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Memories of dad

Got a particularly fond memory of your father? What's the most important lesson your dad ever taught you? What would you like people to know about your dad?

We'd like to know, and we'd love to help you share them.

Just e-mail them to Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@ hometownlife.com, along with a photo of you and/or your dad (in JPEG format, please) by Thursday, June 17. We'll print as many as we can in our Sunday, June 20, edition to honor Father's Day. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can send a note and photo via the U.S. Postal Service to Plymouth Observer Editor Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

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.

Garage sale

The City of Plymouth hosts a community garage sale on Saturday, June 12, in the Plymouth Cultural Center's ice arena.

Residents can clean out their attics and rent a booth for \$20. Someone else's trash is another's treasure, so you can wander through the event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to find them.

For more information call Lauren at the Plymouth Cultural Center, (734) 455-6620, Ext. 309; register on-line at www. ci.plymouth.mi.us

VFW events

· VFW Post 6695 hosts a flag retirement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Post Home, located at 1426 S. Mill (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. The public is invited and there is no charge. The Boy Scouts will be conducting the ceremony with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 of Plymouth/Canton doing the honors.

• On Sunday, June 13, the Patriot riders will end their fund-raiser at the Post at about noon; the group will have some drawings and fund-raisers going on through the day.

Good news could help school budget BY BRAD KADRICH Amid word state sales tax revenue tors were expecting next year. OBSERVER STAFF WRITER is up and an expected \$268 cut in per-However, administrators were pupil funding might not come after all. Watchpoints in the budget process handed the news in a memo from the

Two weeks before they adopt their 2010-11 budget, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members and administrators are waiting for the same thing they've been seeking since starting the budget process months

Word from the state on what public education funding is going to look like. the board Tuesday night conducted the required public hearing on next year's budget. As it exists now, the 2010-11 budget includes a projected \$4 million deficit. That number includes a projected 100-student loss, some \$3 million in cuts board members approved after the participatory budget process, and the expected \$268 cut administra-

Michigan School Business Officials that "... the need for a 2010-11 Foundation Allowance cut beyond this year's \$165 appears not to be necessary, as well."

"I had hoped to have more information (from the state)," Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Craig Fiegel told board members Tuesday. "They're

Phil Freeman

(left) and John

Quinn in their

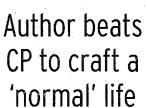
telling us now they're hoping to have something by the end of the month."

used by administrators included: • Staffing — It hasn't yet been determined. The district should save some \$3.4 million in expenditures with the

retirement of 88 top-level teachers. \bullet Negotiations — many of the district's bargaining units, including

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No quit in him



BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When eighth-grader Phil Freeman found out his wrestling coach was going to cut seventhgrader John Quinn from the Cambridge Junior High School team, he stormed into the office and demanded the coach change his mind.

It was a bold move for an eighthgrader, sticking up for a younger student and challenging his coach at the same time, but Freeman, perhaps the team's best wrestler, felt strongly about the work ethic and effort Quinn had put into the team in the two weeks they'd known each

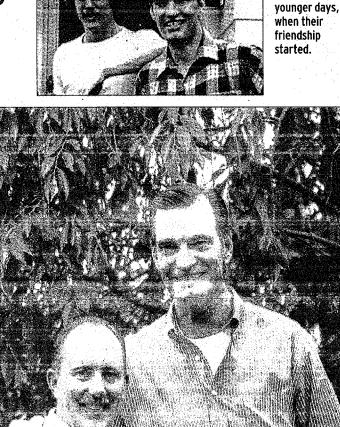
And that was before Freeman even knew Quinn was keeping a medical secret: He had cerebral palsy, described in Quinn's book as "a group of chronic conditions affecting body movement and muscle coordination."

"I was really upset," recalled Freeman, now the principal at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth. "I told coach, 'You can't do that. He does everything you ask of him. He's the hardest worker on the team." Turns out, decades later, that's

Quinn's mantra: Work harder than everyone, be the best you can be and don't let a little thing like a chronic muscle condition slow you down. It's the story of how Quinn fooled

doctors to craft a successful 20-year career in the U.S. Navy, and it's a

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friend, John Quinn, as a motivational tool for his students.

Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman (left) has used the story of his best

Plymouth Corps reaches out to tornado-torn town

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps is one of the many groups that headed to Dundee, Mich., on Sunday to help with tornado relief

A twister touched down in Dundee, in Monroe County, shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday, damaging more than 1,700 houses and destroying 15. The tornado knocked down trees, disrupted electrical power and caused other dam-The Plymouth Corps' canteen truck, one of

about a dozen such Salvation Army vehicles in the area, made the trip to Dundee on Sunday, and three or four people from the corps were assigned there, too, said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Corps' director of family and community ministries. When it's a situation like a tornado like

this, it's kind of all hands on deck," said Aren, "There're tons of different agencies there right now working on the disaster."

Workers in the canteen truck, Aren said, provide food and drink for both relief workers and tornado victims. They won't turn anyone away. In all, about 60 people many different units

are in Dundee offering their services through the Salvation Army, Aren said. Some were preparing to offer spiritual and emotional counseling to tornado victims. Aren was scheduled to head to Dundee her-

self on Saturday to do social work - things like distributing grocery vouchers to people who've returned to their damaged homes and found their food is spoiled. Her father, George Aren, has also been mobi-

lized for the effort. He is the director of emergency disaster services for the Eastern Michigan division of the Salvation Army (which includes all of Southeastern Michigan).

"If there's a call anywhere in the metro area, we will respond to it," Aren said.

Spared by storms

Plymouth and Plymouth Township reported minimal damage from the storms that passed

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City water rate holds steady for the second straight year

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The vast majority of Plymouth's water and sewer customers will see no increase in their bills for the second straight year.

A continuation of the current rate for most customers was approved Monday with a unanimous City Commission

vote. Officials said customers' willingness to cut water use during peak hours - when it costs more to deliver — can be credited for keeping costs down.

"Our residents adapted very well" by watering lawns during off-peak times, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., said City Manager Paul Sincock. The city has an agreement with the

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that ties a lower wholesale water rate to Plymouth's ability to keep water use down during peak periods, Sincock said.

Plymouth's combined water and sewer rate will remain at \$10.15 per thousand gallons. The typical residential water

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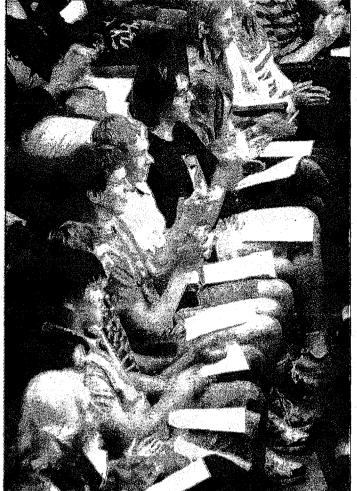
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The audience claps along with the orchestra as they play "The Stars And Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

DSO wows Gloria Logan audience

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra came looking for a place for a free community concert that would promote the DSO, bring its music to the masses and, hopefully, entice some new listeners for the storied orchestra.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials figured they had just the place for Tuesday night's concert - the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Turns out it was a marriage made in heaven.

Conductor and musical director Leonard Slatkin brought a DSO ensemble to the Logan Tuesday night and wowed the packed auditorium. And, while the ensemble played some familiar music - the 1812 Overture, Stars and Stripes Forever - the orchestra also surprised with heavier fare such as "Blue Tango" by LeRoy Anderson and "Pavane," by Gabriel Fauré.

"I thought it was going to be more pop-ish, but it was meatier than I expected," said Tim Schoenherr, Plymouth-Canton's visual and performing arts coordinator. "When you're a trained musician, you expect to hear things you've heard before, but there were things in there I'd never heard. That was cool."

The performance was one of eight free community concerts on the tour, part of an effort by Slatkin and the DSO to reach new audiences by taking the orchestra directly to the people. Slatkin shared conducting duties with American guest conductor Kazem Abdullah, though Slatkin handled the Salem High School concert.



The DSO's trombone section hit all the right notes during their Salem High School appearance Tuesday.

While the program did include the meatier fare, Slatkin finished up with "Stars and Stripes Forever" - "That's something people would recognize and people, particularly in this area, go nuts over," Schoenherr said.

The DSO's weeklong tour, which also featured DSO performances in Beverly Hills, Detroit, Warren and Flat Rock, culminates with a free open house at the Max M. Fischer Music Center Saturday.

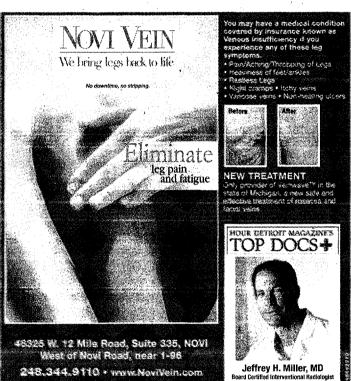
"It was fantastic," Schoenherr said. "The DSO is a world-class orchestra and performing right on our stage was a real

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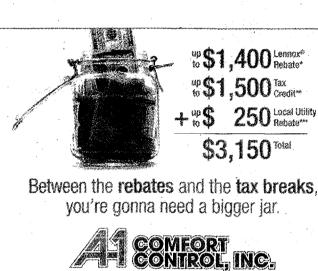


Leonard Slatkin directs the DSO in their opening number, Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No.1 in C major by Antonin Dvorak.





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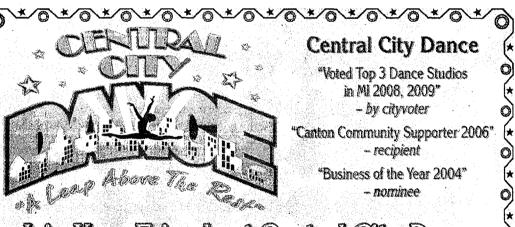
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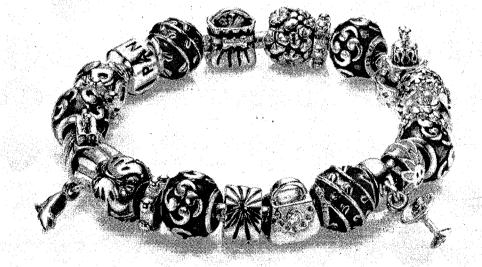
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Father's Day run.

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run will be Sunday, June 20. Events will start at 7:30 am in downtown Plymouth, and the YMCA is looking for volun-

For race information or to register visit www.ymcametro-detroit.org/plymouth. To volunteer, contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcametrodetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

Anniversary celebration

Basket Kreations and Gift Shoppe in downtown Plymouth celebrates 21 years in business with a day-long party, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 17, featuring cake, prizes and other fun throughout the day.

Basket Kreations is located at 550 Forest, Suite 10, in the Westchester Mall in downtown Plymouth.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/basket-kreations or call (734) 354-9156.

Cruise raffle

The Plymouth Symphony is conducting a raffle for a cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines of the Great Cities of the Western Mediterranean Oct. 30 to Nov.

The raffle includes the cruise for two from Barcelona, Spain to Nice, France, and Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples/ Capri Italy including airfare for two roundtrip from Detroit to Barcelona.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be June 30 at the Plymouth Arts Council.

Travel arrangements have been made through Travel Leaders in Plymouth. This cruise package is also available to anyone interested in cruising the Western Mediterranean. Contact Travel Leaders for details, (734) 455-5810.

Contact the Plymouth Symphony office - 734 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Opening act

Cats and the Fiddler, (from left) Carmen Gibes, Shaun Richardson and James Richardson, open the popular Music in the Park series of concerts styled for children in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Cats and the Fiddler play noon Wednesday, June 23. The concert series, sponsored by The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Dr. Brian Brackney, Pediatric Dentistry, run weekly through Aug. 25. Other acts scheduled to appear include Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express (June 30 and Aug. 11), Gemini (July 7), Saline Fiddlers (July 14), The Music Lady Beverly Meyer (July 21), Jeremy Kittel & Nathaniel Smith (July 28), All Directions (Aug. 4), Mr. Seley (Aug. 18) and Joe Reilly (Aug. 25. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council, (734) 416-4278.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Anne Cochrane Chapter meet for their annual potluck picnic and auction Thursday, June 21, at noon at Greenmead's Alexander Blue House in Livonia

The program features plant and craft auction and silent auction (bring white elephant item).

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

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.

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 of 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.

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All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood for a Summer Camp Application.

Matinee series

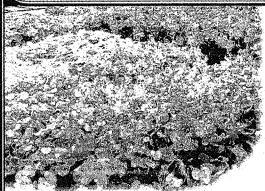
Community Financial Credit Union, Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library sponsor the Summer Cinema Matinee Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth throughout the summer.

The schedule of movies includes Mary Poppins, June 24; The Goonies, July 1; Pee. Wee's Big Adventure, July 15; Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo, July 22; Back to the Future, July 29; The Wizard of Oz, Aug. 5; American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West, Aug. 12; It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, Aug. 19; and Muppet Treasure Island, Aug. 26.

Shows are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens a half-hour before each showing. All seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

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Arrestee suspected of ditching bag of pot

A 61-year-old Westland man was arrested on multiple charges, including marijuana possession, after a traffic stop at Sheldon and North Territorial roads early Sunday.

An officer noticed the odor of marijuana after pulling over the car in which the man was riding at about 2:30 a.m., according to a Plymouth **Township Police Department** report. The car, the type of which was not listed, stopped in the parking lot of the Chase Bank branch at the intersection, the report said.

A small amount of suspected marijuana was found in the car, police said, along with a scale and small clips sometimes used to hold marijuana

In addition, after the suspect was put into a patrol car something the arresting officer struggled to accomplish - another officer noticed a plastic bag of suspected marijuana on the pavement next to the car, police said. The bag was dry despite ongoing rain, police said.

The arrestee is suspected of dropping the bag as he was being put into the patrol car, police said. The substance inside, weighed at 6.5 grams, later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Shoplifting citation

A 34-year-old Plymouth man is suspected of shoplifting a bottle of wine from the CVS drug store on Sheldon Road late on the night of June 3.

The suspect, detained by police outside the store, complained of chest pains and was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia after being issued a court citation for third-degree retail fraud, a police report said.

The incident occurred shortlv before 11:30 p.m. Two store employees told police they wit-

nessed the man leave the store with something bulging underneath his leather jacket, police said. One witness, a store manager, said he recognized the man from a shoplifting incident earlier in the month.

An officer found the suspect, with no jacket, walking outside the store, police said. Nearby, a leather jacket was found.

It was not reported whether the wine was recovered.

Converter stripped

The catalytic converter was reported stolen on June 3 from a Chevrolet Venture parked at **Burroughs Payment Systems** on Plymouth Road.

The victim told police she had parked the Venture there shortly before 10 a.m. and returned to it about 6:30 p.m.

Garage raided

Electrical supplies — several cords, two control panels and a meter — were reported stolen on Friday from a garage at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church on Five Mile.

The lock on the garage had been pried open, a police report said. The break-in occurred between 9 p.m. June 3 and 8 a.m. Friday, the complainant told police.

Plants stolen

A number of potted plants, including some in hanging baskets, were reported stolen from outside a house on Oakcliff Drive on Friday.

The theft occurred sometime the night before, the victim told police.

By Matt Jachman

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the

period June 2-8:

• Tuesday, June 8 -Residential rescue runs on John Alden and on Stonehedge; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Ross and Ann Arbor Road; rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road.

• Monday, June 7 -Residential rescue runs on Franklin, on Haggerty, on Pointe Crossing and on Plumtree; fire on Tennyson; industrial rescue run on Keel; vehicle accidents on Sheldon north of Joy and on M-14 west of I-275; commercial rescue run on Main.

• Saturday, June 5 -Commercial rescue run on Beck; downed wires on Hines Court and on Brentwood; investigation on Penniman; residential rescue run on Risman.

• Friday, June 4 -Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Shadywood and on Orangelawn; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and on Beck; commercial rescue runs on Beck; downed wires on Mill and on Amber Court; vehicle accident (mutual aid received) on Ann Arbor Road.

• Thursday, June 3 Residential rescue runs on Russell, on Katherine, on Risman, on Red Maple, on Sheldon and on Spring; rescue runs on Sheldon and at Farmer and Karmada; vehicle accident at Joy and Sheldon; mutual-aid-given run at Joy and Brookpark; commercial rescue run on Sheldon.

• Wednesday, June 2 -Residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Brownell and on Postiff; vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road; special run on Newporte; industrial rescue run on Amelia; rescue run on Russell.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer (right) honored, in alphabetical order, Lt. Bob Antal, Officer Steve Coffell, Lt. Al Cox, Officer Jennifer Dergis, Officer John Drake, Sgt. Joe Kahanec, Officer Brian Rupyard and Sgt. Dennis Wilson.

Police, civilians recognized for public safety efforts

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The police officers who peacefully ended a standoff with a gunman in downtown Plymouth in February were given top billing on Monday's City Commission agenda.

Mayor Dan Dwyer, during a commission meeting at Kellogg Park, handed out commendations to the eight officers who responded to the incident, including Lt. Allen Cox, the city's acting police chief, and five Plymouth Township officers.

"No citizen was hurt and no one lost a life that day because of some incredible police work," said Dwyer, who acknowledged each officer individually in front of the commission table. The meeting at Kellogg Park was the first of the commission's warmweather meetings this year at parks around the city.

The gunman, a township resident, was arrested outside the city's downtown parking garage after firing four shots from a pistol he was carrying. The Feb. 25 incident lasted about 10 minutes.

Plymouth Officer Jennifer Dergis and Sgt. Joe Kahanec were the first officers on the scene that day.

"It's quite an honor. It's nice to be recognized for what you do," said Dergis, who is beginning her 14th year on the force, after shaking hands with the mayor.

"One of the nice things about working in Plymouth is we get tremendous support," said Kahanec, a 35-year veteran.

Also honored, with acting chief Cox, were township officers Brian Rupyard, John Drake and Steve Coffell, township Sgt.

Dennis Wilson, and township Lt. Robert Antal.

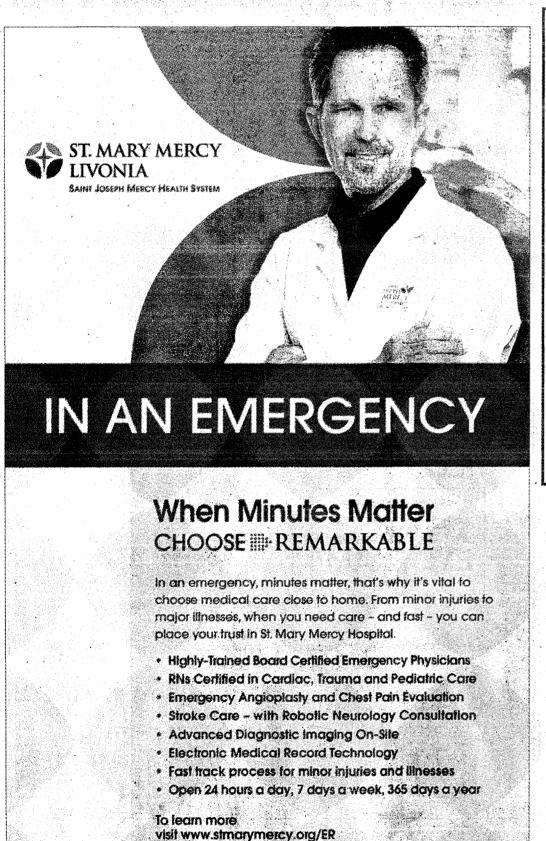
Dwyer also gave nods to Plymouth Department of Municipal Services workers, who blocked off nearby Harvey Street until police had the situation under control. ,

"It really was a team effort," the mayor said.

Also recognized Monday was civilian Bethany Link, who on April 23 saw three men, one carrying a pistol, walking from the area of the Taco Bell on Main Street.

Unbeknownst to Link, the eatery had just been robbed, and when she later reported what she had seen to police, the information was helpful in arresting four of the five suspects in the case, who are now awaiting trial.

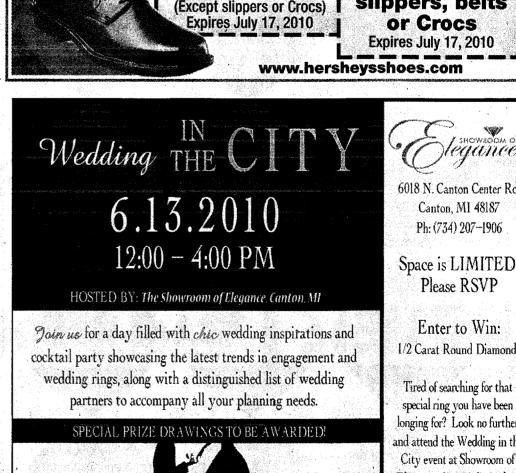
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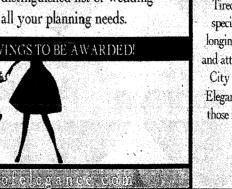


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Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call 734-416-6190 or visit web. pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Chiefette fund-raiser

Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon team 5-9 p.m. June 23. During this time, 20 percent of qualifying purchases will be donated to the squad by BW3 by presenting an event sponsor form.

Forms are available at www. cantonchiefettes.com (no forms will be available at the restaurant). Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 41980 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Center.



The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps canteen truck was pressed into service to help folks in tornado-torn Dundee,

CORPS FROM PAGE AT

through the area over the week-

In the city, a Friday night storm brought down a large branch on the 1600 block of Old Salem, in the New England Village subdivision, and Department of Municipal Services workers had the branch cut and chipped by about 10 a.m., said Chris Porman, the DMS neighborhood services coordinator.

Also in Plymouth, a storm sewer grate just outside downtown had to be cleared of debris Sunday because of heavy rains. The grate, at Tonquish Creek, is used to prevent debris from flowing through the storm sewer that carries creek water as if flows

through the downtown area. In Plymouth Township, no serious storm damage was reported, said Supervisor Richard Reaume.

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bill in Plymouth is \$194.26 every quarter — \$182.70 for 18,000 gallons of water and a fixed charge of \$11.56 for a five-eighths-inch water meter, the most common household meter size.

The city has not raised the rates since October 2008.

Mark Christiansen, the city's finance director, said

city's finance director, said the wholesale sewage-treatment rate charged to Plymouth remained the same, while the wholesale water rate dropped by a penny for every 1,000 cubic feet. A thousand cubic feet is about 7,480 gallons.

Plymouth has about 3,200 water customers, and an annual water department budget of just under \$3.8 million.

One sewage surcharge, which affects a handful of industrial water users, is still being finalized by Wayne County and will be passed on to customers when received by Plymouth, Christiansen said. The surcharge is based on the amount of certain pollutants discharged by industrial users into the sewage system.

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SCHOOLS

the teachers, haven't settled. Contract settlements would have to be added to the expenditures, including some \$2.7 million in step increases that may have to be included.

Health care costs
 Reports received by the district indicate costs will rise at rates varying from 5.8 percent (vision) to 10.9 percent (pre-

(vision) to 10.9 percent (prescription drugs).

The board is expected to approve its \$152 million budget at its June 22 meeting.

The final product — unless the state says differently — is projected to come up some \$4

million short. That shortage,

unless the state decides against

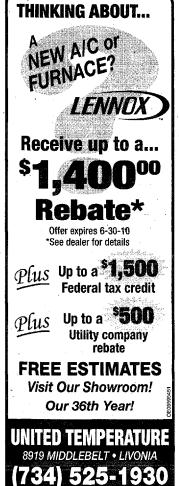
the \$268 cut, will be made up from the fund balance, which

is projected to sit at \$11 million

at the end of this school year. If the state leaves the \$268 in the foundation allowance, that would mean a \$5 million increase to the 19,000-student district.

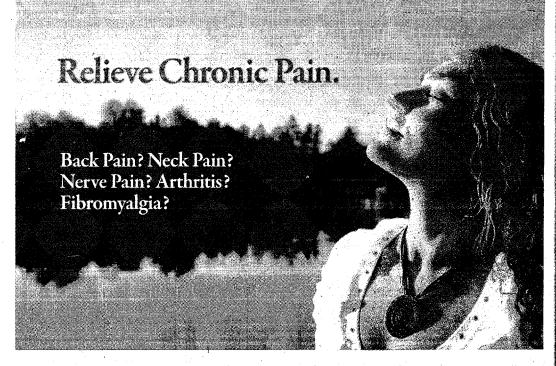
"We're waiting to see what the state is going to do," board President Steven Sneideman said. "We're comfortable with the numbers. We're still working with our partners (unions) in negotiations and we'll have a better handle on it as those talks go on. Right now, the fund balance is the only way to balance it."

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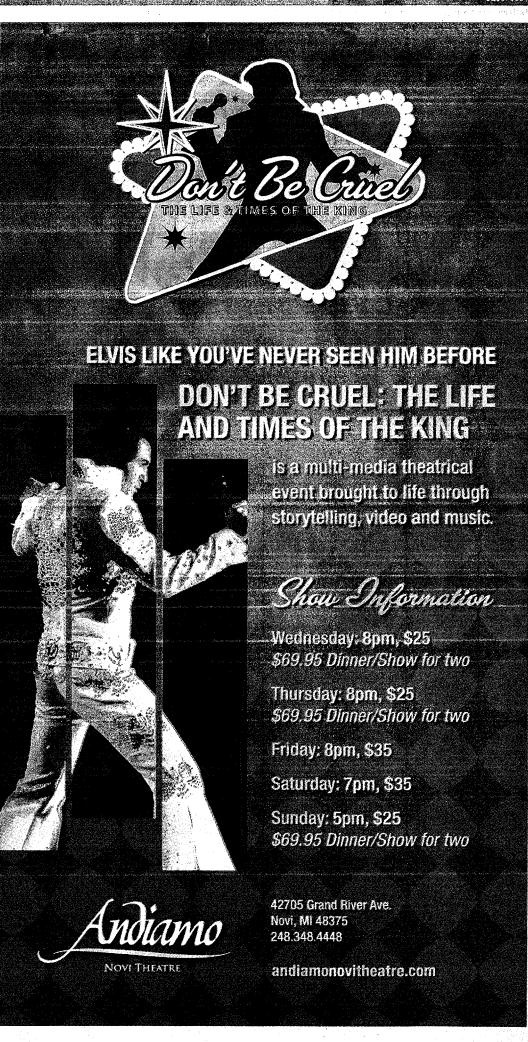


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story of persistence, laid out in his book, Someone Like Me: An Unlikely Story of Challenge and Triumph Over Cerebral Palsy, Quinn hopes can inspire others to do the same.

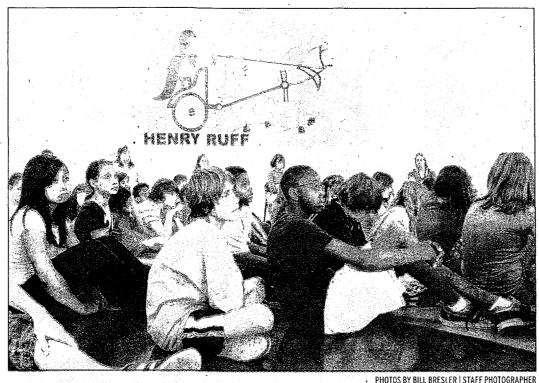
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"I knew what I'd accomplished was pretty unique," said-Quinn, who was in Canton to promote his book and talk to local students about his experiences. "I thought I could inspire people."

The story is, indeed, inspiring, starting right there at Garden City's Cambridge Junior High. Not only did Quinn stick with that team, he wrestled through his high school career. Though he never won a match ("I had a perfect record," he said with a laugh of his 0-79 mark), Freeman still called him at the end of his senior year (Freeman had graduated and begun a coaching career of his own) to tell him to watch for the Garden City Observer's upcoming edi-

tion. In the list of the paper's All-Area wrestling team, Quinn's name - despite his "perfect" record — was listed among the honorable mentions.

"When I brought (Quinn's) name up in the meeting, the other coaches said, 'We love that kid," Freeman recalled. "The wrestling family is a small world. The respect he got for his work ethic extended beyond our wrestling room."



Sixth-graders at Henry Ruff Elementary School in Garden City listen to John Quinn talk about his life growing up with cerebral palsy.

After graduating from Garden City East High School, Quinn started taking classes at Schoolcraft College. Disgusted with his program, Quinn one day tossed his books into the fireplace. His father gave him two weeks to figure out what he was going to do.

"That day I went to see the Navy recruiter," said Quinn, who, influenced by service of his two brothers, had always wanted to join the Navy.

Without telling anyone he had cerebral palsy, he failed his first physical and feared he'd never get in. He conquered the fear — and the physical — by basically willing himself to pass.

"I had to be very aware of how I held my body, how I looked," said Quinn, who thinks Naval doctors may have suspected his condition but passed him because of his work ethic. "I had to think about every step I took. It was 'heel-to-toe, stand up straight."

He made it 20 years — reaching the rank of senior chief petty officer in 14 years, about

five years faster than average - without anyone knowing for sure about the CP. He never missed a watch, never shirked a duty and made his way up the ranks. Along the way he encountered hardship - a brother's suicide and his own bout with alcoholism - which he hopes will help inspire readers who might face some of the same mental and physical chal-

lenges. "I caught breaks along the way, but you also make your own breaks," Quinn said. "If



Author John Quinn hid his cerebral palsy from the U.S. Navy throughout his 20-year career.

you're good, people are willing to overlook things. They just want to know you can do the job. I was willing to work harder than most people."

Quinn wasn't going to write a book; instead, he was "just putting my thoughts down," so he could give them to nieces and nephews. But Freeman introduced him to a Pioneer couple whose child also suffered from CP, and Quinn was hooked.

"After meeting that family I thought maybe I could inspire someone," said Quinn, who now lives in Tucson, Ariz. "I'm very pleased that that's happening."

Freeman has used Quinn's story as a teaching tool throughout his career.

"I've used John's story for years, not just about the cerebral palsy, but about the wres-



Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman uses the story of persistence of his friend, author John Quinn, as a teaching tool with his students.

tling team and about how he was a kid who never gave up," Freeman said. "He can say what he wants about me befriending him, but I never looked at it that way. I wouldn't be where I am if I didn't have him to talk to."

Quinn, who vetted the book through Navy officials to make sure he wasn't opening himself up to some sort of punishment he wasn't — said he grew up with parents who treated him like any other kid.

"That's all I ever wanted was to live a normal life," said Quinn, one of eight children. "Having friends like Phil was a big part of my life. That gave me the confidence to go about my life."

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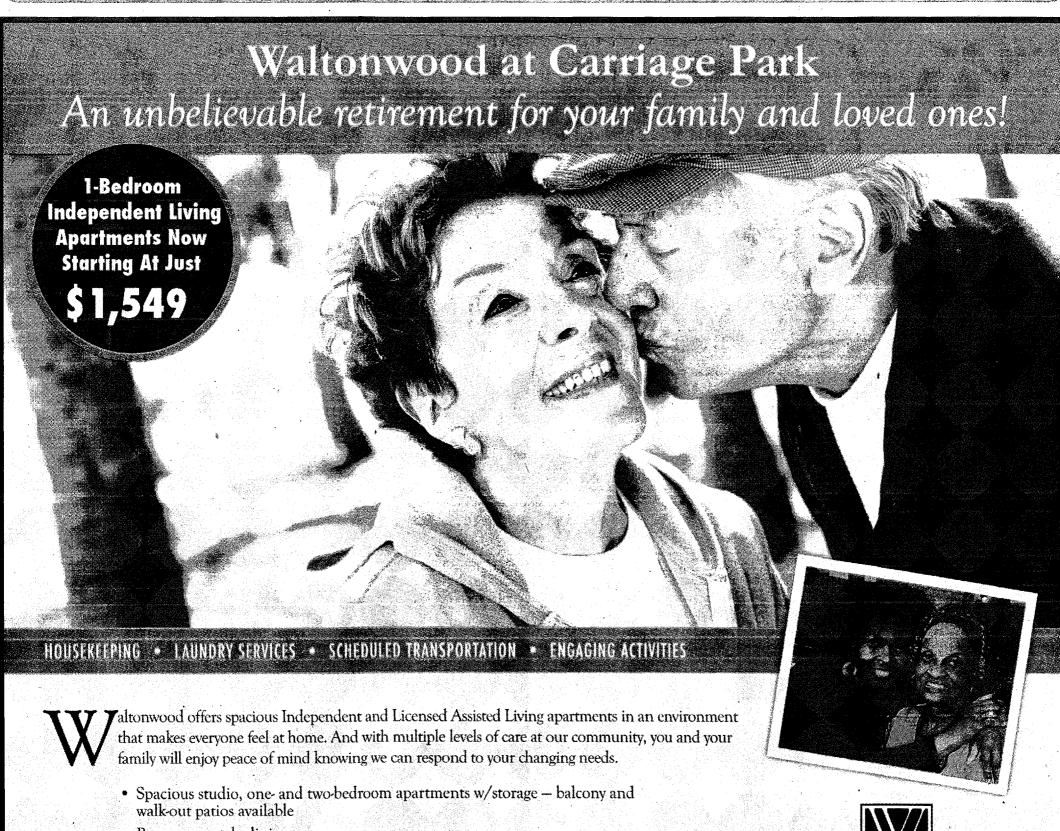
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Fund-raiser kicks up cancer awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Linda McMaster looked around Saturday at all the people helping her put on Blast NB, the fundraiser she and her friends organized to fight neuroblastoma, she thought of a shampoo commercial.

"I told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on, and so on ..."

That's how it worked for McMaster, her husband Mike, and the rest of the cast of friends who put on the fund-raiser at Mettetal Airport. What started out as a conversation between four people sitting around a restaurant table morphed into a multifaceted event that featured more than 200 bikers, countless volunteers, three princesses and one captivat-

ing little girl. The little girl, 5-year-old Lisa Marie McMaster, was the center of attention, as was her battle with neuroblastoma, the devastating cancer that strikes young children, as hundreds of people gathered to raise thousands of dollars for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. And while the level of help she and the friends who organized Saturday's fundraiser got didn't really shock Linda McMaster, who has seen much compassion as her daughter fights the disease, it did leave her in awe

of the human spirit. "It's not shock, it's more like I'm awestruck," Linda said. "One person would say, 'You need something? Let me make a call,' and then someone else would say, 'Let me make a call.' It was like

that old commercial." All the help seemed to, well, help, because when Saturday's festivities were over, nearly \$21,000 had been raised between the Mettetal event, a garage



Lisa Marie McMaster and friends Belle (Krystle Kaslowski) and Snow White (Rachelle Solomon) at Saturday's Blast NB fund-raiser at Mettetal Airport.

sale, sales of suckers at a local school and other donations. And the counting con-

Not bad for an event that started out small and just kept growing. One of the most visible parts of the fund-raiser was the motorcycle ride, which featured more than 200 motorcycles, mostly from three different Harley Owner Group (HOG) chapters - Motor City, Motown and Great Lakes. With bikers paying \$30 per rider and \$20 per passenger, the ride alone raised more

Ann Leber, who organized the motorcycle ride, said she knew early on, having worked with biker groups in the past, that such an event

than \$1,300.

would be successful. During that origina

taurant conversation, Leber told the McMasters the bikers would help bring some

awareness to neuroblastoma. "I told them, 'If you want to get the best people, get the bikers, because nobody cares more than bikers," Leber said. "Nobody knows what neuroblastoma is, and it's killing our children."

Another big part of the fund-raiser was the sale of food throughout the day, and the dinner and entertainment Saturday evening. What Mike McMaster said started out as a spaghetti dinner turned into much more when Chef John Cortez, who cooks for a group called Chefs for Cancer, got involved.

Among food he donated was the makings for a continental breakfast, a bar-

Happy Houndso

Dog Day Care

becue lunch that included hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages and a pasta dinner, including some 50 gallons of homemade sauce.

Cortez, whose cousin, Jane, is the program manager for Hope and Healing Foundation, the event's fiduciary sponsor, said he kept his own three children and two grandchildren in mind when he volunteered to help.

"This is a way of giving back," John Cortez said. "We're able to do it, and that's why we do it. When you hear '5-year-old child,' we're there."

His cousin, Jane, said Hope and Healing got involved for much the same reason. Neuroblastoma, she said, is "such a littleknown" cancer, her group wanted to help get the word out. And the integrity of the McMasters, she said, was a

big factor. "Linda and Mike came forward and said, 'We don't want anything for ourselves, we want it all to go to research," Jane Cortez said. "This is such a little-known cancer ... (the fund-raiser) was such an incredible, nec-

essary thing." A variety of local bands provided day-long entertainment, including Infinity Hour, a five-person band of teens ranging in age from

13-16. "We're here to support all the kids who need help," 13-year-old lead singer Jena Asciutto said. "We know some people who have cancer, so when they asked if we'd help, we were so up for

Plymouth Township Police Lt. Robert Antal gave up a few hours of his Saturday to ride in front of the 200motorcycle parade that drove a 40-mile trail to raise awareness.

"It's a good cause, and these guys are doing their part to help kids," Antal said. "We just want to keep them safe while they're doing it. This is the kind of thing I don't mind volunteer-

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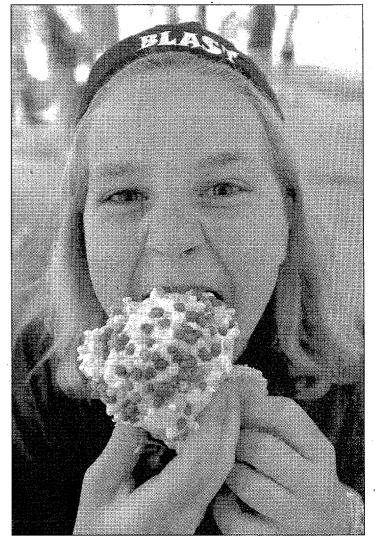
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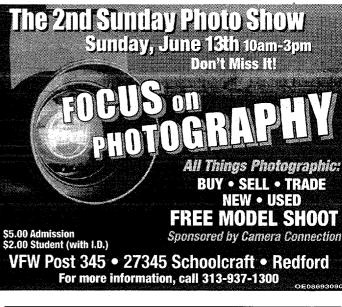
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Miranda McNiven enjoys a cupcake she won playing a game at the fund-raiser.



More than 200 bikers return to Mettetal Airport after their 40-mile run in support of the fight against neuroblastoma.



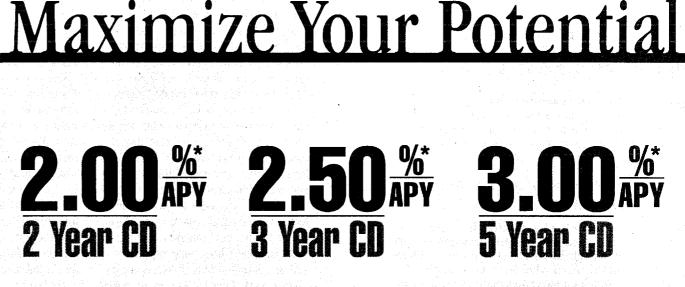












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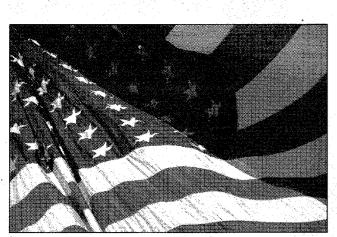
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With Flag Day approaching, it's important to know how to pay proper respect to the American flag.

Flag Day

A chance to show respect

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the just-passed Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and, coming up Monday, Flag Day, all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties):

• Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

• It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

• When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

• This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

• Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

• When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things *not* to do with the American flag:

• Do no let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

• Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

• Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

• Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As Flag Day approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voice. Find more comments or join the discussion online at hometownlife.com.

• In response to the story, "District pushes minority hiring plan:"

"Can we make sure that these new, diverse teachers at least speak understandable English? Was NOT impressed with the math teacher who's accent was so thick I couldn't understand a word she said during parent/teacher conferences. And I didn't have to sit in her class every day for a year. UNACCEPTABLE!!!!"

CarFreak

"where is the detailed list of "cues" for spotting Asian candidates? Names such as Chin or Singh? I have my suspicions, but since I don't know, I'll withhold comment." aarpeligible

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you thing Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig should have reversed the umpire's call and thus awarded Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga a perfect game last week?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"Yes. There has been precedent in the past by the commissioner overruling what has happened in the game."

Robert Truan Canton Township



"I'm not a sports fan. I think they probably did the right thing. I don't think he (Galarraga) should've gotten a free car."

Todd Vernard
Plymouth



"I don't follow baseball very much. ... I think the umpire should've been able to reverse his call. ... Bottom line, it's just a game."

Joe Brockman Willow, Mich.



"No. It's not precedent, and it would perhaps set a precedent. Feel sorry for him (Galarraga) and everything

else."

Tom Jones

LETTERS

Disgusted with Mosher

I can't tell you how disgusted I am to have witnessed Natalie Mosher's campaigning goons at the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.

Where does that star-struck with Obama, anti-military woman get the nerve to intrude on a reverent event meant to honor the sacrifices of the men and women of this nation? Is Mosher so calloused or full of herself that she could not see past her ego to be a little respectful?

She could be campaigning any other day but this clearly was not the place.

Having read her "glowing" piece on how meeting Barack Obama inspired her to run for office, I can only say that if that is the kind of person that you are impressed by I don't want you representing me. I am 85 years old and I fought for this country to give disrespectful slugs like Mosher the right to run for office. I am furious that she could not respect the service of those who fought before, along side and after me.

I pray that the likes of Natalie Mosher will never represent me.

Ed Bruzenski Plymouth

GOP should lead way

To a typical college student the party of "no" means no kegs, no beautiful people, no music, and no games. Hardly any fun at all, more like a Chinese checkers tournament hosted by the computer science department.

To this college student, the party of "no" in 2010 is the party of no health care reform, no infrastructure improvements, no bank regulation, no meaningful energy policy, no immigration fixes, no to domestic manufacturing, no Social Security reform, no imagination, no cooperation; this party is the Republican Party of 2010.

Our GOP has not always been the party of "Stonewall" Jackson, it was once the party of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. It was the party that said "yes" to freeing the slaves, preserving the union, equal voting rights, ensuring the safety of food and drugs, establishing national parks, and the Interstate Highway System.

Where did it become lost? Where did the quest for preservation of nature turn into its exploitation? Why did a Republican pioneer regulating food and drugs in 1906 but in 2010 the same party sees any expansion of regulation as an infringement on personal freedom?

Today's GOP needs to lead the way in protecting interests of all Americans, and never placing the desires of corporations ahead of the American citizen. Many corporations, such as Transocean, base skeletal operations overseas to skirt the U.S. tax code, necessitating those who live and work in this country to cover the shortfall for schools, fire departments and libraries.

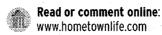
The party needs to show that a \$40 billion monthly trade deficit is not beneficial to this country, and that the simplest way to improve the imbalance is to get serious with China and Japan on trade practices.

Reliance on imported oil to fuel transpor-

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tation is another factor in the trade deficit, Republican support for improved public transit will provide more jobs to Americans and drill fewer oil wells in Saudi Arabia.

Another area where Republicans can lead the way is to reform Social Security. Eligibility for old-age benefits at age 62 is unreasonable in an age when people routinely live into their 90s and a 101-year-old man can run the London Marathon. Adjusting the eligibility age for old-age benefits would save billions of dollars from the federal government's single largest expense.

The path to success for Republicans going forward hinges on proving the GOP has a head on its shoulders and that it can "lead the way" instead of fastening an anchor to its belt and crying "take our country back."

Andrew Justus
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Not an entitlement Interesting article in this Sunday's Free

Press about the Detroit Police Mobile Strike Force and how they prowl the city for guns. These officers deserve every penny they make. Average DPD officer's salary – \$47,000. Average Plymouth Township officer salary – more than \$75,000! In 2008, Plymouth Township sergeants' wages ranged from \$87,000 to \$94,000, excluding benefits! Officers received \$75,000-\$83,000, excluding lavish benefits. Plymouth police pension – 80 percent of salary. Unheard of! Health benefits for life. Unbelievable.

The taxpayers who are paying our township employees have experienced, if still employed, 10- to 30-percent headcount reductions in their organizations, salary or wage and benefit reductions and loss of retiree health care and life insurance benefits.

The entitlement mentality needs to cease!

Robert Harr

Robert Harris Plymouth

Apologize to McCotter

Regarding a letter printed on May 13, written by Mitch Smith of Canton:

Governments need "oversight" in their programs, as was suggested by President G.W. Bush while in office, in regards to Fannie Mae. He was told it was unnecessary by (D) Barney Frank at that time and alas, Fannie Mae fell hard. They should leave private enterprise alone. Individuals have choices and ability to make them wisely.

Government employees cannot better determine health needs of individuals as per your comment on National Health Care. I disagree, as do my friends. I want a doctor of my choice and have her determine my medical needs. I don't want a doctor chosen for me, or to wait on a long list before I can be treated when I'm ill.

I don't understand where your information about the audacious premium increases comes from. I've had one of the top insurance premiums for many years with no raises. My youngest son chose an inexpensive insurer that he could afford. The rates were quite affordable.

Perhaps you imagine that the massive funds being paid into the health care program will be used to cut the deficit? That's pretty naive thinking considering our president spent trillions in a matter of months without a problem. Also considering the illegals that are pouring into our country have health care paid by our government via the taxpayers. Think about that for a few minutes.

Our government used our taxes to pay for indigent people to have health care (Medicaid) and then drained it dry for their own purpose, just as they took our Social Security paid in by us and intended for us. Now we're told it's almost gone. Since the government takeover of GM, my insurance co-pay has finally increased as have my monthly premiums. Not before – but after.

The \$787-billion stimulus law signed by President Obama created a Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness research in health care that some critics argue was a step toward rationing of health care in the United States. Sen. Pat Roberts commented "And if you read between the lines you will notice that for the first time ever the Obama White House is admitting that their health care plan will ration health care." Rationed health care and government czars equal death panels. If you were older, you might be more concerned with that information. Think about it since you will become older if you're lucky. Check it for yourself: www.cnsnews.com/news/article/66465.

I think you owe Thad McCotter a big apology. He is one of the very few in politics who actually works for the people. He is not on the big power grab at the expense of the citizens and the U.S.A. that is the trademark of this entire administration. Our government is supposed to work for the people. I have immense admiration for his efforts to do the job he's been elected to do.

Loral Orow Plymouth

Public can test-ride electric cars at Schoolcraft show

For many motorists, the dream of declaring independence from the pump is just that – a dream. They hear the hype about electric cars but they've never actually seen one, let alone ridden in one.

All of that is about to change with the second annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Rally & Show.

Members of the public can test-ride electric cars at the event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Event co-sponsors are the Michigan Electric Auto Association (MEAA) and the Schoolcraft College Electronic Technology program.

MEAA event organizers see this event as an important and fun way to raise awareness of

the general public about electric vehicles (EV),

More than 50 electric and hybrid vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from scooters to transport vans to pickup trucks, and of course passenger cars, are expected to be on display. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the cars up-close, talk to the owners, and go for a short ride in an electric vehicle with the owner driving.

"The MEAA attends a lot of green fairs during the year with our electric vehicles, but we felt that the static displays don't have the same effect as seeing the vehicles actually driving under their own power," said Larry Tuttle, the group's president.

The vehicles will include

those produced with EV kits, those that are gas cars converted to electric, and production models from major manu-

A 2010 Tesla roadster will meet one of its ancestors, a 1916 Detroit Electric on the rally track at Schoolcraft. Although the Tesla has a decided advantage as the second fastest production car manufactured, gas or electric, Jack Beatty's maroon Detroit Electric is a show stopper in its own right.

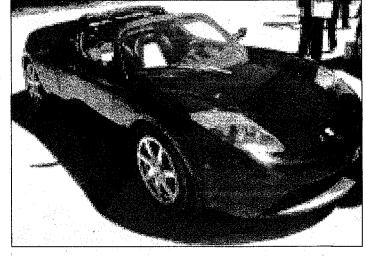
With almost 100 years between the two vehicles. there are similarities as well as differences. In 1910 there were as many electric vehicles as gas-powered vehicles on the road and which one would prevail was very much up in

In addition, there will be booths displaying new products and services for the EV market; a presentation on how to convert gas-powered cars to electric power; and information about Schoolcraft College programs that are related to the EV industry. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

MEAA President Larry Tuttle hopes that the event will begin to close the gap between what people are hearing and what they actually know about

More information on the event and the MEAA is available at www.michiganeaa.org.

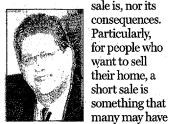
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Heed credit, other consequences of a short sale of home

've been hearing about and reading more about short sales. There are a fair number of people who have no idea what a short



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A short sale is where you sell your house for less than the outstanding mortgage. For example, if the outstanding mortgage is

\$150,000 and the home is sold

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like it or not.

for \$125,000 that is a short sale.

The key to a short sale is what happens to the difference between the outstanding mortgage and the sales price. In this example, the shortage is \$25,000 (\$150,000 less \$125,000). It would be nice if you could just ignore the shortfall but you can't. The individual who is purchasing the home wants a free and clear title and the only way to accomplish this is to make sure the underlying mortgage is discharged.

In a short sale, there are a couple of different ways to discharge the mortgage. The first is for the seller to pay the difference. Normally at closing a seller hopes to walk away with some money in their pocket. However, in today's

world it is not unusual for the seller to owe money at closing.

The other way to discharge the mortgage and the method that sellers prefer is for the mortgage company to discharge the mortgage at a discount. Sometimes the mortgage company will discharge the mortgage for the sale proceeds, other times it will partially discount the mortgage, requiring the seller to come up with some money at closing.

Studies show that a mortgage company nets more from a short sale than they would if the house had to be foreclosed upon. Therefore, mortgage companies would rather do a short sale than take a home back through foreclosure.

Obviously, in analyzing the

different ways to do a short sale most sellers would rather have the bank discharge their mortgage as opposed to having to come up with money at closing. However, there is a consequence when the bank discharges your mortgage. It will hurt your credit scores. Sometimes there are ways to reduce the effect on your credit scores, however, the reality of the situation is that if you are discharging a debt for less than the outstanding balance, it is a mark on your credit.

Another issue that a short seller has to take into consideration is how it impacts income taxes. If the mortgage being discharged at a discount is not someone's primary mortgage, the discounted amount (in this case \$25,000) is

included in taxable income.

If you are thinking about doing a short sale and you want the bank to discharge your mortgage for less than full value, the key is to get the mortgage company involved as soon as possible. You need the mortgage company's approval to do a short sale and the sooner the mortgage company is involved, the easier the process will be.

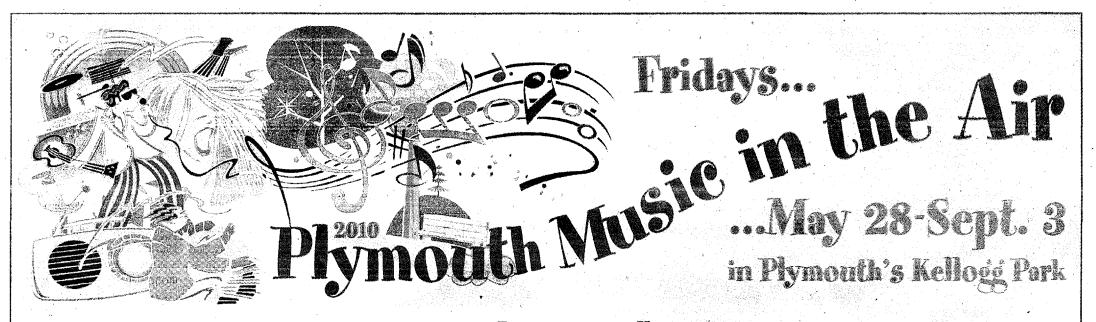
Some may ask: Can you do a short sale yourself or do you need the services of a professional? You can sell your house on your own and deal with the mortgage company but it is difficult.

If you are going to do a short sale, deal with a Realtor who has experience in this area. In addition, you should probably have

separate legal representation and that person should also have experience with short sales.

I'm sure many of you have heard the horror stories about dealing with the mortgage companies with regard to short sales. The mortgage companies are notorious for dragging their feet and making the process more difficult than it has to be. Dealing with a professional who has experience with short sales makes the process easier and faster.

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Justine Blazer

Friday, June 11 in Kellogg Park...Justine Blazer (country/rock)

Justine Blazer of Canton is a songwriter and musician performing at festivals, concerts and events throughout the Midwest. In the industry for over a decade, her live show can range from a solo performance, an acoustic duo, a trio, four-piece band and up. Blazer performed at the 25th, 26th and the 27th Annual WYCD Downtown Hoedowns, where she shared the same stage with many national acts such as Trisha Yearwood, Jewel and Gretchen Wilson. In 2007, Blazer earned three Detroit Music Award nominations for Outstanding Vocalist, Outstanding Songwriter and Outstanding Artist. In addition to the nominations, she won the Detroit Blues Challenge round four competition, earning her great respect the blues world. In 2008, she

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earned an additional Detroit Music Award nomination for "Country Album of the Year" and in 2009 she earned six more Detroit Music Award nominations.

Blazer released her full debut pop/rock album entitled "Passion in Me" in 2005. The CD includes her popular single of Nancy Sinatra's all time hit "These Boots are Made for Walking". Other previous releases include her debut single "Raining in the City" and her holiday album "Just A Justine Christmas."

Justine has also made numerous TV appearances and has been seen on ABC, ESPN, ESPN 2 and FOX networks. Entertaining has always been her passion. Born and raised in the metro Detroit area, she has always been involved in singing, dancing, songwriting and entertaining.

Justine's musical genre is very unique because it's country but mixed with blues, southern rock and "Motown" roots. Some of Justine's major influences are Joss Stone, Sheryl Crow, Faith Hill, Martina McBride and Shania Twain.

She owns her own company (La Blaze Entertainment), record label (La Blaze Records) and publishing company (La Blaze Music Publishing - BMI).

"Music is my true passion and I've definitely paid my dues," Blazer said. "It's been a long road developing my style and what I wanted to say within my songs. Taking the back roads on my career, I wanted to grow on my own and figure out what I had to say as an artist."

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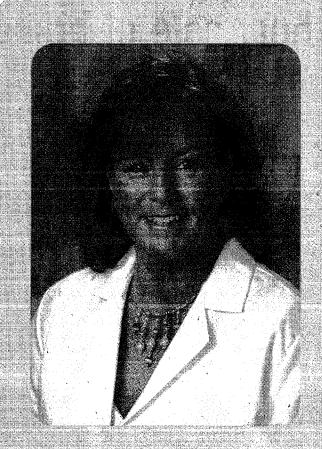


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2010 GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS

Chiefs roll on rainy night

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It was almost shocking to see the ball slip through the grasp of surehanded Canton junior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges on a rainy Tuesday

Bridges' rare misplay led to the game-tying goal by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Samantha Voss with about 20 minutes left in the second half of the girls soccer regional semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We all kind of stepped too high," said senior defender Alyssa Cottrell. "The ball got behind us, Kayla came out with a wet ball and anything can happen."

But all that did was crank up Canton's collective determination to get it back and senior. midfielder Christy Balewski indeed restored the Chiefs' lead about six minutes later following a disputed corner

Balewski's goal proved enough for state-ranked Canton (17-1-3) to earn a **Canton and Plymouth will** square off in D1 regional final, 6 p.m. Thursday at PCEP grass soccer field.

2-1 victory and advance to Thursday's 6 p.m. regional final against Plymouth.

"The corner came across from Lindsey Winters, someone hit it (in front) and it just dropped dead center," Balewski said. "I turned around, saw the corner of the goal open and put it in the corner.'

Winters actually had just taken another corner kick just moments earlier. That first try bounced out of bounds, apparently off a Canton player, and the referee called for a goal kick by the Pioneers. But the ref quickly changed his mind, ultimately resulting in the second corner kick that Balewski finished.

Despite the sequence that went against the Pioneers, they would not give up. With about 10 minutes to go, Olivia Clark's header of a Jennifer Fichera

corner kick drifted just over the crossbar.

SHUTTING THE DOOR

But the Chiefs, as they did most of the game, got busy getting after 50/50 balls and making sure trouble stayed away from their goal.

Balewski blocked a kick by Sam Waldrop and later in that sequence cleared the ball out of Canton's end of the pitch. "Christy Balewski is always

a solid player for us," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "She is that versatile where we can put her anywhere on the field and she'll be a bona fide threat, both attacking and she's a very solid defensive player."

Also staunch in their support of Bridges, as usual, were defenders Cottrell, Robyn Mack, Melanie Pickert, Traci Brietmeyer and others.

According to Tomasso, the team's response to an "uncharacteristic mistake" (it was only the seventh goal allowed all year by the Chiefs) under-

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Christy Balewski (No. 4) and Ann Arbor Pioneer's Samantha Waldrop.

Battling for the ball during Tuesday's regional semifinal are Canton's

This time, the Wildcats needed

110 minutes and PKs to get past Dearborn, 1-0, setting up Thursday's big regional final against Canton (6 p.m. at the PCEP grass soccer field).

PK encore

for 'Cats

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday brought another game,

another round of penalty kicks

and another victory - for

Plymouth's varsity girls soccer

"It's hard on the kids, but I've been doing this long enough where it doesn't get all that stressful on the coach," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, chuckling after Tuesday's regional semifinal win. "I wish we could have put that one away in regulation ... They (Pioneers) have heart, they played with a lot of desire."

Dearborn senior goalkeeper Samantha Wilson put up a wall all night, diving, jumping and

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Daring Wildcats prevail

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chances to score were like finding diamonds in the desert during Saturday's Division 1 softball district final between Salem and Plymouth.

But the Wildcats finally broke through with a run in the top of the eighth on an infield hit by senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski and the hustle of junior baserunner Jessica Bondy. That was all freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou needed as she outdueled Salem junior Briana Lee, 1-0, at Canton's Legacy Field.

Bondy — who reached on a bunt single and stole second — came home to score after Klonowski's one-hop smash

bounced away from Salem freshman

girl (Johnson) made a good dive to stop it but it rolled out of her mitt, nobody was there in position," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "That's a tough play. And Jessica Bondy is so fast and smart, I

Bondy (2-for-4) said she just relied on her softball instincts and it paid off.

'It's very exciting, exhilarating," said a

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Salem third baseman Megan Johnson and Plymouth baserunner Stacey Klonowski meet up during Saturday's district final.

SOFTBALL DISTRICTS

third baseman Megan Johnson.

"When Stacey hit that ball, that Salem knew she would make it.'

smiling Bondy about scoring the decid-.



Scoring an important early run in Saturday's district final against Livonia Stevenson is Canton senior Andrew Tidwell.

Canton keeps district streak alive

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Two of the top pitchers of the KLAA faced each other with Saturday's Division 1 district baseball championship on the line.

Canton senior lefthander Kevin Delapaz turned out to be a tad better than Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Sorenson and the Chiefs completed the tri-fecta. They won their third straight district - each time on a different Plymouth-Canton Educational Park field.

Although the final score was 11-1, most of the game played on Canton's baseball field was much closer. Only a nine-run seventh against four Stevenson pitchers (featuring a mammoth home run to right by junior Garrett Bryden) turned it into a blowout.

With the victory, the Chiefs (26-7) will face regional-host Novi at 10 a.m. Saturday. Walled Lake Central and Birmingham Brother Rice are slated for the other regional, at noon.

BASEBALL DISTRICTS

"It was a great battle," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield about the Delapaz-Sorenson duel. "Sorenson's one of the best around, we all know that. He threw a no-hitter this year, he's usually double digits in strikeouts.

"It was a heck of a battle, we scratched two runs out, one on a home run."

Chiefs' senior first baseman Joe Galanty swung at a high fastball and blasted a homer to left in the top of the second for the game's first run.

Canton added another in the second, with a double by sophomore Ryan Bazner the key hit.

That's how the game stayed until the Canton seventh, when the first two batters reached against the tiring Sorenson.

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scored the way the players "play for each other, they sacrifice for each other.'

'Combining that with the talent they have on the field creates that winning mentality," he said. "And they're doing a great job."

The Chiefs scored just 90 seconds or so after the match began. Following a corner

kick, sophomore forward Allyson Krause dribbled and sent a crossing pass over to sophomore midfielder Megan Trapp cutting in from the left flank. Trapp made no mistake, beating goalkeeper Kaitlyn

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CANTON 3, GARDEN CITY 0: The Chiefs scored two quick goals Saturday against Garden City and that sparked a 3-0 victory in the Division 1 district final at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Trapp scored off a corner kick less than two minutes into the first half and Jessikah McClendon took a feed from Trapp to add a marker about six minutes later.

Trapp tallied the only other goal in the second half, taking a through ball from Krause, getting free in the box and putting the ball inside the far

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Canton senior forward Jessikah McClendon tries to get past the defense of Ann Arbor Pioneer's Kimberly Borys during the regional semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass soccer field.

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scrambling to deny Plymouth at every turn.

Wilson stoned Plymouth senior midfielder Jessica Heck late in the first half, tipping a 20-yard shot just over the crossbar.

She later stymied junior forward McKenzie Hengesh and freshman midfielder Stephanie Dillon before really shining in the first OT. Wilson dove to deny a sharp-angle boot by freshman defender Morgan Klandunde and stopped a breakaway by the speedy, elusive Hengesh.

Also perfect was Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, although she wasn't tested nearly as often.

And just like last Thursday's district win over Northville, Williams was up to the task when the game got to penalty kicks.

Dearborn (16-8) did score first while Plymouth's initial shooter sailed her shot high.

Then Jessica Scott, Heck, Katelyn Moss and Jennifer Babcock all found the range on the Wildcats' following four PKs while Williams deflected Alyssa Hespen's shot to force a sudden death sixth penalty kick.

DO IT AGAIN

Good fortune smiled on Plymouth (13-4-4), because Wilson blocked Katie Krajewski's original kick briefly lifting Dearborn hopes for a subsequent winning kick.

But the referee intervened, ruling that Wilson moved early off the goal line. That gave "Katie K" another chance and she made no mistake.

Needing to score to keep the game going, the next kicker for Dearborn (actually goalie Wilson, who her coach said has a rocket for a shot) got under the ball and sent it over the top bar.

"To go into overtime and go into PKs added a lot of unnecessary stress at that point," Heck added. "But we worked hard and I'm glad Marissa had a great save and we shot relatively well through the rain and we were able to take care of business.'

Heck said she and her teammates are excited to face campus rival Canton in the regional final, with the Wildcats looking for their first-ever victory over the Chiefs.

"Canton's been a strong team all season," Heck said. "We've worked hard and gotten some lucky breaks our way so far in the tournament and now we just really got to all come together Thursday.

"We haven't beaten them in Plymouth history and it would be great to get them in a regional final."

Neschich said his team must play the kind of strong acrossthe-board defense it showed against Northville and Salem last week and Tuesday against Dearborn to have a chance.

"Definitely, without a doubt we'll need it (defense)," Neschich said. "They bring it."

DISTRICT FINAL

Meanwhile, the Wildcats defeated Salem 1-0 in Saturday's district final at Livonia Stevenson on an own goal credited to freshman Zoe Foster.

According to Salem head coach Joe Nora, whose team finished with a record of 11-6-3, the experience should help because much of the squad will return in 2011.

"It's unfortunate to lose a game on an own goal in overtime, but this in no way diminishes what this team accomplished this season," Nora said. "The girls have come a long way and got a taste of winning and losing in the playoffs.

This should no doubt help us next year. We have a lot of quality players returning and the leadership from seniors like Taylor Burgoon will be felt for years to come."



Heartbreaker halts Chiefs' march

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A play at home plate in the sixth inning of Saturday's Division 1 softball semifinal almost literally knocked Plymouth senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski out of the game against Canton.

Klonowski stole third and tried to score despite their being no outs in the frame when the catcher's throw sailed into shallow left field. The leftfielder threw home and catcher Jesse Larner slapped the tag on Klonowski for the

Not only did Klonowski get called out to keep the contest tied 1-1, it appeared she was seriously injured on the play.

But instead of having her outstanding prep career conclude on an injury, Klonowski (2-for-4) shook off the injury and returned to shortstop for the top of the seventh. She later singled and scored the winning run in the 11th on senior third baseman Amanda Burnard's clutch, two-out hit for a 3-2 victory.

With the win, the Wildcats spoiled the Canton postseason for the third year in a row.

They (Klonowski and Burnard) came through big time, talk about experience,' said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "That's what you need in these kind of games, that's what makes the difference, that's the turnaround.

'Stacey almost did it twice for us in this one game. She got knocked down at home plate and she was called out, got hurt pretty bad. But she bounced right back and look

what she did.' Burnard said she just wanted to put the ball in play against tough Canton senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy and enable Klonowski to score the winning run.

"I wasn't trying to put it anywhere specific," Burnard noted. "I wanted to just find a hole, get on base and hopefully score her, which we did, which was awesome."

Canton veteran head coach Jim Arnold said Burnard's hit was "just a Texas Leaguer that

dropped in there but that's part of the game. You hope the kids hits it so we can make a play, but that didn't happen."

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Chiefs (24-8) actually took a 2-1 lead in the top of the 11th thanks to implementation of the International Tie Breaker rule — which beginning in that frame automatically put a runner on second to start each half-inning.

For Canton, junior Lauren Leskovitz went out to second and she scored on a single to center by Larner, breaking the 1-1 tie that had stood since the

But Plymouth freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou escaped further damage by retiring the next two Chiefs and the 'Cats came up to bat in their half with sophomore Allison Raylean standing on second base.

She was bunted over to third and scored on a bang-bang play following a wild pitch to make it 2-2. Klonowski and Burnard then made sure the game did not continue into the

"That's about rushing the game, to get the game over, that's why they did the International Tie Breaker," Canfield said. "It's a MHSAA rule, however we just kind of found out about that rule today.

"Generally in a competition like this, you really don't get to the ninth, 10th, 11th. But I don't remember them ever implementing a rule like this, but I guess it's in the book. We had equal opportunity."

The International Tie Breaker "puts a whole lot of pressure on both teams," Arnold said. "Unfortunately, we didn't produce and they got the extra run."

Canton scored an unearned run in the top half of the first against Gerou, with junior shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer's groundout scoring the run.

The Wildcats bounced right back to make it 1-1 when Burnard (3-for-5, 2 RBI) singled sharply up the middle to plate freshman catcher Kayla Rebain, who doubled.

Plymouth threatened to break it open against Dunleavy, loading the bases with one out. Arnold came out to calm down his pitcher and she retired the next two batters with no damage.

Still, the Chiefs just could not get over the hump.

"I'm proud of her, I feel bad for her because she's a senior and it's her last game. But I thought she did an exceptionally good job in the circle tonight. She had good command of her pitches. ... She's one of the top pitchers to come out of Canton."

Sexauer and junior Sam Partain were offensive bright spots for the Chiefs with two hits each.

Earning the victory, her first of two Saturday at Legacy Field, was Plymouth's Gerou.

"She pitched a great game, she gave up eight hits in 11 innings," Canfield said. "With Canton they're a great hitting ballclub, having a freshman do that, ... she shut them down."

Rocks' Lee blanks Spartans

Salem junior pitcher Briana Lee gave up three singles and struck out eight as the Rocks earned a 2-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson in Saturday's first softball district semifinal at Canton.

Lee also made it happen at the plate for Salem. She laced a double over the centerfielder's head with one out in he fourth and courtesy runner Brianna Berberet scored on a single by sophomore Jennifer First, giving the Rocks a 1-0 edge.

A wild pitch, error and base hit by junior Kelli Janiczek brought home First for the second run.

"I just thought the girls came out ready to play today," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Getting the win the first game we knew was what we had to do to get in the championship (game).

"Bri pitched an outstanding game, we got some timely hits. I felt they wanted to get in the championship and that's what they did. I'm proud of them."

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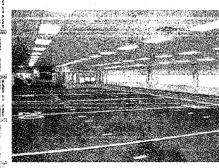
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U10	5:45-7:15 pm	5:45-7:15 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U11	4:30-5:45 pm	4:30-5:45 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U12	5:00-6:30 pm	5:00-6:30 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U13	10:00-11:30 am	10:00-11:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U14	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM
U15	6:00-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	2 TEAMS
U16	4:45-6:15 pm	4:45-6:15 pm	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U17	8:00-9:30 am	8:00-9:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U18	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM

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U15	10:00-11:30 am	10:00-11:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U16	10:00-11:30 am	10:00-11:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U17	noon-1:30 pm	noon-1:30 pm	Schoolcraft College	2 TEAMS
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ing run. "But a lot of times when you're running, you just forget about everything, just

keep on going."
So will the Wildcats, who take a 25-12 record into Saturday's D1 regional hosted by Novi.

The defeat ended Salem's fine season with a record of 24-12; the Rocks reached the district final with Lee's 2-0 shutout over Livonia Stevenson.

Plymouth defeated Canton 3-2 in 11 innings in the other semifinal.

"This is kind of a shame," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Our district (Plymouth-Canton schools) has three outstanding teams and any one of those teams could go to the regional in any other district.

"But they were fun games today, the girls enjoyed playing and it's just unfortunate that two teams out of our three here have to go home and only one advances on."

COOL AND CALM

Plymouth's Gerou finished a brilliant day of pitching with her 2-hitter against the Rocks - which followed 11 innings of work against Canton in which she gave up one earned run and seven hits.

"Nineteen innings, 51/2hours, that's what I have to say about Elaine Gerou," Canfield said. "That kid runs miles and miles every day, her stamina is strong, she's a go-getter.

"She puts everything into every pitch and that's what I think separates her from some ballplayers."

Gerou, who pitched out of trouble in the fifth and sev-

enth, took her big day in stride. "I have a nonchalant attitude about most things," she said. "I'm able to keep my cool real

She maintained her composure in the fifth when Salem courtesy runner Brianna Berberet (running for Lee, who walked) tried to score from second on a single by Kelli Janiczek. Plymouth junior left-



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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Getting set to let loose another pitch Saturday is Plymouth freshman Elaine Gerou, who defeated Canton and Salem in the districts.

fielder Lauren Smith fielded the ball and threw home to freshman catcher Kayla Rebain for the putout.

The Rocks threatened to score the winning run in the seventh, too. Alexis Powell walked and Sam Maksimovic singled. But Gerou coaxed Jennifer First into hitting into a fielder's choice to senior third baseman Amanda Burnard.

Plymouth then came through with the game's only run and Gerou retired the Rocks in 1-2-3 fashion in the bottom of the eighth to close out the victory and district

"It just seems that this tops it off," Canfield said. "Not only that (winning against both PCEP foes), we went into extra innings with both of them, so it made it great games, emotional games."

According to Southerland, Lee deserved a better fate.

"Bri pitched a great game, we just didn't hit today like we needed to do to win the game," she said. "But I'm proud of how they played. They came on strong at the end of the season, they strung 10 wins in a row which is outstanding.

"And I only have two seniors," so I'm basically going to have the core of my team back. I'm kind of looking forward to next year and I think the girls are, too."

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Loss doesn't dim bright future

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's safe to say one good era for Plymouth baseball ended with Saturday's 13-3 loss to Canton in the Division 1 dis-

But another one is just starting, and it's all good, according to Wildcats head coach Bryan

With a one-hit performance, the team's all-time leader in several key offensive categories — Matt Priebe — called it a career. But freshman outfielder Jamarl Eiland doubled, singled and showed the poise of a junior or senior in the contest.

Boyd knows stud outfielder/ pitcher Mike Nadratowski will be back in 2011, and so will excellent catcher Rich Guglielmi and starting pitcher Harrison Michels. Most of the

2010 starting lineup also will return, and the Wildcats (18-15) have some excellent young players coming up from the freshman and JV teams.

Hats off to Priebe, of course. "He's going to be a big loss, you don't replace a Matt Priebe," Boyd said. "He's the career leader at Plymouth in hits, home runs, RBIs, runs scored, ... but we've got some guys coming up (like Jamarl Eiland) that we feel are going to at least attempt to fill those

"We really like what we're building here, we really like what we're doing here and Plymouth baseball has a really bright future."

For the start of Saturday's opener against the district host Chiefs, Plymouth looked to have a really bright present, too. The Wildcats broke out to a 2-0 lead in the first, with

Eiland doubling and scoring on Nadratowski's groundout and Michels singling in

Plymouth tacked on a run in the second. Singles by junior Zach Yokom and Eiland and a walk to Guglielmi loaded the bases and Nadratowski's sacrifice fly made it 3-0.

But in the blink of an eye, the more-experienced, deeper Chiefs broke out the bats against Michels with four-run frames in the second and third to open up an insurmountable

"We hit our first drive right down the middle," Boyd said. "We came out with a lot of energy, our bench was fantastic, we made a couple big plays in that first inning.
"There was Phil Emminger

with a diving play, Jimmy May filling in at shortstop. But unfortunately, we couldn't get a break. My hat's off to coach (Mark) Blomshield and Canton, he's doing a great job over there."

Blomshield, whose team went on to defeat Livonia Stevenson 11-1 in the district final, said Plymouth's strong start did give his team a bit of a wake-up call. "The best thing that happened to us'today was getting punched in the face a little bit."

"We just told the kids, every team ends the year on a loss except one," Boyd added. "And part of becoming a man, becoming an adult is learning, not only how to deal with adversity, but learning how to deal with defeat — getting back up when you get knocked

"Our kids will, we're confident they will."

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Canton went on to scorch three relief pitchers, with a two-run double by junior catcher Seth Tschetter making it 6-0. Following that were run-scoring singles by Cody Blakita, Galanty and an RBI groundout.

Then, to put a capper on the proceedings, Bryden finished the surge with his towering home run that landed far behind the right field fence

onto the grass soccer field. "He (Sorenson) was getting tired, in the 80-pitch count range," Blomshield said. "Kevin was too, that's why we got him out of there (in the seventh). I told them we needed to try to scratch out another run and we ended up scratching out nine, so we were definitely happy about that. I wasn't anticipating that."

After the nine-run inning, Blomshield brought senior Ben Staley in to pitch the bottom of the seventh. The Spartans

finally scored, as junior Troy Bodtke singled home junior Evan Piechota.

"With the big inning we were able to pull him out and save him a little bit," Blomshield said.

According to veteran Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman, the Canton offensive explosion in the seventh didn't take away from how well the two starting pitchers went after it.

"The two runs he gave up early ... those were nonstrikes that they hit well," Berryman said. "He threw a pretty decent game, he only gave up four hits until the wheels fell off.

ance. Sorenson threw well. It was more like a 2-0, 3-0 and the rest just got ugly." Canton junior catcher Seth

"Give Delapaz his due. He

threw well, he kept us off bal-

Tschetter, who raked four hits in the Chiefs' 13-3 rout over Plymouth in the district opener, said getting the early runs boosted team confidence.

'With Joe's home run and Bazner's double, once they got those hits we knew we could

beat 'em," said Tschetter, who now will catch Delapaz in the regionals for the third year in

Tschetter said Delapaz was "hitting his spots great" against the Spartans and had excellent off-speed stuff.

Before the game, Blomshield pulled out the motivational card with Delapaz — not that he needed to.

"I gave him a pep talk before the game, 'Let's make it three in a row,' and he did," Blomshield said. "Kevin pitched the championship game three years in a row (with Tschetter his catcher)

and he won all three. "He's a big-game pitcher, that's why he's going to Bowling Green. He's got a good career in baseball ahead of him."

After the game, Delapaz said defeating Stevenson might have been the sweetest of all three district clinchers.

"It was special, our team really rallied together and played great defense behind me," Delapaz said. "It was a special game, getting three in a row ... I give all the props in the world to coach Blomshield for getting us ready for this

Stevenson's Berryman added that he is "very proud" of the Spartans for a highly competitive season.

"Anytime a team is 27-8 and works as hard as these guys do I can't complain," Berryman said. "They fought hard. Geez, I've got a team where I've got three freshmen playing, so this is a very good baseball team and we'll be very good again next year."

Earlier Saturday, Canton spotted Plymouth three early runs before cutting loose for back-to-back four-run frames in the second and third, sparking a 13-3 victory (six innings). Senior starting pitcher Drew

Tidwell pitched four innings, recovering after the early trouble, and collected the victory. Finishing up was Bazner.

For the Wildcats, junior starter Harrison Michels took the loss.

Meanwhile, Stevenson routed Salem 11-6 in the middle game of the day.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS O&A



Students at Davis Music Studios come largely from Plymouth, Canton and Northville

Guitar teacher strings together a lesson plan

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you

feature? Davis Music: I offer an exciting lessons program for learners of all ages and styles. My guitar lessons studio offers much more than the average lesson studio. Students of my studio participate in weekly 45 minute lessons, monthly ensemble classes and an "open to the public" semester concert. My students are taught personally by me (professional degreed certified teacher). I work closely with each student to customize lesson plans that fit their schedules and match the learning style of each student.

decided to open your business? Davis Music: After 11 years of music store lesson teaching experience, I decided to start a teaching studio on my own on Aug. 12, 1998. Seeing a need in the community for quality instruction, I opened my guitar teaching studio with the passion of developing talents to the highest of levels. It was my desire to create a program unlike any other in the Plymouth Canton area that includes; personalized

Observer: How did you first

performances. Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

experience and public

lesson plans, group ensemble

Davis Music: My heart is in the Plymouth area. Plymouth is where I picked up and learned to play the guitar. What's more, out of all the cities I've taught, Plymouth has had the greatest talent base I've seen!

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Davis Music: My guitar lessons studio is unique because it includes everything to create a well-rounded musician. In my teaching methodologies I consider the "whole" student by including private as well as group accountabilities. My lessons program is based on a semester style learning that includes; 45 minute lessons (instead of the typical 30) Curriculum based learning with personal goals set, monthly group ensemble classes and semester end concerts. What's more, as part of my business I make myself available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for further assistance outside of lesson time. Students of my studio



Jeff Davis opened Davis Music Studios in 1998.

are encouraged to contact me at any point in the week when needed for questions related to their lessons and performances Observer: How has it changed

since you opened?

Davis Music: When I opened my studio doors in 1998, I had 10 years private music teaching experience in local music stores. Starting modestly with five students in the back room of a recording studio, the dream began. As time went on, I took meticulous notes and began applying my education as certified school teacher. As the studio slowly grew I eventually moved into a much larger studio space and started applying a curriculum I had been writing. Over the period of five years, my curriculum developed into a program currently offered today which has produced students that have gone on to recording contracts and higher education.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit of story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Davis Music: Being a guitar teacher has its joys and sometimes they come disguised. There was a student that I had somewhere around 1995. He wasn't the best practicing student, but was a joy to see every week; mostly because of his sense of humor. After reminding him how he really needed to practice more, he always spoke about how his band was going to "make it big" one day and that he'd remember me. This student eventually ended up quitting his lessons and continued onwith his rock band. About 9 years later I got a call

DAVIS MUSIC STUDIOS

Business Name and Address: Davis Music Studios, 595 Forest, Suite 12-A, Plymouth Your Name and Title: Jeff Davis, president Your Hometown: Plymouth **Business Opened**: July 1998 Number of Employees: 1 Hours of Operation: Private guitar lessons, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Your Business Specialty: Private guitar lessons, all ages and styles

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from this student asking if I remembered him and telling me that his band was going to be on David Letterman later that evening. Of course, knowing that he was a bit of a prankster, I didn't believe him. To my surprise he was indeed on David Letterman and his band went on to have huge national success!

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Davis Music: The recent economy has caused me to think different about my business in a few ways. First, I am learning that I need to stay focused and not give into the negative: "It's a horrible economy out there." I am learning to stay positive. Second, I have learned that I need to stay focused on my clients' wants and needs by creating a program that is flexible for them financially while still creating a profit. Observer: Any other advice for other business owners?

Davis Music: My advice to other business owners is to continually ask yourself these three questions: Who are my customers? Why would they buy from me? How can I go the extra mile for my customer? There usually are no traffic jams on the road to the "extra mile." Observer: What's in store for the

future of your business?

Davis Music: Davis Guitar Studios' future goals include establishing a guitar program for local public schools; creating a mini-tour of performances for students around the Detroit area; and grow and add more teachers to the studio including drum, keyboard and vocal lessons.

CHAMBER CHAT

Barefoot fund-raiser

Barefoot Productions and La Bistecca Italian Grill are hosting a fund-raiser for Plymouth's live theatre group on June 13 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join them at La Bistecca for an afternoon of "All That Jazz," featuring hors d'oeuvres, live music, raffles, cash bar and much more! Tickets are \$35 per person by advanced reservations only. To purchase tickets, please visit www.justgobarefoot.com and click on the La Bistecca/ Barefoot event link, which will connect you to TicketLeap. For more information or to make a reservation by telephone, please call Barefoot's box office at 734/582-9688. The event will be held at La Bistecca located at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

Golf outing

Reservations to golf or to be a sponsor at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing are now being taken. The event takes place Monday, July 12, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Tee off is at 10 a.m.

The golfing package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free \$25 raffle ticket.

For more information about golfing or being a sponsor, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@ plymouthmich.org. Cancellations must be received by July 1, 2010.

Relay For Life

The 2010 Relay For Life of Plymouth will take place on June 12-13 at Central Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Katie Brennan at (248) 663-3436 or e-mail at Kathryn.Brennan@can-

Times columnist

At the Plymouth Chamber's June Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast the Chamber will feature Micheline Maynard, a New York Times Senior Business Correspondent who covers the auto and aviation industries. She lives and works for the Times in the Detroit area, which gives her an insider's perspective on this region. Her talk will provide valuable and interesting insights to the industry that drives our local business

She joined The Times staff in 2004 as a



Student scholars

Adam Harrison (left) of Plymouth High School, Gabrielle Meyer of Ladywood High School and BreAnn Martin of Salem High School, along with Canton High School's Samantha Chupa (not pictured), were honored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce with scholarships based on their volunteer community service. A variety of businesses provided funds for the scholarships, including Parker Hannifan, Rotary Club of Plymouth AM, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Ironwood Grill, 1999 Tayern, E.G. Nicks, Sean O'Callaghans, Pre-paid Legal, Canton Computers, Plymouth Wellness Center, Community Financial, Hilltop Golf Club, Huntington Learning Center, Catherine Maki-Insight Financial Group, Hair Masters, Brian Hanley-Edward Jones, Kris Mayer of Bank of Ann Arbor and Bodes.

reporter in Business Day, covering the airline industry. She was named Detroit bureau chief in October 2005, where she covered the automobile industry and national news. She became a business correspondent in 2008, overseeing the paper's coverage of aviation and automobiles. She also contributes regularly to the Culture and Dining sections. Her work has appeared in the Times since 2000.

She is the author of The End of Detroit: How the Big Three Lost Their Grip on the American Car Market, which was published in 2003. She has written three other books, the most recent of which is The Selling of the America Economy: How Foreign Companies Are Remaking the American Dream.

To attend, please RSVP to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. The breakfast will be June 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Independence Village and the cost is \$12. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Independence Village is located at 14707 Northville Rd. (South of Five Mile.)



BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovation awards

As part of the second annual entrepreneurial networking event of the region, "Mid-Michigan Innovators: Heading for the Big Leagues," the MidMichigan Innovation Center, and The Dow Chemical Company, more than 250 entrepreneurs, business and community leaders, and accredited investors came together May 27. Nearly 40 exhibitors showcased ideas and shared resources, and attendees heard insights from keynote speaker

Dwight Carlson, chairman and CEO of Coherix. Event host, MidMichigan Innovation Center, recognized four individuals with awards, including Diane Durance of Plymouth, executive director of Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest.

Said MMIC CEO Bill Moneypenny of the awards, "These individuals embody the spirit of entrepreneurship in how they do business, how they support and encourage others, and in how they are an inspiration to our region. We are thrilled to recognize and honor them."

ENTERTAINMENT

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Summer sounds

Concert series offer jazz, rock, big band and everything in between

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Music lovers will find an outdoor concert every week in most local communities this summer.

But in Canton, the tunes play daily for at least a portion of the June-August concert schedule.

The Wednesday series has brought performers into Canton neighborhoods for the past six summers and the Friday night jazz series, sponsored by Canton's **Downtown Development** Authority in partnership with Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, mixes culture and commerce in the business district along Ford Road.

The newest series, Groovin' Round the Globe, gives listeners a taste of world music, art and food on Mondays.

All of Canton's concerts, like those of other local communities, are free. Here's the schedule of upcoming performances:

Canton

Groovin' Round the Globe Cultural Arts Series runs every Monday in July at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and include music, an arts and crafts activity for children and ethnic food for purchase. July 5 features Nite Flight with Caribbean, Reggae and Calypso sounds. Los Bandits de Michigan perform Tex-Mex and Tejano, along with the Fantasia Ballet Folklorico Dancers, July 12. Rare Combination Band



Rare Combination performs during Canton's new global music series on July 19.

and the Quinn Irish Dance Troupe take the stage on July 19. Get ready to polka the evening away July 26 with Big Daddy & the La De Das.

Tuesdays are Terrific is aimed at elementary and preschool audiences from noon to 12:45 p.m. every other Tuesday, in the Heritage Park Amphitheater, on Heritage Park Drive, south of Cherry Hill and west of S. Canton Center. Free performances include Kelani's Interactive Polynesian Dance Party, June 29; The Amazing Clark's "Think Green" Show, July 13; Rosco The Clown, July 27; and Joe Chasney Magic & Juggling Comedy Show, Aug. 10. **Backyard Beats Concerts**

brings local bands to green spaces and parks in neighborhoods throughout Canton. The free concerts run 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays beginning June 23 in Fellows Creek. Other neighborhood concerts are Cobblestone Ridge, June 30; Cherry Hill Village, July 14; Tottenham, July 21; Royal Pointe West, July 28; Cherry Hill Orchard, Aug. 4; and Windsor Park, Aug. 11

An eclectic group of performers will play Thursday nights at the Heritage Park Amphitheater throughout the summer. The free concerts

run 7:30-9 p.m. and the concession area will be open for food and beverage sales. The Incredibles, a classic rock group, kicks off the series on June 17. Other performers are:

 The Randy Brock Group, blues/rock, June 24 • Big Will and the 360

Degree Band, pop, R&B, funk, July 1

• Stardusters, swing/jazz,

· Persuasion, the 2009 winners of the "Don't Change the Line-up" contest held during the summer concert series, July 15

· Arizona Son & Devin Scillian, country, July 22

· American Legend, a tribute band, July 29
• Rick Lieder's Marley-

Ritaville Band, Aug. 5

The Downtown Development

Color Tour live summer jazz series in partnership with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services. The free concerts start at 7 p.m. Friday in parking lots at various businesses in the color blocks along Ford Road in Canton. July 9: Kimmie Horne Show kicks off the series July 9 at Centre Village in the yellow district. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to these other per-

• Terrance Palmer, New Towne Center (Kohls), purple district, July 16;

• John E. Lawrence, Lowe's,

green district, July 23 · Kris Johnson, J.C. Penney,

green district, July 30 • Gerard Gibbs, Willow

Creek, blue district, Aug. 6 • Randy Scott, IKEA, blue district, Aug. 13

• Thornetta Davis, Sam's Club, orange district, Aug. 20 • Chris Codish, Home Depot, orange district, Aug. 27

Farmington/Farmington Hills

Take your pick of Friday night concerts in Riley Park, in Farmington or Thursday night concerts in Heritage Park, in Farmington Hills.

Rhythmz in Riley Park, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield, runs 7-8:30 p.m. June 11-Aug. 27, in the Sundquist Pavilion in the park. The rain location is the First United Methodist Church. across Grand River Ave. Annabelle Road, a "must" for fans of Rascal Flatts, Carrie Underwood and Sugarland, kicks off the series on June 11. Other concerts are:

• The BackBeats, a Beatlesstyle show, June 18

• Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, rockabilly clas-

sics and Americana, June 25

infused pop and rock, July 2 · Catfish Mafia, bluegrass with a blend of Motown, rock and country, July 9

· Caribbean Blue Band, island sounds of Jimmy Buffett, classic rock and originals, July 23

• Swing City Big Band, 18piece big band sound, July 30

• The Luddites, 11-piece band with big bombastic sound, Aug. 6

• The Kreellers, Celtic rock, Aug. 13

• Bones Maki & The Treble-Aires, rockabilly, Americana,

blues and swing, Aug. 20 · Hullaballoo, ska, funk and jazz, Aug. 27

For more information call the Downtown Farmington **Development Authority at** (248) 473-7276.

Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffet-style tribute band kicks off the Daimler Financial's Stars in the Park concert series on June 17 in Heritage Park, located at 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. All concerts are free and start at 7 p.m. Thursdays. The concert rainout site is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Other concerts in the series are: • Farmington Community Band, June 24

 Rock & Soul, with oldies and pop, July 8

• Jeremy Kittel, Celtic, country, jazz violinist, July 22

 Farmington Community Big Band with jazz standards and vocals, July 29 · Austin Scott, with rock-

influenced country, Aug. 5 • Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 12

• Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 19 For more information about the free summer concert series, call the Cultural Arts Division





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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of

paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly of applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

www.ssdfighter.com

Barefoot Productions rolls out summer improv series

Barefoot Productions will debut a new summer improv series, Barefoot Laffs, at 8 p.m., June 19, in its performance space at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

Patterned after the television show, Whose Line Is It Anyway?, Barefoot Laffs will feature a new improv group each month through August. Improv troupes will take spontaneous audience suggestions and pair them with quick wit, sharp humor and zaniness to keep patrons roaring.

· "We're hot off our fourth and best season to-date." stated Craig A. Hane, Barefoot Productions' artistic director. "We recently hosted a variety show fund-raiser, featuring an array of musical acts, improv, skits and more. It was met with such enthusiasm and great reviews that we wanted it to continue. We realized an improv series was a novel idea for Plymouth — the first of its kind — and perfect for the summer months when we're readying the building for our new season."

The June 19 Barefoot Laffs, sponsored by Compari's On the

Park and Fiamma Grille, features "Strangers in the Alps," a four-man improv group that has performed in Royal Oak and Ferndale. Canton brothers Matt and Tim Majzlik are no strangers to the Barefoot stage, having acted in The Good Doctor and other shows. They are joined by fellow Canton residents Paul Schimmel and Brett Thurmond. Emceed by Hane, the improv nights require no advance reservations, but seats are limited. The \$10 ticket includes complimentary refreshments provided by Barefoot.

Future Barefoot Laffs dates are July 17 and August 21 with more headliner improv acts and sponsors.

Barefoot's formal fifth season opens in October. It will include the psychological thriller, Mindgame, a narrative reading of A Christmas Carol, the British farce Black Comedy and contemporary comedy/drama, Lips Together, Teeth Apart.

Barefoot also plans to launch its "After Hours" theatre this summer, showcasing more mature content theatre. During the summer season, Barefoot Productions will also be busy renovating its theatre, having just signed a five-year lease for its performance space at the Walker-Buzenberg Building.

"We're thrilled to call the Walker-Buzenberg Building home for the next five years, Hane stated. "It's been our dream to be Plymouth's permanent resident theatre company and thanks to the generosity of the building's owner, Karen Knopper, and the continued. patronage of our audiences, it's now a reality. We're committed to bringing Plymouth and its surrounding communities the best in theatrical and special performing arts events."

Among the improvements slated for this summer are new flooring, carpentry projects, painting and more. Barefoot asks anyone who has the time, energy and interest to consider lending hand to these special projects.

For more information about **Barefoot Productions, its** shows, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www. justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.



Canton brothers Matt (left) and Tim Majzlik of the improv troupe, 'Strangers in the Alps' headline the Barefoot Laffs show on June 19.

Irish music party benefits crime victim

The Gaelic League of Detroit Ceili dancing lessons. Food will present a night of music and dance on June 19, to help Natasha McShane, an Irish exchange student living in Chicago, Ill., who was robbed and brutally beaten about the head with a baseball bat in April. McShane was left in a coma with severe head trauma, and has a long recovery ahead

Entertainment will be provided by the Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, the O'Hare School of Irish Dance, and a host of local Irish fiddlers, pipers, harpists, songsters and bards. More fun will follow with Irish set dancing and

and cash bar will be available all night. The party begins at 5 p.m., at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Mick Gavin of Redford is among the local chairpersons of the event, which has been organized in association with the Natasha McShane Fund, chaired by Irish tenor Paddy Homan of Chicago.

Donations can be made in person, online at helpnatasha. net, or mailed to: The Gaelic League of Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216; Attn: Kathleen O'Neil. Make checks payable to The Natasha McShane Fund.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY **SCHOOLS** NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Basic Life/AD&D Insurance (current inforce coverage), Long Term Disability (current inforce coverage), Voluntary Short Term Disability, and Voluntary Long Term Disability. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Chris Keller at (248) 502-1125. Technical questions should also be directed to Chris Keller. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center (Attn: Raquel Hunter – Life/Disability Proposal Bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 10:00 a.m., EST, Friday, June 25, 2010 where they will be opened and publicly read. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide HVAC Air Filters. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Raquel Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, Monday, June14, 2010 to the E.J McClendon Educational Center (attn: District-Wide HVAC Air Filter bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, where they will be opened and publicly read. The Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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JUNE 10-16

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, June 12 Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield,

Details: Rabbi Steven Rubenstein will lead Bet Midrash as a part of the Shabbat morning services that

Contact: (248) 851-6880 or e-mail ravsteven@cbahm.org

will begin at 9 a.m.

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 12foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church Contact: (313) 541-0396 or (313)

St. Anne Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June

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21-25 Location: 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia

Details: Children completing kindergarten through 6th grade may attend the Good News Day Camp. Games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature, Bible stories, water play, and more are planned. Registration fees are \$60 per child and includes a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Monday, June 14.

Contact: Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail judy@emmanuellivonia.org

Garden City Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 5-9 p.m., Friday, June

Location: On Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

Details: Strawberry Festival offers strawberries, ice cream, choice of cake and beverage (combo) for \$4 or order ala carte. Other activities include children's games, a bake sale, spring craft boutique featuring jewelry, garden ornaments, sun catchers, sun visors and many other unique and beautiful items. Proceeds help to fund the church's

mission work. Contact: (734) 421-7620 Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., June 19 Location: 30149 Ford Road, Garden

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting Contact: (734) 513-9479

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, June

Location: at 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Details: Fine Arts Camp for chil-

dren entering 2nd grade-6th grade. Registration fee is \$35 per child and \$25 for each additional child in the family; includes a camp T-shirt and snack. Space is limited.

Contact: Register by calling (248) 553-3380

JUNE 24-30

Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., June

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

(734) 404-2480 Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Time/Date: 1-7 p.m., Monday, June

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia **Details**: The Southeastern Michigan Bloodmobile will be at the church in an effort to help meet the needs of hospital patients in the five-county area. If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in general good health you are eligible to donate. Bring identification with you. All blood types are needed. Walk-ins are welcome make an appointment Contact: Call (734) 513-5067 to

make appointment **Timothy Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 25 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,. Saturday, June 26 Location: 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: Rummage sale with a bag

paper bags \$2. Contact: Jean Coleman at (734) 422-8855

sale on Saturday. Plastic bags \$1,

JULY 1-7

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. July 3, 10, 17 and 24

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Back to the Sources," lunch and study series will explore the world of Rabbinic text, including Torah commentaries, Talmud, Midrash, and Aggadah. Each session will be self-contained and can be attended separately. To help plan for food and seating and ensure enough copies of study materials for Back to the Sources, advance registration is requested. However, walk-ins will be accommodated

Contact: (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org

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 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

jcook59@att.net.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia **Details**: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and

years of painful emotions Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@

energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615 Our Lady of Loretto **Time/Date**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discus-

sion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month **Location**: 11441 Hubbard, just south

of Plymouth Road, in Livonia **Details**: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455 **Seeds of Mercy Mission Home** Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-

Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Clothing bank **Canton Christian Fellowship**

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday -Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley

and Haggerty **Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship

Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.

CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first

online at hometownlife.com

Thursday of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford **Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, pro-

vides the meals Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

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Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd.,

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734)

270-2528 Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Livonia **Details**: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through

kindergartners Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago Road,

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moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City **Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

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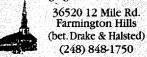
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Comedies, dramas and musicals will be considered. Canton's 1st One-Act Festival will take place January 21-23, 2011 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC is looking for original plays and musicals that will run 15-60 minutes. Preference will be given to 30-45 minutes shows. Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed, however, no children shows will be considered. For a list of guidelines and for information on the judging process go to www.TLCprod.word-

In October, semi-finalists will be notified via telephone and e-mail. In October, TLC will present dramatic readings of the semi-finalists' scripts. Selected shows for the One-Act Festival will be announced online at www.tlcprod. wordpress.com by October 31. In November, there will be auditions for the selected plays.

Playwrights can request to direct their own show if show is selected or TLC Productions will appoint a director. Preference will be given to aspiring directors

All rehearsal space is provided by The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at no charge. A production team from TLC Productions will provide support and supervision. Rehearsals at The Village Theater are required. A limited budget for each show to be provided, along with joint printed programs, technical support (lights/ sound/stage management) and a pianist for musicals. No remuneration for actors or production team members available.

The One-Act Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities offfered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

For more information, e-mail to tleproductions@wowway.com or visit www.tlcprod.wordpress.com.

Local theater sets auditions for actors older than age 50

If you're older than 50 and love acting, head for audi-

The Spotlight still Got it Players is looking for cast members for its production of Larceny and Old Lace this

Auditions will run from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.,

The troupe is looking for backstage crew such as sound, lights, props, and costumes, in

Debbie Lannen, director, says audiences of all ages will enjoy Larceny and Old Lace, which she describes as a "clever and well-crafted spoof."

Suite 160 Digital Studios

plans an open casting call for

a 30-minute, children's televi-

sion sitcom pilot and a series

The open casting call is for

lead players, day players, and

extras. Those attending the

cold reading and must be

Actors can be older if they

have a look that represents

The casting call is being

coordinated by Kathy McKee

that specific age group.

call will be asked to do some

able to dance and be athletic.

Character age range is 14-18.

of safety videos.

Peabody's sweet aunts, Millie and Gertie, who are away in Las Vegas, while Harold stays at their home to watch over his eccentric Uncle Charlie. Uncle Charlie thinks he is a pirate and is constantly "burying treasure" in the basement. When Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he figures that Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. But Aunt Millie and Aunt Gertie can't imagine doing such a thing. Mix in Harold's jailbird cousin Mordred who shows up with his own bundle of money and the pandemonium multiplies.

Youth sought for television pilot

grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform. They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'never stop, you can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active," Lannen said. "Seniors are a unique group to direct. They bring so much enthusiasm to every rehearsal. They bring their life experiences and help in developing well rounded characters.

Performances are set for

Lannen at (248) 739-0987. Visit: www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Click on Still Got It Players.

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at -(734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia Details: Parish prayer and **Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction** service follows. (734) 261-1455

Sinales First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45

p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville **Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399 **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian** Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville **Details:** Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle **Congregation Beth Ahm** Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.,

every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew. Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail

nancyellen879@att.net.

Support **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244 **Farmington Hills Baptist Church** Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile **Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson

Support Group Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted **Contact**: www.metrofibrogroup.

com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

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PETER JOSEPH AHRENS Died peacefully on June 4, 2010. He was born on March 10,1928, in Germantown, Pennsylvania to Don and Lucile Ahrens. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, received his undergraduate degree, with honors, in English Literature in 1949 from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN and an MBA from Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. in 1951. He also Lieutenant ii United States Air Force from 1952-1953. Peter married Margo Anderson on June 21,1952 while working for the General Motors Corporation, Motors Holding Division, as a branch manager and fived in 12 locations across the United States, From Dallas, Texas they moved to Madison, when, in 1962, he established Ahrens Cadillac and Oldsmobile in the former Pyramid Motors on Gilman Street. Shortly thereafter Peter built the first automobile dealership on the West Beltline and led a successful business until his retirement in 2002. His son D.J. continued the dealership until 2004. Peter was also very involved with the Madison business community and served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the YMCA, United Bank, Little Brothers Home for Troubled Youth, Wm. F. Buckley's National Review, Madison Charity Horse Show, Non-Profit Capital Campaign and Apostolate to the Handicapped. Peter was greatly loved and admired by all who knew him. His hobbies were many and included golf, WWII History and international travel. He was preceded in death by his sister Gay Byrnes and is survived by his beloved wife Margo Anderson Ahrens, brother John Jeffery, sisters Sara Jane Ahrens and Sr. Louise Ahrens, M.M. He is further survived by his children. Catherine (Gary) Edge, Peter Martin Ahrens, Amanda (Bruce) Meier, Matthew (Deborah) Ahrens, D.J. Ahrens, Justin Ahrens, Adam Ahrens and his grandchildren, Matthew Alexander Ahrens, Austin, Jordan and Max Meier, Alexandria and Anna Ahrens, as well as 6 step grandchildren and many nieces and nephews Peter was active in his Catholic faith and served as Eucharistic Minister and Commentator at St. James Church for many years. His faith was ever present

HAZEL ASHWORTH

Brightstar Caregivers.

Beloved wife of the late Bob Ashworth. Dear mother of Rob and

in his life. A visitation will be held on

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Joyce-

Ryan Funeral Home, 5701 Odana

Road, Madison WI from 3:00 PM to

7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will

be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010,

at 10:30 AM at St. James Catholic

Church, 1128 St. James Court. Private

burial services will be held at a later

date. In lieu of flowers the family sug-

gests memorials to the following:

Apostolate to the Handicapped, PO

Box 443, Monroe, WI, 53566 or St.

Mary's Hospital Foundation, 700 S. Park Street, Madison, WI 53715.

Lastly, we would like to express deep

appreciation to Dr. Patrick McKenna,

Michelle and Sr. Sandra Schmitz, O.P,

of the St. Mary's Hospital MICU for

their compassionate care of Peter and

the family, as well as to Shaina of

PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



LOUISE ANNA (SHOEMAKER) **BAUR-HECK**

Passed away on June 4, 2010, at Hospice House of Cheboygan. Louise was born on August 27, 1920, in Boston Massachusetts to Andrew and Mary (Siliber) Shoemaker. On June 1, 1940, she married Andrew Baur, who preceded her in death in January, 1989. On November 5, 1994, she married Richard Heck, who passed away in June, 2009. Also preceding her in death were her parents, her sister Alfrieda and husband Charles George and several sisters and brothers-in-law She is survived by her children Dianna Baur of Winter Park, FL, Marilee (Bernard) Lillie of Cheboygan, MI, (Roger) Richardson Longwood, FL, Andrew (Marie) Baur of Livonia, MI. Stepchildren Jean (John) Baumert of Bloomington, IN, Nancy Heck of Winnabow, NC, Keith (Cheryl) Heck of Racine, WI. Also, 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews who all loved her dearly. Louise and her family moved to the Detroit area in the early 1920's eventually settling in Livonia. She graduated from Farmington High chool and went on to cosmetology school. After marrying Andrew they made their home in Livonia for nearly 50 years where they raised their fami-For many years Louise was a Girl out leader as each of her daughters went through the ranks. She was also very active in her church, St Paul 's Lutheran Church in Farmington, MI. Louise retired from the Clarenceville school district where she was a cook and baker. Louise loved decorating cakes and usually gave them as gifts to the lucky family member or friend celebrating a wedding, birthday, confir mation, retirement or any other special occasion. She loved cooking for company. If she knew what your favorite pie was she most likely had it made for you when you arrived for dinner. Louise also loved gardening. She was most generous in sharing her bounty, whether it was her flowers or vegetables. After visiting Louise you would probably leave with a bag of fresh produce or a jar of fresh packed pickles, tomatoes, jelly or jam. Along with her many talents, Louise painted beautiful flower scenes on pieces of china. Other hobbies she had included embroidering and knitting. Having her grandchildren around was an important part of her life, along with visits with all of her nieces, nephews and extended family. She loved spending time with them as much as they enjoyed being with her. She loved traveling. She went to Europe several times to visit family and saw a lot of the United States. After marrying Richard, they spent half the year in Cheboygan and half in Cocoa, FL. They also traveled to Europe together to visit relatives on both sides of their families. A funeral service will be held Monday, June 14th, at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home in Livonia, Michigan, Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. with a service at 11:30 A.M. She will be laid

LORRAINE J. BUSH Age 77, of Farmington Hills, MI,

to rest in Glen Eden Cemetery in

Livonia. Luncheon following at Corsi's Banquet Center, Livonia. Per

Louise's wishes, please send memori-

als to Cheboygan Hospice House/Vital

Care at 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI

passed away June 6, 2010. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

RABBI MARTIN D. **GORDON**

Age 73, of Gloversville, NY died, 2010. Arrangements by Walrath & Stewart Funeral Home, Gloversville, NY. Visit the online guest book at www.brbsfuneral.com

DORIE J McCOLL (Little Bit) July 29, 1958 - June 6, 2010 Loved by children Brian,

Candy & Tony, Grandchildren Harmony, Christian, Billy and Amaya. Dearest daughter of Joan Gardner and Jim McDowell. Cherished sister of Sis (Larry), Sherry, Kathy (Gary), Merri Lou, Dawn, Wayne, Bill and Kenny. Aunt to many nieces and nephews Dearly loved her companion Jeff. Dorie will stay forever in our hearts.



JUSTINE FLORENCE MULLETT

Age 76, June 7, 2010 of Garden City a graduate of St. Leo High School and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Madonna University. Beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Donald W Wendy), Michele (Wayne) Woodard Margaret (Charles) Henry, John (Diane), Joseph, Marilyn (John) Estrada and Justine (Ron) Pummill Sister of Patrick (Helen) Brown Survived by 33 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, and 9-9:30 am Thursday Raphael Catholic Church 31530 Beechwood, Garden City followed by a funeral mass at 9:30 am Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com.

PEGGY MACDONELL TOOMEY

June 6, 2010, Age 85 of Boca Raton Florida formerly of Farmington, Michigan. Preceded in death by husband Jack Toomey and son Terry Toomey, Survivors include Linds (George) Todd of Millis, MA, Paul Foomey of Coconut Creek, FL., Jayne Foomey Henderson of Jupiter, FL Gregg (Clara) Toomey of Ft. Myers, FL, Leigh (Paul) Peterson of Knoxville, TN and Patrick Toomey of Boca Raton, FL. Eleven grandchildren. Visitation was at Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Wednesday 6-9 PM. Instate Thursday 10 AM until funeral liturgy at 10:30 AM at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI. Contributions can be made to Kids Cancer Foundation, 13833 Wellington Trace Suite E4-137, Wellington, FL 33414 in memory of Peggy Toomey. www.kidscancersf.org

(561-371-1298) Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



casting.com or the Michigan

Casting and will be held 2-6 p.m., Saturday, June 12, at Casting Motor City Studio, 27310 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. For more information on the casting call, visit www.kathymckeeFilm Office Web site at www. michiganfilmoffice.org. The studio's goal for the

children's TV series is to motivate, inspire, encourage and develop self-esteem, as well as character with today's youth through positive songs and situational skits. The live-action sitcom will feature a children's group called The Rap Katz, which was developed by Mitzi A. Davis, a teacher in Detroit's inner city.

Davis has worked with many children that often look for love and heroes in all the wrong places. Some of her students know rap song lyrics better than they are able to read.

Because what they don't realize is that rap is a form of language arts, were we learn how to write poems, rhymes, and verses," Davis stated. "Use the students' strengths and implement the teachers' content, and if the students need to rap to become better readers, then let's rap on!" The Rap Katz featured

characters are KC-Jaguar, AJ-Panther, Tasha-Cougar, and Zeke-Tiger. An interactive Web site is being developed in conjunction with the television series and will be launched this fall.

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For more information on Suite 160 Digital Studios, contact Derrick Davis at (248) 327-3012 or info@suite160digital.com, or visit http:// suite160digital.com.

GET OUT

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through June 12 Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth **Details:** "From Women to Little Girls" portrait exhibit Coming up: "Inner Worlds & Animals"

paintings by Charles Aimone and sculpture by Joan Painter Jones, June 18-July 31 Contact: (734) 420-0775

Downtown Northville Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26

Location: Streets of downtown Northville **Details**: "Art in the Sun," with more than 75 artists selling their works.

and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 27

Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Time/Date: Through June 27; gallery hours 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "West of Center," contemporary annual all media show features works by more than 60 artists Also on display: Photos by Northville dentist William S. Demray, through June 24 Contact: (248) 344-0497

AUDITIONS

8th Wonder Theatre

Time/Date: Open call, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in Canton.

Details: Auditions for "Blackwater Ballad" and "Phantom." Both are musicals. Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections that are contemporary - musical theatre or pop – and include a ballad and up-tempo piece. Participants may sing songs from the shows. Neither a Capella nor karaoke auditions are permitted. Everyone must have sheet music, and must sing with the accompanist at the piano. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience, including Broadway veterans, and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University Contact: Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316 or e-mail him at ryan.

COMEDY

Go Comedy! Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www. gocomedy.net

lewis@8thwondertheatre.com

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www. ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Butch Bradley, through June 12; Kevin Bozeman, June 16-19; comedy festival June 23-26, June 30-July 1 and July 7-10; Bill Bushart, July 14-17; Greg Lausch, July 21-24; BT, July 28-31

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Karen Rontowski, June 10-12; The Showoff Show, June 17-19; Dave Coulier, June 24-26; Lars Callieou, July 1-3; Steve Bills, July 8-10; Heywood Banks, July 15-17; Greechy Guy, July 22-24; L.A. Hardy; July 29-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.com-

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Carole, Grandmother of Katie: Memorials to Gaylord Kiwanis Club C/O Nelson Funeral Home,

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Patrons eat and lend a helping hand at St. Anthony event

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

It was only natural that the Rugiero family began a fundraising event at their restaurants 18 years ago in honor of St. Anthony.

Anthony and Rita grew up in Italy hearing about the saint as Catholics. They later passed their strong faith and beliefs to their children.

On June 14, the family will hold a day-long celebration in honor of the feast of St. Anthony (of Padua) at their Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants in Canton, Farmington Hills, and Dearborn Heights.

There is no charge for the special lunch buffet of pastas, pizza, and authentic Italian dishes, guests are asked to donate what they can. Proceeds from this annual event are distributed to charitable causes in the community.

Selected charities this year are the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Team in Training (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) and Shades of Pink.

Supporters also can order off of the regular menu knowing a portion of the proceeds help feed the hungry, research blood cancers, and support breast cancer survivors too.

Anthony Rugiero, Jr., better known as Antonio to family and customers, is enthusiastic about keeping up the tradition of the feast day event started by his mother and late father. The family has a long history of giving back. Today Rita Rugiero and sons Anthony Jr., Patrick, Mark, and Robert not only continue to serve authentic Italian food, they also support the community.



Rita Rugiero and son Anthony Rugiero hope to help out on the Feast of Saint Anthony.

story of opening their second restaurant 18 years ago. Since then they have donated money to PIME Missionaries (the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions,) diabetes research at University of Michigan, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the family of a young girl

killed while riding her bike. "In the Gubbio area St. Anthony is someone many families pray to, to watch over them or because they're in need of shelter or food," said Anthony Rugiero, Jr. "It's always been part of our lives. Mom and dad started with Roman Village on Dix in 1964. From there we had the opportunity to open in Dearborn Heights and called it Antonio's

Usually observed June 13, the date of the St. Anthony event changes so as not to fall on a weekend. That first year the decision was made to serve a buffet.

"We asked if customers had money to leave a donation," said Rugiero. "We had a statue of St. Anthony and a big glass bowl or if they didn't have the money, to eat and go. It was very nice. You sometimes do things and it comes back tenfold. It's a promise we made to

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At Christmas, the Rugieros bring in Santa and live reindeer for Toys for Tots. On May 13, they held a fund-raiser

board. The list of charitable activities goes on.

In honor of Patrick their father, Anthony, Márco and Robert established the Antonio Rugiero Sr. Diabetes Research Fund at the University of Michigan and annually hold a benefit.

Brother Jerry Smith of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen appreciates the generosity of the family. On June 14, friars will be hand at all the restaurants to answer questions about the soup kitchen founded in 1929. The money raised on June 14 goes into a general fund to buy food for the two soup kitchens, food pantry, and programs that provide tutoring for children and fresh produce for families through the Earthworks Urban Farm.



Antonio's is a landmark restaurant in Canton.

"Earthworks ensures the availability of good fresh food in the community, "said Smith, executive director of the soup kitchen. "Besides growing foods and advocating for better food availability, we teach them to grow their own food, composting, how to plant. The idea is to train people for jobs in the urban farming developing in Detroit. We're tying to teach them to feed themselves."

Smith feels a special bond with the event.

"St. Anthony is a Franciscan saint, keeping in line with our Franciscan tradition which has always been to work with poor people, hungry people, "Smith said. "We have a history of walking with common ordinary

MARATHON FOR CHARITY

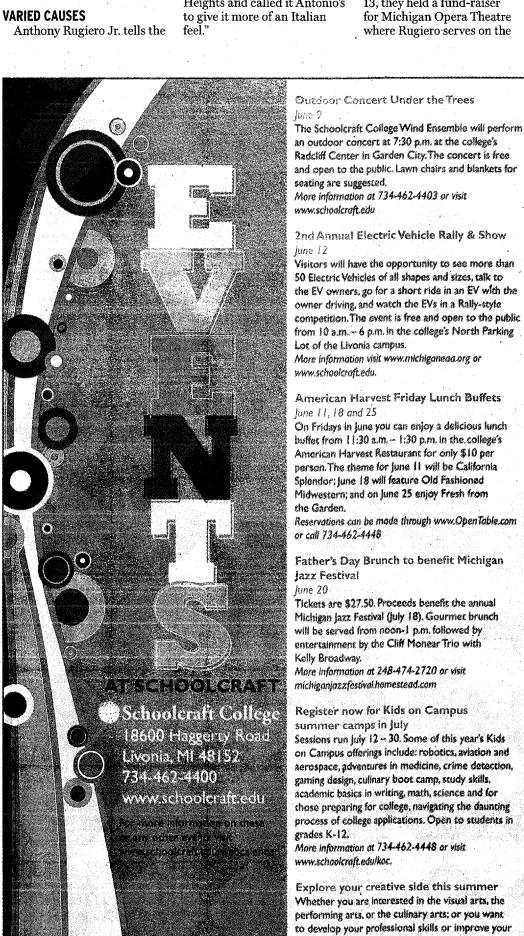
Gino Bitonti is grateful to the Rugieros as well. He's competing in a half-marathon in Traverse City and needs to raise \$1,600 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team

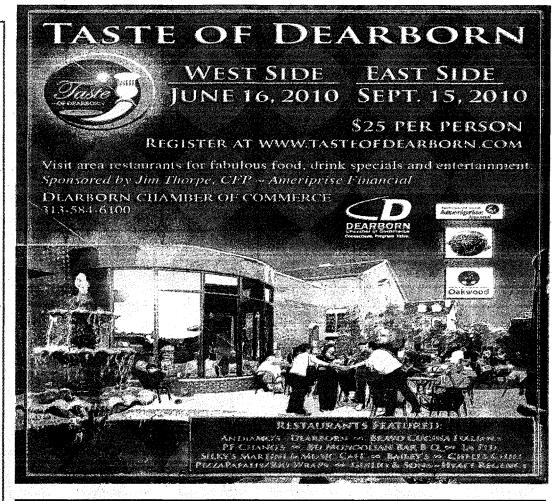
in Training program. TNT provides training for anyone who competes in endurance events and fund-raise for blood cancers. According to the society, leukemia is the number one disease killer of children under age 15 and lymphoma is the leading killer of men and women under 35. Bitonti has two children ages 5 years and 2 months.

Last year the Michigan chapter of the society spent \$1.6 million on research, \$911,000 to support patients.

"It's something every parent would fear and want to help out," said Bitonti. "I really wanted to run a race and to help people struggling with these diseases."

The St. Anthony's fund-raiser runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antonio's has three locations at 2220 N. Canton Center Road, (734) 981-9800; 37646 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 994-4000; and 26356 Ford, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-6000.







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Judges laud Parade of Homes winning designs

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners of its 21st annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 30 new model and inventory homes and condominiums, one remodeled home and a number of lots for sale, all located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. BIA, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy/MichCon sponsor the

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories plus one honorable mention. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price.

- The blue ribbon homes are:
 Attached Condominiums
 Abbey Woods at Abbey
 Woods in Canton Township
- built by Abbey Woods, LLC
 Homes Base Priced
 Under \$200,000 Marlee
 at Parkside By The Lakes in
 Commerce Township built by
 Parkside By The Lakes
- Homes Base Priced
 Over \$200,000 and Under
 \$300,000 The Barclay at
 Partridge Creek Village in
 Clinton Township built by
- Lombardo Homes
 Homes Base Priced

Over \$300,000 and Under \$400,000 — Country Manor at Hillsborough Estates in Brighton Township built by S & S Homes

• Homes Base Priced Over \$450,000 and Under \$525,000 — Dover at The Manors Of Deerwood in Clarkston built by Robert R. Jones Homes

• Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 - Hampshire at Cheltenham in Novi by Chamberlane Homes.

An Honorable Mention was given to Finished Basements Plus for its basement remodel to a home located in Novi. The company was commended by the judges for bringing the importance of remodeling into the spotlight. The judges encourage other remodeling professionals to become a part of the Parade of Homes in the future since the remodeling of existing homes is an important part of the housing landscape in Southeastern Michigan.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Paul Salloum, sales manager, Bank of America Home Loans; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects Inc.; and Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., STA Architects.

The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www. biaparadeofhomes.com.

Featured homes include condominiums and singlefamily homes ranging in



The blue ribbon homes included, for Attached Condominiums, Abbey Woods at Abbey Woods in Canton Township built by Abbey Woods, LLC

base price from \$95,900 to \$1,299,900. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1016 or visit www.biaparadeofhomes.com. Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



A blue ribbon honoree in Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 was Hampshire at Cheltenham in Novi by Chamberlane Homes.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAN

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-26, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
2448 Dexter Rd	\$30,000
3918 Forester Blvd	\$53,000
915 N Lake Angelus Rd	\$1,425,000
Beverly Hills	
17150 Locherbie Ave	\$160,000
Birmingham	
1200 Cedar Dr	\$160,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd	\$43,000
1368 E Lincoln St	\$118,000
1130 Hillside Dr	\$635,000
600 W Brown St	\$90,000
1347 Webster St	\$395,000
Bloomfield Towns	
126 Barrington Rd	\$159,000

3535 Bradway Blvd	\$325,000
4065 Cranbrook Ct	\$300,000
561 Fox Hills Dr N	\$57,000
4019 Hidden Woods Dr	\$240,000
780 ivy Ln	\$160,000
3065 Kernway Dr	\$308,000
1234 Robson Ln	\$173,000
4345 S Willoway Estates Ct	\$286,000
2485 Thistle Pointe	\$200,000
Clarkston	
5995 Middle Lake Rd	\$138,000
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9015 Commerce Rd	\$140,000
3321 Fox Blvd	\$66,000
2680 Greenlawn Ave	\$171,000
5341 Huron Hills Dr	\$220,000
1846 Wood Parke Ln	\$256,000
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28267 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
24417 Woodham Rd	\$280,000
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2920 Birnam Ct	\$345,000
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370,000	10131 Cedar Island Rd	\$80,000
	4600 Coastal Pkwy	\$40,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-25, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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47110 Bing Dr		\$250,000
8125 Chatham Ct		\$434,000
460 Cherry Grove Rd		\$110,000
1373 Wagon Wheel Rd	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$150,000
6608 Weatherfield Way		\$200,000
•	Garden City	
31571 Dover St		\$58,000
32226 Dover St		\$95,000
1047 W Rose Ave	그는 사람들이 되었다.	\$105,000
	Livonia	
14009 Berwick St		\$116,000
29851 Bobrich St		\$166,000
9651 Cardwell St		\$90,000
11327 Cranston St -		\$170,000
31775 Scone St		\$125,000
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	Northville	
16717 Carriage Way	함께 보겠다니다 그런 그것.	\$90,000
16477 Cypress Ct		\$330,000
16891 Dover Dr		\$125,000
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16895 Dover Dr		\$118,000
16496 Mulberry Way		\$20,000
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42134 Waterfall Rd		\$312,000
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	Plymouth	****
324 Ann St		\$318,000
1046 Church St		\$355,000
10141 Eckles Rd		\$144,000
- 10913 Fellows Creek Dr		\$436,000
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41630 Lindsay Dr		\$127,000
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17205 Brady		\$32,000
11399 Columbia		\$70,000
11340 Farley		\$31,000
18404 Garfield		\$34,000
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28229 Merritt Dr		\$75,000
38182 Palmateer Rd		\$88,000
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33748 Pawnee St		\$93,000

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Heed privilege of attorney, client

Q. I am a member of our Board of Directors was present when our attorney addressed the co-owners at our condominium and I am wondering whether or not his discussion about a pending lawsuit in detail may have breached the attorney-client privilege.

A: The attorney-client privilege attaches to the client which is the condominium



Robert Meisner

association acting through its Board of Directors. Any discussions by the attorney concerning legal advice should be given strictly to the Board of Directors in an executive session so that the minutes and any dialogue at that meeting are deemed to be protected by the attorney-client privilege. Once the attorney discusses sensitive issues and

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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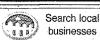
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Waterstone Estates, West side of Ridge Road, between Six &

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NOVI:

Antique Sale

June 10 - 12th

for everyone! June 11th 9-3pm, 22435 Southwyck Ct, N/

Mile, E/ Beck. House-hold,

NOVI- Royal Crown Estates

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hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



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Church Rummage & Bake Sale June 10-12; 9-3pm Lighthouse Worship Center, 19827 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia.

LIVONIA

28660 5 Mile Rd June 11, 9-5 & June 12, 9-2, 7100 Estate Sales

FARMINGTON- Household goods, camping, animal stuff, handicapped equip. 22726 Longacre, Gill & 9, W of Farmington Rd. 6/12, 9-5.

HUGE ESTATE SALE - WHOLE

HOUSE, BSMT, GAR, FULL!

Collectibles - Coke, Bud, Nascar, bar signs, team, Christmas as well as house-hold and garage stuff. Tue 6/8-Sun 6/13, 9-5 daily. 18500 Merriman, S of 7 Mile, Livonia. LIVONIA: 20583 Ellen S off 8 Mile, W of Gill, Thurs Sat, 9:30-4pm. Antiques, fur

niture, garden, crafts, etc. See estatesales net for pics PLYMOUTH ESTATE SALE 44805 N Territorial (off Sheldon). Fri-Sat, 9-4pm 50+ yrs. Nothing new; great household, garden, tools, 2 Sligh Clocks, Bolen Chipper &

more! Park in apt. complex lot

BEVERLY HILLS- Large sale Antiques & fun home decor. 31964 Alden Ct., Off Beverly Rd N of 13. W of Southfield June 10-11th, 9-5pm

BIRMINGHAM -1256 Brookwood, South of 16, West of Chesterfield: June 10-11, 9-3pm. Furniture, house hold items, clothes & shoes. BIRMINGHAM- Toys, clothing, household, books, furniture TVs, baby decor, electronics & misc. 6/10-6/11; 9-3pm. 850 Purdy St, 48009 **Garage Sales**

390 Waddington St. Maple & Cranbrook June 10-11, 10-3pm Lots of toys! **CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

> CANTON 2210 W Roundtable Canton, 6/10 & 6/11, 9am 4pm. Multi-Family - Brand names boy's to 3T, girl's to 2T, toys, ride-ons, lg baby

ner Warren and Sheldon CANTON - 41657 Greenwood,

CANTON- 4 Missions Trio

June 10-12th 9a-4p Great Buys! 7328 Provincial NE cor-

CANTON: CENTURY FARMS ANNUAL SUB SALE June 10, 11 & 12, 9-5 pm. N. of Palmer, W. of Haggerty Household, tools, clothes, baby items inflatable boat & motor, moto cycle work table & more.

btwn. Canton Center & Beck. CANTON

CANTON Fox Meadow Sout Garage Sale - Two homes par-ticipating! Thursday thru Saturday, June 10, 11 & 12,

CANTON Garden items, patio umbrella bench, bar-b-que, wo-men's 2x & 3x clothes, much more!

June 10-12th, June 48173 Chesterfield, W of Pack N. of Warren.

Buckingham Place Sub

Garage Sales CANTON- HUGE MULTI-SUB

Geddes/Beck and includes communities of Central Parl South (west of Beck/north or Geddes), Chatterton Village Chatterton Square Woodbridge Estates (west of Beck/south of Geddes) Beck/south of Geddes), Meadow Villages of Canton (east of Beck/south of

RIVER MEADOW COMMUNITY SALE June 11- June 13th On Geddes Rd, just W of Canton Center

CANTON SUB WIDE SALE Cobblestone Ridge South June 10,11 & 12; 9-4pm South of Saltz; btwn Canton Center & Beck. Baby/ kid clothes, toys, items, home

cover, collectible Barbies & much more! 5375 & 5395 Inverrary Ln, off Commerce. COMMERCE TOWNSHIP luge Sale: crafts, garder decor, tools, collectables-hall-

horse books, displays, teapots

shelving. 6/11, 6/12, 6/13, 9-5 Sunshine Farm, 2460 Wixom.

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COMMERCE TWP 2086 Kratage Ct, 48382 Thurs-Sun, June 10-13, 9am-6pm. Baby items, boys & girls children's clothing, toys, women's & men's clothing/

River btwn. Drake & Halstead FARMINGTON HILLS: 3 hous-

hold items, toys, & much more! 6/10-6/12; 9-4pm, 21614 Mayfield, S of Folsom, W of Power. FARMINGTON HILLS **HUGE GARAGE SALE!**

sale! Clothes, furniture & lots of misc. 6/10-6/12; 9-5pm. Copperwood East Sub. btwn 12&13 Mile off Halsted **FARMINGTON HILLS**

FARMINGTON HILLS- Huge

FARMINGTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD SALE-Canterbury West Sub;13½ Mile E of Farmington Rd. June 12 & 13, 10-4pm. Household goods, clothes, electronic

samples & much more! **FARMINGTON HILLS** RIVER PINES

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FARMINGTON HILLS-9am. No early birds!

kitchen items, tools & misc. GARDEN CITY Huge Moving Sale - June 10, 11, and 12.

Fairfield, 2 blks E. of Venoy, N off Maplewood. **LIVONIA 3 FAMILY SALE**

Corner of Lyndon & Westmor 1 blk E. of Farmington. LIVONIA- 6/16-6/19, 9-4pm Small computer table, counter entertainment center

items.

Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone! June 11-13, 9am-5pm.

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BLOOMFIELD GARAGE SALE

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behind Ikea. HUGE, multi-fam ily, Thurs & Fri 9-5, Sat 9-2.

CANTON: COBBLESTONE RIDGE SUBDIVISION SALE Thurs-Sat, June 10-12, 9am-5pm. S. off Ford Rd.

Forest Brook Sub Sale June 10, 11 & 12, 9am-5pm

Corner of Sheldon & Palmer

from 8am until 4pm

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at GEDDES/ BECK! Thurs June 10th thru Sat June 12th, 9am to 4pm ocated at 4 corners

Don't miss this AWESOME sale! Too much stuff to list! CANTON: Rain or Shine. 1622 Marlowe, Btwn. Saltz & Ford Rd. off Sheldon, June 10-13, 10-6pm.

Geddes).

CANTON: Sub-wide garage sale! Multiple families! Hidder River Estates Sub. Geddes, Beck Rd. June 10-13th; 8:30-

goods, appliances, plants COMMERCE - June 10-11, 9-4pm. Furniture, kid's clothes, toys, home decor, 99 Mustang rims & tires, F-150 tonneau

shoes, kitchen items. FARMINGTON- Chatham Hills

Sub Wide Sale. Thu-Sat, June

10-12th 9-5nm S. of Grand

es, June 10-11, 9-5pm, June 12, 9-3pm. 30215 Stockton, S of 10 Mile, W. of Middlebelt Antiques, cribs, kid's toys household, lots of Little Tikes FARMINGTON HILLS- Collec-

tor's dolls, camping gear, fur-niture, new kitchen & house

28517 Kirkside Lane, in off Farmington Road, btwn 12 & 13 Mile. Tons of Kid's toys furniture, household items! 6/11 & 6/12, 9am-5pm 248-848-0104

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> **CONDOS SUB SALE** June 11-12, 9-5pm S. of 9 Mile at Drake

Toys, LPs, more. W of Drake, S of 13. 29174 Shenandoah & 29410 Valley Bend, Fri-Sat GARDEN CITY: 6105 Deering

N. of Ford, S. of Warren, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, June 10,

12, 9-5pm. Victrolla's

Children's Clothing, Toys, Furniture and Household Items. 964 Henry Ruff **GARDEN CITY- Quality items** many brand new! Household tovs, books, children's & women's plus sized clothing, collectibles, misc. **NO JUNK!** 6/10-6/12; 10-5pm. 6510

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shelves, household

clothes & toys, 38396

Woods Sub 6 Mile/Farmingtor June 10-12, 9am-4pm. Tools, furniture, \$1 Garage Sales

7110 LIVONIA DEER CREEK **ANNUAL SUB**

SALE! Fri.-Sat

June 11 & 12, 9-4pm.

Numerous homes open

Rain or Shine. ½ mi. W. of

Farmington Rd., S. of 8 Mi

or N. of 7 Mi. W. of Gill.

LIVONIA- GARAGE SALE-

Boston Post, Livonia, Thurs

Sat 11-7, Sun 1-4, June 10-13

LIVONIA- MULTI-FAMILY

GARAGE SALE

items, picture frames. June 12th; 9-2pm/ 14997 Cavour

Livonia (5 Mile & Middlebelt)

LIVONIA: Nottingham West

Subdivision Garage Sale Thurs., Fri. & Sat. June 10-12

9am-5pm. N: of 6 Mile nea

LIVONIA - Quilting fabric,

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Inkster & Middlebelt. Fri. 9-

MILFORD- HUGE CHURCH-

WIDE GARAGE SALE

Fri June 11 9-6, Sat June 12

NORTHVILLE- Antiques, sec

retary desk, Lincoln rocker

ice box, sewing machine, 12 pc dish set, Ig chest of draw-

antiques, archery equip & sporting goods, some tools

outdoor fountain. June 11 & 12th, 9-5pm. 9066 Chubb Rd,

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outdoor/office furniture, 6/10-

6/11; 10-7pm. No early birds 7838 5 Mile, 5 Mile & Curtis.

ers, misc household

N of 7 Mile, W of Napier,

9-5 3200 S Milford Rd.

5pm; Sat. 9-4pm.

Kitchen supplies, household

Thurs., June 10.

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> NOVI. DEERBROOK Sub. S. of 9 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook. June 10-12, 8-5pm. NOVI- Garage sale-something

furniture & more!

ture, clothing, sports, baby, toys. Fri-Sat., June 11-12; 9-5pm. N. of 9 Mile, W. off Taft **NOVI SUB SALE GREENWOOD OAKS** N. of 10 Mile, W. of Beck

June 10, 11, 12, 9am-3pm

NOVI - SUB WIDE SALE

Thurs-Sat. June 10-12th, 9-5pm. 10 Mile btwn Haggerty

& Meadowbrook, watch for

signs. Tons of great items! **PLYMOUTH** Colony Farms Condo Assoc Community wide sale. S of Ann Arbor Rd, W of Beck Rd.

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PLYMOUTH THREE FAMILY YARD SALE

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