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Got a question?

The *Plymouth Observer* will soon begin talking to candidates for political office including the state Senate, state House and Wayne County Commission races about the issues facing the state and the county, and we'd like to know what you'd like to know. Anyone who has a question they'd like to have asked can e-mail the question directly to *Plymouth Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com. Questions will be used during the interview process.

Sports sale

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosts a buy-or-sell All Sports Equipment Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Anyone with new or gently used sporting equipment they'd like to get rid of is welcome to participate. Admission is free. Rental fee for a 10-by-10-foot space is \$20.

To reserve your space or for more information, contact Michelle or Kim at (734) 455-6620.

Holiday trash

Plymouth officials are reminding residents there will be no trash, recycling or compost collection on Monday, May 31, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Trash collection will be delayed one day to include Saturday, June 5.

Residents are reminded to have items out to the curb by 7 a.m. on the day following your normal collection day. Those whose normal collection day falls on Friday, June 4, will have rubbish collection on Saturday, June 5.

Cox coffee

Plymouth residents will soon have the opportunity to share conversation, coffee and doughnuts with Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

"Coffee and Doughnuts with Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox" takes at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., (734) 453-0750, on Tuesday, June 15, between 10-11 a.m.

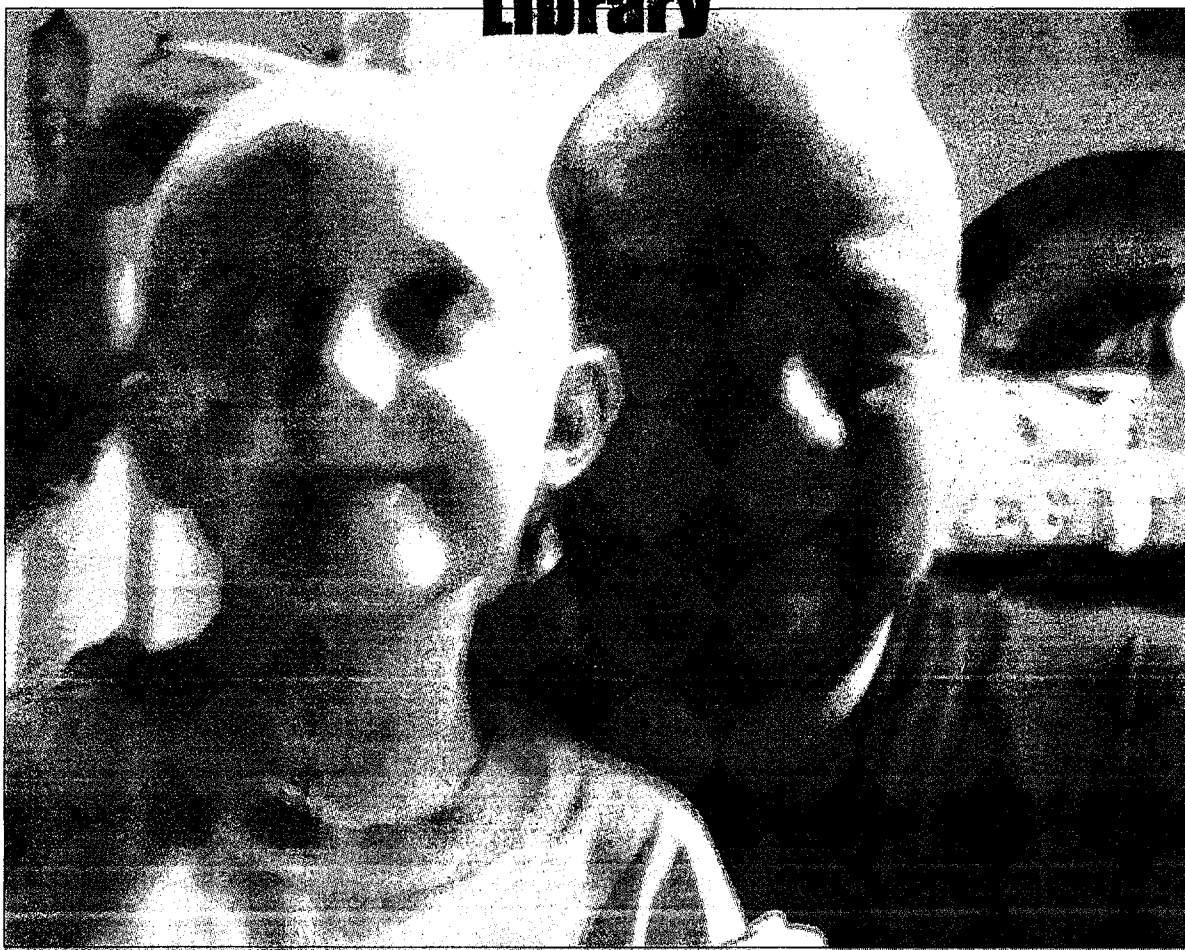
The gathering will give residents a chance to meet the commissioner and address concerns.

Cox represents the northern portion of Livonia, along with Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

For more information, contact the commissioner's office at (313) 224-0946.



Cox



Lisa Marie McMaster decided to shave her head rather than have bad hair as she battles cancer. She got some help from her godfather, Matt Holowicki.

Blasting the cancer Fund-raiser helps Lisa's family fight back

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you look at 5-year-old Lisa Marie McMaster today, you might guess the courageous young lady is battling cancer because, in a defiant "you're not getting me down!" move Thursday night, she let her godfather help her shave her head.

Until then, though, you'd never have known — despite multiple rounds of chemotherapy, including a five-day ordeal that forced her to be isolated — Lisa Marie is fighting off neuroblastoma, one of the most common — and deadliest — forms of cancer to strike children.

"She was all for shaving her head," said Linda McMaster of Canton, Lisa Marie's mom. "After the last treatment, she went from a head full of curls to where it was almost molting, so she said, 'Let's just cut it off.'"

The molting effect was caused by the latest treatment, MIGB, that Lisa Marie underwent at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan. MIGB is a procedure that involves delivering high doses of radiation, and it had Lisa Marie in the hospital for five days.

It was the latest treatment in Lisa Marie's two-year battle with neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor that begins in nerve tissue of infants and very young children. Lisa Marie was diagnosed with the cancer, which affects roughly 600 children a year in the United



Thomas, 12 (from left), Lisa Marie, 5, Christina, 10, and 12-year-old Maranda McMaster form one tight family core.

States, at age 3. Lisa came to Linda and Michael McMaster in September 2004, joining siblings Tommy and Christina, who had come a month earlier, as the couple's foster children (the couple also has a daughter of their own, Maranda). In March 2008, Lisa began having back pain. She was limping and having trouble navigating stairs. After consulting doctors — including a chiropractor — the McMasters had tests done and were delivered the devastating diagnosis. Lisa has been treated at Mott Children's Hospital ever since, where she has developed friend-

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BLAST NEUROBLASTOMA

Blast Neuroblastoma fund-raiser

When: Saturday, June 5, starting at 9:30 a.m. with a motorcycle run; a family fun fair noon-4 p.m.; dinner and entertainment 5-11 p.m.

Where: Mettetal Airport on Joy Road in Canton

Why: To raise awareness of neuroblastoma and money for Mott Children's Hospital and the Rainbow Connection

Cost: Motorcycle run is \$20 (\$30 with a passenger); Family Fun fair is \$5 for a wristband; Dinner/entertainment, \$25 adults, \$5 child

Details: www.blastnb.com

Parade set to honor fallen heroes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While many will fire up the barbecue or hit the beach or find a park to play in later in the day, downtown Plymouth will begin Monday's Memorial Day observance the way it always does, with its annual Memorial Day parade.

Sponsored by the community's veterans groups, including American Legion Posts 391 and 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America 528 with the backing of the Plymouth Lions Club, the parade kicks off at Wing Street at 8:30 a.m.

"From a veteran's perspective, it's one of the most important veteran-specific holidays we pay attention to because of the significance of it," said Steve Monaghan, a former Marine captain who served 10 years during the Vietnam era and is past commander of American Legion Post 112. "It means a lot to all of us who've had the honor of wearing the uniform to honor the men and women who've sacrificed their lives. It's the cornerstone of our freedom."

The parade will feature the veterans, as well as scout groups and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band. It will make its way north along Main Street — through the Ann Arbor Trail intersection, which opened Thursday night after weeks of being closed due to streetscape construction — and finish at Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School at Church and Main.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), whose 20th House District includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, will deliver the keynote address. Corriveau is a former Navy reservist.

The parade is the first major event to take place in downtown Plymouth since construction on the streetscape project began, which included repaving work on Main and Ann Arbor Trail, installation of new traffic signals at that intersection and the laying of a concrete compass in the intersection.

"The parade will also give people a chance to see the new Main Street," quipped Monaghan, who chairs the parade committee.

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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band makes its annual appearance in the Memorial Day parade, which starts at Wing Street at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

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Plymouth clinic sees would-be pot patients

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ernest Mullen wants people to know he doesn't have any marijuana at his Plymouth office, The Medical Marijuana Clinic.

He insists he doesn't want to have anything to do with it — won't even have illustrations of it hanging in the waiting room or hallways. Selling pot there would be illegal, a violation of federal law.

However, people suffering from one of the qualifying conditions under Michigan's new medical marijuana law — including AIDS, cancer and glaucoma — can come to Mullen and, with proper documentation, obtain the medical certification that's a required part of becoming a registered medical marijuana patient in the state.

"I don't touch the marijuana. I don't see the marijuana," said Mullen. "I think that people should have it done the right way."

Mullen, who practices mainly in Detroit and is affiliated with the Henry Ford Health System, sees patients at his office on Plymouth's Main Street only on Wednesdays. But his goal, he said, is to expand his hours in Plymouth and make it the base for his practice, with medical marijuana patients a small part of it.

"This is where I want to be," said Mullen, who lives in Northville. "I want to take care of patients in Plymouth."

Mullen said he was "on the fence" about medical marijuana until a patient with a history of seizures came to him last year with low levels of anti-seizure medication in his blood.

Mullen was alarmed, he said, but the man reported no recent seizures and admitted he had been smoking pot.

"I thought to myself, 'Maybe there's more in this stuff,'" said Mullen, who began doing research. "I definitely saw validity."

Mullen also advised a brother, a lawyer;

on a case involving medical marijuana, he said.

His Plymouth office opened in April; Mullen also keeps Saturday hours at a medical marijuana clinic in Jackson.

His venture comes as the Plymouth City Commission recently passed an amendment to the city's zoning ordinances that prohibits property from being zoned for a use that would be in violation of federal law. A technicality, Mayor Dan Dwyer admits, but one that prevents anyone from formally opening a dispensary or marijuana-growing operation in the city.

Dwyer says officials, like those in many local communities, are waiting for lawmakers to resolve the conflict between the state's medical marijuana law and federal law, and could revisit the issue if that is done.

Lt. Al Cox, Plymouth's acting police

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Ernest Mullen sees patients at his office in Plymouth, The Medical Marijuana Clinic on Main Street, on Wednesdays, and points out he keeps no marijuana in his office.

LISA MARIE
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ships with doctors, nurses, other patients and pretty much anyone else she's come in contact with.

Her family has watched her deal with the needles and the chemo and the sickness, all while knowing the potential outcome.

"In the time we've been dealing with this, Lisa is probably the ninth or 10th kid with this diagnosis at U-M," Linda McMaster said. "Most of the children we've encountered the last two years are no longer with us. That's the hard part of this particular cancer."

"Once they relapse, they throw everything they can at it," Linda said, explaining why they opted to try MIBG. "They tell you you're basically just buying time. Fortunately for us, we've bought some time. We didn't want to ruin her quality of life, but we asked, 'If we don't treat, what's her outcome?' and they said three months."

"We chose to treat, and we're

into June and she's looking pretty good," her mom added. "Hopefully, we got another year."

While Lisa continues the battle, she's certainly not alone. The family and many friends have organized "Blast Neuroblastoma," a fund-raiser designed to raise awareness of the disease and money for Mott Children's Hospital and the Rainbow Connection. The fund-raiser, which actually includes three separate events — a motorcycle run, a family fun fair and dinner and entertainment — runs all day Saturday at Mettetal Airport on Joy Road in Canton.

The McMasters started talking about wanting to do something one night with friends over dinner, and suddenly the ball was rolling. The group started organizing the fund-raiser in January and it "sort of snowballed," Michael McMaster said.

"People have done so much for us," he said. "We wanted to give something back. When your kids are going through this, you spend a lot of time

sitting around. This (fund-raiser) is nice because it makes you feel like you're doing something to fight back."

While she's fought the disease, Lisa has continued as much as she can at Hulsing Elementary School, where she returned with her shaved head Friday. She goes to Hulsing with sister Christina; Tommy and Maranda attend Central Middle School in Plymouth.

There's a core group of friends helping. Michael McMaster credits Aaron Stotts, a banker from Wyandotte, as the "driving force" behind the fund-raiser. Stotts in turn credits his girlfriend, Claudia Palchak, and her sister, Ann Lebert, with helping him learn how to organize it. And he said friend Natalie Shaul, who has a motorcycle background, has been the impetus for the motorcycle run.

"Lisa is an amazing little girl, very strong and courageous," Stotts said. "We call her the 'Little Princess Warrior.' You're just drawn to her. She's stronger than anyone I've ever met."

And through it all, her mom said, Lisa Marie has been as much a teacher as anything else. She said her daughter, though stuck routinely with needles and having undergone so much treatment, has never once uttered a complaint or even a harsh word. She said it's been amazing to watch, and "the tenacity with which these kids embrace life" serves as a reminder to everyone.

"I guess that's sort of the lesson, to live in the moment, stay in the moment," Linda McMaster said. "If I start to project or think about (Lisa's prognosis), I really can't cope. You just can't fathom she's ill to the extent she probably is. I can't say she's terminal, because I don't believe it."

"We do try not to focus on the 'what if,' because it'll make me crazy," she added. "You never know when God's going to call somebody back. That's how I try to get through it. We try to embrace the idea, 'You've got them today, enjoy them today.'"

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Lisa Marie McMaster has battled neuroblastoma since she was diagnosed at age 3.

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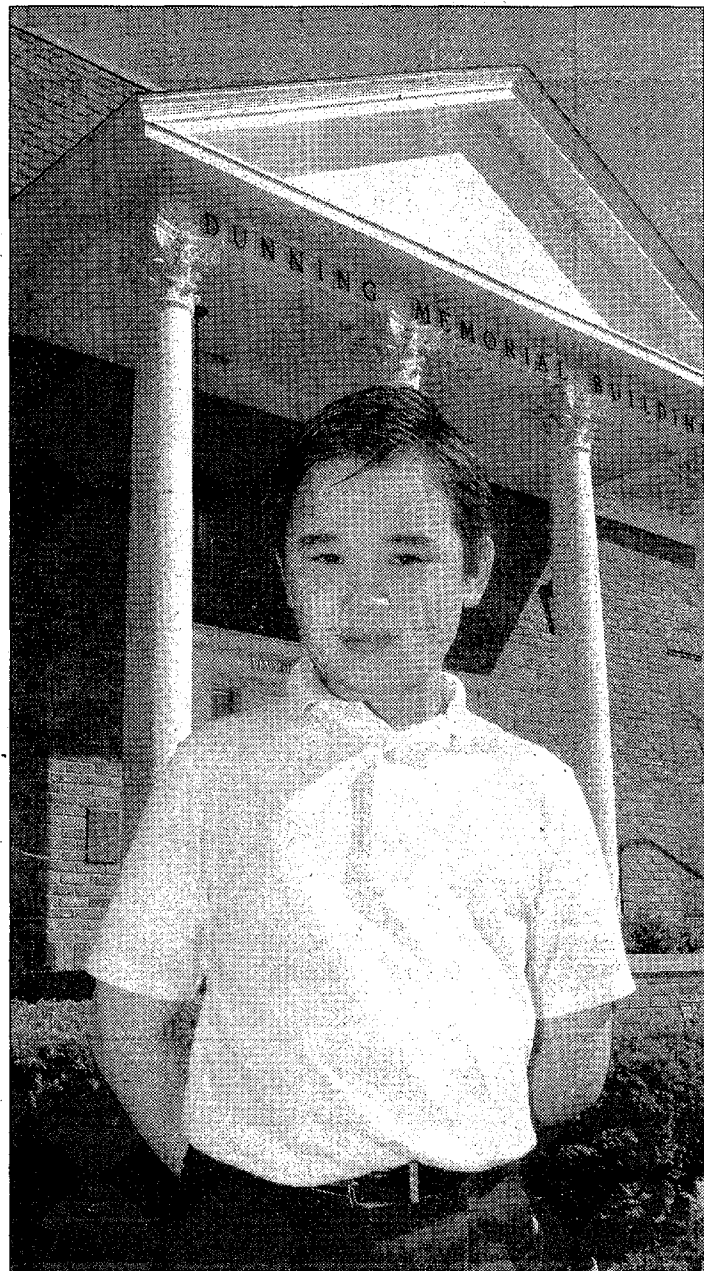
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10-year-old's website on the telephone wins statewide contest



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Raymond Ernst last month won a first place in the Michigan History Day contest with his website *The Telephone: The Innovation That Got the Whole World Talking*.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new communications medium — the Internet — helped 10-year-old Raymond Ernst explore and explain the history of an older one — the telephone.

Raymond, of Plymouth Township, last month won a first place in the Michigan History Day contest with his Website *The Telephone: The Innovation That Got the Whole World Talking*. The site (<http://5811750.nhd.weebly.com>) is an illustrated history of the telephone, from Alexander Graham Bell's 1876 invention to the satellite networks, cell phones and iPhones of today.

"I'm really good at doing research, so I thought it would just kind of be a nice opportunity," said Ray, a fifth-grader at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington Hills. "I started with the World Wide Web, obviously."

Ray spoke Monday outside the Plymouth Historical Museum, where he recently gave a Powerpoint presentation on the telephone — and his Website project — to the Plymouth Historical Society during its annual membership meeting. His Michigan History Day win landed him the gig.

"I was extremely impressed with him," said Bee Friedlander, the historical society's board president. "He was very well prepared. He is a natural public speaker. He's obviously extremely intelligent."

Ray called the event "nerve-racking" — there were some technical difficulties — but Friedlander said he handled it well. "It didn't rattle him at all," she said. Ray said he's long had an interest in the telephone, which he agreed is something of a miracle.

"I could call my grandmother who lives in Japan," he said with some amazement.

He used the Internet to research the phone, and credits his many sources on his site. His mother, Noriko Ernst, found some books on telephones, and they included lists of other sources. "That helped me even more," he said.

The most interesting thing he learned about the phone and its history? How quickly the technology spread, Ray said.

"It popped up a little more than 100 years ago," and now "you can call anybody," Ray said.

"Now you have a phone the size of your pocket with a computer in it," he added.

He's happy with his Michigan History Day victory — first place, in his age group, in the Website category.

"To get first on your first try, that's a pretty big achievement," he said. Ray said it took him about 400 hours to complete the project.

(more like 300, said his mom). About eighty percent of the time, they said, was spent doing research.

Michigan History Day contestants — about 5,500 statewide — also wrote papers, staged performances, built exhibitions and produced documentaries. The state finals were April 24 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

The Michigan contest, run by the Historical Society of Michigan, is part of the National History Day contest (only older state winners compete nationally, however). Contestants were required to take up the theme: "Innovation in History: Impact and Change."

Noriko Ernst is the associate music director at Our Lady of Sorrows and the church organist. Ray's father, Raymond Ernst Jr., is the chief engineer at Yazaki North America. Ray also has a brother, Zachary, 7.

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EDUCATION

TIME TRAVELERS

Day in the (Colonial) life becomes history lesson

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elementary students at New Morning School did some time-traveling Tuesday with a daylong visit to Colonial America.

Dressed like children of 140 years ago — long dresses and bonnets for the girls, knee-length pants and tri-cornered hats for the boys — about 25 students did chores and played games of the time, danced the Virginia Reel, re-enacted historical events (like the Boston Tea Party and the first Continental Congress) and had a meal of stew and cornbread, speaking only when spoken to by an adult.

There was also a living “wax museum” of historical figures played by the students, and a student-built “log cabin” made of heavy cardboard tubes that once held rolls of carpeting.

“When you teach in this way, kids remember what they’ve learned, because you’re bringing it to life,” said Elaine Kennedy, executive director of the Plymouth Township school.

Afternoon chores included gardening, candle-making, spooling yarn, and laundry — which meant soaking clothes in a metal tub, scrubbing them with soap and rocks and hanging them out to dry.

“They know they have to do their chores before having fun,” said teacher Cynthia Wilkinson, who team-teaches

at the elementary level with Rita Heaven.

There was also a dyeing chore: each student soaked a white shirt in a small vat of onion skins and water. The onion skins’ color was transferred to the shirts, which came out a light orange-brown after drying on the grass.

Student Sarah Nappi liked the dyeing. “You can’t usually punch things,” said Sarah as she finished kneading her shirt into the dye.

Annie LaPlante liked candle-making. “We can like, mold it into any shape we want. It’s really fun,” she said.

During the wax museum, visited by parents, Sarah played Sybil Ludington, often called the “female Paul Revere,” who in 1777 rode 40 miles to rally Colonial forces in Connecticut to face the approaching British.

Kennedy said she was impressed with how many women historical figures students were able to research. Each student played a different character.

For girls who portrayed figures such as Ludington, Kennedy said, it was valuable to learn that women had contributed to the nation’s founding. “They said it with such pride,” she said.

Earlier, at lunchtime, the children stood — in keeping with the practice of the era — at table, eating beef stew and trying to keep quiet unless



Students Kari Oweis (left) and Kerrigan Carr make candles by dipping wicks into hot wax at New Morning School on Tuesday. New Morning’s day of Colonial-era activities, including chores, games and a traditional meal, was the culmination of elementary students’ study of the period.

spoken to by “father,” played by New Morning board president David Kramer, who also wore Colonial garb.

“He did a great job engaging the kids to talk to him,” said Wilkinson. “He played the role really well.”

At the end of the school day, period games included quoits (a sort of ring toss), Scotch hop (now called hopscotch), relay races and ninepins (a forerunner of bowling).

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Jennifer Crocker, a parent volunteer at New Morning School, and student Jessi Meyer-Kahm wind yarn on spools in preparation for weaving, one of the period chores students performed during a day-long “visit” to Colonial America on Tuesday.



New Morning School students Jenna Chaffin and Jack Fulton use rocks and a bar of soap to scrub their laundry, one of the Colonial-era chores elementary students performed on Tuesday.



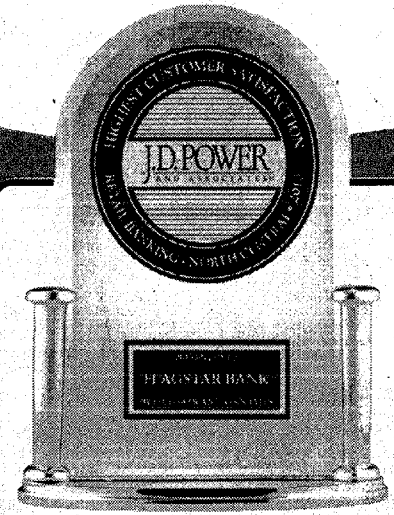
Sarah Nappi with her “homework” — a chore in Colonial times and now.



Jessi Meyer-Kahm (left) and Kate Fulton wind yarn.

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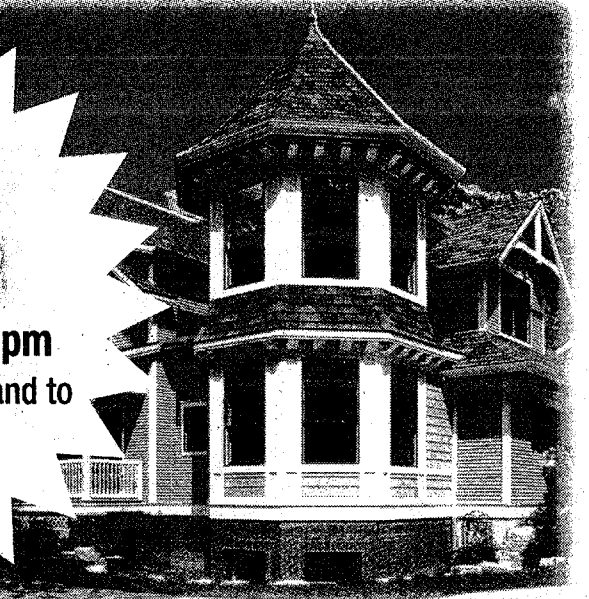
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Dr. Ernest Mullen of The Medical Marijuana Clinic said he 'wants to take care of patients' in Plymouth.

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chief, said he's aware of activity at Mullen's office, but that, as far as he knows, nothing illegal is taking place.

"It's not a dispensary, he's just providing the recommendation. It's not a prescription," Cox said. "To sell or buy the marijuana — that's the violation."

Mullen, asked why he's not waiting until Michigan's law is squared with federal law, said President Barack Obama has

ordered a hands-off federal approach to medical marijuana. An Internet perusal of news about Obama's stand on the issue appears to bear out that claim.

However, said Mullen, "there're some holes in this law" that he'd like to see addressed.

Though he feels doctors who follow the law are protected from prosecution, Mullen would like to see the state's expectations for doctors explicitly spelled out, and advocates a system of training and licensing doctors who

want to use marijuana as a medical treatment.

Medical marijuana is a hot topic among the state's doctors, he said, and some doctors are taking it up, not always as openly.

Mullen said his medical documentation requirement is strict, and that his office can spot people who may not have a qualifying condition and simply want to get high.

"If they get by my front, they're probably pretty good," he said. "We deny a lot of people on the phone."

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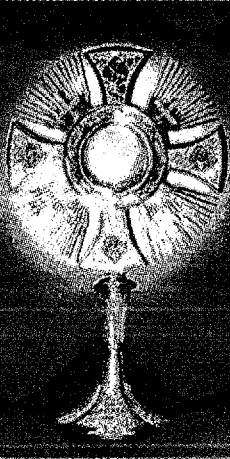
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Busch's throwing customers week-long anniversary party

Local grocer Busch's Fresh Food Market celebrates its 35th anniversary with a weeklong extravaganza May 31 through June 6. Activities for children as well as adults are planned throughout the week at each of its 15 Michigan stores, including its Plymouth location, culminating in a storewide party June 5-6.

"We're going all out to show our gratitude to our community, which has supported us for the past 35 years," said John Busch, co-owner and CEO of Busch's Fresh Food Market.

The Busch's story began 35 years ago in 1975 when John's father,

Joe Busch, and business partner, Charlie Mattis, acquired two Vesco's Foods stores in Clinton and Saline and renamed them J&C Family Foods. Focusing on fresh food and great guest service, the stores prospered in their communities. When Joe retired in 1986, sons John, Doug and Tim took over. Busch's has grown into a 15-store, privately held, independent supermarket chain that now employs over 1,700 associates.

Busch's Marketing Director Kim Brown said contests, giveaways, free samples and 35th anniversary-themed sales specials will mark the festivities all week at the stores.

"When customers walk into a Busch's during this event, they'll definitely know that something special is happening," said Brown. "And not only will it be a lot of fun for each family member, they'll be able to save money on their shopping trip as well."

Among the activities planned is the Summer Salad Recipe Contest, in which guests submit an original and unique recipe for a deli salad. One winner will receive an Ecolution Artistry 8-piece Cookware set and the winning recipe will join the Busch's Deli all-star salad squad and will be available in all Busch's stores. Three runners

up will win a \$25 Busch's gift card. Recipes may be submitted in store or via e-mail to recipecontest@buschs.com.

For the kids, a 35th anniversary Coloring Contest will be held and each entry rewarded with a complimentary treat from the Busch's bakery. Coloring pages featuring Busch's 35th anniversary logo will be available for kids to pick up at the Service Desk, and completed pictures will be hung up in stores as part of the celebration. On Sunday a drawing of all entrants will be held for three Summer Fun Prize Baskets.

Meanwhile, a myriad of ven-

dor demonstrations will convene and free food samples will be available throughout the week at various store departments including Busch's deli, bakery, produce and dairy. In addition, from May 31 through June 6, select items throughout the store will be featured in a 35th Anniversary "Buy One, Get One for 35 cents" sale.

Finally, on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Busch's invites its guests to a birthday party complete with complimentary Busch's signature cake samples. There will also be free Busch's giveaways upon entering each store while supplies last.

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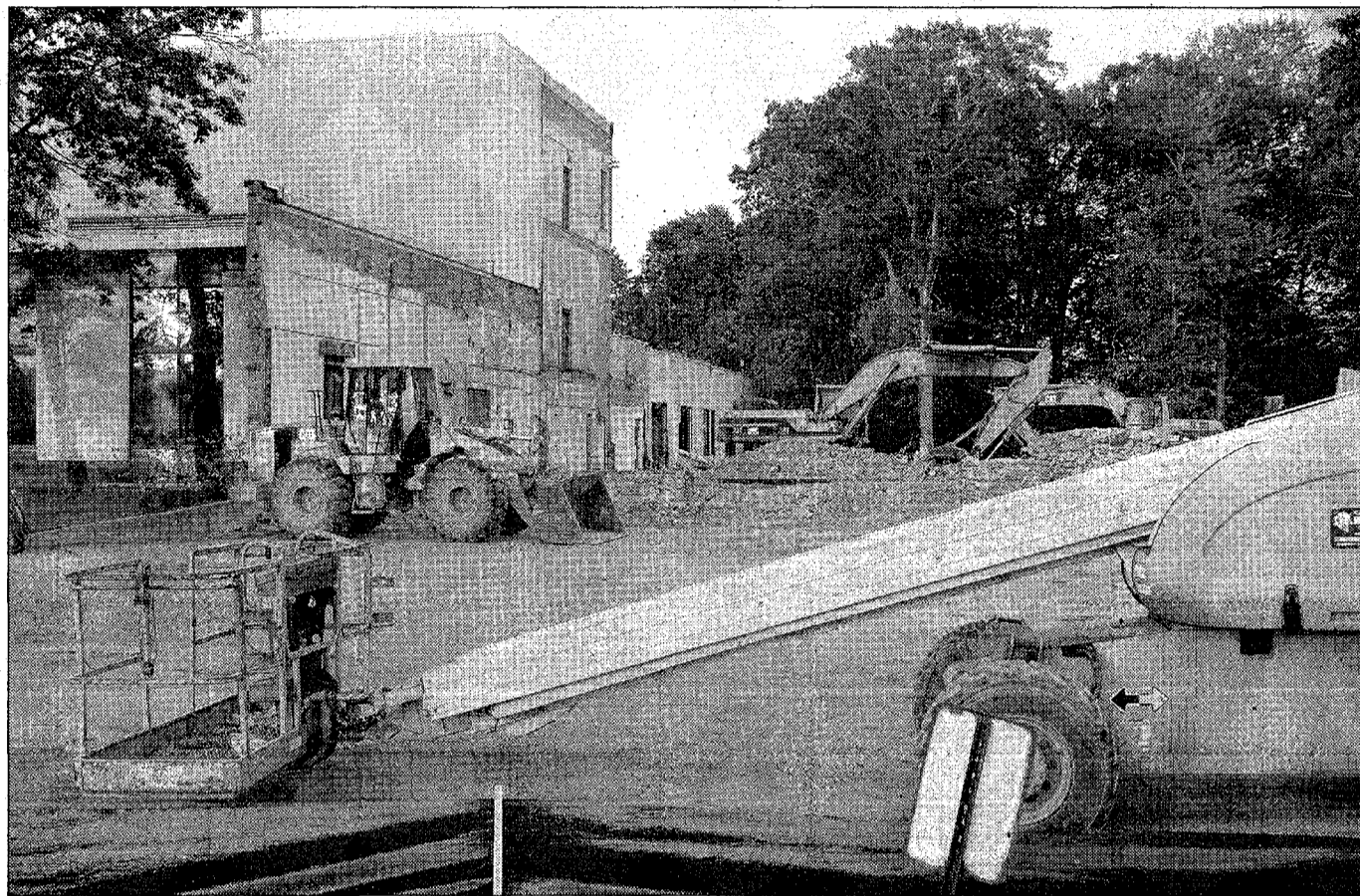
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Renovations under way at former Observer building

Work crews demolish the loading docks and warehouse space of the former Observer & Eccentric Newspapers building at Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia on Wednesday. Delta/TIFCO, an aircraft gear manufacturer, is renovating the building for a new manufacturing facility. The loading docks and warehouse needed to be demolished to make room for a 40,000-square-foot addition. Bob Sakuta, president of TIFCO Gage & Gear and Delta Research, closed the sale on the eight-acre site in October. Sakuta hopes construction will be completed by the end of this year.

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The event takes place Saturday, June 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. A pre-concert program on the history of Bollywood and the film music of India by Narendra Sheth starts at 6:30 p.m.; the concert featuring Indian percussion, soloists, orchestra members and more starts at 7 p.m.

For tickets and information, call (734) 451-2112 or go online to www.plymouthsymphony.org

Maggie Moo fund-raiser

If the old saying is true that "Everybody loves ice cream," the Canton Chieftettes have just the thing.

The Chieftettes, Canton High School's pom pon team, invite everyone to an evening at Maggie Moo's 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1. The Chieftettes will be celebrity scoopers for everyone's favorite frozen treats and will also be selling cakes and gift cards.

Maggie Moo's will donate 20 percent of all sales during this time to the Chieftettes. They are located at 47325 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, inside the Gateway Plaza.

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'Sister' charity

Looking for my Sister plans a charity eat-along, "Survivors Helping Survivors One Life at a Time," at Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight June 3.

Looking For My Sisters is a leader in the fight against domestic violence, the only domestic violence organization in Wayne County that provides post-emergency assistance and support programs. The group's website is at www.lookingformysister.org.

Bennigan's will donate 20 percent of your bill (including alcohol) to Looking for my Sister. You will need to present a flyer. While carry out is included, there will also be raffle items inside the restaurant that day.

OUR Camp

O.U.R. Camp, Inc. (www.ourcampinc.org), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will have an Open House on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to noon.

At the event, parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held at Northville Christian Academy, located at 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville.

For more information visit www.ourcampinc.org or contact Claudia Pietron, Board



Sucker sale

Students at Central Middle School in Plymouth and Hulsing Elementary School in Canton made suckers to sell for a good cause - a June 5 fund-raiser at Mettetal Airport in Canton to raise money and awareness in the fight against neuroblastoma, a malignant (cancerous) tumor that develops from nerve tissue. The fund-raiser is being organized by friends and family of Lisa Marie McMaster (holding the suckers), a 5-year-old Hulsing student stricken with the disease. Other students participating included Megan Plave, Alec Grendysa, Lily Sewell, Matthew Jones, Amanda Brushaber, Maranda McMaster, Emily King, Sam Brushaber, Hannah Pollard, Lisa McMaster, Sarah Jones and Katie Hunt. For more on the fund-raiser, visit www.blastnb.com.

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Sports sale

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosts a buy-or-sell All Sports Equipment Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Anyone with new or gently used sporting equipment they'd like to get rid of is welcome to participate. Admission is free. Rental fee for a 10x10 space is \$20.

To reserve your space or for more information contact Michelle or Kim at (734) 455-6620.

Tiny Tots open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1.

There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.).

Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila Johnson and Tiny Tots assis-

tant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the play-based curriculum. The open houses provide parents the chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information is also available at the website, www.misalplymouth.org

Garden walk

The 15th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place Tuesday, June 29, from noon until 8 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are: pre-sale, \$8; and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children 12 and under are half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted.

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available

from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street and Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The ticket includes descriptions of the seven gardens as well as a map to the gardens. Tickets will be available after June 1.

The gardens have a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include: plantings in downtown Plymouth, at the new Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, and at the Plymouth Township offices; plantings and bird-feeder at the Medilodge Plymouth nursing facility; Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange; Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum; Michigan 4-H; Detroit Agricultural Network; and other related activities.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625.

Rock Shoppe classes

The Rock Shoppe on Goffredson in Plymouth announces June Classes.

A free flagstone installation class will be held Saturday, June 12, at 10 a.m. The Rock Shoppe experts will demonstrate step-by-step instructions for installing a natural flagstone patio, walkway or rock border wall. Free design help will be available.

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PLAV recruiting

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking veteran members interested in joining a vibrant post, restructuring itself in the 21st century. The Post goal is to have a significant and meaningful impact within the veteran community.

The post meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and a light lunch with refreshments follows. Free beverages are provided throughout the meeting's. Those interested in additional information are welcome to call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031 or stop in the night of a scheduled meeting.

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Seniors: We have right to fly U.S. flags

Apartment complex cites safety concerns

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robert G. Lowers is a World War II veteran, but he won't be flying an American flag from his apartment building this Memorial Day weekend.

The 3-by-5 foot flag he had up was taken down after being deemed a safety hazard by Trinity Park Inc., which manages the 40-unit apartment complex for low-income and disabled seniors where he lives.

Lowers, a member of American Legion Post 32, believes his rights are being violated. "They said people

walking by might get hurt," he said. "They removed it, told me it wasn't necessary."

Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags in Livonia and a member of the National Independent Flag Dealers Association board, said Trinity Park Inc. may be in violation of the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005.

He heard of the controversy after a female resident of the complex came into his store to complain.

"I think it's absurd in this day and age, especially when there are two wars going on," Keenan said. "A lot of guys gave their life for that flag."

He said he doesn't buy the argument about safety. "What's unsafe about an American flag?"

Keenan said the federal law was passed to ensure that individuals' rights to display the U.S. flag on residential property are not abridged. Those rights extend to apartment dwellers, he said.

But Cathy Beaudoin, administrator of Trinity Park Inc., has a different interpretation of the law. She said it applies only to residents who own the property in which they live. Trinity Park Inc. is a charitable organization subsidized by the Department of Housing

and Urban Development (HUD), which approves its operating standards, including the one prohibiting flagpoles from being mounted on the buildings or downspouts.

"Everything's approved by HUD," she said. "I don't believe we're in violation of the law."

The flap has never been about the U.S. flag, Beaudoin said. "It's about the safety of our residents. It has nothing to do with being not patriotic."

Beaudoin said any flags, including decorative ones for holidays, hang low over the sidewalks of the one-story apartments, which are right up next to the buildings.

She said she wants to have a large flag installed on a pole at the entrance to the complex,

but doesn't have the funds for one yet. "We want to do it right," she said, adding she has the perfect spot for it, complete with electricity for keeping it lit.

"We all want to show our patriotism, (but we're) not going to have 40 flags around the building because of the hazard."

A few residents on Friday had small American flags in their flower beds, which are allowed by the complex, and a couple were making small flags out of yarn to place in their bedroom windows. Lowers had two flag stickers on his front door.

Beaudoin said this week that donations for a community flagpole and flag are welcome. Donations can be made online

at trinityparkinc.org.

But in a letter she wrote to another resident, George Lalinsky, a veteran from the Vietnam era who complained about residents' flags being taken down last fall, Beaudoin suggested he take on the job of fund raising.

However, Lalinsky said a community flag won't satisfy him. "That's her excuse," he said, adding other projects seem to take priority over the flag.

He agrees with Keenan that each resident has a right to fly his or her own flag.

"They should have a full opportunity (to do so) as long as it's properly displayed," he said.

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Woman celebrates 102nd birthday in style

Dorothy Thomas, one of Livonia's oldest residents, celebrated her 102nd birthday Thursday with a party at Oakmont senior community.

Thomas, who has some dementia and hearing loss but still bowls spares and strikes, enjoyed the fete attended by about 70 people.

"She thought it was wonderful," said her niece, Katharine Stasevich, also of Livonia.

When they presented her with the cake, Stasevich said she commented, "Well, I hope I don't blow too hard so my teeth go flying across the room."

A guitarist played Thomas' favorite song, *When You're Smiling*, and she was given a bouquet of yellow carnations, her favorite color.

There was a time in Thomas' life when it was difficult for her to smile. She lost her only two children, both sons, when they were just 7 and 10 years old. Born healthy and smart, they were both stricken at age 3 with a mysterious terminal illness. But her supportive family got



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dorothy Thomas celebrates her 102nd birthday with family and friends.

from Western High School. She enjoyed swimming, roller skating and ice skating at Belle Isle and playing the piano.

After graduation, she got a job as a stenographer at Federal Motor Truck Co.

She married her husband, Ralph, on Sept. 11, 1937. He lived two doors down and would always whistle at her as she walked by. After their children died, they got a dog and named him Happy because that's what he made them, Stasevich said. Ralph died in 1966, and Thomas became a widow at age 58. She went to work as a secretary to keep busy, retiring nine years later from Mercy College.

Thomas lived in Detroit until 2007 when she moved to Oakmont.

Stasevich said Thomas credits her long life to having a wonderful upbringing, being athletic, working long and hard, attending church regularly and being strong under tragedy.

- By Karen Smith

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Libraries' summer reading whiles away days for kids, boosts learning

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This year's summer reading theme is "Make a Splash @ Your Library," and Plymouth and Canton public librarians are eager to embrace that.

"It's one of the free things families can do to beat the heat," said Carol Champagne, head of youth services at the Plymouth District Library, on Main in downtown Plymouth. Last summer's program drew some 1,500 children, not counting the teens.

At the Canton Public Library, Kristen Kostielney, program specialist for Teen and Tween Services, is also hard at work. "I am very excited," Kostielney said. "I think we have a great program for everyone, all ages from babies to adults."

Both libraries will have summer reading programs for children, teens and adults. The Canton library is on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Canton program highlights include:

- Reading levels for Babies, Listeners and Readers (through fourth grade), and Tweens, kids going into fifth and sixth grade.

- Children need to complete three activities to receive a prize, and those completing all three sections qualify for the grand prize, a book of their own choosing from the library's Scholastic Book Fair. This year, there is more flexibility for parents to make choices appropriate for their child's reading level and an option for the "uber readers."

- Canton's Summer Reading Kick-off day is 9 a.m. Monday, June 21. For the first time, patrons will have the option of registering online.

- The last day to turn in reading logs is Aug. 11. Details for all summer reading programs, including the teen and adult programs and reading suggestions, will be accessible at www.cantonpl.org/summer-reading/2010.

Champagne said Plymouth's



pre-registration starts this week, June 1, with June 21 the program's official start. The Read to Me preschoolers can be "as young as they want it to be," she said.

There's a Plymouth program for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade this fall, as well as an "Edge" program for those who've finished third, fourth or fifth grade.

"Just a few minutes keeps those skills up," said Champagne of summer reading, both what she's heard from local teachers and university research. Those studies show children who don't read for fun in the summer lose two months of their schoolwork come fall.

Plymouth's Tuesday, June 29, family kick-off sessions will be 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with free tickets available at the library desk. The family event will feature comedian Chris Linn.

Plymouth librarians will also bring back the Pippin Puppets 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8. The summer will feature activities for different ages, with registration at the library or weekly by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 5. You're asked to come in person to get your June 29 kick-off tickets and other information.

At summer's end, Plymouth will offer a "Summer Story Bonanza" for the younger children and the Mad Science program for school-age kids. The "Edge" pupils will enjoy a couple programs and a wrap-up video game party in August.

"It's going to be a wonderful

summer," Champagne said. "We're really looking forward to it." Teens who've finished sixth through 12th grade have their own teen program at Plymouth, she added, and the recent high school grads can do the adult program if they prefer.

Canton's Kostielney recent-

ly attended a conference and learned those who use public libraries have the same literacy skills as those without a large home library. "That was something I found really interesting, especially with the economy," she said. "You don't have to buy the books, you can visit the library and get them for free."

Canton's summer program drew some 4,000 children last summer, plus about 1,000 teens. Like Plymouth's program, it enjoys help from the library Friends.

Canton will begin its program 9 a.m. Monday, June 21. A variety of family-type activities are planned for the summer, including tie-dye outdoors, ice cream making, and an after-hours party for teens and tweens. Participants can sign up online or in person at summer's start, and then in person, online or by phone for various summer activities. You'll need to get the child's packet and reading log at summer's start.

From noon to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14, Canton will wrap things up with a "Summer Reading Celebration" for all ages. Canton's phone is (734) 397-0999, press 5 for children's or Ext. 2281.

Kostielney said Harry Potter books remain popular, especially when a new movie is released. "Each year, there's a whole different group getting into it," she said.

Nonfiction is popular in Canton, too, and summer's not always a time kids read "beach books. It's just a little more laid-back," Kostielney said.

Plymouth's Champagne finds the "Michigan Thrillers" mystery series by Michigan author Jonathan Rand does well in the summer. Fantasy is big, as is Greek mythology. Nonfiction is popular with Plymouth kids, too.

"Really just about everything goes out," Champagne said. "It's amazing how empty the shelves look."

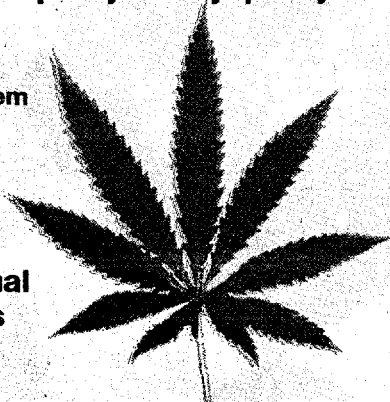
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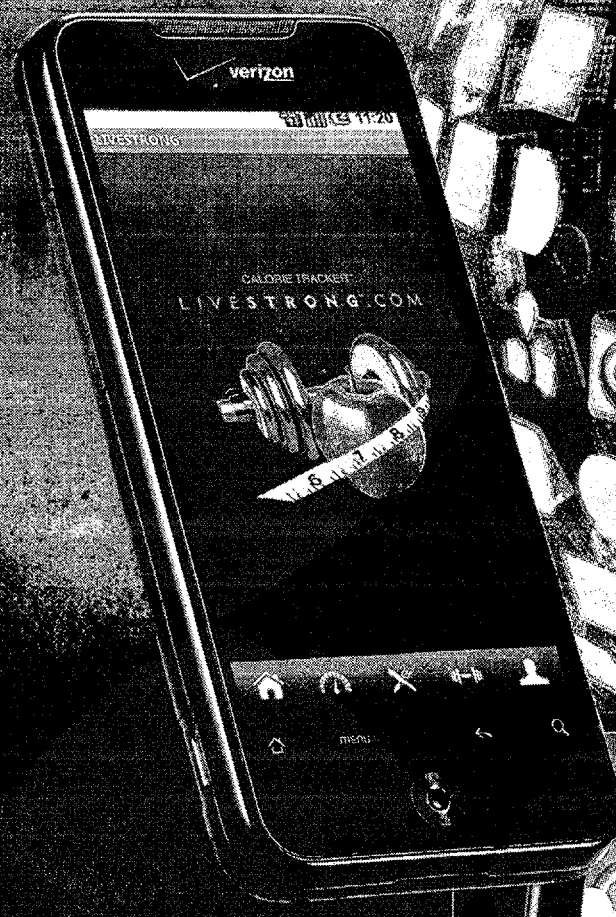
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State's new retirement plan needs careful consideration

Q: Dear Rick: I'm a public school teacher eligible for the enhanced retirement plan signed last week by the governor. I am single and have no dependents. The amount I will receive from my pension will cover all living expenses. I have a substantial amount of money in my 403(b) plan. I have several questions. If I make the election to accept the enhanced pension, can I change my mind? If I get another job, what happens to my pension? Do you think it is a fair deal?

A: I read the new legislation and it is clear that June 11 is the deadline. Before June 11, you have the right to revoke your acceptance. However, after that date your decision is irrevocable.

I recognize that the state did not give individuals a fair amount of time, however, it is what it is. Therefore, many individuals must make a tough decision in a relatively short period of time. The key issue pertains to financial considerations.

In deciding whether to accept the enhanced pension, one needs to make a financial determination whether he/she is able to retire. In today's job market, it may be difficult to land a new job. Therefore,

I recognize that the state did not give individuals a fair amount of time, however, it is what it is. Therefore, many individuals must make a tough decision in a relatively short period of time. The key issue pertains to financial considerations. In deciding whether to accept the enhanced pension, one needs to make a financial determination whether he/she is able to retire.

taking the enhanced pension and finding a new job may not be realistic.

In your situation at hand — since your living expenses would be covered — financial considerations don't have to be the primary issue. Other issues to consider include quality of life and that you may love your job and just want to stay working.

As to obtaining a new job. There is no problem if the job is in the private sector. However, you would be precluded from obtaining another job in the public school system or potentially with another government entity. There is language in the legislation that deals with this issue. The bottom line is that you can work, however, in the public sector your options will be limited.

Is the deal fair? When you look at the state's position, the economy and the fact that this is voluntary, I do believe on the whole it is a fair deal and something that teachers should consider.

One other decision for teachers who accept the enhanced pension is what to

do with the 403(b) money. Unfortunately, too many of the school systems use high-cost annuities for their salary deferral program. I have no doubt that these companies will be very aggressive in trying to keep those teachers in the program.

My advice for the great majority of teachers is to directly transfer their 403(b) money into an IRA. Doing so will enable them to establish portfolios that coordinate with other investments they or their spouses may have, while also allowing for more control over their investments.

In addition, by using low-cost investment vehicles within an IRA, teachers will be able to significantly lower their costs. Lower cost means more money in their pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

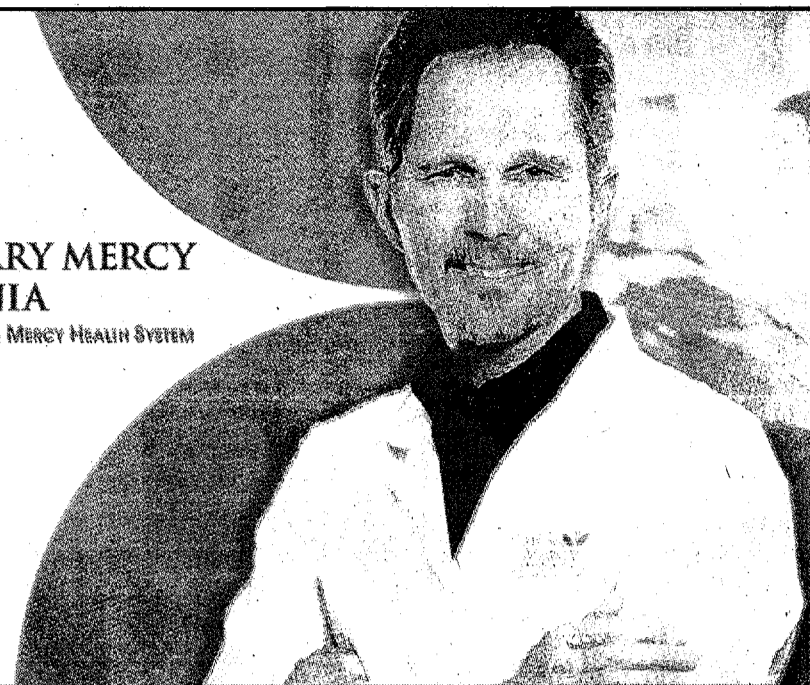
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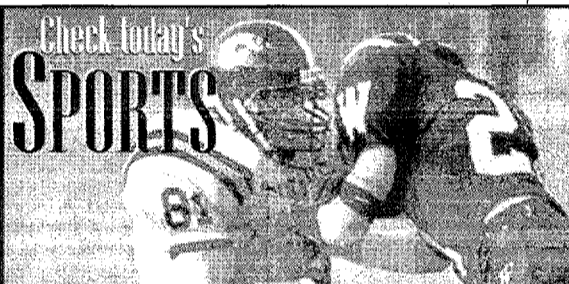
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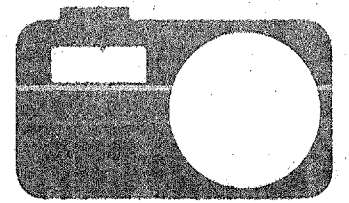
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One of Friday's sparkplugs for the Canton U9 Blue Jays, Cali Murad (left), fights for a 50/50 ball with Abby Sokol of the Canton U9 Supergirls at Independence Park. Cali and Abby were teammates on last year's Canton Cup-winning Blue Jays.

Kids kick off Canton Cup party

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year's memory of drinking apple juice out of a Canton Cup trophy is a good enough one for the Canton Soccer Club U9 Blue Jays to want another taste of victory.

Friday evening at sprawling Independence Park, the Blue Jays earned the first of the three wins they'll need to make it to today's 6:30 p.m. championship match in their bracket at Heritage Park.

Under a broiling sun and with the sidelines packed with cheering family members sitting in their lawn chairs, the Blue Jays scored back-to-back goals in the second half to earn a 3-2 win over the CSC U9 Supergirls.

"They responded great, they were down 2-1 in the first half, came back with two goals in the



The Canton Cup is about fun, but winning is pretty cool, too. Here, Jordan Manley of the Blue Jays reacts after scoring Friday's eventual game-winning goal.

second half," said Blue Jays head coach Ed Traub, also the '09 coach. "They practiced real hard, they play real hard. It's their second

tournament of the year, so they've had a lot of soccer games.

"We actually played a boys team one time and we beat them, too. They've been really good and haven't given up all year. I'm really proud of them."

TEAMING UP

Traub said his players fell behind by trying to do too much as individuals. But in the second half, the team play improved and directly led to the tying and winning goals.

"Two good passes set up the goals in the second half," said Traub, whose daughter Marina played an excellent two-way game.

First, Abby Grant received a corner kick from Clair Brish and from the right side of the box put the ball behind Supergirls goalkeeper

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GAME WRAPS

Softball

GRAND BLANC 10, CANTON 0: In Wednesday's KLAA overall title matchup, the visiting Chiefs took it on the chin against the Bobcats. The loss dropped Canton's record to 23-6.

Girls soccer

SALEM 2, PINCKNEY 1: On Wednesday in a KLAA association crossover varsity girls soccer game, the Rocks were rewarded for their hard work with a one-goal victory. "I'm pleased with our effort and it helped us pull out the win," said Salem head coach Joe Nora, whose team improved to 10-5-3.

Emily Lundh and Brett deBear scored Salem's goals, with Gina Goble and Lindsey Newton picking up the assists. Dividing time in goal were Jamie Hunley and Ali Eggenberger.

SALEM 5, JOHN GLENN 0:

Monday's game against Westland John Glenn was all Salem, as the final score would indicate.

Lundh sparked the Rocks with two goals. Victoria Kaye and Kristina Kluske each tallied a goal and an assist and the fifth goal was netted by Abbi Giaier. Other players to collect assists were Lauren Jones, Newton and Mackenzie Rogers.

Nora used three goalies in the match and they all were flawless. Splitting the job were Tabitha Mann, Hunley and Eggenberger.

Baseball

FLAT ROCK 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2: Winning pitcher Zach LaBell tossed a complete-game three-hitter Friday as the host Rams (12-16) upset Lutheran High Westland (18-5) in a non-conference game.

LaBell struck out four and walked only one. He also went 2-for-3 with a walk, while teammate Alex Buehrer added two hits and two RBI.

Gage Flanery and Kent Krzyske each knocked in a run for the Warriors.

The Warriors committed five errors as starting pitcher Jake Andrezejewski gave up six runs, but only three earned, in four innings. He walked three, hit a batter and struck out two.

"Jake pitched well enough, but we did not come to play," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Our minds were somewhere else and maybe it's because we were physically and emotionally spent from winning the conference. But if we don't come to play next time out, we'll be done with our season."

Canton OT goal wins KLAA

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If this keeps up, they'll have to build a new trophy case at Canton High School.

After winning its division and conference, Canton's varsity girls soccer team defeated Grand Blanc 3-2 in overtime Wednesday night for the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

Scoring the winning goal just 1:46 into OT was sophomore midfielder Megan Trapp. Following a corner kick, Trapp got to the rebound and chipped it past Grand Blanc goalkeeper Rachel McCollum.

But Trapp wouldn't have had the chance to be the hero if not for another clutch goal by senior midfielder Lindsey Winters with about 18 minutes remaining in regulation.

Winters made it a 2-2 game when her shot bounced in off the left post behind McCollum.

Canton (14-1-3) got on the scoreboard with three minutes left in the first half, tying the

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Even on rainy days, there's plenty of work to get in. Canton senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy listens to head coach Jim Arnold during practice.

Winner's circle

Canton senior pitcher targets big postseason push

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amy Dunleavy loves pitching, loves being a team leader on Canton's varsity softball team, loves the camaraderie and kibitzing that goes with being on a winning squad.

"I'm the only senior and I love everybody on my team," Dunleavy, 17, said following a recent win over campus rival

Plymouth. "They're all great ... everyone's focused on the big picture this year."

But make no mistake — she's all business.

When the senior right-hander is standing in the circle facing enemy batters, all she sees is the glove of catcher Jesse Lerner and usually puts the ball where it's supposed to go.

That's because, from the start of this

season, the fourth-year varsity pitcher has been on a mission to take the Chiefs farther down the state tournament road in her prep swan song.

TAKING CHARGE

There have been multiple no-hitters, a perfect game and many other dominant

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Lady Warriors going out in style

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When this season ends, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors will have an amicable breakup.

But the combined lacrosse team — which will be spun off into one varsity squad for each high school, to begin play in 2011 — is doing all it can to enjoy a happy sendoff.

On Wednesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Lady Warriors needed

"sudden victory" to nip nemesis Northville 11-10 in their regional opener.

PCS is slated to play 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at South Lyon in the semifinals, against Ann Arbor Huron.

It took a clutch goal by Kylie Miller with seconds to go in regulation to knot the match at 9-9 and another goal in the waning moments of the first overtime to extend the match into the six-minute sudden victory stanza.

"We controlled the draw and

after approximately two minutes, Katie Hill put the game away with a strong shot from the left side," said PCS head coach Steve Nyquist.

Strong defense and excellent offense helped the Lady Warriors knock off the Mustangs for the third time in four tries this season.

Nyquist ticked off the names of Lauryn Ebersole, Hill, Stephanie Bower, Lauren Allard and Kaitlyn Allard for

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JOHN KEMSKI

Celebrating a goal during Wednesday's girls lacrosse matchup are Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Shannon Lubin (No. 2) and Kaitlyn Allard (No. 35). The Lady Warriors defeated Northville, 5-3.

Chiefs win KLAA crown

PREP BASEBALL

In a game much different than the one played to clinch the KLAA Kensington Conference on May 19, Canton's varsity baseball team hung on for a wild, 9-8 victory Wednesday over Walled Lake Central to claim the overall KLAA championship.

The Chiefs improved to 22-4 with the win while the Vikings

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CANTON CUP

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Anna Weaver to make it 2-2. Within a couple of minutes the Blue Jays scored the winner. Cali Murad rushed down the right side of Independence Field No. 11 and chipped a pass over to Jordan Manley, who made no mistake. Jordan jumped with her arms in the air after scoring the go-ahead marker. She also scored her team's first-half goal, with Clair Brish assisting. Down the stretch, the Blue Jays kept the ball to the outside except for a few break-downs that didn't lead to goals. Lily Bozich and Sydney Sokol broke in on Blue Jays goalkeeper Adrianna Parrado, but solid positioning by defenders Marina Traub and Manley broke up that try. The Supergirls goals were scored by Kendall Ciantar (from Abby Sokol, who played on the '09 Blue Jays) and Morgan Gooden (unassisted).

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

When the 50-minute contest ended, both youth rec teams lined up on the field and slapped hands and the girls then sprinted across the field to their families. Among the parents watching the game were Kathy Ward and Marie Sokol. Ward's daughter, Rachel, plays for the Blue Jays while Sokol's Abby and Sydney are on the Supergirls. "I think it's wonderful,"

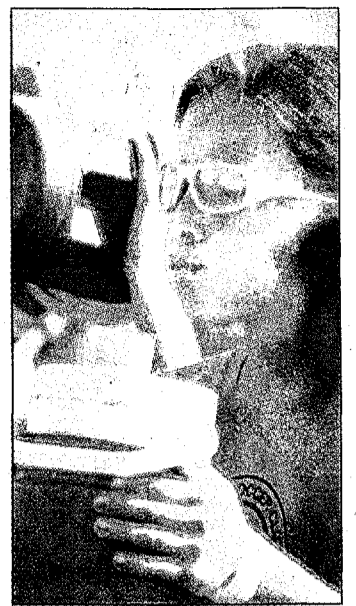
Ward said. "It's great to show off Canton, and for the girls it's really good to get out and compete against other teams, it's great." During the halftime break, which was more about getting replenished with cold water and citrus wedges than getting pep talks, 9-year-old Rachel summed up what it's like to play in such a huge event. "It's a pretty big thing," Rachel said. "I think we all have to work hard to win and do everything we can." Marie Sokol said Abby "switched teams for friendship, (but) she's really excited to be here." "We're having a great time," she added. "We've been looking forward to it and she's been looking forward to it."

HEY, DON'T LOOK

Another parent actually is Supergirls co-coach Jenny Weaver — who shares coaching duties with Adam Schubring. "It's just fun, it's good experience to play three games in a single weekend," said Weaver, mom of goalie Anna. "A lot of our girls are considering going select and this gives them the opportunity to have a taste of it, of what comes next." Jenny Weaver insists that competing is great, but not at the expense of what they're there for. "It's all about fun and they're not allowed to know the score," she said. "I won't let the parents tell them either, throughout the whole game." According to Blue Jays coach Traub, the Canton Cup



Jordan Manley of the U9 Blue Jays (left) looks to motor past Supergirls defender Rachel Paul (No. 6) during Friday's Canton Cup game at Independence Park. Jordan scored two goals.



Cali Murad of the Blue Jays gulps down some water on a hot Friday.

is as much about families as it is soccer. "We're rec and they make this a lot of fun for the whole family, they've got a lot of activities," Traub said. "It's a lot of fun, and that's what it's all about." About the moms and dads in

attendance, he smiled. "They're all over there (sidelines), all the parents come to every game," he said. "They've been great all year." And another great thing about Canton Cup (hosted by the Canton Soccer Club, with much assistance from Canton

Leisure Services) is that when one game ends, another is about to start. Moments after the Blue Jays and Supergirls finished up, the Plymouth Reign and Wayne-Westland United Pumas were on nearby Field No. 10 in a U9 boys matchup.

A four-goal spurge in the second half helped the Reign earn a 4-3 win. Scoring the tying goal was David Burt, whose dad Wylie Burt is an assistant coach. "They started out a little cold," Burt said. "Then they started to warm up and play the game for real like they are in the second half." For soccer fans of all ages, there will be a lot more of that inspired effort to watch the rest of this weekend. And just so everybody doesn't feel left out when the trophies come out today, maybe they'll stock enough apple juice at the concession stand, too.

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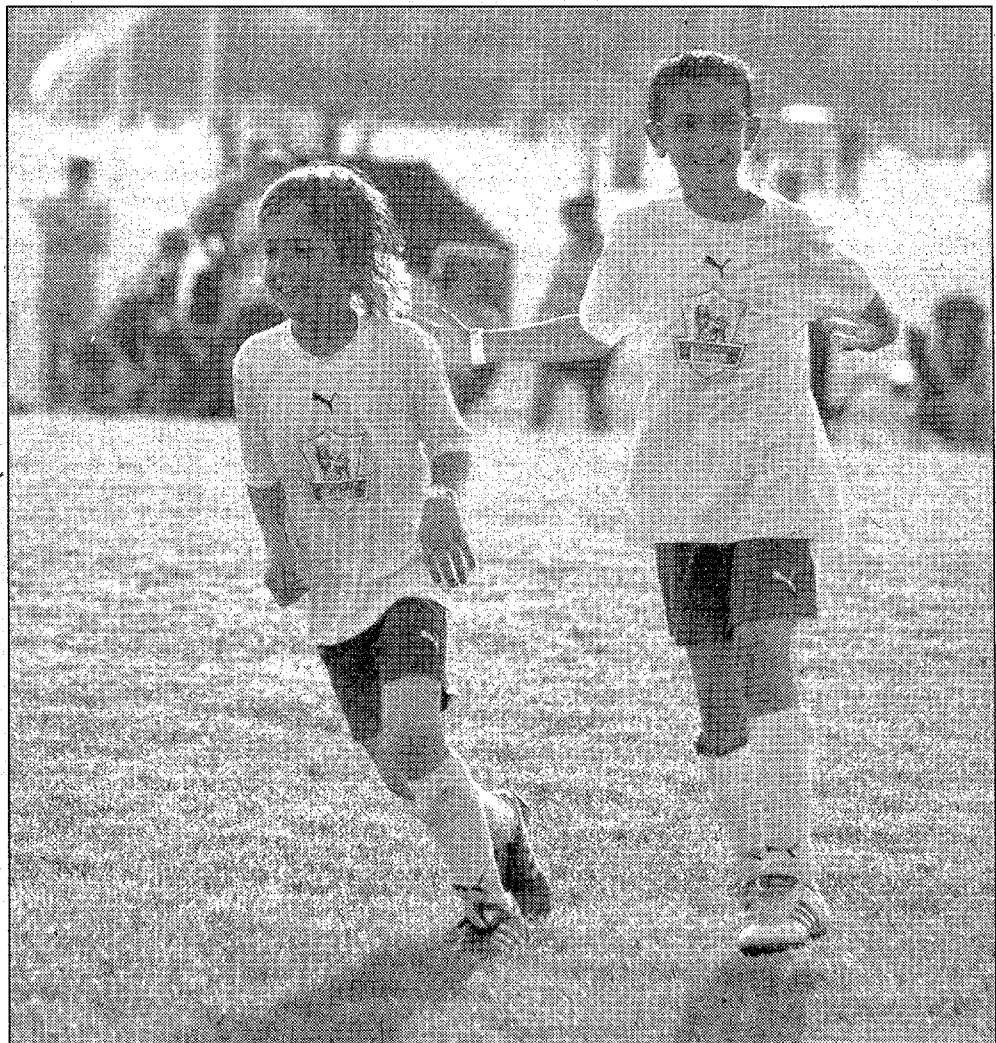
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Happiness Reigns

David Burt (left) and Eddie White of the U9 Plymouth Reign are in a good mood after David scored to tie Friday's game against the Wayne-Westland United Pumas. Fields all across Canton are featuring such smiles all weekend as the Canton Cup tournament continues.



JOHN KEMSKI

Smiles of victory

Soaking it in after winning Monday's KLAAs Kensington Conference girls soccer title with a win over Northville are the Canton Chiefs. Team members (listed alphabetically) include Kristi Balewski, Traci Breitmeyer, Kayla Bridges, Rachael Brunk, Alyssa Cottrell, Liz Ferrill, Danielle Frysinger, Janine Kozlowski, Ally Krause, Jen Learst, Robyn Mack, Jessica McClendon, Maddy McLean, Sam McPartlin, Melanie Pickert, Rachel Rohrback, Bree Starosciak, Megan Trapp and Lindsey Winters. Not pictured is head coach George Tomasso. On Wednesday, the Chiefs also won the overall KLAAs.

CHAMPS

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match at 1-1. A kick by senior forward Jessikah McClendon eluded the diving Grand Blanc goalie.

Goal scorers for the Bobcats (14-2-3) included Nichole Boehnke on a header early in the contest and Ava Peera, who beat Canton senior goalie Sam McPartlin with 27:31 to go in the second half, giving Grand Blanc the one-goal edge it could not maintain.

One reason was stellar team defense by the Chiefs, led by all-stater Melanie Pickert.

Canton head coach George Tomasso could not be reached for comment. His team next moves on to the Division 1 district Tuesday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The other Plymouth-Canton-Educational Park teams, Plymouth and Salem, will be at the Livonia Stevenson-hosted D1 district, also starting Tuesday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1 at CANTON
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, June 5: Canton vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Salem, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Novi regional Saturday, June 12 vs. Northville district champion.)
DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN
 Saturday, June 5: (A) Plymouth Christian vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; championship final: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist district champion.)
GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1 at CANTON
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, June 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Salem, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. A-B winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Novi regional, Saturday, June 12 vs. Northville district champion.)
DIVISION 2 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Ann Arbor Skyline, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, June 5: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; South Lyon East vs. A-B winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Livonia Ladywood vs. Melvindale district champion.)
DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 Saturday, June 5: (A) Plymouth Christian vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; championship final: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist district champion.)
GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1 LIVONIA STEVENSON (Host)
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Salem at P-CEP grass field, 5 p.m. (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Pinckney, 7 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.
 Thursday, June 3: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Plymouth vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, June 5: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Canton vs. Brownstown Township-Woodhaven district champion.)
DEARBORN EDEL FORD (Host)
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Dearborn Fordson vs. (B) Detroit Western International, 5 p.m. at Edsel Ford; (C) Garden City at (D) Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn at (F) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 2: Canton vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, June 5: Championship final, 1, 2 or 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Canton vs. Saline district champion.)
DIVISION 2 LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)
 Tuesday, June 1: (A) Melvindale at (B) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m. (C) South Lyon at (D) Dearborn Divine Child, 4:30 p.m.; (E) Dearborn Heights Crestwood at (F) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 3: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.; E-F winner vs. Livonia Ladywood, 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 5: Championship final, 11 a.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Trenton vs. Trenton district champion.)
DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 Tuesday, June 1: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Lutheran High Westland, 3:30 p.m. West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 4: Championship final, 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Madison Heights Bishop Foley district champion.)
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MHSAA STATE FINALS
 Saturday, June 5
 Division 1 at Rockford, 10:30 a.m.
 Division 2 at Zeeland, 10:30 a.m.
 Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10:30 a.m.
 Division 4 at Jenison, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE REGIONAL FINALS
 Tuesday, June 1
 PCS Lady Warriors vs. A.A. Huron at S. Lyon, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 4
 Ladywood at A.A. Skyline, 6 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS MHSAA STATE FINALS
 Friday-Saturday, June 4-5
 Division 1 at Midland Tennis Center, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF MHSAA REGIONALS
 Thursday, June 3
 Division 1 at West Shore G.C., TBA
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PCEP teams make state tourney

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who says we miss the PGA TOUR here in Michigan?

As long as high school players continue to card scores like those recorded Thursday in state tournament competition, the void of not having a PGA event held in the state has been fulfilled by the incredible shot-making turned in by future stars.

No less than five teams recorded sub-312 totals in claiming the top six spots at the Division 1 district action held at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. That impressive field was led by the remarkable 290 total turned in by Northville.

Plymouth, led by senior James Bryans' 73, placed second overall with 304 and Livonia Stevenson behind a sterling 73 carded by senior Drew Mossioan claimed third with 306. The remaining three spots, and cause for celebration since they will all be advancing onto regional action Thursday at West Shore Country Club on Grosse Ile, went to Plymouth Salem (308), Livonia Churchill (312) and Canton (323).

"A few of the coaches had been talking saying what a fun year it's been," Plymouth coach Chris Moore said. "It's been a very competitive year for all of us — coaches and players."

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"I'm real happy for our guys because they have had a great year," Moore continued. "They worked their butts off for this. Just their perseverance to never give up has been amazing."

According to Moore, the 304 recorded by his squad marked the fourth time this season the Wildcats have turned in a sub-310 total in an 18-hole event. And for the most part, Plymouth's No. 1 in each of those events has been someone different.

Following Bryans in the Plymouth scoring column were freshman Ryan Reickhoff with 76, sophomore Josh Heinze with 77 and junior Justin Bauer and senior Ryan Bauer with 78 apiece.

For Stevenson, which is seeking to avenge last year's disappointment of not advancing to the state finals, Dante Cicchelli followed up Mossioan's strong performance with one of his own. The Spartan sophomore shot 76.

Salem was paced by Aaron Thompson's 72 and Brandon Duprey's 75. Patrick Doty (79) and Eric Duprey (82) rounded out the Rocks' total.

Churchill, meanwhile, had Adam Yarber and Ben Proben pave the way with 74 and 75, respectively. Eric Hill added

a 79 and Chris Theile came in with 84.

Canton, which grabbed the final qualifying spot, saw Zach Conrad lead with a 72. Travis Hall (82), Brendan Muir (83) and Frank Parzynski (86) completed the total.

One team hoping for a better showing and aiming to claim one of the top six spots was Garden City. Unfortunately, the Cougars could not follow up their recent heroics, which featured a strong showing at the recent WWAC league tournament held at Lake Erie Metropark.

Garden City finished back in the pack with a 358 total.

"We just didn't shoot well today," Cougars coach Ron Pummill said. "The state tournament is like a new season and we wanted to be one of the top six teams, but it didn't happen."

"But we had a nice season and I want to congratulate all my kids," he continued. "I have four seniors who all played three years of high school golf and they all will be missed."

The Cougars were led by Tom Firavich's 85. John Selinski (90), Jared Cusmano (91) and Allen Eizember (92) rounded out Garden City's top four placers.

Livonia Franklin totaled a 331 to place seventh overall, Westland John Glenn came in 11th with 357 and Wayne placed 12th with 385.

Whalers' next shift

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The Plymouth Whalers, in association with Tim Hortons, will be appearing Wednesday at several of the chain's Plymouth and Canton locations to help raise proceeds towards the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation as part of the international Camp Day promotion. Projected Top-2 NHL draft choice Tyler Seguin is one of the participants (see below).

Camp Day is the one day each year when every penny from coffee sales at Tim Hortons stores across Canada and the United States will be donated to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Campers aged 9-to-12 years old attend a 10-day summer camp session or a seven-day winter camp session, at one of the Foundation's six camps in Canada and the United States.

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BASEBALL

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fell to 19-10.

"It was a crazy, see-saw battle," summed up Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whose team did crank out 13 hits.

Starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz collected three of those hits and pitched well, allowing one earned run and six hits over five innings of work. Burnabie Salinas went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs while Cody Blakita and Garrett Bryden each tallied two hits.

The winning pitcher was Andrew Tidwell, with the save going to Ben Staley (who recorded the final two outs).

Canton scored five runs in the fourth for 5-0 lead, but Central struck back with three in the bottom half.

After the Chiefs tacked on a pair in the sixth for a 7-3 edge, WLC rallied once again — this time a four-run surge — to make it 7-7. Undaunted, Canton came right back with two runs in the top of the seventh and those were enough to hold off the Vikings, winners of the KLAAs Lakes Conference.

Wildcats go 1-1

Plymouth lost 4-2 Wednesday to Grand Blanc in a KLAAs association crossover, following a win the previous day against Ann Arbor Huron.

Against Grand Blanc, five errors contributed to the Wildcats' downfall, although a bright spot was a two-run homer pulled to right-center by junior outfielder Mike Nadratowski. It was his fifth home run of the season. The loss dropped Plymouth's record to 16-13.

Tuesday in a nonconference makeup game, Plymouth starting pitcher Nadratowski and reliever Jackson Burdette combined efforts to defeat the River Rats 4-3.

Nadratowski gave up two earned runs and four hits in six innings before turning the ball over to Burdette for a 1-2-3 seventh. Burdette picked up the win because the Wildcats scored in the top of the seventh to break a 3-3 tie.

Rich Guglielmi, who put on an offensive show, singled with two outs. Courtesy runner Chase Zebari then came around to score on a Nadratowski single and Huron fielding error.

Guglielmi had three hits — a single, double and two-run homer — and drove in the first three runs for Plymouth.

Another key hitter for the Wildcats was Wohl, who collected two singles, a double and scored two runs. Nadratowski also tripled for a two-hit day.

Salem divides pair

The visiting Rocks fell behind early and couldn't catch up Wednesday, dropping a 3-2 KLAAs association crossover game to Hartland.

Salem (10-14 overall, 6-10 in the KLAAs) gave up two unearned runs in the first and that started the game off on the wrong foot.

On the offensive side, Salem outthit Hartland 7-4 with sophomore catcher Brett Ramirez (2-for-2) and junior second baseman Scott Devine (2-for-4, RBI) leading the way. Senior Joe Simowski's perfect squeeze bunt in the sixth brought in the second run.

Meanwhile, the Rocks defeated Redford Union 11-5 on Tuesday with two big innings getting the job done.

A four-run third featured RBI hits by Devin Price and Chris Kordick and the Rocks then plated seven more runs in the fifth. Key hits included singles by Devine, Simowski and doubles by Alex King and Ken Novak.

Starting pitcher Corey Streck picked up the win with Mike Weingrot finishing out the final 1 2/3 innings.

Senior Night sweep

Plymouth Christian had the bats working Tuesday in a sweep of Washtenaw Christian. The Eagles won the opener 8-3 before finishing off the "Senior Night" sweep with a 13-0 rout.

In Game 1, PCA pitcher David Baum took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and wound up with a one-hitter and 10 strikeouts.

Matt Dodson had three hits (including a double) while Jon Slater chipped in with two doubles. Adding one hit each were AJ Smith, JR Hope and Josh Johnston.

Between games, Plymouth Christian seniors Baum, Johnston, Hope and Ethan Walker were recognized for their efforts.

Then the fireworks really began in the nightcap. Pitcher Slater allowing just two hits in a shutout performance while ripping his fourth home run of the year during a five-run third.

There were plenty of other extra-base hits, with Daniel Slater banging out two doubles. Dodson, Walker and Matt Hagelin each collected a double and single. Other safeties were added by Baum (two hits), Johnston and Bethany Hale.

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Salem blanks Grand Blanc

After having a doubleheader cancelled, Salem's varsity softball team was happy to get back to action Wednesday. The Rocks defeated Grand Blanc 2-0 in a KLAA association crossover.

Salem junior pitcher Briana Lee again was solid against Grand Blanc. She gave up just three hits and four walks while fanning seven and helping her own cause with an RBI single.

Lee pitched into the seventh, when Heidi Schmidt relieved for the final two outs.

Leading the offense with two singles each were Lizzy Mazorowicz and Schmidt while Alexis Powell (RBI single) and Kelli Janiczek (double) also chipped in.

"After a hour and 15 minute bus ride to Grand Blanc the girls regrouped and got settled in their game," said Rocks head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Bri pitched well and the Grand Blanc pitcher fooled us with a lot of off speed pitches and curves.

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(But) we got the hits at the right time, had runners on base every inning but the last and managed to get the win."

Southerland said the Rocks drew a bye for the Division 1 districts, hosted by Canton. Salem will play Livonia Stevenson at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 5. Whoever wins that game will face the winner of the other semifinal (Canton vs. the winner of Tuesday's 4 p.m. game between Plymouth and Livonia Churchill).

"A win at districts would make these girls very happy," the coach added. "They've played some great games this season and are turning it on here at the end."

The Rocks, meanwhile, will try to stay sharp before districts by playing a make-up doubleheader Wednesday against visiting Dexter. The twinbill begins at 4 p.m.

LACROSSE

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strong offensive performances.

Defensive standouts included Taylor Birman, Taylor Martin, Lauren Manner, Katie Meagher and Jen Herzfeld.

"Our entire defense did a great job shutting down their strong offensive attack," Nyquist said. "I think that without their effective defense and strong goalie play from Lexi O'Connor we would not have won the game."

Northville led 5-3 at halftime but the Lady Warriors evened things early in the second half on goals by Hill and Ebersole.

Then, the teams traded markers pretty much the rest of the way.

Probably the prettiest of the bunch was Miller's tying goal late in regulation.

Nyquist said the play began when Ebersole "took the ball almost the length of the field."

Miller finished it, after quick passes from Ebersole, Hill and Bower.

Meanwhile, as well as the regulars for PCS competed, Nyquist knew he had an ace up his sleeve if needed.

"Not everyone got in the game tonight," he said. "But we have a strong bench and despite the heat and humidity I knew that we had a strong bench should we have needed to augment our players on the field."

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DUNLEAVY

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performances as Dunleavy has spearheaded state-ranked Canton to the KLAA South Division and KLAA Kensington Conference titles. Her record is 16-4, following up on last year's 22-3 ledger.

"Every year we've not done well in districts," Dunleavy said. "This year we want to have a good season and really get ready for districts. We want to make it out and go to regionals."

Veteran Chiefs head coach Jim Arnold, who has coached Dunleavy all four years, can't say enough about that kind of determination.

"She's a senior and she's looking forward to making this year her big year," Arnold said. "You don't have to say anything to any of these kids."

Dunleavy — already named to the 2010 all-conference team — indeed is locked in and is taking anybody else she can along for the ride.

"There's no coming back," Dunleavy said with a smile. "There's one senior year, there's one time for everything."

"We have such a great team that I am just ready to get them together and get going."

This year has been a blast from the batter's box, too, as Dunleavy (.350 average) is at or near the top of the Canton charts in just about every offensive category. "It's been fun."

TOUGH AS NAILS

According to Canton assistant coach Jean Calabrese, who serves as Dunleavy's pitching instructor, she has made major strides since her freshman year in terms of mental toughness and confidence. Natural talent has always been there.

"As a freshman you come in, you have those freshman nerves and aren't quite sure what to expect," Calabrese said. "She had some really good (upperclass) leadership in Hilary Payne that was right before her."

"Then Hilary got hurt in Amy's sophomore year, and Amy was thrown into the fire. It was like, 'Well kid, here you go.' And she really did extremely well."

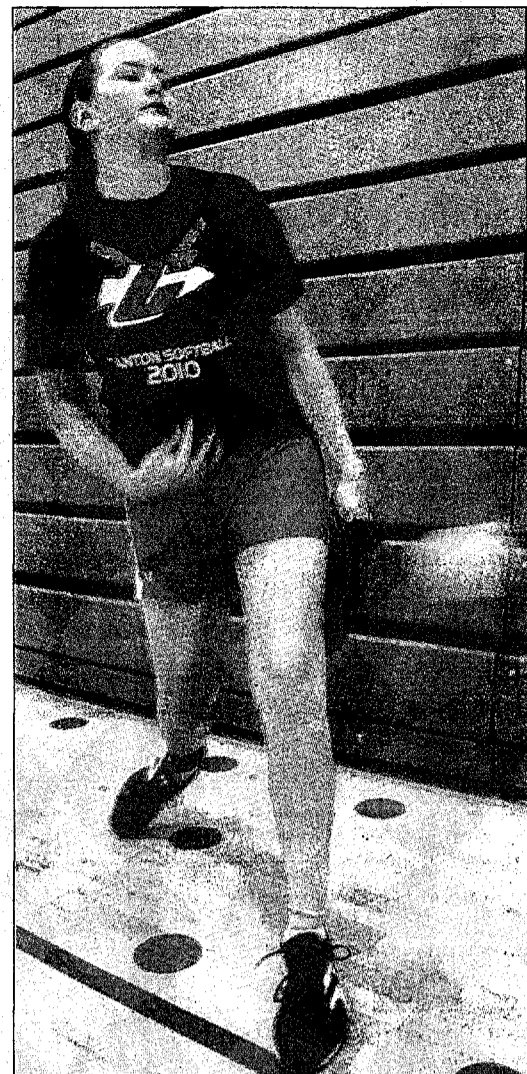
From that point onward, Dunleavy came to understand something pretty important for a high school pitcher.

"She matured tremendously as a pitcher and realized that, 'I'm not out here to strike out every batter,'" Calabrese added. "I'm out here to get outs and be effective.' Mentally, she had to toughen up to that."

This year, there's been no stopping Dunleavy. Every pitch has a purpose and is usually on the mark. In fact, she's only issued eight walks in approximately 140 innings while striking out about 150 batters, Arnold estimated.

"Amy's confident of everything she's throwing and she's having a great senior year," Calabrese said. "It's because of her location, and when she's on her pitches are moving very well."

"She throws a variety of pitches, she can hit her locations and switch it up to every batter. By doing that, she keeps them off-stride."



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Amy Dunleavy blazes another pitch toward the plate while warming up during a recent indoor practice.

THE NEXT TARGET

Dunleavy actually credits Calabrese for helping her click on a consistent basis this season.

"We started off strong, my pitching coach and I have gotten along really well this year," she said. "We're in sync with every pitch, and every game I just go in there one pitch at a time and go after each batter."

That approach could spell trouble for opposing batters the rest of this spring, not to mention future college rivals.

Dunleavy, whose parents are Beth and Kevin Dunleavy of Canton, is slated to join Division II Ferris State University's softball team beginning next year.

"Everything is open to her," Calabrese said. "She's going on to college, she's going to play at Ferris State and I'm sure she'll do extremely well there."

"Depending on what they do with her, how they train her and what her motivations are, she can do whatever she wants."

It all amounts to more target practice for the confident-but-not-cocky Dunleavy. Might as well bring it on.

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NEIGHBORS

League celebrates 50 years of informing voters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

It was business as usual as Esther Friedrichs took a few moments from eating to sign up volunteers for the annual used book sale for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The dedication of members is the number one reason voters have remained informed about candidates for the last 50 years.

On May 22, it was time to celebrate their accomplishments with a luncheon at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford. The 89-year-old Friedrichs, a charter member, attended with her friend Cary Ormond, a member before moving to Novi.

"I like the group of women. The meetings have good topics," said Friedrichs.

Spirits were high as president Paula Bowman rushed around before guests arrived. Established in 1960 as the League of Women Voters of Livonia, the name was changed in 2001 to identify the communities it serves - Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Garden City, Westland, Redford and Wayne.

Near the end of the program, the Petticoat Ladies of Garden City Presbyterian Church performed as women inventors from the 1800s and early 1900s.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

"This is a celebratory luncheon, not a lot of speakers," said Bowman. Her mother, Marguerite Kowaleski, was a longtime member before Bowman joined 15 years ago. Both her mother and father, Edward, were involved in civil rights and social justice initiatives so it was only natural Bowman followed in their



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Esther Friedrichs is a charter member of the League of Women Voters.

footsteps.

"Our main mission is to help voters stay informed. We're continually urging them to be participants in their government. They should be going to council and school board meetings, turning on cable, speaking out, being part of the process," said Bowman.

Elected officials such as state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, recognized the League's contributions by offering a framed state resolution. A special certificate signed by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter was on display. Jennifer Trussell presented a resolution on behalf of Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox.

"It's a tremendous service the league provides as far as education and information to make our votes more informed in a nonpar-

tisian way," said Anderson. "We're very appreciative of them and wish them many more years."

The national organization was founded in 1920. History boards showed the local members' work on behalf of voters. State House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, participated in several of the candidate forums.

"We have tough times in the state. The organization has to cut to the chase and inform the voters. No time is the role more important when elected officials are under assault," said Dillon.

League members aren't about to stop providing voters with unbiased information on candidates. They will be planning candidate forums prior to the primary and election as well as printed and online voter guides for the mid-term election this year.

"We get calls. They always want to know who we support," said Bowman. "We direct them to the library or online. They're so grateful we have nonpartisan information for them. It's the judges and little guys at the bottom of the ballot that people need to be informed about. Getting info on local candidates affects schools, kids and roads. Local control is critical. We want to make sure good candidates are elected."

Angela Ryan believes the League's candidate forums, voter guides, voter registration drives, and educational forums for ballot proposals and current issues become more important with each passing year.

Ryan, a Livonia resident, joined the League of Women Voters in Virginia 30 years ago. In 2004, she was elected treasurer of the League of Northwest Wayne County.

NONPARTISAN GROUP

"Because we are nonpartisan it becomes more important as years pass as politics is becoming more partisan. The league can present both sides of an issue," said Ryan.

"We do a voter guide even for school boards and voter registration at colleges. If people are interested in joining us, there are so many issues we get involved with - prison reform, climate change, health care. We do public meetings several times a year on these issues."

Nancy White of Northville Township remembers when informing voters wasn't as easy as today. She's been a member 40 years, state president from 1985-89. White is especially proud of the League's work in the late 1980s to make it easier for people with disabilities to vote by providing accessible polling places.

"In the '80s we put computers in the state office and expanded citizen information by putting it onto the website instead of by phone. It was so much better when you could go to computers," said White.

Laura Callow joined in 1963, a time when women were primarily homemakers. She learned about the league from a PTA friend.

"I fell in love with the League," said Callow. "They were about issues of doing and bettering society."

During lunch, Bowman spoke briefly about the organization and its early years.

"We don't have phone trees anymore. We send out e-mail blasts and gone is the hand-cranked mimeograph machine," said Bowman. "Men are a welcome addition to the league now. Dues went from \$5 to \$55."

She recalled a 1970 editorial by Phil Power, then owner of the *Observer* Newspapers, about his



County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt and Lena Parker listen to the program.

belief that "an informed voter is a better voter."

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt couldn't agree more.

"The public needs to know who elected officials are and how they get where they are to vote for candidates and issues that fill their needs," said Gebhardt, who's also a Schoolcraft College trustee.

Gebhardt said there are many benefits to joining the League. She's developed many friendships since joining in 2000. Gebhardt was part of the 50th committee that put together history boards on display at the luncheon. The photos, newspaper clippings and memorabilia have been traveling to libraries in Livonia, Canton and Plymouth.

Susan Rowe, a member of Wayne City Council, was grateful for the opportunity to present her views at candidate forums when running for election. She joined the League in Royal Oak in 1978.

"I believe as an elected official they are so important because they give us an opportunity to get our voices heard," said Rowe.

County Commissioner Diane Webb showed up in her T-shirt after participating in the Relay for Life in Garden City. "They educate and they're unbiased. They do their homework and let people know who they are voting for," said Webb.

The League of Women Voters is open to any person age 18 or older including men. "You don't have to be a citizen," said Bowman. "We like having a diverse membership. It helps us maintain our nonpartisanship. In addition to advocacy we do voter education. A number of us went up to Lansing April 21 to visit legislators to talk about convenient voting and no reason absentee voting."

BOOK SALE

The annual book sale for the League takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. Proceeds go to support the work of the League, including providing scholarships. For information, visit the website at www.lwvww.org or call (734) 421-4420.

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Post operative care requires an elaborate shoulder sling and a pain pump. Before surgery, ask the doctor to show you the apparatus and allow you to attach it on and then off a manikin until you are comfortable putting on, removing or adjusting the sling and pump.

Expect a slow postoperative recovery. The rule is that recovery from a hospital stay takes three to four days for every hospital day.

If possible, arrange to have a family member or friend in your hospital room throughout your stay. The reason is not to check if the nursing staff is giving you the right medicines at the proper time. Rather, if you have shoulder surgery you are, post operatively, in pain, one handed and limited by the bulky sling and pain pump.

Even keeping a sheet and blanket over you is difficult. A personal attendant can arrange the bed, make sure your meal tray is set where you can eat from it, clear away the clutter that accumulates as visitors and hospital staff come in and out of your room.

While in the hospital and for the weeks that follow, be prepared for bumps in the road to recovery. Constant pain, intermittent fatigue, sweats and chills, but not accompanied by fever will dog your recovery. Remember, if you had no surgery the pain you feel today would only become worse tomorrow, but the pain after surgery, inevitably resolves.

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Class of 1971

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

Birmingham Groves High School
Class of 1975

35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

Bloomfield Hills Andover
Class of 1970

Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com

Dearborn Heights Haston High
Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cody

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Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information, call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at

The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166)

Detroit Pershing
Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. Call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School
Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Class of 1980

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly_fhs1980@yahoo.com and Farmington High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Facebook

Garden City High School
Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East
Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at terifriedman@gmail.com

Garden City West
Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1980

Reunion planned for Friday July 30. For more information call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to info@livoniafranklin1980.com

Livonia Stevenson
Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks

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Class of 1990

20-year reunion, Saturday, July 24. RSVP by July 1st for discounted tickets. Visit www.LivoniaStevenson1990.classquest.com for more details.

Oak Park High School
Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information, e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Plymouth Canton, Salem
Class of 1980

Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/ Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net

Plymouth High School
Class of 1950

60th reunion, Saturday, July 10-11; contact Russ Maxwell at corumax@hotmail.com.

Redford Union
Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol191500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

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All school

The reunion on Sept. 19 will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the elementary school's closing. The reunion will begin with a Mass at 11 a.m. and include an open house with snacks and refreshments. Contact the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

St. Suzanne

The West Grands Catholic Youth Organization at the Detroit parish school plans a July 10 reunion and is looking for participants. Call Rose at (248) 437-6621 or Sharon at (734) 522-7924

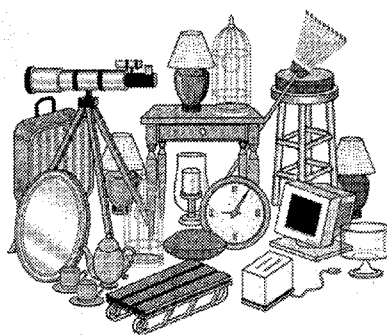
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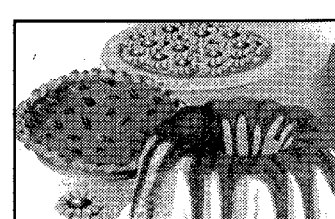
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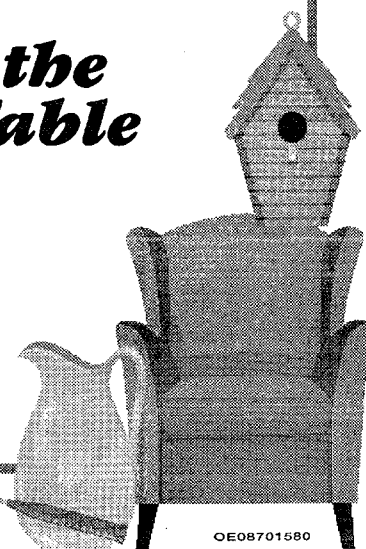
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GARDEN WALK

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Novi First United Methodist Church pastor June Smith, and members of her congregation, have begun work and plantings in a newly created garden that lies just south of their building - on their property. The food grown there will be donated to the Novi Community Food Program at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens, and additional pictures, are online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org/events/garden-walk.

TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Tickets will be available beginning June 1 for the "Flowers are Forever Garden Walk" sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth. Cost is \$8 before

the walk; \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under are half off. Strollers will not be permitted in the gardens. The event runs noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 29 and includes several gardens where complimentary refreshments will be served. Buy tickets at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and from Darlene Rinke, (734) 455-6867.

NORTHVILLE GARDENS

The 17th Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 7. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, available after June 7, at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville. Visit the Country Garden Club of Northville website at http://cgcnv.org/

Expo offers help to families in need

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's volunteer Regional Advisory Council will offer a Community Support Expo next month to help families, affected by unemployment, foreclosure and tough economic times, find the help they need.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, in Livonia. Many local organizations that provide assistance to low and moderate income families will be on hand.

The goal of the Expo is to educate the community about the valuable resources that are available and to help guide them in receiving assistance.

To become involved in Wayne Metro's Regional Advisory Council, call Shaun Taft at (734) 955-6752, Ext. 231.

"We've seen a huge increase in families needing service, families that have never needed help before. We're enthusiastic about our volunteers taking the initiative to reach out to these families," stated Louis Piszker, Wayne Metro CEO.

Wayne Metro's Regional Advisory Council is a volunteer-based group comprised of members from local businesses and community organizations that want to help families in their communities.

The Community Support Expo is the first event of its kind organized by the Council.

"We have a variety of organizations participating. There will be a lot of valuable resources available, no one should leave without some helpful information," stated Shaun Taft, Wayne Metro's Community Outreach Manager.

For more information or to become involved in the expo, call Audrey Diaz at (248) 476-8222. To become involved in Wayne Metro's Regional Advisory Council, call Shaun Taft at (734) 955-6752, Ext. 231.

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Women can discover the joys of kayaking, archery and camping, at the 11th annual Women Outdoors: Kensington Adventure! on Saturday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Kensington Metropark Farm Center.

This one-day workshop will teach women basic paddle strokes and safety, as well as paddle a kayak; learn how to use a bow and arrow safely, and have some target practice. REI staff will give basic camping tips, and participants will practice setting up a tent.

The Adventure is a "Beyond BOW Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) program hosted by the Michigan Department

of Natural Resources and Environment, Heavner Canoe Rental, REI, Safari Club International and Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Women, 18 or older, are eligible to attend this workshop. The \$60 fee includes instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of demonstration equipment and lunch. Registration deadline is June 18. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants.

To receive more information and request a registration form, contact Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1561 or e-mail sherrie.borchardt@metroparks.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
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The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2010-2011 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2010-2011 budgets are available for public inspection in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

NANCY EGGENBERGER, SECRETARY
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Pet welfare groups planning calendar, vaccinations

MHS CALENDAR

Got a photogenic pet? The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) wants to hear from you. The organization seeks photos for its annual, full-color 2011 Pet Calendar.

A \$20 entry fee per photo guarantees inclusion in MHS' 13th annual calendar. Twelve top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement, with all other photos appearing in a variety of formats throughout the calendar.

Dogs and cats wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors will receive the best consideration. Photos must be in color, contain only animals and be no larger than 4- by 6-inches. A horizontal orientation and gloss finish is preferred. Polaroid photos are not acceptable. Color prints made at home on inkjet or laser printers cannot be considered for Pet of the Month placement. But, these types of prints will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

Any photo taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer.

Entrants should mark their name, phone number and pet's name on the back of each photo entry using a permanent felt-tip pen (not a ballpoint, which may damage the photo) and mail entries by June 15 to Michigan Humane Society 2011 Pet Calendar, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Download an entry form at www.michiganhumane.org.

The calendars will be available for \$15 (plus tax) in the fall, when they can be ordered online at www.shopmichiganhumane.org; calendars will also be available for purchase in late fall at the three MHS adoption centers in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

VACCINATIONS

Tail Wagger's USA will offer distemper, rabies and bordetella vaccinations for \$12 each — or



all three for \$30 — at its low-cost vaccination clinic, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at Sheehy Animal Hospital located at 18790 Middlebelt, just South of Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Vaccinations will be given by a licensed veterinarian and also includes a mini-office visit. Micro-chipping for pets also will be available for \$30.

The Livonia city clerk's office will be on hand, enabling residents to buy licenses for their pets. Visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us for licensing requirements.

Tail Wagger's USA also will accept pet food donations to supplement its Pet Food Assistance Program. Families that have fallen on hard time can get food for their pets through the program.

Tail Wagger's founder Laura Zain helps pet owners will attend the clinic and get their pets vaccinated, to avoid costly health problems.

"Sheehy Animal Hospital doctors and staff are supporting this clinic by donating their services 100 percent — which speaks volumes about caring for the pets in our community," Zain stated.

No appointment is necessary but to help with vaccine planning, RSVP by e-mail to vaccination-clinic@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 560-4660.

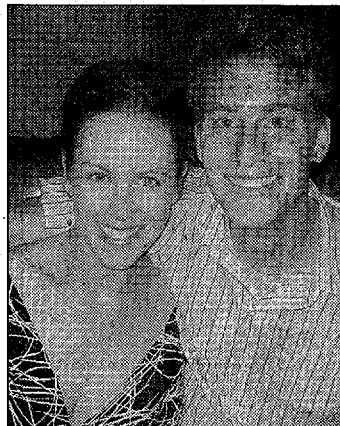
Additional low-cost vaccination clinics are scheduled throughout the summer. For a complete listing of dates, times and locations or to learn more about Tail Wagger's USA and the programs offered to the community, log onto www.tailwaggersusa.org.

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

John and Nancy Behr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Nicole, to Derek Patrick Adams, son of Patricia Whittle of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Kent Adams of Redondo Beach, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in English, and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a master of arts degree in education. She teaches English in the Beverly Hills, Calif.

Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Damien High School in La Verne, Calif., and a 2004 graduate of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed as



Behr-Adams

a software engineer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at the Bayer Historic Estate in Honolulu, Hawaii followed by a reception at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens later that month.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Kristina Marie Dickey and David Anthony Bobrowski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Pamela Dickey of Canton, graduated in May 2009 from Central Michigan University and works at Olympia Entertainment in Detroit.

Her fiancé, David Anthony Bobrowski, son of Diana Looney and Brad Swadling of Lake City, graduated in May 2010 from Saginaw Valley State University and works at Dow Corning in Midland.

An October 2010 wedding is planned at McHattie Park in South Lyon.



Dickey-Bobrowski



Pfund-Jakubowski

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Makenzie Pfund and Nathan Jakubowski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Wesley Pitts and Cynthia Behm of Howell. Her fiancé's parents are Kenneth and Robin Jakubowski of Livonia.

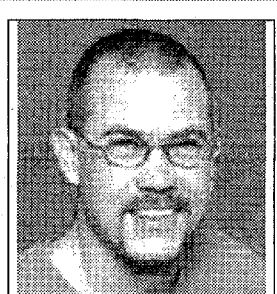
An August 2010 wedding is planned in Pinckney.

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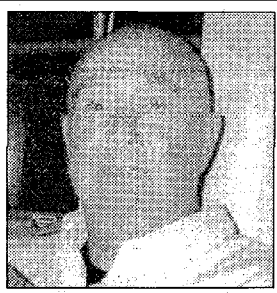
DONALD GORDON BIRK
 Age 80, of Franklinton, NC, passed away Wed., May 26, 2010 in Raleigh NC, formerly of Canton, MI. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by: Hall-Wynne Funeral Service, Franklinton, NC www.hallwynne.com



FRANCES MARIE BOWLBY
 Age 95, passed away on May 18, 2010, at her home. Beloved wife of her late husband, J. Craig Bowlby. Loving mother of their three children: Marilyn J. Bowlby, Patricia A. Givens and J. Craig Bowlby II. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Denise Davis, Scott Stratton, Steve Robertson, Mark Robertson, J. Craig Bowlby III, and Christopher Bowlby; and five great-grandchildren. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, and married her husband of 62 years in 1935, living and raising their family in Plymouth, Michigan, she then moved to Little Rock, AR in 1995. Frances was an accomplished artist, pianist, and enjoyed golf and choir. A memorial service will be held at a future date.



FRANCES W. YORK
 79, of Delaware, Ohio passed away early Monday morning May 24, 2010 at the Cherish Care Center at Willow Brook, Delaware. She was born March 15, 1931 in Mt. Vernon, Maine to William Henry and Barbara Dudley (Sawyer) Williams. She was a 1949 graduate of Gardiner High School and attended the University of Maine, Orono for three years before receiving her BA and MA from the State University of New York at Albany, New York. She taught English at Albany High School in Albany, New York, Nottingham High School in Syracuse, New York, and Frost Middle School in Livonia, Michigan before finally retiring from Franklin High School in Livonia, Michigan. She was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Michigan, and an avid reader. She loved the ocean and family vacations, especially to her summer home in Somerville, Maine which she and her husband built and lovingly shared with their children, grandchildren, extended family, and many dear friends. She valued education and encouraged, inspired, and supported students, family, and friends alike in any academic pursuit. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Frederick York; son, Gregory F. (Regina) York of Delaware; daughter, Linda Cook of South Lyon, Michigan; 10 grandchildren, Joshua and Trisha Cook, Maria, Katie, Gregory, Tina, Tommy, Susie, Bethy, and Johanna York; dear cousin, Rachel Johnson of Maine; very special "niece", Mary Beth Henmet Becker and her daughter Alexis Frances Becker of New York. She was preceded in death by her daughter Maureen Frances York and a brother Everett Williams. The family will receive friends on Thursday May 27th from 11:00 am until time of funeral services at 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan where the Rev. Carolyn Sue Wik will officiate. Graveside services will then be held on Saturday May 29th at 11:00 am at the Hollowell Cemetery, Hollowell, Maine. Rodman Neepner Funeral Home, 1510 W. William St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 is handling the arrangements. To share a memory of Frances or to offer condolences to the family, please visit: www.rodmanneepner.com



JOHN TERRENCE PARKS
 May 25, 2010. Age 61. Former publisher of the Detroit Legal News, the Legal Advertiser, the Oakland Legal News and the Macomb County Legal News. Dear brother of Helen Parks Smith (Larry), Terrence (Judy), Edward (Geri) and the late Joanne Parks. Uncle of Patrick Smith, Brendan Smith, Allison Parks, Amy Parks, Emily Parks, Brian Parks, Kathleen Parks Hoffman (Steve), Michael Parks (Megan) and Patrick Parks (Katie). Also 8 grand nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Thursday, June 3rd 4:30p.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 3:30p.m. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospital Integrative Medicine Fund, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or the Eagle River Bridge Fund, 7438 E. Main St., Eagle River, MI 49950. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 363-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



RICHARD BRAUNREUTHER
 Born on February 19, 1950, Richard spent the majority of his youth in Farmington Hills, MI. Even at an early age, Ricky made it a point to live life to the fullest. He'd push the envelope on any rule he was given, but always look back with a grin, as if to say that life is too short to always play by the rules. Unfortunately, life is too short. Ricky was taken from us on April 19th when he passed away peacefully in his home in Saginaw. He spent almost half his life married to Deborah Curylo and resided in Toledo, where they raised two sons. "Ricky B" became a common name in the automotive industry where he enjoyed sales, management and even doing radio commercials for dealerships around the region. Rick is survived by Deborah, his sons Chris and David, his daughter Amy (Greg) Hannevald of the Detroit area, and also by his parents, three siblings and countless family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a college fund for Ricky's youngest son, David. Contributions can be sent to Chris Braunreuther, PO Box 4154, Dublin, OH 43016.



LAURICE WILLIAMS
 Age 86, of Livonia, went home to be with the Lord May 20, 2010. Beloved mother of Barb, Phil, Ginette, Candy, Mike, and Steve. Loved and cherished by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of Odette Williams. Predeceased by her former husband Phillip, Son, Robert, and Sister, Marguerite Baum. Throughout her life, Laurice was always faithful to the Catholic Church. The things that gave her most joy was making sure that her children and grandchildren were happy, healthy and never (ever) hungry. We will all miss her warm heart, humor and infectious smile. Visitation was held Monday 2-9 p.m. with 7 p.m. Rosary at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Instate was 10:00 a.m. Tuesday until time of funeral mass 10:30 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11300 Fairfield St., Livonia. Memorials to Salvation Army appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Gramer Funeral Home. 248.435.9010 www.GramerFuneralHome.com

HELEN UNKEFER BUSH 1919 - 2010
 Died May 21, 2010, in Sarasota, FL, at the age of 91. She was born in Winchester, KY, raised in Detroit, and graduated from Oberlin College in 1940. Helen met her husband, Merrill, in high school and they were married in 1941. Helen was an active member in several philanthropic organizations both in Detroit and Birmingham, MI. She spent nearly 45 summers at Walloon Lake, MI, and was a founding member of the Walloon Lake Art Group in 1954. A longtime resident of Sarasota, Helen resided at the Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods for the last nine years. She was a talented artist, a true lover of nature, and remained a vibrant individual with strong cultural interests and a keen mind. Her love and devotion to family were recognized by all. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merrill, in 1983; and is survived by two daughters, Merilyn Morrow and Carolyn Duntley, and their husbands; four grandchildren, David Diltz, Karen Swift, Stephen Diltz and Cindy McKibben; and 10 great-grandchildren. Per her wishes, memorials may be sent to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form.

MAY 30-JUNE 2
Lighthouse Worship Center
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m., June 2
Location: 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News anchor and host of the "Job Shop" is guest speaker. During his "Job Shop" segments on the news, Feldman offers advice on finding and landing a job.
Contact: (248) 476-7933

JUNE 3-9
Canton Christian Fellowship Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6
Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs \$4
Contact: (734) 404-2480
St. Robert Bellerme
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight
Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Monthly Bethany Suburban West singles dance. Admission is \$10 which includes refreshments and a free "Fox Trot" dance lesson from 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Contact: (734) 261-5716.

JUNE 10-16
Faith Community Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Outdoor sale; spots for rent. The church will supply the area

and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church
Contact: (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717

St. Anne Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12
Location: 38100 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Rummage sale
Contact: (734) 462-3200

St. Dunstan
Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m., silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m., starts at 6 p.m., June 11
Location: 1526 Belton, Garden City
Details: "Slide into summer" silent auction with fellowship, food and fun; tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes buffet dinner
Contact: (734) 425-6720

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12
Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Rummage sale
Contact: (734) 421-1760

JUNE 17-23
Leon's
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., June 19
Location: 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting
Contact: (734) 513-9479

JUNE 25-30
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 26
Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: Women in the Word ministry annual prayer breakfast with guest speaker Tara Jenkins; \$30 per person. Attire is dressy. The event colors are purple and white.
Contact: www.cantoncf.org or (734) 404-2480

ONGOING AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: First and third Mondays
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.
Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

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Stay safe during grilling season

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds outdoor cooks not to forget about grill fire safety as the peak months for grill fires arrive.

Individuals with gas grills should take extra precautions. From 2003-2006, gas-fueled grills were involved in 81 percent of reported home grill fires and were involved in 6,400 home fires, including structure and outside fires. The leading cause of gas grill fires was a leak or break in hoses.

"Nobody wants to see their backyard barbecue go up in flames," stated Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "There are simple measures that can be taken to avoid charring dinner and setting anything on fire."

Although gas grills are used approximately one-and-a-half times more often than charcoal grills, they were involved in five times as many fires. Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,300, or 16 percent, of home grill fires. The leading cause of these fires were flammable items too close to the grill.

In 2007, approximately 9,600 people went to hospital emergency rooms because of thermal burns caused by grills. About one-third of the burns from gas grills happened while

lighting the grill. Gasoline or lighter fluid was involved in roughly one-quarter of charcoal or wood grill burns. Children under five accounted for roughly one-quarter of thermal grill burns. Most of these burns occurred when the child bumped or touched the grill.

The National Fire Protection Association offers the following grill safety tips:

- Use propane and charcoal grills in outdoor areas only.
- Make sure the grill is located well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Declare a three foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long-handled grilling tools to give plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Remove grease or fat build up from the grills and in trays below the grill so it cannot ignite.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- For gas grills:
 - Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose. If there is a propane leak, it will release bubbles. If you do find a leak and there is no flame, turn off



the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If it does not stop, call the fire department.

- If you smell gas at any point while cooking, get away from the grill immediately and call the fire department.
- Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane gas tanks in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.
- For charcoal grills:
 - If you use a "charcoal

chimney" to start charcoal for cooking, use a long match to avoid burning your fingers when lighting the paper.

- If you use starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid and never add charcoal fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.
 - Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquid to get the fire going.
 - Keep charcoal fluid away from children and heat sources.
 - When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.
- For more safety tips, videos, facts and figures, and audio clips, please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/grilling>.

NEW FACES

AT KARMANOS

Dr. Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., FACOS, a certified surgeon, has joined the staff at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center's Farmington Hills treatment site. He will begin seeing patients on May 14.



Boorstein

Boorstein specializes in diseases of the breast, upper gastro-intestinal tract, colon and rectum and performs GI endoscopy, minimally-invasive surgery and laparoscopic surgery.

He also has received several awards including the Mead-Johnson National Osteopathic Foundation Grant, Surgical Resident Trainer of the Year in 2007. He is a member of the teaching staff at DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital and has written articles for several medical journals.

The West Bloomfield resident is a member of the Michigan Breast Cancer Task Force and is an associate clinical professor of surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Boorstein received his medical education at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his post-graduate training at Botsford Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

The Karmanos Cancer Center in Farmington Hills is located at 31995 Northwestern Highway. It provides suburban patients with outpatient chemotherapy and radiation services, supportive care, physician consultations and laboratory services. To schedule an appointment with Boorstein, call (800) KARMANOS.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing. New staff members are:

- Mohammad Khalil, DPM, podiatry, located at 23822 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights.
 - Sayed Y. Zaidi, M.D., pathology, located at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.
 - Nsima M. Usen, DPM, podiatry, located at 23822 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights.
 - David M. Komarsar, D.O., emergency medicine, located at Garden City Hospital.
- For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, call the Physician Referral service at (877) 717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org.

Beaumont tests fibromyalgia screening tool

Researchers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are seeking volunteers already diagnosed with fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis to participate in a research study. The purpose of the study is to assess the accuracy of a newly developed screening tool designed to assist physicians in the diagnosis of fibromyalgia. No current tool exists and fibromyalgia is a condition that is not easily diagnosed because of its potentially wide range of symptoms.

"Study participants will be asked to complete a one-page questionnaire with a researcher during a short, 10 minute inter-

view session," said Dr. Martin Tamler, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and the study's principal investigator. "The researcher will be unaware of the interviewee's status with respect to having either fibromyalgia or rheumatoid arthritis, or neither of these conditions. Once interviews with all participants are complete, collected data will be statistically analyzed to determine if the screening tool accurately identifies participants with fibromyalgia."

Taking part in the study is completely voluntary. Those interested in participating in the study or who have questions can call the

research team at (248) 898-0161.


There are no direct benefits for participants, but information from this study may benefit other people now or in the future. There are no known risks to people participating in the study.

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