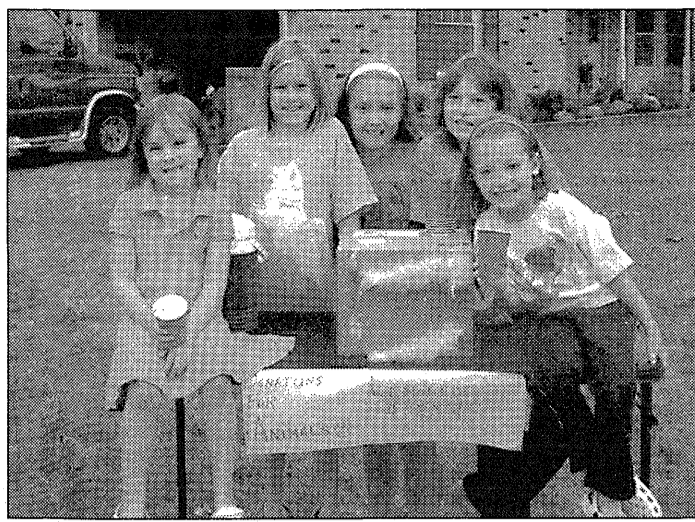
The BeckRidge Chorale will conduct auditions for its upcoming 35th-anniversary season.

Auditions will be by appointment only. Auditions are for all voice parts. The adult ensemble is composed of members from all over south-east Michigan.

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Smith shopping spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its sixth annual



Selling lemon-aid

When they started their neighborhood lemonade stand over the summer, the goal for (from left) Jordan Belanger, Kristi Belanger, Hailey Browne, Alyssa Rowley and Amber Rowley was to raise \$100 to donate to the SPCA or the Michigan Humane Society. After weeks of setting up, sitting in the heat and selling lemonade and snacks, the girls counted their earnings, and found \$103. "We even taped umbrellas to their chairs to keep the heat off, but they wouldn't come in until we made them," said Rhonda Browne, Hailey's mom.

Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 25 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products for your shopping pleasure. This event will also feature a raffle of over 25 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO. Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie on (734) 414-0218.

Chiefettes variety show

The Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon Teams present their "Dancin' thru the Decades Variety Show" Saturday, Sept. 20, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 and are available from Chiefette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$6 at the door on show day. For more information visit the Chiefettes' Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com

Junior Miss search

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for Senior

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If you have any questions you can contact Marissa Sarnecky at (313) 215-3512 or e-mail at pejrmiss@yahoo.com

Lincoln round-table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Jerry Maxwell as the first speaker for its new season of lectures. His topic will be Civil War Medicine and Surgery.

The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Township Hall at 9955 N. Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road. The public is welcome, admission is free.

For more information, call (734) 451-7998.

Youth commission

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications for new members through Wednesday, Sept. 17. Applicants should be entering the seventh through eleventh grade this year and reside in either the City or Township of Plymouth.

Completed applications must be submitted to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, no later than 4 p.m. that day. Interviews will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Applications can be found at Plymouth City Hall or online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us under the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission tab.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meet noon, Monday, Sept. 15, for a sandwich luncheon at the Plymouth District Library, 222S. Main.

The program, "The Constitution Of the United States," features historian Tom Barrett as the guest speaker.

For more information, call (734) 453-8194.

Donnelly road race

The 2008 Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race for breast cancer awareness and the Salem High School Cross Country team takes place Sunday, Sept. 21.

The races - a 3.1-mile run and a 1-mile walk or run - having starting lines on Farmer at Theodore in the City of Plymouth and finish at the Central Middle School track. Parking is available in the Plymouth Cultural Center parking lot. Prepaid and race-day entries get a short-sleeved T-shirt while supplies last. Races take place in a variety of age groups from 13-under to 65 and older.

Entry fee is \$16 if postmarked before Sept. 12, \$20 after Sept. 12 and on race day. Registration goes 7-8 a.m.; the 5-k run starts at 8:15 a.m., the 1-mile run and walk at 9:10 a.m. Award presentation comes at 9:30 a.m.

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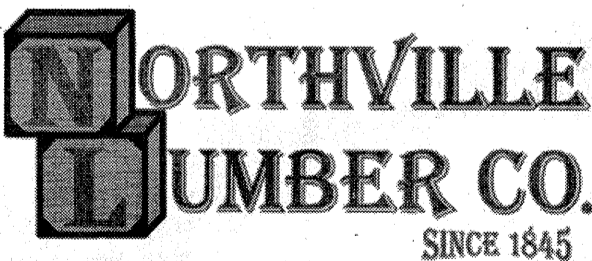


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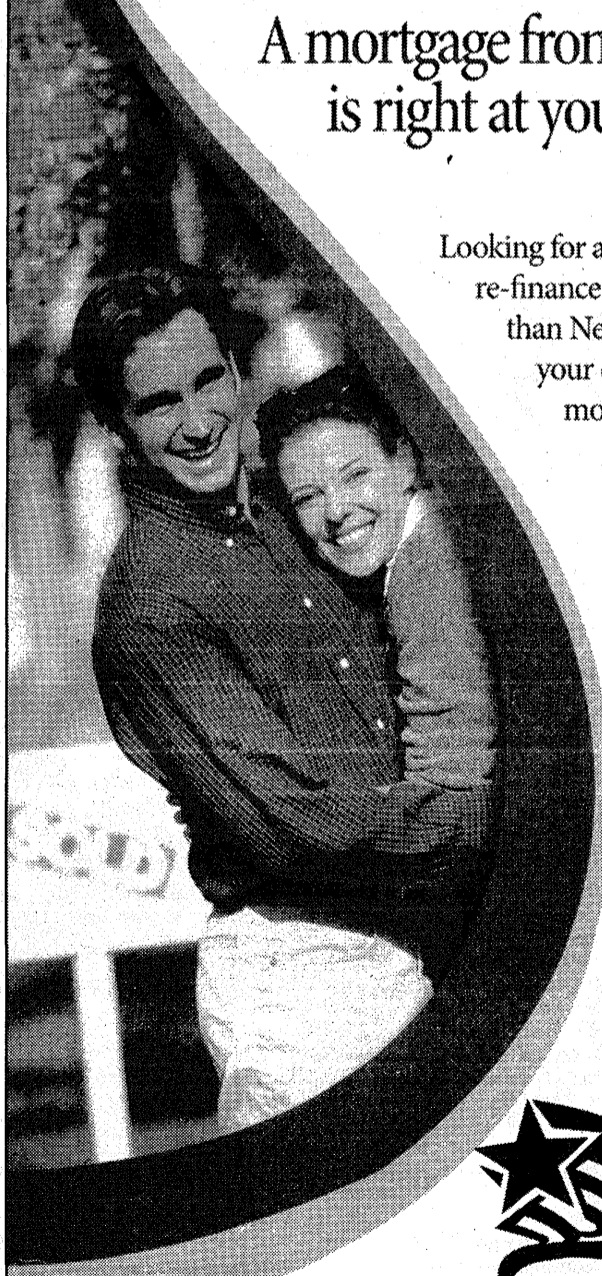
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Q: Dear Rick: Have you ever heard of a fund called the Quaker Growth Fund? What do you think about it?
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team can also keep a substantial amount of money in cash. At the end of June, the portfolio had more than 20 percent cash in the portfolio. The fund has had a very solid track record for the last 10 years. Because the fund has substantial turnover in its portfolio, I recommend purchasing it within an IRA portfolio. The reason is when a fund has substantial turnover

there tends to be greater tax consequences. I should also note that the fund does have a 5.5 percent commission and has high management fees. However, even taking the fees into consideration, the fund has had very solid performance. Because of the way the fund is managed and the fact that it is not diversified, I recommend it for someone

who wants to be moderately aggressive to aggressive and for a small portion of a portfolio.

Q: Dear Rick: I have a revocable trust which names my three children as beneficiaries. All my assets are in my trust except for checking and savings accounts which are co-owned with my children. If one of my children gets divorced, can the ex-spouse sue for any of these assets?

A: The money in your revocable trust — at this point — is not at risk. Your children are the beneficiaries of the trust and have no ownership interest. Therefore, if one of your children gets divorced, their spouse would have no claim on the assets in your trust. It is a different issue when it comes to the money in your checking and savings account. The money in your checking and saving account is in your name and in the name of your children. Therefore, if one of your children does get divorced, it is possible a portion of the money would be at risk. Although your argument would be you reported all the tax consequences on the money and your children's names were on the account for convenience purposes only, it is possible they could go after some of the money. It would be unusual, but not beyond the realm of possibility. I recommend if you keep a substantial amount of money in your savings account, re-title the account into the name of your trust. By doing this, you would eliminate any possibility the money would be subject to any sort of divorce proceedings. In addition, give your children the right, pursuant to a power of attorney, to access the checking account, but not as co-owners. There is a difference between being a co-owner and being an additional signatory.

Q: Dear Rick: I read with interest your article in the Aug. 31 Observer & Eccentric regarding inheriting an IRA. If my IRA is all "tax-deferred," will my heirs have to pay the deferred taxes when inheriting this money?

A: Yes, unless the money is a Roth IRA. When anyone inherits a traditional IRA, the money is subject to income taxes. You do not necessarily have to pay the taxes in one lump sum, as there are different methods a beneficiary could use to spread the tax out over a number of years. However, that money is subject to income taxes. The one exception is a Roth IRA. When you inherit a Roth IRA, there is no income tax.

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

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OUR VIEWS

Have a take-charge approach to numbers in local economy

The numbers should be of no surprise to anyone. Office and commercial vacancy rates in southeast Michigan are high and, in some cases, are expected to grow.

Even in Troy, where local officials dispute figures released by companies that track such things, the numbers are substantial. The office vacancy rate is 18.76 percent.

"That's huge," said Brian Murphy, Troy's assistant manager for economic development.

Also facing the impact of a tough economy is Livonia, where office vacancy rates are slated at 20-22 percent.

The impact of problems in the auto industry is hitting hard in both towns. Industrial vacancies are at a rate of 11.81 percent in Troy and 10 percent in Livonia.

They aren't alone. Southfield is reporting an overall vacancy rate of 18 percent and Farmington Hills a rate of 14.32 percent.

But if you think it's just bigger cities made up of offices and industrial complexes that are having problems, you'd be wrong.

The Rochester Downtown Development Authority is reporting an office vacancy rate of 11 percent and a retail rate of 8 percent.

Even in Birmingham, the impact of the economy is being felt. The vacancy rate is reported currently at 5 percent, and expected to grow to 7-8 percent.

While that news, culled from different sources, appears to be a lot of doom and gloom, there is a hopeful story that goes beyond what the numbers seem to imply.

"A lot of vacancies are going up in key communities," said Dennis Toffolo, a deputy Oakland County executive. "But at the same time, we're finding a lot of investors are coming into the county and buying buildings."

Toffolo has some numbers of his own. He heads the county's Emerging Sectors program, which targets business in such areas as information technology, health care and alternative energy.

"We've had more activity in the last three months than in the past two years," he said.

But his numbers also show that the highest vacancy rates are found in the small office building market.

There are some lessons to be learned in all of this. First, numbers are important, but they don't tell the whole story.

Second, if you build it, they — investors and industries — will come. That means some small office buildings and small industrial shops may have to be redeveloped.

Perhaps the most important lesson of all is that, if we want to improve the economy in Michigan, we'll have to do more than just look at numbers.

Hunters must follow rules to help save state's deer

With Labor Day now in the rearview mirror, my favorite time of year is quickly approaching. There is no doubt that summertime in Michigan is wonderful, but, for me at least, nothing compares to autumn, when our state really puts on a show second to none.

I was in northern Michigan over the weekend, and there were definitely signs that fall is truly on the way. Along a number of forested highways and farm fields some of the trees are beginning to change color. Another sure sign that fall will soon be here is the piles of sugar beets, apples, and other forms of deer hunting bait already starting to appear outside of gas stations and stores.

In previous years the sight of the deer bait would be a welcome one for me, because, being a hunter myself, it is always a reminder that deer hunting season is just about upon us. However, this year things are different.

Baiting for deer in the Lower Peninsula is illegal this year. That's because on Aug. 25, state officials confirmed Michigan's first case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a white-tailed deer on a privately owned cervid (POC) facility in Kent County.

CWD, which is a fatal neurological sickness that causes infected animals to quit eating, has been detected in deer out West for years. In 2002, it turned up in some deer in Wisconsin, so state officials felt it was only a matter of time before it arrived here.

Hoping to stop its spread, the first move the Department of Natural Resources made was to make baiting and feeding deer illegal. The reasoning is that when hunters (or homeowners for that matter) put out food, deer tend to congregate in larger than normal numbers, which means that if an infected deer is among the group, it can easily spread the disease to the others. It was the same logic the DNR used to ban baiting in areas where



Kurt Kuban

the deer herd was infected with bovine tuberculosis.

Many people are not happy with this logic, however, particularly all of the businesses that have come to depend on selling bait to hunters — from the farmers who make a little extra money to the mom-and-pop stores that

have come to depend on hunters to keep their businesses going after the summer tourism season has ended. And of course many hunters are not happy about the baiting ban, because for far too many people hunting means staking out a spot close to a bait pile and waiting for the deer to come a callin'.

As a hunter, I've struggled with the baiting issue for years. I've never had much respect for the guys who will literally throw out truckloads of bait at the same spot year after year. I'm not sure how sporting that is. OK, it's not very sporting at all. At the same time, I have no problem putting a worm on a hook to catch a fish. It's an ethical question that each hunter has to answer for themselves. And each person lives by a different code of ethics, so I've been able to look the other way when it comes to baiting.

However, when it comes to endangering the state's deer herd, I can no longer look the other way. We hunters must abide by this law, at least until it is learned whether the CWD has spread to other animals. I, for one, do not want to see our deer herd jeopardized by defiant hunters who are either too angry, stupid or lazy to quit baiting. There are other ways to hunt. Many hunters don't bait and are able to harvest a deer year after year. It takes a little more work, however, than pulling up with a truckload of sugar beets or apples.

Conservation officers with the DNR say they will make it a priority this year to be on the lookout for illegal bait piles.

Violators of the bait ban would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and \$500 in fines, and could lose their hunting privileges. While others may disagree, I'm all for it.

If Michigan's deer herd is impacted by this fatal disease, hunters won't be the only ones that pay the price. Deer hunting is big business in Michigan, especially in northern part of the state where it props up the local economies. In total, it is estimated that deer hunters annually contribute more than \$500 million to the state economy through the purchase of such items as food, lodging, transportation, and hunting equipment. That's just too much to risk.

I hope the DNR also starts to crack down on the so-called privately owned cervid facilities, which is just a nice way to say game farm or game ranch like the one in Kent County where the positive deer was found. There are roughly 500 of these facilities in the state.

Just as I've never been a big proponent of hunters who sit over big piles of bait, I certainly don't have a whole lot of respect for so-called hunters who pay to kill trophy bucks (or other game animals) in fenced-in land. Where's the sport in that? What is worse is that these game farms are largely responsible for the spread of diseases like CWD, because they import animals from other facilities where animals are penned up. While I'm sure the owners of these facilities are legitimate business owners trying to make a living, in many cases their businesses are a direct threat to the overall sport of deer hunting.

And for me, and 700,000 other Michigan hunters, autumn just wouldn't be the same without the prospect of getting out in the field in search of the wily white-tailed deer.

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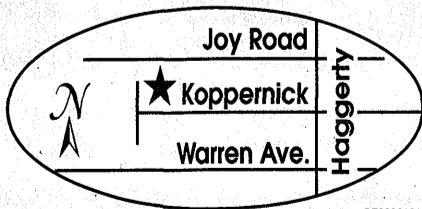
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Chiefs' defense stands tall against Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since this is hurricane season, it would be appropriate to label Canton's defense as a Level 4 storm Friday night against Plymouth.

It was no lke, but it delivered some blows. The Chiefs used a game-long surge to wreak havoc with the Wildcats' offense in Canton's 26-16 victory played before a large crowd at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

The eye of the storm was manned by Pat Madish, who compiled nine tackles and one tackle for loss; Nick Sweda, who recorded eight stops and an interception; and Donnie Barlow, who registered six tackles and two assists against the Wildcats' high-powered offense.

"I thought our defense really

battled," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "Their offensive line blocks well and their tailback runs the ball well; he's tough to bring down."

"I was very happy with the defense. That's something when you can hold a team like Plymouth has to 16 points."

Baechler didn't hesitate when asked who the senior-laden defense's leader was.

"Bryan Gerst," he said. "He makes a lot of our checks and calls and he's a great emotional leader."

Gerst admitted his emotional state was 180 improved compared to one year ago when Plymouth handed the Chiefs a 22-20 setback.

"That was hard; I was crying," he said of last year's loss. "This win was redemption, not revenge, because last year's loss really hurt."

Why is Canton's defense so effective this season?

"We have a lot of strength, speed and discipline," he said. "Everybody is doing their own job — that's Canton football right there."

Canton struck first 4:10 into the first quarter when junior quarterback scored on a keeper that from 4 yards out. Senior Dan Stoney drilled the extra point to make it 7-0.

Plymouth chipped into its deficit midway through the second quarter when sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza banged a 41-yard field to cut Canton's lead to 7-3.

The defense-dominated first half concluded with Canton kicker Dan Stoney's 28-yard field goal that made it 10-3.

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Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz hands to Kiere Daniels in a game earlier this season. Both players played key rolls in the Chiefs' 26-16 victory over Plymouth Friday night.

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Sidelines

CEBL registration

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will take place Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. (approximately a half-mile west of Sheldon).

The CEBL offers age-based divisions for players from third grade through high school.

For more information, send an e-mail to cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us.

JV Lions win

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team defeated Redford, 20-6, on Sunday, Sept. 7. Tristan Rainey led the offense with a pair of TD's while Allante Wheeler added one. Extra points were scored by James Hall and Charles Turfe.

The Lions' defensive standouts were Daniel Jipping, Daniel Kilgore, Forest Hall, Tyrece Smith, Kyle Murray, Kenny Arnold and Andrew Hunt.

Prep drag racing

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, Milan Dragway with host Michigan's largest high school drag racing competition.

High school students throughout Michigan and Ohio will compete in the quarter-mile event for prizes and trophies. Racers will be divided into four brackets that will crown a winner and runner-up in each class, along with the overall King of the Hill champion. The four classes allow a format for all racers, with or without experience. An instructor's race will also be included. A Smokey Burnout and stereo sound contests are also featured.

The cost is \$20 to race. All competitors must have a driver's license, student I.D. and signed consent form. Cars must have seat belts. Helmets are require for 13.99 and quicker.

Admission is \$12 (children 12-and-under free).

For more information, call (734) 439-7368, or e-mail race director Chris Baxter at cbaxter@milandraway.com.



4 Friends father/son teammates include: Randy and Tom Cummings, Joe Jouppi, Mike and Matt Keller, Jeff and Chuck Gonyea, and Rich and Brian Zezawa.

4-EVER FRIENDS

Softball teammates become like family over 30-year career

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As 4 Friends pitcher Ron Rice arched a fluorescent yellow softball toward the strike zone early Thursday evening on Field 9 of the Canton Sports Center, he was doing much more than delivering the first pitch in a Class D game against long-time rival Plymouth Rock.

The 61-year-old Canton resident was scripting the next chapter in an incredible 31-year tradition that has forged friends together like brothers and offered fathers a chance to compete side-by-side with their sons.

In an age when recreational athletic teams have a difficult time staying together for a season, the nucleus of 4 Friends has not only endured three decades together — it has flourished together.

"Sometimes we'll play a

team and one of the guys will say to us, 'My father played against you guys,'" said Tom Cummings. "Oh, yeah, I'll say, 'Well, what's he doing now?' They'll say, 'Oh, he hasn't played in 10 years.'"

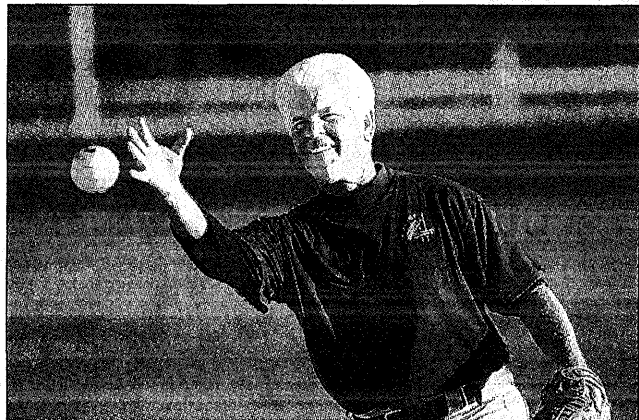
Ageless wonders

Thanks to the three sets of father-son duos on the roster, there's no such thing as a generation gap on the 4 Friends squad — unless you count the 20-foot gap that separates second baseman Jeff Gonyea from his first baseman father Chuck Gonyea.

Five years ago, the left side of the diamond was manned by the father-son team of Mike and Matt Keller, until Mike was transferred to Grand Rapids.

"It really hurt to have to leave these guys," said Mike Keller. "I

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Canton resident Ron Rice delivers a pitch during a slow-pitch softball game Thursday night. Many of Rice's 4 Friends teammates have been playing together for over three decades.



John Ruane, a resident of Livonia, has played with the core group of players for 29 years.

Stevenson races past Salem, 40-7

Livonia Stevenson bounced back from last week's loss to Howell with a convincing 40-7 football win Friday night at home over Salem.

It was the South Division opener for both teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson, which led 27-0 at halftime, rushed for 308 of its 404 total yards led by junior Austin White, who finished with 174 on 13 carries. The 6-foot,

187-pound White scored on touch-down runs of 11, 46 and 5 yards — all coming in the first half.

Wade Stahl, also a senior, added 62 yards on eight carries including a 4-yard TD run with 8:51 left in the first quarter and a 10-yard TD run with 3:40 remaining in the third period after Salem scored its lone TD when Heath Parling hit senior wide receiver Shawn Lyons on a 38-yard scoring pass.

Junior Johnny Pauley, who added 63 yards on five attempts, ended the scoring with 2:50 left in the game on a 2-yard TD run.

Stevenson quarterback Jacob Gudeman was 7-of-8 passing for 96 yards, while Salem's duo of Parling and Jake Peterson were a combined 8-of-14 for 79.

The Rocks, now 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAAs-South, had 214 total yards with Enrique Pardo rushing nine times for a team-high 81 yards.

Defensively, Stevenson (2-1, 1-0) was led by senior safety Wyatt Stahl.

Neither team committed a turnover.



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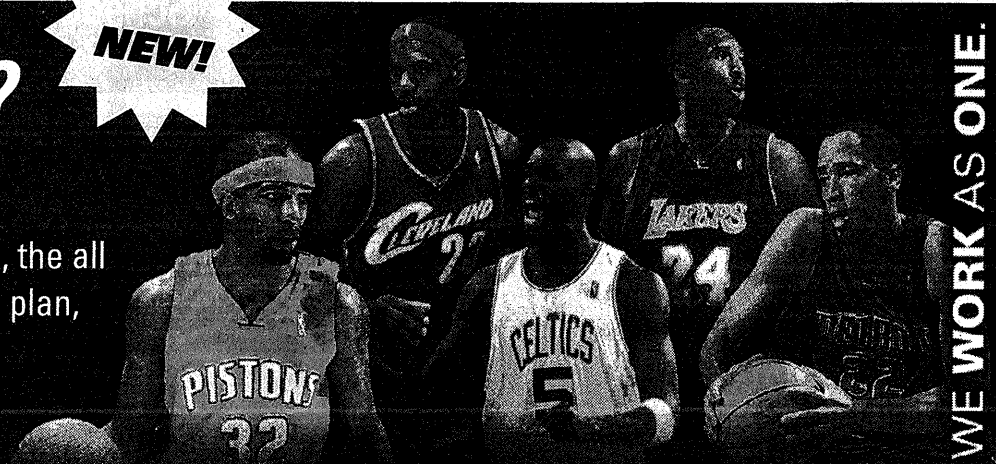
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Local swimmers aim for banner seasons

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls swimming and diving team is deep and talented.

The question is: Are the Rocks deep and talented enough for the KLAA Central Division, a grouping that is talent-packed as any in the state, if not the Midwest?

Among the Rocks' new division mates are Northville, Livonia Stevenson, Novi and South Lyon, who are perennial state powers. The sixth team — South Lyon East — won't field a team until 2009.

"The girls are starting to get it together," said Chuck Olson, when asked how his team looked in the pre-season. "This is a nice group to work with. We have some solid seniors, which bears well for us."

Of the KLAA Central, Olson said: "They really stacked it up good for us. Just about everybody in it is capable of winning the division. It should be a wild one."

The Rocks will be led by senior tri-captains Whitney Aumiller, who scored in the 200 freestyle and the medley relay at last year's state meet; Emily Bair, who can swim everything well, Olson said; and Katie Koetting, one of the state's premier divers.

"Katie should do well this year," said Olson, referring to his two-time state-qualifying diver. "Novi has a good diving history and Northville and Stevenson have good div-

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ers, too, but Katie puts it all together, she'll do well.

Other key seniors for the Rocks this fall will be Devin Bromley (freestyler and backstroker), Kirsten Clemans (butterfly, distance free), Mary Schremser (freestyler), Alexis Thornbury (freestyler), Amanda Price (distance free and back) and Casey Zimmerman (freestyle and fly).

The junior class will be led by Sara Spala, who is an accomplished breaststroker and IM'er.

A trio of sophomores should contribute: Emily Nelson, a state-qualifier as a freshman; Brenna Shortal, who excels in the distance free and IM events; and Ashley Micek, who excels in the freestyle.

Two freshmen should also make their mark for the Rocks over the next three months: Lauren Seroka, who's already helped break the school's 400-meter relay record; and Irene Li, who'll be swimming a lot of butterfly.

CANTON

Longtime assistant coach Ed Weber will be taking the head-coaching reins from Molly Raines, who stepped down to pursue a master's degree.

He'll do it without the services of Olympic bronze medalist Allison Schmitt, who has taken her world-class skills to

the University of Georgia.

"We have a pretty young team, that's a fact," said Weber. "But we have many talented swimmers who I hope can qualify for the state meet and MISCA meet."

Where does Weber's team have its most depth?

"I'd have to say in the IM and in the backstroke," he said.

Weber will be assisted by Janelle Hudak, who will serve as the diving coach; and brothers David and Joe Le.

Canton's most talented swimmer is junior Maggie Carlson, who can swim anything well in the estimation of Weber.

"She brings a lot of experience and energy to this team," said Weber. "She's going to be one of the top swimmers around."

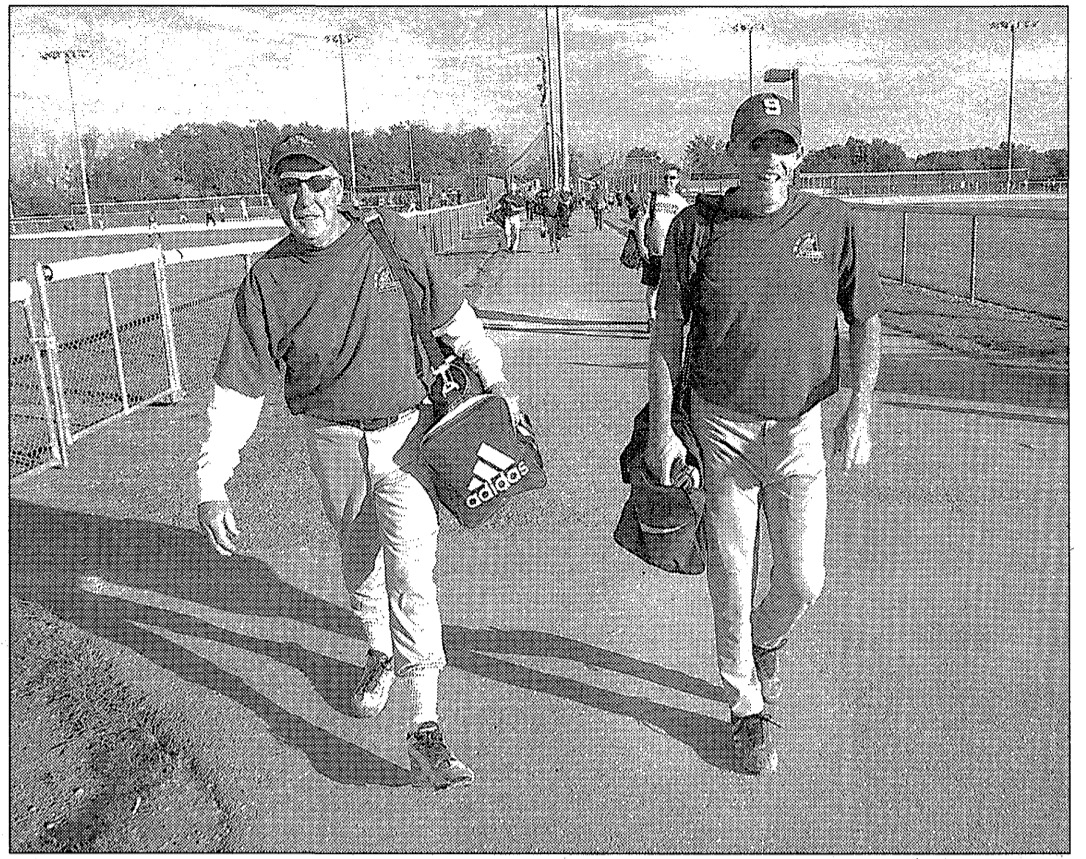
Sophomore Kayla Eister will give opponents fits in the 100 free and 400 free relay.

The team's captains are seniors Hannah Maxam and Megan Blue. Maxam specializes in the 100 freestyle while Blue's specialty is the 100 back.

Other key contributors include sophomores Katie Irwin, Sara Krebs, Lindsey Kubacki, Paige Goodwin and Kari and Sara Schmitt, the twin sisters of Allison Schmitt.

Another promising junior besides Carlson is Christy O'Keefe, who swims the 200 free and 100 free.

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Chuck Gonyea (left) started playing softball for his team in 1977. His son, Jeff Gonyea, started playing with his dad in about 1991 at the age of 22.

SOFTBALL

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really miss playing with them — and especially my son."

The team's legacy is not limited to the space between the foul lines. It spreads into the stands, where several wives, girlfriends, grandchildren and friends cheer their favorite team on, and into week-long golf outings and vacations the team takes together.

"This is basically our social life now," said Rice, who one of his teammates' wives affectionately calls the "White Hawk." "This is a way we can see everybody once a week and play softball."

"We all go to each other kids' weddings," said Andrea Keller, shortstop Matt Keller's wife. "I just refer to all these guys as my uncles."

Worth the drive

Brian Zezawa lives in Holly and works in Madison Heights, however, the distance from Canton isn't enough to keep him from making the hour-plus drive to the Canton Sports Center once a week from April through September.

"Playing on this team is awesome — it really is," said Zezawa. "I've been playing since I was 22, which was 10 years ago. Before I started playing, I was the team's bat boy when I was younger. Now my son comes out and is our bat boy."

Zezawa warns potential opponents to not let his teammates' graying hairs get them over-confident.

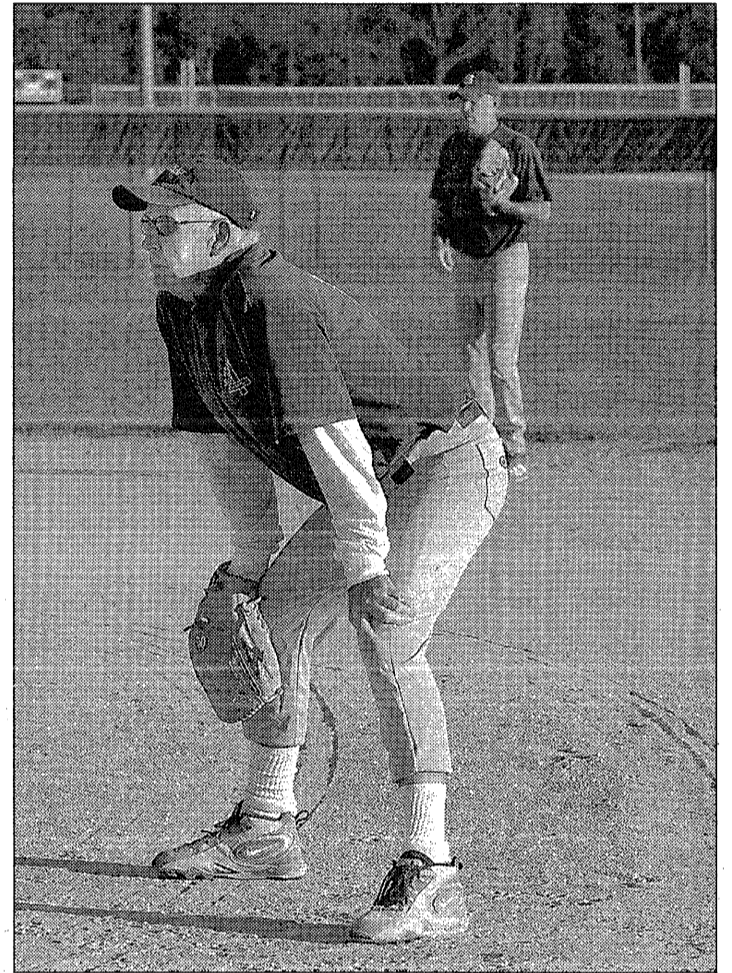
"Some of these guys are in their early-60s and, believe it or not, their skill level is really good," said Zezawa. "Now the speed isn't what it once was, but that doesn't stop them from coming out."

"It makes me wonder: When I get to their age, am I going to still be able to do what they do?"

The history behind it

The team formed in 1977, one year after Rice and Tim Wright purchased new homes in Canton.

"Nobody really knew anybody else until our wives got involved in the newcomers club," remembered Rice. "One day, we said, 'Let's start a team.' It was all Canton guys and we continued from there."



4 Friends' right side of the infield is manned by the father-son duo of Chuck Gonyea (foreground) and his son, Jeff.

We played at old Griffin Field, where the post office is now."

The team has outlasted a number of sponsors, including the original one — the Star Stop Party Store on Lilley and Ford Rd.

"Then we went to Super Bowl for quite a few years and then Paddy's/Beaver Creek in Westland, where we were for 15 years. After Beaver Creek it was Bailey's Pub for a couple of years then 4 Friends."

"Sponsors loved us because when we were younger, we'd bring 40 to 50 people into their establishment."

The realization that the sun will eventually go down on this team of destiny saddens some of the wives.

"How many teams can say they held a legacy like this together for 30 years," said Maureen Rice, Ron's wife. "The core group has basically stayed the same and for sons who were 4 or 5 watching their dads play, and now they're playing beside them..."

"I wish it would never end, but I know that it will — hopefully later than sooner."

Is end near?

Rich Gonyea, one of the

team's charter members, can see the sunset of his playing career approaching. However, like Brett Favre, he's not looking forward to the day he has to hang up his spikes for the last time.

"I remember when I was young, I'd play left field," he said. "Then as I got older, I'd slowly progress around the outfield and now to first base and pitcher."

"The camaraderie is what makes it hard to quit. I keep saying I'm going to quit, but I just can't quit."

"This is probably my last year or two. I'm old," he said, chuckling.

A few moments later, the first game of the 4 Friends double-header ended and the players grabbed their belongings and hustled over to another field.

Gonyea had an extra jump in his step on his way to the second game that night, which gave one observer the impression that he and the rest of his 4-ever friends had a few more chapters to write in their inspiring book.

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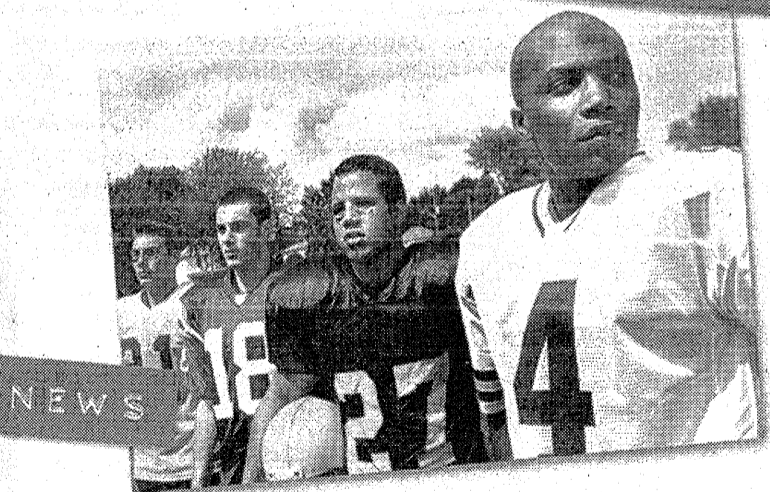


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Plymouth deadlocked the game at 10 deep into the third quarter when Wildcat quarterback Matt Skubik snuck in from the 1. Brindza's extra point knotted things up at 10.

The Chiefs seized the lead for good with 2:40 to play in the third when Mighty Mite Adam Payter took a handoff from D Delapaz and scooted 48 yards to paydirt. Stoney's second of three extra points boosted the lead to 17-10.

A rare error by the 'Cats' special-teams unit turned the game into a two-score contest. A poor snap from center on a punt forced the punter to kick the ball out of the end zone, extending the

Chiefs' lead to 19-10.

Canton padded its advantage to 26-10 five seconds into the fourth quarter when he cruised into the end zone on a 12-yard run.

Plymouth was injected with new life with 9:29 to play when Matt Skubik and Zach Hamed hooked up for a 22-yard scoring pass, however, the two-point conversion try failed and the 'Cats never threatened again.

Payter had a career night, which is saying something considering he opened the season with 100-yard efforts. The 5-9, 160-pound dynamo rumbled for 254 yards on 18 carries. The junior averaged an Adrian Peterson-like 14.1 yards per carry thanks to his 54-yard jaunt.

Kiere Daniels picked up 24 yards on 5 carries

for the Chiefs and Davion Stackhouse chipped in with 23 yards on a pair of hauls.

Delapaz connected on 3-of-7 passes for 31 yards. Arron Boudreaux, Matt Sauter and Satish Subramanian grabbed one pass a piece.

Guthridge led Plymouth with 112 yards on 25 carries. Skubik rushed seven times for 31 yards and a TD.

Skubik's favorite receiver was Ronnie Goble, who snatched two passes for 61 yards. Hamed snared four for 41.

Plymouth won the first-down battle, 20-13, but Canton picked up the most yardage, 349-326.

Skubik completed 13-of-30 passes for 183 yards.

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Rock kickers tranquilize Lions, 2-0

Salem's boys soccer team, which earlier in the week was ranked No. 1 in Division 1 by the Soccer Coaches Association, white-washed South Lyon, 2-0, Friday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association game. Salem is now 10-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the division.

Josh Pascarella scored the first goal for the Rocks. He was assisted by Alex Tramel. Travel scored the second goal unassisted.

Sasa Miskovic was spectacular in goal for the winners, who also received strong mid-field play from Jeremy Stoychoff.

PREP SOCCER

CANTON 12, WAYNE 0: On Thursday afternoon at Wayne, the Chiefs recorded a lop-sided, mercy rule-shortened triumph thanks in part to a huge effort from Kyle Breitmeyer and Joey Krizanek, both of whom registered four goals and two assists.

The game was stopped at half-time due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's eight-goal mercy rule.

Nick Turnbull and Tai Walther shared goal-keeping duties for the Chiefs, who improved to 5-2-3 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras slipped to 0-9-1 and 0-4, respectively.

Also netting goals for the winners were Josh Hurst, Scott Zech, Brandon Tolinski and Ussef Bazy. Additional assists were chalked up by Collan Baker, Kyle Biega, Kevin Zemanski (two) and Mitch Reinhard.

CHURCHILL 1, PLYMOUTH 0: One goal is all the Chargers needed Wednesday night to notch their fourth straight victory.

Etienne Lussiez volleyed shot into the upper corner midway through the second half to give the Chargers a 1-0 KLA-South Division win over host Plymouth.

Czech Republic exchange student Jacob Herout headed the ball into the goal area off a restart that was initiated by a free kick from Matt Regan as the Chargers improved to 4-2 overall and 4-0 in the South Division.

"It was good we figured out a way to score," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We hit a couple of crossbars. Plymouth played tough. It was a hard-fought, physical game."

Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta made three saves to post the shutout.

Plymouth, 0-3-1 in its last four outings, falls to 3-6-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the KLA-South.

TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 10 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Pat Onoro, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Peter Lee, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Matt Dunnio (P) def. Joe Kosinski, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Pat Bailey (P) def. Mike Geraci, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Andy Mitchell (P) def. Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp, 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4; No. 2: Wen Ning-Alex Berk (P) def. Nate Warrick-Walt Afonso, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (P) def. Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafter, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Drew Leist-Cheng Chen (P) def. Joe Trudell-Aaron York, 6-3, 7-6; No. 5: Don Henry-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Chase Semonick-Alex Wood, 6-0, 6-0.
Franklin's dual match record: 0-4 overall, 0-2 KLA-South Division.

SALEM 6, LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
Sept. 10 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (Salem) defeated Chris Martin, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Erik Koch (LS) def. Brock Foster, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Dion Walker (Salem) def. Clayton Northey, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 4: David Benson (Salem) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (Salem) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Jose Peres-Andy Steinman (Salem) def. Josh Rochette-Simjae Holman-Rayos, 6-1, 0-6, 7-6 (8-6); No. 3: Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Surya Nagaraja-Alex Porambo, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Tyler Foley-Zenik Pelek (Salem) def. Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-2; No. 5: Josh York-Lukas Rudis (LS) def. Bodan Pelek-Andy Reyes, 6-3, 6-2.
Stevenson's dual match record: 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLA-Central Division.

CANTON 9, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0
Sept. 8 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (Canton) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Justin Liedel (Canton) def. Alex Clos, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (Canton) def. Ziwin Deng, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Riley Hoernschmeyer (Canton) def. Erik Newman, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: David Kang Jeremy Lindbauer (Canton) def. Dan Landstrom-Mike Appel, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: David Ding-Adam Payne (Canton) def. Eric Slusarski-Vishal Joshi, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; No. 3: Satosh Shannmuga-Abhi Katti (Canton) def. Mike Houghan-Rushii Patel, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: John Mosly-Jim LaFontaine (Canton) def. Cam Norscia-Matt Cezat, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-1; No. 5: Steve Lee-Rob Milus (Canton) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-2, 6-4.
Churchill's dual match record: 3-2 overall, 1-1 KLA-South Division.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 19
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Novi at Salem on PCEP JV football field, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Roeper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 16
PCA at Oakland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Inter-City at PCA, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Plymouth and PCA at UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Franklin at Plymouth at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20

Salem and Canton (boys only)
at Jackson Invitational at Sharp Park, 10 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 15
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 15
Franklin at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Plymouth at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Novi at Salem at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Churchill at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 3 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Ladywood at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Concordia JV at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Concordia at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Parkland (Ill.), 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21
Schoolcraft at Heartland (Ill.), noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Davenport JV at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
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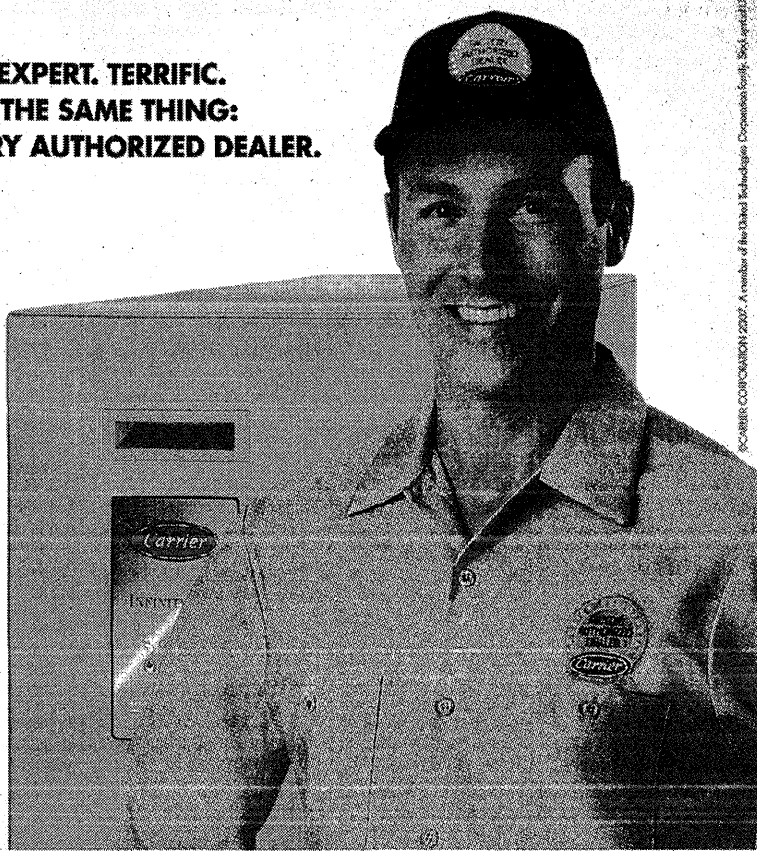
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Angela Hospice offers grief support for youth

Grief is complicated at any age, but for children and teens it can be especially difficult. That is why Angela Hospice developed its Children & Teen Grief Support Groups which begin Thursday, Sept. 25.

Sally Loughrin and her fellow social work staff will facilitate 8-week sessions for children and teens who have recently lost a loved one. Groups for grades 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will meet 5:30-7 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 13.

"Children and teens experience feelings of grief similar to those of adults after a loved one dies, but their reactions are quite different depending on their developmental ages," said Loughrin, an Angela Hospice social worker with over 25 years of experience in counseling grieving children.

Loughrin said that young people may not have the words or the understanding to express their feelings. They may show their grief behaviorally if they lack adequate coping skills.

"Children and teens often feel alone in their grief," said Loughrin, "so participating in grief support groups provides an

avenue for them to be with others who have had similar losses."

Using various play therapy techniques such as games, books and storytelling, the social workers at Angela Hospice help children and teens learn to understand and cope with the complicated feelings that accompany the death of a loved one.

"We will do a lot in the group to help children learn to express the uncomfortable feelings of grief in healthy ways," said Loughrin.

While the children and teens are in their group sessions, parents and guardians are invited to attend their own group that will focus on developing strategies to help their grieving children and teens.

All meetings take place at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Dinner will be served each week at 5:30 p.m., prior to the group sessions. All groups are free, but registration is required due to limited space. To sign up, call Loughrin at (734) 464-2683.

For more information about Angela Hospice and a complete list of support groups, visit www.angelahospice.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Asthma presentation

From 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Jason Paris, MD, Allergy and Asthma Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Paris will provide an overview of asthma, what works and what you can do to live a healthy life with asthma. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-8950.

Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 18, and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, (734) 432-5804 or www.madonna.edu. For information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Alzheimer's and intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a workshop "Intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950.

Health fair/open house

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carl's Drive, Commerce. Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. On Sunday bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen under the main tent. On Saturday receive screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose, and body fat along with height and weight measurements (no charge). Doctors will be on hand to speak about stroke awareness and heart health, and answer your health related questions. A healthy cook-off also planned. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Plus-size clothing sale

The Michigan Bariatric Institute and St. Mary Mercy Hospital host the sale for the community 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Reasonably priced, gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL). For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (734) 655-2692.

Diabetes expo

Learn more about preventing and managing diabetes at the American Diabetes Association's Diabetes Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. The event features speakers discussing the latest diabetes treatments, healthy cooking demonstrations and exercise sessions. Free health screenings. A special Youth Zone provides interactive games for children. No charge. Pre-register at www.diabetes.org/detroitexpo. For information, call 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6697.

Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Cost \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

Da Vinci awards

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter 2008 da Vinci Awards at a gala event (black tie optional) featuring a cocktail reception and displays of award winners followed by a gourmet dinner and awards program Saturday, Sept. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities and information visit: <http://www.davinciawards.org>.

Detroit walk for PKD

Saturday, Sept. 20, at Boulton Park, Troy. Registration begins 9 a.m.; walk at 10 a.m. For information contact Henry Allemen at (248) 892-9020 or hallemon@aol.com. The nonprofit PKD Foundation leads the fight against polycystic kidney disease through research funding and patient education. For information visit www.pkdcure.org or call 1-800-PKD-CURE.

Stomp out stigma

On Sept. 20 the Community Network Services Anti Stigma Program holds its 1st Annual Stomp Out

Stigma 5K Run/Walk at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. The goal of the Run/Walk is to raise funds to support the continuation of the award-winning Anti Stigma Program and to promote mental health awareness. Since its inception in 2005, the program has conducted over 150 presentations and reached over 6500 people. Registration 8-8:45 a.m. Race starts 9 a.m. To register, go to www.cnsantistigmprogram.org/event.html. Call Amy Yashinsky at (248) 871-1403 or ayashinsky@cnsmi.org for more information.

Crohn's fund-raiser

In memory of Jessica Rowe who died from complications of Crohn's disease a little over a year ago at age 25. The Mini-Golf Outing takes place 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at PUTTERZ miniature golf and games, 2675 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. All proceeds will be donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Still looking for prize donations. Call Pat at (734) 434-283, Roger (313) 608-4903, or Sharon (734) 788-6391 for information.

Ovarian cancer walk

Janis Warren Walk for Ovarian Cancer 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Drake Sports Park, 6801 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds go to cancer research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. For more information, visit janiswalk.org.

Charity ride

Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21, includes a raffle drawing for a custom designed and soon-to-be built Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and a fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lyrndr Skyryrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration \$30 for driver, \$25 passenger, includes lawn seat concert ticket, VIP parking, lunch at the start and official ride pin. Since concert tickets are limited, pre-registration encouraged. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

AIDS Walk Michigan

Presented by the HIV/AIDS Resource Center and Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan Sunday, Sept. 21, a 5K walk through downtown Ann Arbor. Event kicks off with free registration beginning at noon and ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m. Walkers who raise \$25 or more in donations receive an AIDS Walk Michigan T-shirt. This is a fun-filled, heart-warming day for kids, adults and pets. To register individually, as a team or to volunteer, visit www.aidswalkmichigan.org.

Mothers, daughters, sisters luncheon

Geralyn Lucas, a 13-year breast cancer survivor and author of "Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy," will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the future Fransee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, opening spring 2009. Tickets \$100; boutique shopping and valet parking included. For tickets or more information, call (248) 853-3636.

Free foot screenings

Some 82,000 Americans lose feet or limbs to diabetes each year. That's because the disease can cause you to lose feeling in your feet - and little injuries can turn into big infections without you knowing it. The American Diabetes Association offers free foot screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 23 locations in Michigan. Local podiatrists will volunteer their time to conduct the exams and answer your questions. To find a foot screening site near you or for more information, call 1-888-DIABETES or visit diabetes.org/detroit.

Heart to heart du Vintage

Gala fund-raiser with strolling dinner, live auction, music by Simon Vitale band, and a chance to view a number of limited edition classic cars from Peter Ministrelli's private collection 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Franklin Hills Country Club in Franklin. The evening helps uninsured and underinsured women receive care at the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as well as contribute to the development of women's heart services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. Tickets \$275 per person. Patron-pair tickets \$1,000. Sponsorships available. For information, call (248) 551-9951.

Celebrating survivorship



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Anne Thompson spent two weeks reporting from the Amazon in July after receiving an all clear from her oncologist. Thompson, who is chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News, was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2007.

Symposium offers inspiration for breast cancer patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

When Anne Thompson learned she had breast cancer in March 2006, she decided to keep the devastating diagnosis secret so as not to distract from the news she was reporting. Later, she realized her experiences could help others fighting the disease. On Sept. 20, she returns to the Detroit area to speak at the Celebrating Survivorship symposium presented by the education and support group at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Thompson is one of three women sharing their stories at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester Hills. The former Farmington Hills resident was an award-winning reporter for WDIV-TV in Detroit from 1986 until leaving to become a national correspondent for NBC News in 1997. Today she is chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, Today on MSNBC, and online at www.msnbc.com.

The diagnosis came as a surprise to the then 48-year-old Thompson as she has no history of breast cancer in her family, never smoked and leads a fairly healthy lifestyle. Her ob/gyn discovered the Stage III cancer during a routine annual exam. Thompson went through 16 weeks of chemotherapy to reduce the size of the tumor then underwent a lumpectomy followed by six weeks of radiation. In July she returned to the oncologist for an all clear to spend two weeks in the Amazon as part of her job. She believes strongly if stories on cancer lead the news every day, more would be done to find a cure.

"It helped reading and hearing survivor stories because I needed a lot of strength. You go through some very dark times. Every time somebody told me a story I learned something," said Thompson. "We have made so many advances in cancer treatment it's easy to think our work is done, but 1,500 people die a day from cancer. The fight isn't over. We can't declare victory. There's nothing more frightening, at least for me, than having an illness that you can't do anything about. We need to keep funding research so my niece doesn't have to go through what I went through."

Thompson kept working during her treatment. Every two weeks she received chemotherapy on Thursday then went back to reporting the following Tuesday.

"I needed to feel normal," said Thompson. "I tried to turn my job into a cancer-free zone. My bosses at NBC were wonderful when I said I'd like to keep working through this. The only time it became difficult was when I lost my eyelashes. It used to take me an hour to put them on."

Thompson hasn't lost her sense of humor. In fact it was laughter that kept her going thanks to friend and former co-worker Bernie Smilovitz, WDIV-TV sportscastrer. During the Celebrating Survivorship symposium, Smilovitz will introduce Thompson to the audience. Thompson comes back to Michigan every year to participate in Smilovitz's celebrity golf tournament for Gleaners Community Food Bank.

"I've been friends with his family for 20 years," said Thompson, who now lives in Manhattan. "It was Bernie's job to make sure he would make me laugh. He called me every day."

Christine Clifford Beckwith believes in the power of humor so much she travels around the country as a motivational speaker. Beckwith is a 14-year survivor of breast cancer. She has written six award-winning books including "Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day." Beckwith was senior vice president of an international marketing firm when diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer at age 40.

She underwent surgery, then 10 months of chemotherapy and 33 days of radiation. She'll be sharing the humorous side of her experience. Her Cancer Club (cancerclub.com) is designed to provide humorous and helpful products for people with cancer including a prayer list and suggestions for brightening the day of a friend or loved one with cancer.

"Six weeks after diagnosis I woke up in the middle of the night, went down to the family room

CELEBRATING SURVIVORSHIP

What: 10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium with speakers Anne Thompson, NBC News correspondent; Beverly Kirkhart, author of *Turning Setbacks into Comebacks*; and Christine Clifford Beckwith, author of *Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day*
When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20
Where: Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills
Cost: \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, (248) 551-8585



Christine Clifford Beckwith used humor to make it through the dark days after her diagnosis of breast cancer.

and sketched out 50 cartoons of things that had been said or done to me about cancer that were off-beat in a whimsical way. I had never drawn before, went back to bed and thought what was that. I had truly entered the Twilight Zone," said Beckwith, who searched for books humorously dealing

but found only one by Erma Bombeck. "I thought maybe I was on to something. I started journaling my cancer experience through cartoons. Six months later I had enough to make a book. Since that day I focused my entire life on helping other cancer patients see the forest through the trees."

Dawn Kramer hopes to attract everyone — not just breast cancer survivors — to the symposium. In addition to the speakers who include Beverly Kirkhart, author of "Turning Setbacks into Comebacks," Kramer planned the luncheon and wellness activities such as a walk along Paint Creek Trail, tai chi, Reiki, and meditation. Kramer is program coordinator of Sharing & Caring, which provides monthly speakers and a support group for breast cancer survivors.

"It's inspirational and messages of hope," said Kramer, whose mother died of breast cancer. Kramer, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, is vigilant about receiving clinical breast exams twice a year. "This year's symposium is not focusing on breast cancer as a disease but on leading a long and fulfilling life after a breast cancer diagnosis. It's not just for breast cancer survivors. Their message of hope and inspiration is for all."

Beckwith's cancer was so aggressive she was basically told to get her affairs in order. Instead she made a bargain with God to live to see her 8- and 10-year-old sons graduate from high school. The youngest earns his college degree in May.

Today she's working on two more books and hoping to see her four step children graduate from high school. The youngest is 10.

"My cancer has been a true gift to me. I've been doing some creative things that I never knew I had inside of me," said Beckwith, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn. "My advice to cancer patients is to look at the long term, not short term. Their treatments are probably going to take between six months and a year, some indefinitely. Because of that you should try to look at the things that make you laugh and search them out. If it's watching funny movies, rent some funny movies. Let family and friends know it's okay to bring laughter into your life. But my main message is research all possibilities, new drugs, methods of surgery. Take control of your own health. Don't ever be afraid to ask people for help."

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Early-season games as predictable as weather

That didn't take long. After an opening week of prognostication bliss, it was back to Earth (turf?) with Week 2 selections. Teams that came out on fire during the openers (*say after me — Garden City, Redford Union, etc.*) failed to spark last week and got lit as a result.



Tim Smith

Others did turn it around, meaning there could still be hope for the Detroit Lions against Green Bay — oops, guess not.

That's the problem with early season grid picks. High school coaches are still finding out about their own players and what they can do under Friday night lights, let alone opponents scouted only by watching film taken during preseason scrimmages.

The ups and downs of picking winners happens every September, until sports editors figure out the lay of the land for that particular season. Honestly, there are times when the light of "truth" fails to shine like a beacon, only flickering weakly.

Or flickering weekly. Whatever the case may be, coaches need to break down the next game. Pigskin prognosticators must circle one team or the other and hope for the best. Everybody can wipe the slate clean the following Monday and repeat the cycle. Isn't football great?

Now, let's get down to brass tacks and check out how yours truly, Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright fared in Week 2.

After having a near-perfect opening week (10-2), I took a prat-fall.

Out of the 14 games, I managed to correctly pick just six of them, giving Wright ample room to elbow his way past me into first place thanks to his 10-4 mark. Wright now has a two-week record of 18-8, two games ahead of my 16-10 tally.

Meanwhile, Emons had a so-so second go-around, with his 7-7 record giving him a third-place total of 14-12 entering the third week.

Frankly, for Emons and myself, we just put too much stock into teams that had big wins in Week 1 duplicating that success. Both of us might be a bit more cautious when

going down the list of games this time.

Hey, we're learning about these teams just as the coaches are.

So, without further ado, here is a look at this week's matchups:

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL GAMES START AT 7 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (0-2, 0-0) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-1, 0-0): In order for the winless Rockets (six points scored over two games) to get on track, they will need to find the end zone. That might be tough to do if they don't have the football — the host Chargers ran for 428 yards last week and figure to grind out some long drives again this week. **PICKS:** Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill); Wright (Churchill).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (1-1, 0-0) AT WAYNE (0-2, 0-0): The Patriots rolled up 56 points in their win over Walled Lake Western, and should be able to keep their offense in high gear against the Zebras in this matchup of Kensington Lakes Activities Association South teams. **PICKS:** Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin);

Wright (Franklin).

SALEM (0-2, 0-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (1-1, 0-0): It's been a tough start so far for the Rocks, and this week's matchup against Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central foe Stevenson likely won't do much to lessen the pain. The Spartans will be fired up to put a 35-21 loss to Howell behind them. **PICKS:** Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

CLARENCEVILLE (2-0, 1-0) AT HARPER WOODS (2-0, 1-0): The Trojans raced into the season with two impressive wins, but the Pioneers could prove to be a competitive speed bump in Week 3. Harper Woods also is undefeated, and has outscored its opponents 69-20 so far. This could be one of the best matchups of the week. **PICKS:** Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville); Wright (C'ville).

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (0-2, 0-1) AT HAMTRAMCK (0-2, 0-1): One of these Metro Conference opponents will get off the schneid after two losses to open the season. **PICKS:** Smith (Hamtramck); Emons (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

PLYMOUTH (2-0, 0-0) AT CANTON (2-0,

0-0): These two Kensington Lakes Activities Association South powerhouses will battle it out in perhaps this week's most compelling game. On display will be a contrast in styles, with the smash-mouth Chiefs against Plymouth's high-octane offense. **PICKS:** Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton).

YPSILANTI (0-2, 0-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-1, 0-0): The Cougars look to bounce back from a disappointing loss to Taylor Kennedy in this Mega Blue tilt. They also will be geared up for their home opener and could have a field day moving the football against the winless Phoenix, who gave up 32 points last week. **PICKS:** Smith (Garden City); Emons (Ypsi); Wright (Ypsi).

INKSTER (1-1, 0-1) AT REDFORD THURSTON (1-1, 1-0): In a Mega Conference crossover matchup, the host Eagles will need to pull out all the stops against some of the Vikings' offensive threats in order to make a game out of it. Thurston is enjoying momentum from a 41-0 rout over River Rouge. **PICKS:** Smith (Inkster); Emons (Inkster); Wright (Inkster).

REDFORD UNION (1-1, 0-1) AT

WOODHAVEN (1-1, 1-0): Two Mega

White squads will go head-to-head in hopes of cracking the .500 barrier. The Panthers' running game needs to have more success than it did last week in a loss to Wyandotte Roosevelt, but it won't be easy as the Warriors' defense is coming off a shutout against Taylor Kennedy. **PICKS:** Smith (Woodhaven); Emons (RU); Wright (Woodhaven).

STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (0-2, 0-0) AT REDFORD COVENANT (1-1, 0-0) — 4 P.M.: Host Covenant will be looking to repeat the win-loss-win cycle of the first three games in 2006 and 2007, the school's first two years. The Falcons should go along with the script, having been outscored 99-0. Star International defenders will have all they can handle with Spartans' big guns Jamonne Chester, Dajuan Hollowell and Dominique Williams. **PICKS:** Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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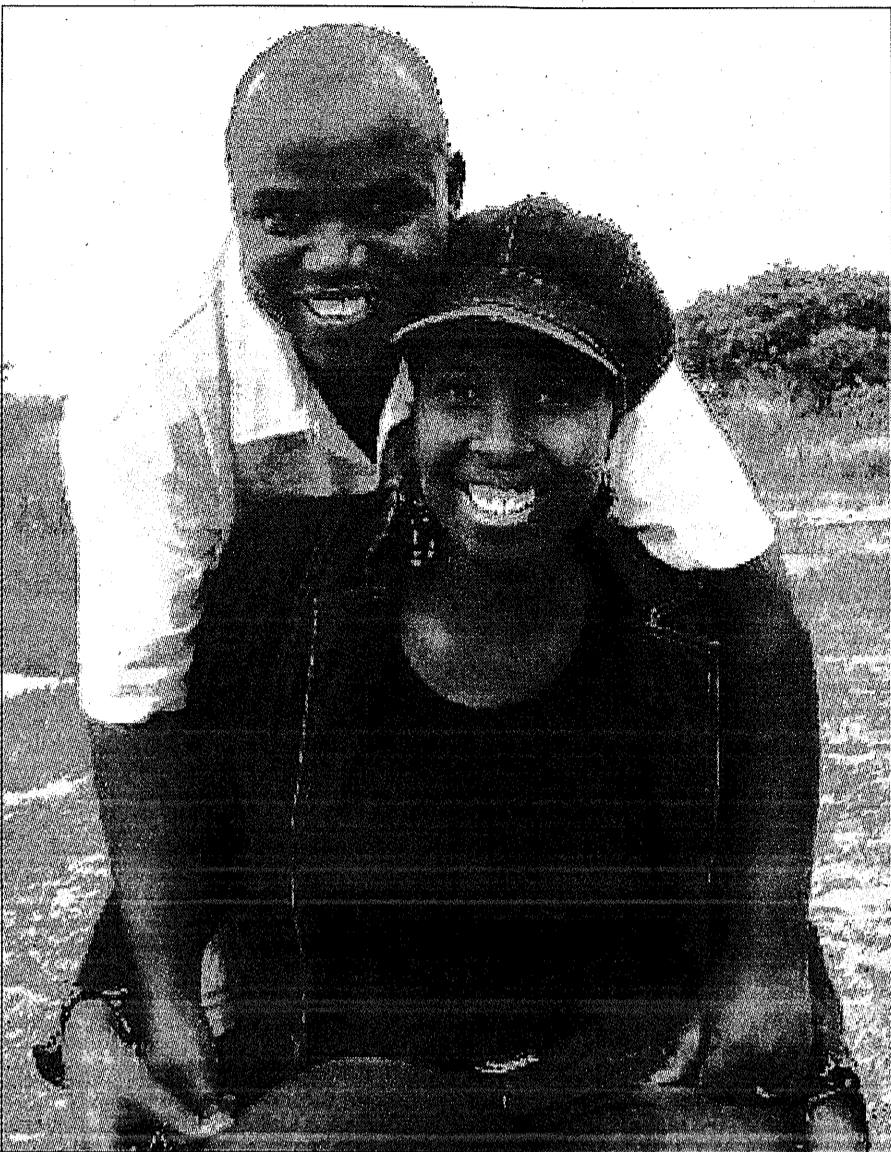
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Cyprien Ngizehayo survived the Rwandan genocide and made his way to Freedom House. His wife, Claudette, remains in their native country until he can save enough money to bring her here. Ngizehayo now lives in Chicago where he works for a nonprofit that sends relief to Rwanda and helps reunite families.

Freedom House

Dinner draws light to those fleeing persecution

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

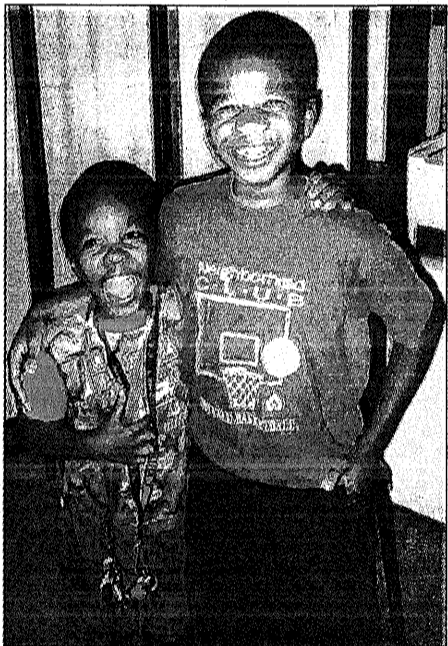
Jodee Fishman Raines won't soon forget the feeling that came over her when she visited Freedom House. The nonprofit organization temporarily houses men, women and children seeking asylum in the United States or Canada. Founded in 1983 as the Detroit/Windsor Refugee Coalition to help people escape from El Salvador, Freedom House was originally based at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown and later moved to its present location in an unused Convent of St. Anne's Church in southwest Detroit. Today, Raines is one of the supporters of the mission to assist increasing numbers of people fleeing persecution. On Thursday, Sept. 18, they'll gather for a fund-raising dinner at Bentley's Restaurant in West Bloomfield. Among the guest speakers is Jack Gun, a Holocaust survivor and Cyprien Ngizehayo, who survived the genocide in Rwanda.

"I was at Freedom House at dinner time. There were people sitting at the dinner table from different

ANNUAL FREEDOM HOUSE DINNER: NEVER AGAIN

What: A fund-raising dinner to benefit Freedom House
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
Where: Bentley's Restaurant, 5586 Drake Road, West Bloomfield
Tickets: \$100 for dinner, \$125 for champagne pre-glow with guest speakers, and available by calling (313) 964-4320. For information about Freedom House, visit www.freedomhouse.org

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These two children, ages 7 and 11, escaped from the Democratic Republic of Congo with their mother to avoid being forced into the army as boy soldiers. They found refuge at Freedom House in southwest Detroit.

Telling tales

2-day festival celebrates storytelling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Antonio Sacre likes to joke about growing up in a Cuban and Irish-American household. He'll tell audiences about the experience during the Detroit Story League's Festival Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Sacre and Lynette Ford, an African-American storyteller headline the event that includes day-long workshops and performances for children and adults.

Sacre travels from Los Angeles for the storytelling festival, Ford from Ohio. Sacre's father originally emigrated from Cuba in 1960. He's looking forward to introducing "his lovely and quirky family."

"Food is important," said Sacre, 39. "Cubans have a really big meal that happens at 1 in the afternoon and as kids we're not allowed to leave the table until the oldest person leaves. My great aunt in her late 80s chewed her food 50 times and we'd watch her for hours, but it was good because we would hear things about what it was like in Cuba."

Tales would be told as well. One of his grandmother's favorites was the story of the barking mouse which Sacre turned into a children's book. Sacre spoke Spanish fluently as a kid but quit after he was teased. He went back to being bilingual in his teens.

"The story, *The Barking Mouse*, is about a cat who comes to eat the mice and mother mouse barks and scares the cat away. The moral is it pays to speak another language," said Sacre who went to graduate school for theater performance at Northwestern University in Chicago where he learned about storytelling.

Today Sacre writes one-man plays and performs them around the country when he isn't storytelling. He's told stories in 45 of the 50 states.

"I found out storytelling encompassed a lot of what I was, my two cultures, and I like to be silly for kids," said Sacre. "I'm excited about Detroit Story League. I know Lyn very well, She's an incredible teller. We're so different and I can't wait to see what she will tell. I'm going to take the workshop."

Ford is doing the 90-minute session on fables that have crossed cultures and can be used as teaching tales to develop character in young listeners. She is a fourth-generation storyteller. Her *Home-Fried Tales* can be traced back to her father who was a terrible cook but a wonderful storyteller. Ford began storytelling as a preschool teacher.

"My grandfather on my mother's side told a lot of tall tales. His father, my great grandfather and great aunts in the family told so I just kind of absorbed it. Dad could tell wonderful scary stories and kind of twist folk tales such as *The Three Bears*, *Red Riding Hood*," said Ford who by the end of the year will travel to 25 states to tell stories. "They'll have a good time. It will encourage them to remember the stories of their childhood and share more stories in their family. I'm the oldest and would tell scary stories to my younger sister to get her out of my hair, She wouldn't let me get my homework done."

With tellers like Sacre and Ford, Louise Lieberman is guaranteeing everyone will have a good time at the Detroit Story League Storytelling Festival. The Farmington Hills

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Lynette Ford brings her "Home-Fried Tales" to the Detroit Story League Festival at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

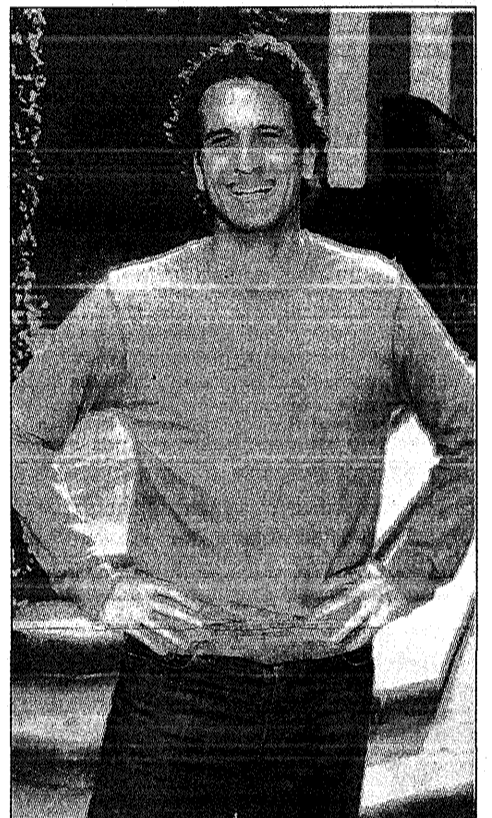


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Antonio Sacre tells stories about growing up in a Cuban and Irish-American household.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What: Detroit Story League's annual two day festival of telling and workshops
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 (adult story night with reception); 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, storytelling workshops begin, 4 p.m. Family Performance (all ages) follows
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile at Farmington Rd.
Cost: \$50 for two days, \$45 Saturday, \$15 Friday evening (\$12 age 60 and up), and \$2 Saturday Family Performance. Call Winifred Madsen at (313) 824-6368, or Louise Lieberman (313) 522-4735 or send e-mail to louisielieberman@yahoo.com

Pet sitters hit 10 years of going to the dogs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Roberta Chapman (she was Cubbin, then) was working as a veterinary technician, an animal lover who got this crazy idea when some of her clients couldn't find a place for their pets to stay when they had to leave town.

Ten years later, Chapman and her husband, John (they married last year at the Michigan Renaissance Festival) preside over a pet sitting business, Comfy Creatures, that has expanded to more than 200 clients, six "sitters" and a half-dozen communities.

"We went from doing everything ourselves to six sitters pretty quick," Roberta said. "It just sort of exploded."

Operating Comfy Creatures out of their Livonia home (they just moved from Wayne), the Chapmans offer a variety of services to their clients, ranging from taking them for a walk and a "potty" break during the day to repeated daily visits if a client is out of town on vacation or for work.

There are also some ancillary services; for instance, sitters will water plants, bring in the mail and take out the trash. The company will stay overnight if a client wishes, and the



John and Roberta Chapman have two dogs of their own at home, Gypsy and Mouse.

Chapmans just started offering to board pets at their Livonia home.

Comfy Creatures offers its services in Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Farmington (the latter two are fairly new additions).

And the whole thing stems from Roberta's love of animals.

"Growing up, I wasn't allowed to have dogs or cats ... between my sister and I we had pretty much every caged animal imaginable," Roberta said. "When I was a kid, I'd go to neighbors and ask, 'Can I walk your dog?' When I got my own

SITTING SERVICE

- What: Comfy Creatures pet sitting
- Where: Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Northville, Farmington
- Owners: Roberta and John Chapman
- Service: Pet walking and sitting
- Contact: For all the information, visit www.comfycreatures.com

place, I could finally have animals."

Now she and John have a household of their own, including a chihuahua (Mouse), a shepherd-husky mix (Gypsy) and three cats: Ceric, Symphony and Mystic. That doesn't count the hundreds of pets they call "extended family."

"They're always happy," John said of the pets. "They give you unconditional love. You really have to be pet-crazy and passionate about it."

While it may seem like a small-town service, pet sitting is actually pretty big business. According to Pet Sitters International, it's a \$72 million industry. PSI has some 8,000 member businesses. The vast majority of pet sitters (98 percent) work for independently owned compa-

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John and Roberta Chapman, at home with Gypsy and Mouse, are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their pet-sitting business, Comfy Creatures.

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woman is just beginning to tell stories so she's excited about the workshop with Corinne Stavish of Southfield on Getting Starting.

"We try to get new tellers every year so people in the area can see a variety," said Lieberman, festival co-chair with Winifred Madsen. "Both are well-thought of and acknowledged tellers."

A group of people from the Detroit Story League usually goes to the national conference in Jonesboro, Tenn. every year to scout out the best of up and coming storytellers, said Madsen who joined the league in 1990. She grew up listening to stories of her mother, grandmother and father. Madsen did a lot of reading and telling stories to children during her 30 years as a librarian for Detroit

Public Schools.

"We often get the big stars before they get expensive. We do have wonderful tellers every year," said Madsen, 80. "I believe in storytelling. It's live, spontaneous, the opposite of our plastic world. There's a kind of current that goes between audience and teller, as a teller you get to enjoy the response. People learn a lot through narrative."

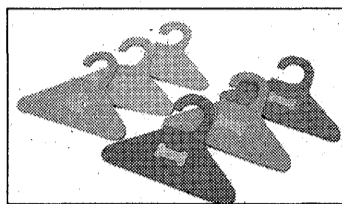
Madsen tells stories in schools, nursing homes, private residences, and churches. On Saturday, she shares an old Chinese folk tale during the brown bag lunch between workshops. "I enjoy a good story and enjoy choosing stories for an audience," said Madsen. "There are just certain stories that speak to you when you read them."

To learn more about the headline storytellers, visit www.lynnfordstoryteller.com and www.antoniosacre.com.

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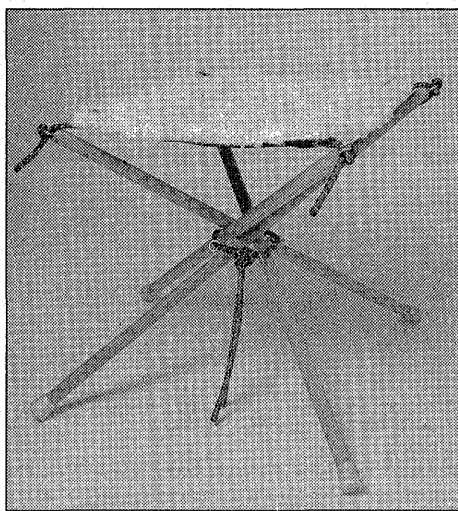


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physical needs at this time, and any other, with a visit to www.webvet.com, a site stocked with veterinarian-approved pet health and wellness information.

Got a pet-centric pick to share or suggest? Send us a tip or jpg photo of your pet and its favorite accessory or toy at scasola@hometownlife.com.

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola

Polish National Alliance to hold Meet & Greet

The Polish National Alliance, District X, Council 54, presents A Meet & Greet Social Event 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Orchard Lake Banquet & Conference Center on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

Donation is \$20 per person. Call Francine Nizienski at (734) 591-4249, Christine Kryszko (313) 581-3181 or Kristal Greniuk-Wionck (734) 266-9995.

All PNA Lodge members are invited to meet national, district and the new Council 54 officers as well as the directors and choreographers of Polish dance ensembles. Talk with the youth who have just returned from dance performances in Poland and learn about upcoming events. The Polish National Alliance strives to promote and share their Polish Culture and heritage with the communities. PNA Council 54 sponsors two children's dance groups, one adult group, one young adult group, and a Polish Language school.

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One aspect of illness is that two different medical problems can occur at the same time, since one problem causes a strain that sets up the onset of another one. These combinations are often present in cases of joint pain. The most common combination of ills occurs between the back and the knee. The knee becomes arthritic causing a change and strain in gait. In turn, the flexed back position that the arthritic knee necessitates, brings on back strain. Eventually that strain causes back ache or sciatica. If you develop this combination of pain, you may come to the doctor because of back ache. Do not be concerned because he is focusing on how you walk and move your knees. His examination is a reflection of an evaluation of the knee-back relationship. A variant occurs when the problem originates in the back, but knee pain dominates. What happens is that the main problem is the back condition, spinal stenosis. The body correctly has you walk in a forward-flexed position, a posture that relieves strain on the spinal nerves affected by the back stenosis. However, such posture places strain on the knees. If one or both knees are worn, the added stress on the knee changes a tolerable torque into an intolerable one. In this instance, your doctor may do more of a neurological examination than a joint evaluation. The doctor decides how to structure the examination based on the history of your pain and how it radiates.

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nies (like Comfy Creatures), many (84 percent) owned by women. Pet sitters make an estimated 17.4 million visits per year to clients' homes.

And they all take it seriously. "We're taking care of people's biggest investment, and something most precious to them, after their children — their pets," John said. "They should have someone who's serious about doing that." The Chapmans are certified in pet first aid, they and their sitters

are bonded and insured, and they also work with pets on behaviors such as jumping, biting and house training. Full-fledged dog training is on the horizon, and that's where it's going to stay for now. "It's just not the time," John said. Roberta is in her Xanadu as

a sort of combination pet sitter/grandmother, and doesn't see anything but good things ahead. "You can only have so many pets of your own," she said with a laugh. "It's nice to have our clients' pets as, like, surrogate grandchildren. I can't imagine ever working for anyone else again."

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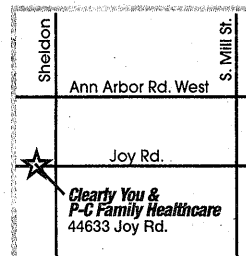
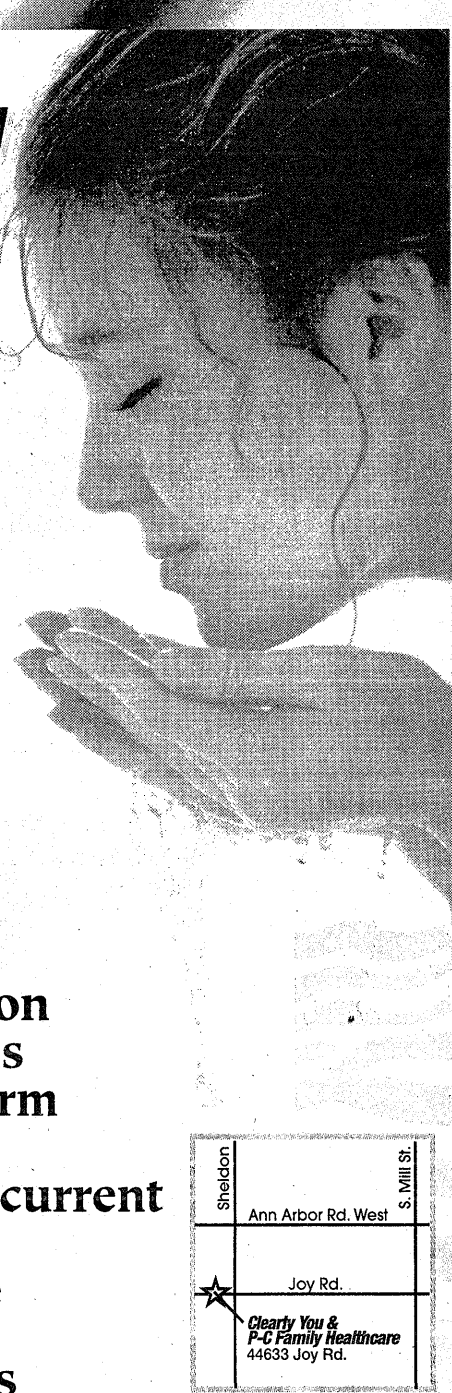
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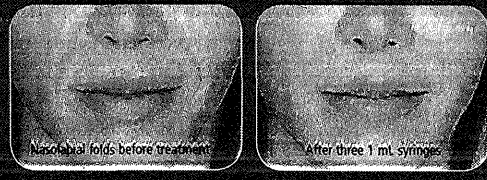
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GARDEN CALENDAR

All about roses
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville, plan to retire and close their popular rose nursery in October. They've reprised some of their most requested programs for their last month in business:
■ Success with climbing roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, includes slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

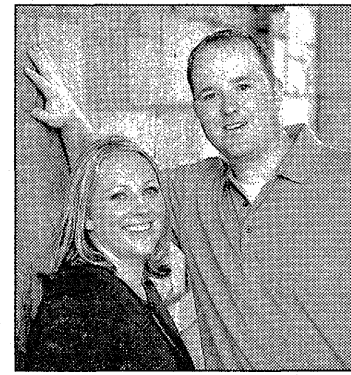
NEW GARDEN CALENDAR CONTACT
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■ Seven steps to success with roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21 and 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 22 includes a fast-paced slide talk, perfect for novice rose growers.

■ Winter preparation for roses 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival. All events, except the propagation workshop, are free. (734) 461-1230
Gardening presentations
Learn about fall planting during a series of free presentations at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in September at English Gardens stores:
■ Planting spring-flowering bulbs on Sept. 17

ENGAGEMENTS

Vance-Vesey
Bob and Cherie Vance of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Vance, to Sean Vesey of Farmington Hills. He is the son of Mike and Kathleen Vesey of Livonia. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Stevenson High School in Livonia.
Jill graduated in 1999 and earned her bachelor's degree in Japanese from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2003. She is working toward her master's degree at Wayne State University and has worked for the past four years at DENSO International, a Japanese auto supplier in Southfield, where she is senior specialist in the Heavy Duty Logistics group. Sean graduated high school in 1998 and gained his certification as a



firefighter from Schoolcraft College before continuing on to earn his EMT license in 2005. For the past five years he has worked with the Farmington Hills Fire Department.
The couple is planning a September wedding at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. They will make their home in Novi.

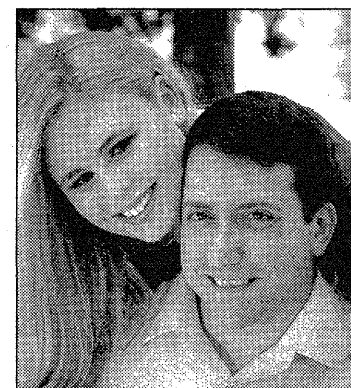
Citizens for Peace opens third film series

The Citizens for Peace Film Series begins 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Madonna University with "Blood and Oil." The thought provoking film series is now in its third year in Kresge Auditorium on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Discussions will be led by a local facilitator after each movie. A \$5 donation per event is appreciated.

"Blood and Oil" shows how concerns about oil have fueled war for at least 60 years and calls for radical rethinking of U.S. energy policy. According to one reviewer, the hour-long documentary is a clear, dispassionate, riveting history of American and Middle Eastern oil. Informative, not polemic or political, the film gives a historical perspective as to why the U.S. is in Iraq.
On Oct. 3 "Election Day" takes viewers on a journey around the country as the drama of election day 2004 unfolds. Shown are the good and the bad of voting in America. Dearborn is one of the featured locations.

"On the Line" on Oct. 10 gives an inside look at the people behind one of the largest non-violent movements in America today: the movement to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC, a U.S. Army school that trains Latin-American soldiers. The 55-minute documentary features Martin Sheen and Susan Sarandon.
On Oct. 17, "Tim Wise: On White Privilege" tackles whether there really is a level playing field for blacks and whites. Concepts that white people don't think of that confront blacks throughout their lives are discussed in this fast paced video of author/lecturer Tim Wise. He is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the U.S., and author of two books: "White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son," and "Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White."

Madonna University is located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. For more information about the film series or Citizens for Peace, call Bob Frank at (734) 522-1721.



Thibault-Waineo
Dr. and Mrs. Roger Thibault of Bowling Green, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie-Ange, to Marcus Glenn Waineo, son of Glenn and Jane Waineo of Canton, Mich.
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bowling Green High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University. She works as an admissions advisor for the online campus at ECPI College of Technology in Virginia Beach, Va.
Marcus graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and from the University of Michigan, where he earned dual degrees in computer sci-

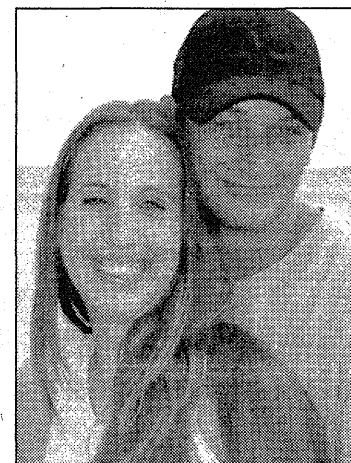
ence and mathematics. He currently works for the U.S. Department of Navy as a computer scientist in Norfolk, Va.
A September wedding is planned at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Wurth-Parkila
Lawrence and Colleen Wurth of Allen Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kylene Wurth, to Eric Parkila of Las Vegas. Eric is the son of Arvo and Sharon Parkila of Garden City.
The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Allen Park High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned a degree in education. She works as a teacher for Las Vegas schools. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he earned a



degree in electrical engineering. He works for JT3 in Las Vegas.
The couple is planning an October 2008 wedding in Michigan.

Flek-Noreen
Lawrence and Wanda Flek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Flek of Westland, to Frederick Noreen III, son of Rick Noreen and Marie Frizzell. The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works as a medical biller. Her fiancé is a graduate of Taylor High School and works as a carpenter. The couple is planning a Sept. 20 wedding at Dearborn Hills Golf Club.



Actors sought for murder mystery

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for "Ten Little Indians" by Agatha Christie 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 15-16, at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Rehearsals run 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Performances take place Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 13-15.

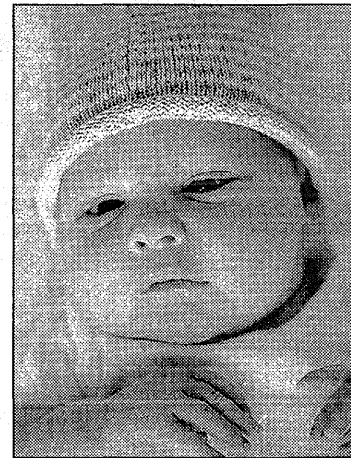
Come prepared to do cold readings. The theater company is looking for actors of all ages. The story revolves around 10 people invited for a weekend at an island mansion by a Mr. U. N. Owen, but he isn't on the island. At dinner a record is played accusing each of the guests of murder. Suddenly the first of them is dead then the next. Who is the murderer? Will guests be able to unravel the mystery before they become the next victim? Send e-mail to lenfisher@sbcglobal.net.

Crafters wanted for boutique

Crafters are still needed for the boutique which is part of the Redford Suburban League's celebrity fashion show and luncheon on Oct. 15, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the Fall Festival of Fashion go to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.
Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe once again host the event, which features the latest designs from Lord & Taylor and the Men's Wearhouse. The boutique opens at 9 a.m. Tables are \$45 each, lunch \$15. Crafters can come in at 7 a.m. to set up. Call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853. Tickets for the fashion show and luncheon are \$45 per person. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003.

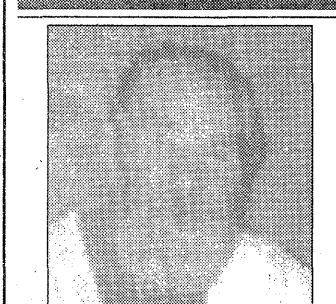
BIRTH

Steger
Jeff and Jennifer Steger of Livonia announce the arrival of their son, Elliot Lee Steger. He was born July 27, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. His grandparents are Jack and Beverly Lee of Ray Township, Mich. and Jerry and Bernadette Steger of Midland, Mich. His great-grandparents are Dolores and Ed Cieslinski of Auburn, Mich.; Annie P. Lee of Royal Oak, Mich. and Lois Steger of Bay City, Mich.



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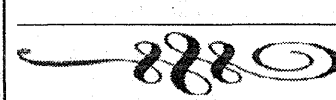
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Ewa Chavey

MARILYN LORRAINE CLANCY

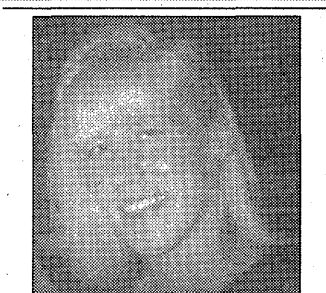
Of Farmington. August 30, 2008 at 75 years of age. Marilyn was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan by her parents, Adolph and Siana Larson. She graduated from Cooley High School in 1951, married her beloved husband, James Donald Clancy in 1952 and continued her studies at Wayne State University, earning a degree in Library Science. Marilyn went on to work for the Farmington Public School System, first at East Middle School and then at O.E. Dunckel Middle School where she retired in 1991. Marilyn was an avid reader and an aspiring quilter. She enjoyed camping, square dancing, and traveling. Marilyn surrounded herself with a great love of nature, where her gardens and feeders attracted many birds, butterflies, swans, and squirrels. They brought her endless enjoyment as she would quietly observe life over a cup of tea from her kitchen table. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband James. She is survived by her daughters Colleen Davison and Debra Clancy, her granddaughter Megean Giolitti and husband Chris, and her beloved great-grandchildren Johnny, Rosie, Joey, and Emma. Her life will be celebrated in a private memorial service where her ashes will be released to join her husband. Rest in peace knowing that your memory will live on in our hearts forever. To send a private condolence to the family go to: www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook

LEONARD "SONNY" FERGUESON

September 9, 2008. Age 72 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Sandra Ferguson and Kimberly (Paul) Conner. Son of Sarah Baker and the late Benjamin Ferguson. Brother of Betsy Davis. Loving grandfather of Gerald Cantrell, Shania Fernandez, Cody Ferguson and Eric and Katelyn Conner. Great-grandfather of the late Ava Cantrell. Services were held Friday, September 12th at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was made at Parkview Memorial, Livonia. Please send tributes and view memorials @: www.uhtfh.com

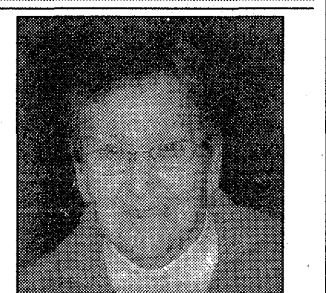


EUGENE ALLEN HAMMAR
Age 79, of Garden City, passed away September 8, 2008. Beloved father of Mark Hammar, Scott Hammar, Pamela (Sobhi) Safah and Laurie (Mike) Ziolkowski. Loving grandfather of Belal (Rana) Safah, Khaled Safah and his fiancée Lamis, Emily (Khaled) Safah and Lindsay Safah. Great-grandfather of Mariam Lily Safah. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Johnson of Drummond Island, MI and half-sisters Nancy Gerner of Mayville, MI and Mabel Hollisberry of Millington, MI. Eugene was born May 26, 1929, in Royal Oak. He moved to Garden City in 1956 from Nankin Twp. He served in the Army and is a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from A&P Food Stores of Detroit in 1987. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org. Final arrangements entrusted to the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City. Interment will be in the family plot on Drummond Island.



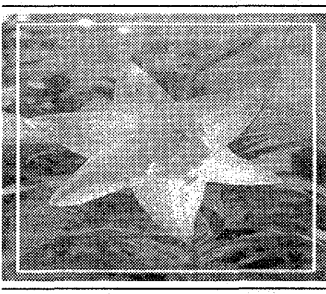
SUE ANN HOLLAND (nee Anderson)

Age 37. August 3, 2008. Beloved daughter of the late Ivar and Estelle Anderson. Loving sister of Ivar G. (Lee Ann) Anderson. Cherished niece of Nancy and Robert Viverito, Jean and Sandy Branzler, and George Wickstrom. Dear aunt of Stephen and Brian. Sue loved animals, especially her pet dogs, Tonka and Ernie, and was deeply committed to the conservation and preservation of wildlife, particularly wolves. She was active in all forms of outdoor recreation, including camping, snowmobiling, skiing, ATV and horseback riding. She enjoyed pop culture in all forms and loved to watch movies. Her varied musical tastes ran from classical to rock to country-western. She embraced New Age Spirituality, including the Wicca teachings, crystal healing and consulted horoscopes and tarot cards for guidance. She loved her work as office manager of Aberdeen Van Lines in Commerce Township, Michigan, which she joined in 1994. She is survived by her family and many friends, who she loved dearly. Memorial services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Defenders of Wildlife. www.thayer-rock.com



MARIE C. RIX

90, formerly of Plymouth died on September 12, 2008 at Tecumseh Place, Tecumseh MI. She is survived by her children Patricia (Terry) Patton of Ann Arbor, Carolyn (Tom) Rougeaux of Mt Juliet TN, Kathy (Randy) Tripp of Adrian, and Doug (Jane) Rix of Rockford IL; grandchildren Heather Patton (Mark Hilgers), Justin (Leah) Tripp, Sara (Jeff) Johnson, and Holly Tripp; great grandchildren Taylor and Emily Patton, Makenna and Mason Johnson, and Drew Hilgers and one sister Dorothy Dixon of Berkley MI as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert in 1998, her parents, grandson Bradley Patton and his wife Kristin, great grandson Nathan Patton, a sister Della Brinkman and a brother Edgar Armbruster. Funeral service 11 AM Monday September 15th at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI. Visitation 2 pm to 8 pm Sunday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to Tecumseh Place, 1309 Southwestern Drive, Tecumseh MI 49286 or Hospice of Lenawee County, 415 Mill Street, Adrian MI 49221. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ARTHUR L. SPEASE, JR.

Age 66, of the Rarity Bay Community, Vonore, TN. Passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at his home with his wife at his side. Art was a graduate of Elizabethtown College and Penn State University. He was a retired mechanical engineer holding many patents related to the automotive industry. Art was an avid golfer and participated in many activities in Rarity Bay including the Rare Notes. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur L. Spease, Sr. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Jackie Spease; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Kathy Spease, David and Jenny Rose Spease, Mary and Amy Spease, Matthew and Tricia Spease; grandchildren, Jake, Alex, Andrew, Hannah, Nathan, and Garrett; mother, Ruth Spease; brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Rachel Spease; sister, Arlene Starr along with nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 pm Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial Services will follow at 7 pm with Rev. A.J. Crawford officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Caris Hospice. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements: www.clickfuneralhome.com

TONI M. KNEIDING

Age 34. Died suddenly September 7, 2008. Beloved daughter of Rickard and Patricia. Loving sister of the late Kristina. Dearest granddaughter of Maxine Kneiding and Linda Achille. Will be missed by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Toni Kneiding, M.A. was the Associate Dean of the Education and Human Service program at Baker College of Owosso. She taught in the early childhood education program and models passion and enthusiasm of the development of young children's minds. She was an advisor for the T.A.L.L. (Teachers as Lifelong Learners) student club. Toni has also presented several early childhood seminars for the Bentley campus. Toni has been with Baker College of Owosso for almost 2 years and has played an integral part in continuous improvement of the early childhood program on our campus. Toni was a former consultant for the Office for Young Children in Lansing and has many years experience in the early childhood field. She had professional affiliations with Central Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (CMAEUC), Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society (KON), Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MiAIMH), National, and Michigan Association for the Development of Young Children (NAEY) (MiAEYC), National Family Literacy Association (NFLA), and National Parents As Teachers Association (PAT). Toni also was certified in many areas of special training for the early age and has used these certifications and experience in advancing our program as well as serving as a facilitator for other childcare providers in the area. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm and Friday 1-8pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, with a Prayer Service at 7:00pm Friday. Funeral Service Saturday 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research.

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Lumber yard marks 108 years with sale, prizes

Customers who buy from Mans Lumber and Millwork during its 108th anniversary weekend, Sept. 26-27, will get a gift and the opportunity to enter a contest for Detroit Red Wings tickets.

The family-owned lumber yard will discount in-stock deck material from Trek and AZEK, in-stock hardware, paint, paint supplies, tools, doors and special order items during the celebration.

Doug Mans, company president, said "customers have come first" for more than a century.

The Mans family began selling coal and peat in Trenton during the early 1900s, later expanding the business to include four lumberyards, two kitchen and bath design showrooms, floor coverings, a finished carpentry and millwork shop, an installed products division, equipment rental and more.

Look for the anniversary celebration and sale at the company's Trenton and Canton locations. Canton store hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, at 47255 Michigan Avenue, Canton. (734) 714-5800. The Trenton store is open 7:30-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, at 3300 West Jefferson, Trenton. (734) 676-3000.

Detroit ReStore's Deconstruction Services to hand dismantle customers' old kitchens and baths. Salvaged building materials are then sold to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers include locations in Livonia, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak. Call 1-888-KURTIS-1 or visit www.KurtisKitchen.com.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers will host an Eco-Friendly Open House featuring 'green' remodeling and home construction, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Representatives will be on hand to answer green building and remodeling questions, and to offer tips on selecting the right cabinetry and appliances for anywhere in the home. Featured lines include KraftMaid, Wellborn Cabinetry, Formica and EnergyStar. Kurtis employs Habitat for Humanity's

CHARDONNAY AND CHAIRS

Take a seat and sip some wine at DWR Birmingham Studio's Wine + Design event, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8.

Customers may sample wine as they shop and save 15 percent when mixing or matching six or more chairs, stools and tables from the store's dining assortment, including Bottega, Allegro and Presto collections.

DWR (Design Within Reach) is located at 168 West Maple in downtown Birmingham. (248) 593-9640

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Odor in new Bosch dishwashers testament to poor quality

In the year 1907, Mr. Frederick Louis Maytag invented the first wooden tub washer called the Pastime. The tub was made of the best cypress Maytag could find and this washer became a boon to housewives who historically used backbreaking washboards to clean clothes.

Back then, Frederick Maytag was quoted as saying, "In all business, there is a factor which cannot be compensated for in dollars and cents or computed by any measure. It has no relation or connection with the mer-

cenary and is represented only by the spirit of love which the true craftsman holds for his job and the things he is trying to accomplish."

Mr. Maytag was not the only corporate head that thought this way back in 1907 and the following years. There were many, and this country enjoyed the quality products they deserved for their hard earned dollars.

In today's world we have seemed to have done a flip-flop.

This lack of quality that many consumers experience is filling up all sorts of Web sites, and the manufacturers don't like seeing their names under any form of unsatisfactory complaint. It doesn't take a genius to figure out how to stop these complaints. Simply stop the problems.

Here is an e-mail sent to me from

Nancy: "I have a Bosch, stainless steel interior dishwasher purchased in 2004. We are empty nesters, so it takes a few days to fill up the dishwasher to run a full load. We run it more often because the odor the dishwasher emits is awful! We have had this problem since we purchased it. I have had the company out three times to check it and no one seems to find a problem. I have called the manufacturer with no results. I have run products through a cycle, which helps the smell for just a few days more. The food catcher never has anything in it because we rinse all dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. HELP! I can't stand the smell any longer."

After reading this e-mail I asked my darling wife Valerie what she

thinks of our 2-year-old Bosch stainless steel tub dishwasher. She said, "I love how quiet it is when it operates but I can't stand the smell in it. I have to make sure I turn it on each day — sometimes just a rinse cycle — or else there is an odor that is putrid. I also think it takes too long for a regular cycle and I can't put in as many dishes as I could in my old Kitchen Aid."

So you see folks, we have basically the same complaint as Nancy does. And then I went to the computer and found that we are not alone with this odor problem. What is going on here? Maybe someone can tell me how he or she solved this problem. They have tablets for sale now that you can put into your washing machine to take care of odor problems.

This means that they now produce

washing machines which have a built-in odor problem with no cure except to give it a pill. This quality story becomes more amazing every year doesn't it?

Mr. Fred Maytag would be astonished that I spent \$1,000 for a dishwasher — and that wasn't even the most expensive model. I might have been better off finding an old wooden tub wringer washer, and never having a complaint about the quality of manufactured products made today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Wendy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Benedictine High School Class of 1973
35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or bennyhigh3@twi.r.com.

Berkley High School Class of 1958
50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Birmingham High School Class of 1958
Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50-year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road &

Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner. Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneid (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register, visit www.birmingham58.com.

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74
A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com

Class of 1988
A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School Class of 1989
Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959
50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in

Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84
25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myspace.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

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.

Class of 1978
A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in

Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanis at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958
A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3, 2008 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy McGregor Ketko at (248) 851-5257 or Pat Keoshian Holmes at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Dearborn Cass Tech Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Dearborn Chadsey High School Class of 1957
An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at (734) 522-1284.

Dearborn Chadsey High School Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Dearborn Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact

Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Eastern High School Classes up to 1958

All classes invited to reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren. Doors at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m., open bar. \$30 per person, must be paid before Sept. 29. Call Bob Butler, (586) 412-9998; or Terry Des Rivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562 or (313) 300-6385.

Class of 1958
50th reunion weekend, "Mix and Mingle" 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 10, 2008, Sinbad's, Detroit; "Gala Banquet," 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 11, Western Golf & Country Club, Redford; "Back to Mack Church Service," 10 a.m. Oct. 12, Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit. \$125 package pricing, individual pricing available. Call Delores Sykes Cotton, (248) 353-7452 or Patricia Anderson Solomon, (248) 538-5205; e-mail EHS1958reunion@aol.com; or visit www.classmates.com "Eastern High School."

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958
A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelly K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmay@aol.com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and August
A 50-year Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

Detroit Western High School Classes of 1930s, 40s and 50s
Annual reunion, all classes welcome, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Call (313) 565-4997 or (248) 427-0673 to reserve your spot by Sept. 5.

Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School Class of 1956
Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Edwin Denby High School Class of 1953
Seeking classmates for Dinner Reunion, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at Capital Banquet Center, 123 31 Mile Road, Washington, Mich. Contact Doris Burrows Firestone at (586) 266-3319. Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954 or Bob Pinder, (248) 332-8028, for details.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

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TRADITIONAL VALUES
Well-educated DWF, 5'8", dark blonde/brunette, full-figured, interested in finding friendship leading to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. **2283327**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2288800**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, easy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2287057**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBF, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289151**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 55+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **22891247**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBF, 39-51. **2284368**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

DOWN-TO-EARTH!
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-59, N/S, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man in his 50's. **2284711**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 42, 5'1", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SBF, 32-39, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **2284915**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks suit-male, call me; serious replies answered. **2283677**

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 traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular S/M, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **2287187**

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Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious WM, 40-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273603**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2280694**

EARTH BABY
DWF, 52, 5'10", 300+lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, dog lover, classically optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/D/WM, 46-60. **2285168**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years, family pleaser, I enjoy dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2289125**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF/M, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities, looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2285607**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, family-oriented SM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2286634**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a S/M, 44, employed, open-minded, warm hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SBF, who enjoys life simple pleasures, I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241298**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBF, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **2281372**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks S/M, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'3", N/S, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking SBF/M, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

LOADS OF FUN
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different types of music, travel, dining out, dancing. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. **2283342**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2285908**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possibly LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2271254**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking S/M, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2279845**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 60, looks younger, blonde/brown, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2281198**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2281198**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2286878**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2283780**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2280808**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking S/M, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **2292549**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 100lbs, 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. **2118901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 60s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar S/M, 23-45, for companionship. **2282578**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2283202**

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blasting, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

GIVE ME A CALL
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **2283615**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **2205048**

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBF, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **2283615**

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-30, to spend some time together and get to know me. **2283881**

LET'S CONNECT
SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SAHF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what develops. **2288526**

SINGLE DAD
WM, 57', 150lb, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **2284953**

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking S/M, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. **2276478**

LET'S MEET UP
SWM, 53, brown/blond, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. **2290675**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship. **2280556**

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 19-30, for friendship first, possibly more. **2291487**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, BM would like to meet a SBF, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **2276497**

YOU NEED ME
SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seeks attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **2291112**

GIVE ME A CALL!
SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, likes to travel, looking for a caring, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **2289548**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 61', 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and so on. **2282942**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth S/M, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-35, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **2286147**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2287088**

WARM AND FRIENDLY
Sincere BM would like to meet a SBF, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, HW proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **2279036**

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. **2113835**

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SHAF, late 30s, for possible relationship. **2289039**

FIT & FUN-LOVING
Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. **2288335**

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countries in Africa, people with their families. It's kind of hard to imagine what they went through. Their world is so different from what any of us experience," said Raines, vice president of programs for the Erb Family Foundation in Birmingham and former executive director of The Jewish Fund.

Raines believes there is a connection between the Jewish community and Freedom House and that's why she became personally involved.

"The theme never again for the dinner parallels similarities of what the Jewish people suffered under the Holocaust and what people are currently suffering today in different parts of the world. As a Jewish person the plight of these people appeals to my sense of justice," said Raines who serves on the honorary dinner committee. "The distant relatives on my father's side there's almost nobody left, That's what happened to Jewish families, whole families that were gone. Out of 8 million Jews 6 million died. There were people who came who were turned away by our country and that's unacceptable."

Pegg Roberts is working on behalf of the residents of Freedom House to provide opportunities for a new life. The stories she hears nearly every day send chills through

Americans used to the freedoms of this country. People from Rwanda, Uganda, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo have left their families behind in search of asylum. Others like the two nuns from Uganda fled religious persecution, Freedom House is the only organization in the country that provides housing, legal aid, education, language training, and job placement for people seeking asylum.

"One family we had was a mother with two sons, 7 and 11, She was from Congo where they're taking the male children and forcing them in the army so she fled, She left behind her husband and her daughters. She got asylum and is in the process of sending for them," said Roberts, Freedom House executive director. "Another woman from Uganda whose husband has been politically active in opposition of the current government they broke into her home, beat her husband beyond recognition and raped her and took her to jail for three days and raped and beat her, A friend helped smuggle her out of the country and she landed in New York. A cab driver gave her \$150 and told her to get to Freedom House. Each story is more incredible."

Roberts could go on and on about the refugee from Uganda whose father was from one tribe, his mother from another so he was safe

from neither. Originally there were 21 in his family, Now he and his son are the only ones left, Annually Freedom House provides services for over 300 people with similar stories. Last year three doctors from Uganda and Congo were accepted into medical schools and have gotten scholarships so they can begin to practice medicine here. Another man is in divinity school to become a minister and wants to share his story with people on a different level.

"You cannot even walk by Freedom House without it grabbing you and changing you forever, their courage, intelligence, compassion, They just touch your life in ways you've never been touched before," said Roberts of Royal Oak. "Many have a number of children left behind. Applying for asylum is extremely difficult and can take anywhere from six months to two years, In the meantime your family is in danger or in hiding in their home country, You have to take blood testing and DNA to prove your children are your children, Often that impacts our residents, I'm so moved by this African culture, If you see a child whose parents were murdered you pick this child up and that child is yours from that day forward. We're hoping people will become sensitized to what we do to these families, I always believe in America doing the right things, We're founded on the freedom of religion, political,

racial/tribal, sexual orientation. In Africa gay people are murdered. The theme, never again, draws light to the fact it happens every single day. We're going to be seeing more Iraqis as time goes on."

Michael George is already seeing an influx of refugees from the war-torn country of Iraq. As chairman of the Chaldean Federation of America in Farmington Hills, he is leading the resettlement effort. George is expecting more than 10,000 Iraqis to settle throughout the U.S. this year.

"Freedom House is working with us to help the refugees from Iraq for resettlement purposes in the metro area," said George. "Freedom House handles detainees and asylees. We assist in resettlement of refugees. We work together because we have a common cause. These people that are here originally came as students or came on vacation and didn't want to go back, They don't have any rights here, Freedom House feeds people, clothes them like we do. Refugees come ignorant of their rights, making a living and have no problem finding a home. Asylees try to find a permanent residence because they're illegal aliens. There's no one else to do that work. What would these people do without Freedom House?"

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		Early Hour (4:20 - 5:20 PM)			
NEW	BE 057	BIBLICAL HEBREW 7: Delving into the Verbal System.....	Shawna P. Steiner, A.B., M.Ed., Ph.D.		
First Hour (5:25-6:25 PM)					
CW	110	The Exciting LIFE OF CHRIST.....	Glen Currie, B.A., M.Div.		
CW	031	HOW TO PREPARE SERMONS & GOSPEL ADDRESSES.....	John E. Marine, B.R.E., M.R.E., M.A., D.D.		
CW	070	Practical PRINCIPLES OF Christian COUNSELING.....	Ron Wagner, B.A., M.Min., D.D.		
CW	260	BIBLE STUDY METHODS: Putting the Bible All Together.....	Charles J. Whitfield, B.R.E., M.R.E., D.D.		
CH	001	ONE NATION UNDER GOD: Preserving and Protecting AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE.....	David Swanson, A.A.S., B.R.E.		
NEW	BE 164	BIBLICAL GREEK 14: Exploring Greek Syntax.....	Shawna P. Steiner, A.B., M.Ed., Ph.D.		
First & Second Hours (5:25-7:30 PM)					
SL	110	BEGINNING BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE (A.S.L.).....	April Cooper, A.A.		
SL	131	CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE 1 (A.S.L.).....	Gail Crewdson		
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NT	180	THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: The Challenge of Faith.....	Craig C. Hurley, B.A., M.Div.		
CW	220	Perfecting Skills in PERSONAL EVANGELISM.....	John E. Marine, B.R.W., M.R.E., M.A., D.D.		
NT	020	THE BOOK OF JAMES: Belief in Action.....	Glen Currie, B.A., M.Div.		
NEW	BE 025	BIBLE GEOGRAPHY: A Must for the Bible Student.....	Ron Wagner, B.A., M.Min., D.D.		
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Third Hour (8:00-9:00 PM)					
NT	170	THE BOOK OF REVELATION: Exploring the Future.....	Gary Flatt, A.A.S., B.A.S., M.A.		
CW	011	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 1: Know Your God.....	Charles J. Whitfield, B.R.E., M.R.E., D.D.		
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WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

Your workday can be extremely grim when cuts compel others to leave. A literature on downsizing has evolved over the last ten years to tell the others what to do, whether it's to find a completely different career, take a vacation or start a business. You may fall victim to survivor's guilt.

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If you feel trapped by cuts industry-wide, think about other industries that aren't contracting. Health care and education are two. Laurence Shatkin, senior product developer at JIST Publishing in Indianapolis and author, with his company's editors, of the in-depth "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs" (JIST Works, forthcoming, November 2008, \$16.95), also points you to "high tech, provided your job target is not something that is easily off-shored."

"Government and utilities are also good bets for riding out future recessions," he adds, "although right now the competition for jobs (especially in government) is going to be intense because of people out of work in the private sector." Take a close, hard look at these three current possibilities, where resistance to applicants may be low: health care, education and high tech. Do any of them appeal? If not today, take another gut check tomorrow. If you get to a "yes," prepare to job hunt.

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You might discover that you have a million work-related (and personal) reasons to stay put. Industries with least resistance might seem dull. You'd prefer to take your chances on a company in an industry you love rather than conduct a full-fledged job search in other industries where you could transfer your skills. Don't come to this decision lightly.

Phoenix psychologist Andrew Shatte, co-managing director of Adaptiv Learning Systems L.P., headquartered in King of Prussia, Pa., a training organization specializing in change management during downsizing, maintains that accurate thinking is the lifeblood of resilience. "We hear a lot about survivor's guilt," he explains, "but little of the sadness, anxiety, frustration, anger and even shame and embarrassment that survivors feel, which gets in the way of their rebounding. Guilt really isn't the predominant emotion. You see anxiety and frustration because of the workload." Adaptiv's training addresses thinking styles causing such

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Shatte states that, to facilitate reconnecting, think about:
-- "why you joined the company;
-- "the good reasons you stayed; and
-- "whether you're focusing on the negative rather than positive."

He mentions that your existential crisis will fall away "if you believe that you're giving back in some fashion, such as by providing a service to your organization, community or country or by mentoring the next generation."

John Baker, founder and president of Ready Thinking L.L.C., in Eden Prairie, Minn., also a change management consulting firm, notes, "Learning why the company needed to take such drastic steps as reducing its employee base -- such as freeing up capital for other business lines, reducing expenses or re-allocating resources -- allows individuals to begin to move away from the paralyzing emotions of being a victim and being out of control. Then (they can) aim at helping the organization move to these aspirations. By doing

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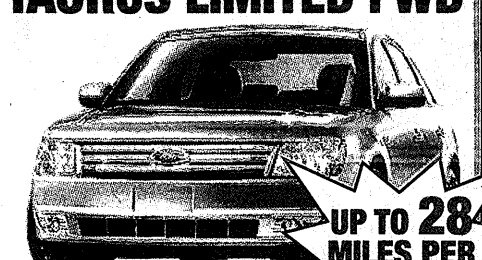
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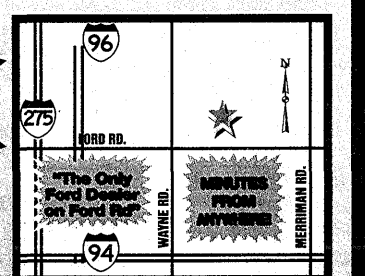
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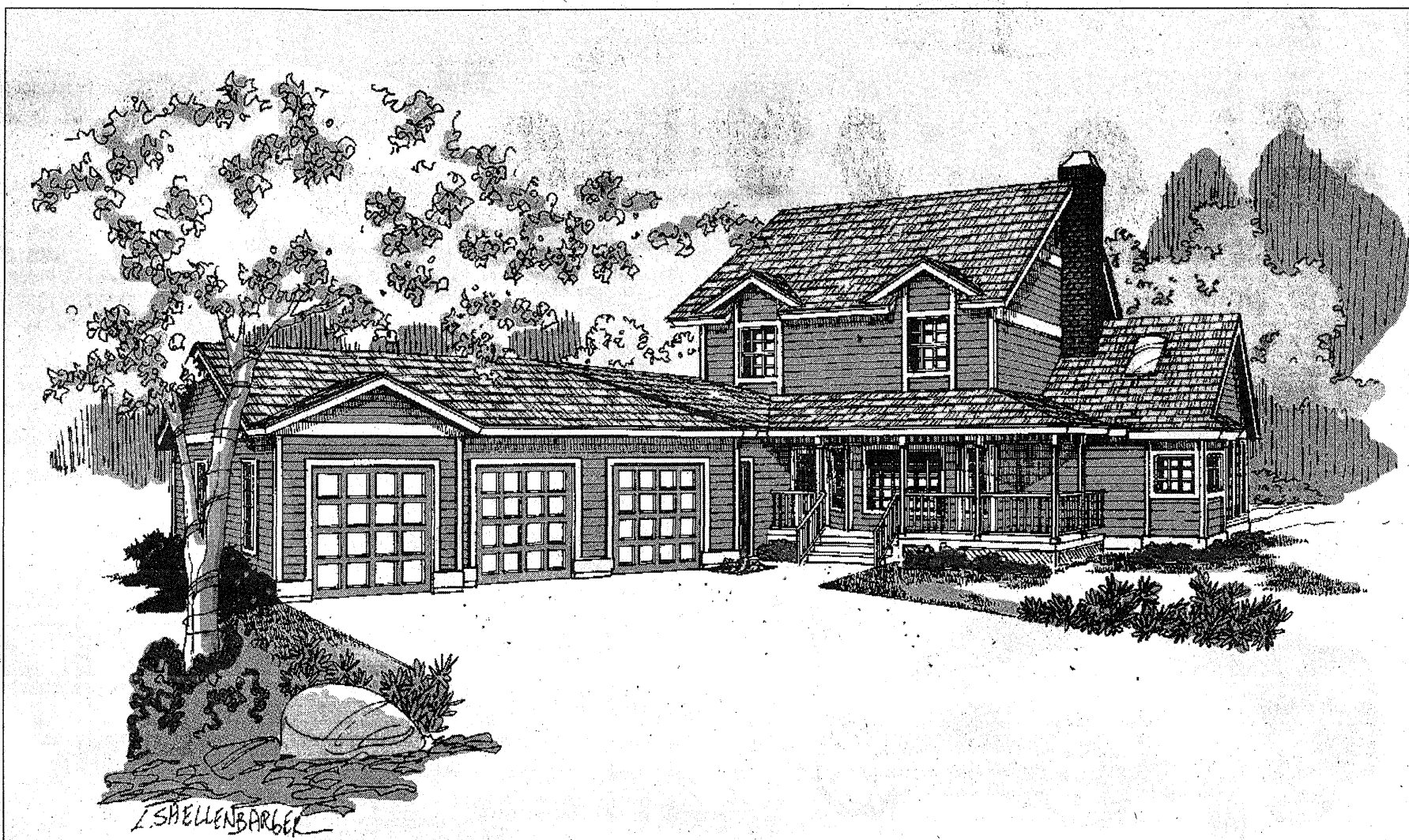
Farmhouse offers 2,170 square feet of great features

The glorious Gloria is a generously proportioned farmhouse at 2,170 square feet with many windows and pleasing features found throughout. The entry is three steps up to a covered porch, right next to the garage and parking area. A convenient service door to the three-car garage is located to the left of the front steps, with the alternate garage entry to the home just inside. The entry is convenient to the utility room, master suite and half bath.

Inside the vaulted entry of the Gloria, a curving banister leads to the open railing on the second floor. Left of the stairs is an entry into the master suite. This luxurious, vaulted space is complete with an overhead fan, sidelights on either side of a patio door leading to a private deck, and an entertainment center built in to the space under the stairs. The large walk-in closet has a window at the end and a three-piece mirrored door entry. Sinks occupy both sides of the entry to the bath area. A skylight overhead and glass block brightens the spa and double-fixture shower.

To the right of the entry is the dining room with a bay window providing the table with natural light. Further right, the kitchen is well-equipped with a double entry pantry, center island and an informal breakfast nook. A unique corner sink offers a spot for small plants or a fresh bouquet of flowers. The combined space of the kitchen and nook is bright and cheerful. In addition to a high-vaulted ceiling with skylights over the island and nook area, the rear corner is nearly all windows, including a patio door to a private deck.

From the nook and entry, the spacious living room has overhead fans and French doors leading to a stoop and steps into the back yard.

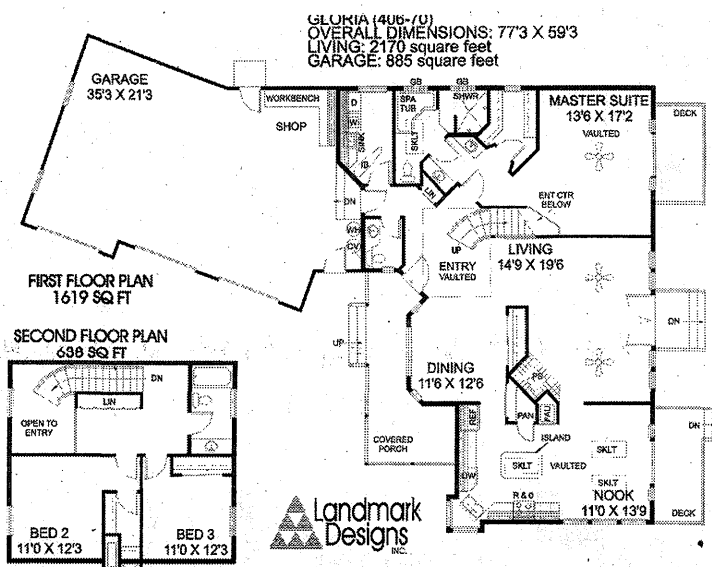


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Double windows on each side of the doors continue the abundant use of natural light, while heat comes from a pellet stove on a hearth angled toward the center of the room.

Upstairs are two bedrooms. While they are the same size, one has a wall closet and the other has a walk-in closet. This would make an ideal guest room, if needed. Against the stairwell is a large, generous linen closet with the full bath opposite.

For a study plan of the Gloria (406-70), send \$15, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-115. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact discs, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.diplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

New role

The Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR), a statewide trade association representing more than 26,000 real estate brokers, associate brokers and salespersons announced 2008 President Jeff Young will assume a new role with the Realtors Information Network (RIN), the National Association of Realtors (NAR) for-profit subsidiary. Young will join RIN as the new vice president of Association and Broker

Relations and Marketing. This new position will enable him to use his expertise as a broker and association leader to develop and implement several of NAR's key data initiatives including the Realtor Property Network, a national database that will include data from Michigan.

"Jeff has been and will continue to be an asset to the members of MAR," said Chief Executive Officer Bill Martin. "His keen ability to work with local leadership and to develop strategies to meet the needs of our members translates well in his new role at NAR. We thank him for his contributions to MAR over the last decade and look forward to his continuing achievements." Young has served in a number of leadership positions at his local board, MAR and NAR. Up until accepting this position, he has been an owner of Woodland Realty and most recently, the vice president of Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt, based in Grand Haven.

"I am sincerely pleased about starting this new and exciting stage in my career. After nearly 14 years as a Realtor, I look forward to taking on new professional challenges which will allow me to contribute to the real estate industry on a broad based level," said Young. "Most importantly, I remain proudly connected to the Realtor family. I've been introduced to a number of bright, energetic and talented Realtors and association/MLS management teams from across the country and I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to represent NAR/RIN in working with these folks."

Young will be tasked with leading NAR's communication and outreach efforts to brokers, boards, and MLS's for the RPR and other RIN projects. He will also be a key part of the RIN management team, helping develop project priorities and overall strategy for all RIN initiatives.

RIN is tasked with managing the operation of Realtor.com announces a restructuring that will position RIN to add management responsibilities for the Realtors Property Network (RPR), formerly referred

to as the Gateway, and future NAR technology initiatives. NAR will be renaming RIN soon to indicate a new beginning.

Under the direction of RIN President & CEO, Bob Goldberg, and COO, Ken Burlington, RIN's restructuring from a project based organization to a more functional based approach, positions RIN to leverage the skills of its staff to the highest level, while providing the flexibility to manage Realtor.com, RPR, and future RIN initiatives with a collaborative, team-based approach.

BIA

■ Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present an Economic Forecast And Legislative Update For The Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, Sept. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begin at 11 a.m.

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 keynote speaker is David Littmann of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Market Update speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners, sponsors of the event. Legislative Update speaker is Joseph Palamara of Karoub Associates.

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 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 on-site leasing consultants. Topics include telephone tech-

niques and proper documentation, Internet and e-mail communication, leasing tour, resident communication and team building. Situations that are encountered every day will be the basis for the presentation.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will sponsor Certified Aging-in-Place (CAPS) seminars: "CAPS I: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility" on Wednesday, Oct. 1; "CAPS II: Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility" on Thursday, Oct. 2; and "CAPS III: Business Management for Building Professionals" on Friday, Oct. 3. The three seminars will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of Wake-Pratt Construction will teach strategies and techniques for marketing, designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments. To be certified as an Aging-In-Place Specialist, participants must complete all three courses and submit a graduation application to the NAHB University of Housing. Upon approval, graduates may use the CAPS designation.

This course counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 per course for NAHBR members, \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$250 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to

noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Participants will gain an understanding of the risks and opportunities related to stepping into an existing project.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertibility 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 for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleason, 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 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will discuss 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.

Topics in this training include building more energy-efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes with emphasis on indoor air quality and low impact development.

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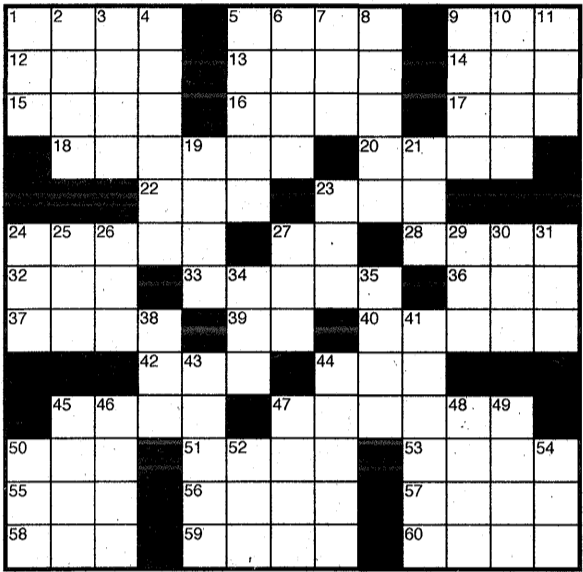
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- Drop behind
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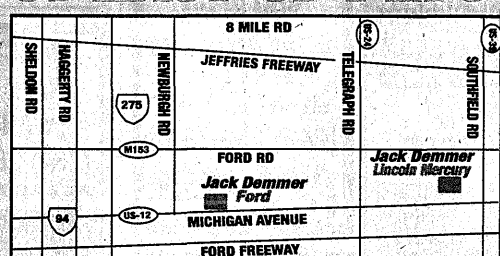
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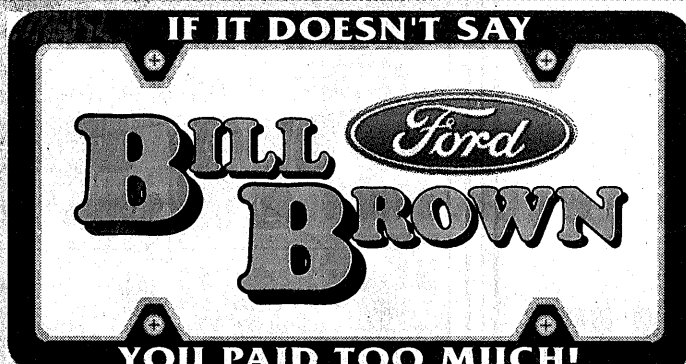
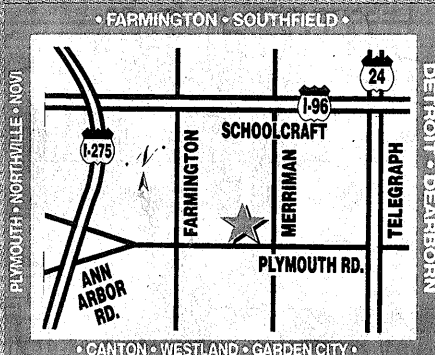


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