TOP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY June 13, 2010

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

> Volume 124 Number 86

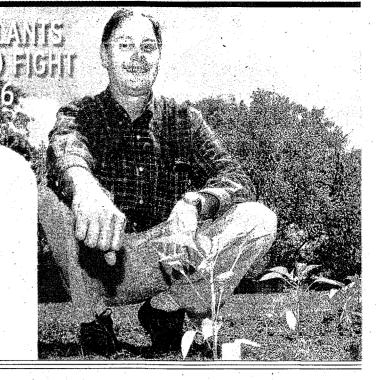
> > \$1.00

TEACHERS HAILED FOR GOING EXTRA MILE

EDUCATION, A4

BSBRVE

hometownlife m.com



PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Dad stories

Time is running out to get your memories of dad to the Observer staff for inclusion in our June 20 Father's Day

If you've got a particularly fond memory of your father, or care to share the most important lesson your dad ever taught you or simply want to share something 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.

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth.

This event is for parents with children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30.

The event is free, but space is limited. Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

Habitat holds meeting

Western Wayne County residents hoping to be a part of the American dream of owning a home can attend Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland, for potential homeowners.

The 60- to 90-minute session will include video presentation, overview of criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question and answer segment and distribution of applications. Current homeowners will be on hand to talk about their experience.

The meeting is mandatory for people interested in participating in the Habitat for Humanity program.

Applicants also must reside in the Habitat of Western Wayne County's geographical service area Belleville, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron Township, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Taylor, Van Buren, Wayne and Westland.

For more information, call Habitat of Western Wayne County at (734) 459-7744.



Kelly Mangion snaps a post-marathon photo of her children, Olivia and Joshua, two of the New Morning School students who participated in the school's cooperative triathlon. Members of the school community ran and walked a total of 10 marathons on Thursday; the bicycling and swimming parts of the triathlon were totaled up earlier.

Fit bodies, fit minds

School programs tie fitness to classroom success

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students, staff members and parents at New Morning School set out Thursday to run and walk a marathon.

Instead, they ended up doing 10 marathons - more than 260 miles — on the fitness loop at Lake Pointe Soccer Park. The paved loop travels around the soccer field for just over a third of a mile.

It was the third and final segment of the Plymouth Township school's "triathlon," a months-long swimming, bicycling and running event intended to keep students motivated and improve their ability to learn by harnessing the benefits of exercise. In keeping with the school's educational philosophy, the triathlon was cooperative and noncompetitive, and each participant went at his or her own pace, taking breaks as needed.

New Morning's ongoing emphasis

on fitness — the community has also logged 37,416 additional miles in a quest to hoof it around the world (a goal they reached weeks ago) — has captured the students' imaginations, said Elaine Kennedy, head of school.

"I can't walk through the hall without a kid saying, 'Elaine, I did two miles last night,'" Kennedy said.

For the triathlon, New Morning's swimmers hit the pool at the Livonia Family YMCA, logging 5.79 total miles. That's more than twice the distance in a 2.4-mile Ironman triathlon swim.

For the bicycling, the school community went more than 400 miles, most of it on Bike Day, which was Monday. The cycling leg of an Ironman is 112 miles.

Thursday's tally of 10 marathons at the park just south of the school wound up the marathon portion of the triathlon.

Please see FITNESS, A5



Student Nolan McCarthy and parent Julie Shultz on the trail during New Morning School's marathon day on Thursday. They were at the Lake Point Soccer Park, adjacent to the school.

Local auto landscape changing

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Changes are afoot at three automobile dealerships in the Plymouth area.

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, founded 40 years ago in Plymouth as a Mercury dealer, will be losing its Mercury line later this year, while Dick Scott Dodge on. Monday added Chrysler and Jeep vehicles to its lineup.

And Saturn of Plymouth, cut off from obtaining new vehicles with the postbankruptcy General Motors Corp. decision last year to shut down its Saturn division, closed its doors Friday.

At Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, on Ann Arbor Road, operations manager and part-owner Ryan Kolb said Ford Motor Co.'s announcement about the end of the Mercury line was a surprise but one that was balanced by good news, as Ford announced it will introduce seven new or substantially remade Lincoln models within the next four years.

"It might be a tough year next year, but we're excited about the long-term picture," Kolb said. "It's not something we wanted to see happen," he added of the demise of

Kolb said Ford has assured dealers and owners that it will support Mercury by continuing to supply parts and honor war-

He also said Ford was "very fair" in compensating Mercury dealers for the loss of business, though he declined to say how much his dealership was getting. Hines Park sold about 2,400 new vehicles last year, he said, about half of them Though Ford, in a press release, says

Mercury accounts for only a small portion of its 16-percent U.S. market share, Kolb said he suspected it's a much higher proportion in the Detroit area.

"In our region, this being Ford country, Mercury business is huge around here," he

Since the announcement, he said,

Please see DEALERS, A5

Plymouth slims down with \$7.15 million budget

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It isn't getting any easier, in the face of revenue-sharing cuts and declining property tax collections, but Plymouth officials have come up with a budget for the next fiscal year.

The city's new general fund budget of nearly \$7.15 million, more than \$400,000 less than budgeted a year ago, was approved with a unanimous vote during Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting.

Next year's budget is projected to drop by another \$92,000. "It's a lot funner when you're heading up than when you're heading down," Mayor Dan Dwyer quipped at Monday's meet-The budget — \$7,146,170, to be exact — kicks in at the start

of the next fiscal year, Thursday, July 1. Officials have been

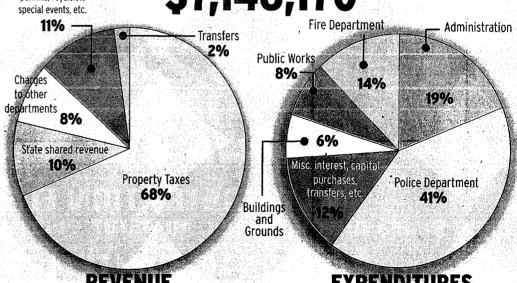
working on the plan for months, however. Commissioner Michael Wright, the mayor pro tem, said he's confident in the budget and that it's a good reflection of the commission's priorities, given the falling revenue.

"It's a very engaged commission, and we certainly get excellent data from the staff," Wright said.

Public safety accounts for nearly 56 percent of the generalfund budget, or almost \$3.96 million, down about \$54,000 from what was budgeted a year ago. The Plymouth Police

Please see BUDGET, A5

PLYMOUTH'S 2010-2011 BUDGET \$7,146,170 Misc. permits, royalties, special events, etc. Fire Department



Note: Revenue percentages do not add up to 100% because of rounding.

EXPENDITURES Source: City of Plymouth





Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737

Return Address: 41304 Concept Dr Plymouth MI

AUTOMOTIVE C6 CAREER BUILDER C1

COMMUNITY LIFE ... CROSSWORD PUZZLE C2

HEALTH REAL ESTATE C2

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! Subscribe to an Observer, Eccentric or Hometown Newspaper at

> www.hometownlife.com or call 1-866-887-2737

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

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 volunteers.

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

Car wash

The Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club sponsors a fund-raising car wash 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 Canton Center, in Canton.

Customers at the car wash will receive a coupon for a free appetizer at Rose's (with the purchase of an entrée) for every car wash purchased.

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.

Cheer clinic

The Canton High School Cheerleading "Summer Kids Cheer Clinic" takes place Monday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at Phase III-Canton Gym.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen.

Cost is \$50 (\$90 for two family members, \$120 for three), which includes the

clinic, lunch, afternoon drink/ snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag. Registration deadline is June 11.

For more information, email allikl62@gmail.com or visit the website at www.cantoncheerleading.com

Class reunion

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

The Plymouth Canton/ Plymouth Salem Class of 1990 hosts its 20-year reunion Saturday, July 17.

For more information, e-mail pcpsclassof1990reunion@gmail.com

Cox coffee

Livonia and Plymouth residents will soon have the opportunity for conversation, coffee and donuts with Wayne **County Commissioner Laura** Cox (R-Livonia).

Cox will meet with residents 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 14, at the Livonia Senior Center (15218 Farmington Road, (734) 466-2555).

She'll also meet with constituents 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, (734) 453-0750.

The gatherings will give residents a chance to meet the commissioner, address concerns, and to mingle and enjoy each other's company.

Cox (10th District) represents the northern portion of Livonia, along with Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

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

Backyard decathlon

Sun and Snow Sports sponsors a Backyard Decathlon to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26 in Kellogg

Games will include Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Badminton, Washers, Ladder Ball, Disc Golf Putt Challenge, Lawn Darts, Putting Green Challenge and Horseshoes. Prizes will be awarded. Check in at Sun & Snow Sports, 388 S. Main, to obtain a wristband. Proceeds from the

events, as well as 5 percent

of the in-store sales that day, will go to Miracle League of Plymouth.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (donations for MLP will also be accepted).

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, Miracle League of Plymouth, (734) 377-0914 or debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org or Alex Parent at Sun & Snow Sports, (734) 927-0007.

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. 6.

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.

Summer of Service

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps Program will once again be supported by the Wilcox Foundation. The YVC Summer of Service program is made possible through the support of the Wilcox Foundation.

The Summer of Service program includes eight oneweek sessions that provide participants with an extensive service-learning experience as well as having some fun. "Our goal is to help every participant understand and believe in the difference their service can make in their community, and the difference it can make within them," explained Plymouth YMCA Community



Night of improv

Canton brothers Matt (left) and Tim Majzlik prepare for Barefoot Productions' debut of its Summer Improv Series, Barefoot Laffs, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Patterned after the popular '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. 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 who has performed in Royal Oak and Ferndale. The \$10 ticket includes complimentary refreshments provided by Barefoot. The entertainment takes place at the old Walker-Buzenberg furniture store, 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 582-9688,

Program Director Jenny Paffi. "In addition to gaining community service hours, participants interact with a diverse group of individuals as well as learn more about themselves and their community."

"Jack Wilcox supported the Plymouth YMCA and its objective of teaching young people the importance of their leadership and involvement in guaranteeing a successful future for the Plymouth community," explained Wilcox Foundation committee member Dan Herriman.

For more information about how to become involved with the program as a participant

or an agency, please contact Heather Jones at the YMCA office, 734-453-2904 or hjones@ymcametrodetroit.org.

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

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-

of is welcome to participate.

New Morning camp

New Morning School offers summer camps for children ages 3-11. Science themes include beginning and advanced Lego NXT Robotics and K'Nex, Disaster Science, and Sports Science. Discovery Days classes for the preschool set include Castles and Dragons, Construction Zone, Firefighters, and Outer Space.

For dates, times, and registration information, download the school's brochure at www. newmorningschool.com/summercamps.htm or call (734) 420-3331.

Toastmasters open house

Motor City Speakeasy of Plymouth presents an open house Monday, June 28, at the Plymouth District Library.

Toastmasters will greet guests from 6:30-7 p.m., and the meeting runs 7-8 p.m. Admission is free, and organizers said the meeting is geared toward anyone interested in improving verbal skills, gaining leadership skills or who is curious about Toastmasters.

Featured speaker will be Sheryl Kubiak, first-place winner in Toastmasters District 28 Humorous Speech Contest.

For more information, contact Maggie Staples, (586) 201-5117 or e-mail mstaple3@ msn.com

Spanish camp

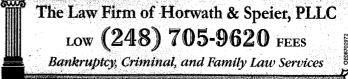
Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities, music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, outdoor play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at info@bilingualfun.com or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

CORRECTION

The story in the June 10 Plymouth Observer about the fundraiser to raise awareness of neuroblastoma should have said Chef John Cortez is from an organization called Chefs Against Cancer.



UBSERVER WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD c) GANNETT

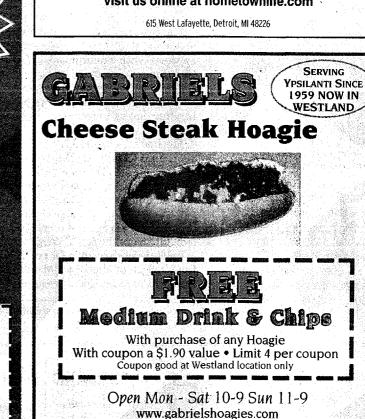
HOW TO REACH US

Home Delivery/Customer Service......1-866-88-PAPER (866-887-2737) ...(313) 222-2223 **Fax**..... Classified Advertising1-800-579-SELL (7355) Display Advertising..... ..(734) 582-8363

visit us online at hometownlife.com

SERVING

1959 NOW IN: WESTLAND.



Open Mon - Sat 10-9 Sun 11-9 www.gabrielshoagies.com 734-722-4224

1919 Wayne Road • Just South of Ford Westland

(No dance the week of July 18)





-Week Classes

Grades K-5th...July 15-17

Grades 6°-8°...July 29-31

Sign Up Now!

Input has district rethinking policy shift

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are reconsidering their stand on a policy shift they've been considering to provide broader control over student publications after school board members and administrators received letters from outside the district's boundaries criticizing what appeared to be a move toward more censor-

ship The Student Press Law Center, a student journalism advocacy group headquartered in Arlington, Va., and the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan wrote letters to trustees on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, urging them to reconsider a policy shift that would alter the way journalistic forums within the district are governed.

The recommendation came from NEOLA, the policy consultant used by the district, as a change to the policy covering school-sponsored publications and productions.

The change would designate Plymouth, Canton publications such as Perspective, the district newspaper, as nonpublic forums, giving administrators more power over what can be printed, played or expressed

over forums such as WSDP 88.1FM, the student-run radio station, plays performed by the drama department and even the content of morning announcements.

Adopting the more-stringent option suggested by NEOLA "would be a terrible mistake on many levels, legally and educationally," according to Frank LoMonte, executive director of the SPLC. "In the first place, making a

drastic policy change in your district would be the epitome of fixing something that is not broken," LoMonte wrote. "The Perspective is an outstanding student newspaper with a long tradition of producing successful graduates. Tampering with something that successful — a vehicle that actually gets teenagers enthusiastic about writing - should be done only where there is a compelling reason for change, not just a speculative fear."

LoMonte said "ratcheting up the level of censorship" could lead to students taking discussions, particularly negative ones, about school conditions online to social networking sites where school administrators would have far less, if any, control over

"When students discuss the school on social-networking sites, none of the values and

principles of sound journalism apply," LoMonte wrote. "They need not check their facts, correct their mistakes, sign their real names or publish letters with opposing points of view.

"When you stifle controversial viewpoints, you do not eliminate dissent — you just relocate it," he said. "If you want to fuel the proliferation of 'my_school_sucksdot-com' websites, then you should continue along your present course."

Instead, LoMonte urged the board to take a more liberal approach, as was done in Birmingham schools, where the board eschewed the two more restrictive NEOLA options in favor of a more balanced policy," LoMonte wrote.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member John Jackson, who chairs the board's policy committee, said the letters, and especially input board members have gotten from teachers and others within the district, has the administration reconsidering its options.

"We feel as though we've had good legal advice, (but) we don't want to infringe on students' free speech,' Jackson said. "I'd like to take a couple steps back and systematically look through the reasons for the policy, what our counsel has said, what we've heard from others and put it all together and make sure we come up with a solid policy that does what we need to have it do."

The new policy, if adopted, applies to "school-sponsored media" such as Perspective, 88.1, yearbooks, playbills, blogs, library journals, theatrical productions and video and audio productions. It also extends to posters, pamphlets, and school-sponsored clothing such as T-shirts.

The policy prohibits content that is deemed defamatory, libelous, obscene or harmful to juveniles and speech "likely to cause substantial disruption of or material interference with ... the educational process."

The biggest change, though, ' is the addition of a provision that provides for pre-publication review by administrators including the building principal — in this case likely Park Principal Bill Zolkowski and district Superintendent Craig Fiegel. The policy allows those administrators "prior review and restraint" of the publications.

Plymouth-Canton administrators have said the district is seeking neither to hinder students' rights nor censor their opinions.

"What people are concerned about is 'Big Brother' censoring what kids are doing," said Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services. "That's not our intent."

In a letter to the district, ACLU of Michigan board member Loren Khogali pointed out the U.S. Supreme Court has "reiterated that students 'do not shed their constitutional rights of freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse door.'

"I am greatly troubled by the fact that all of (NEOLA's recommendations) infringe on the students' rights under the First Amendment," Khogali wrote. "The sweeping language of the proposed policies allow censorship beyond that driven by educational purposes and threaten the First Amendment rights of the students.'

During several Board of Education meeting discussions on the topic, Hayes said very little would actually change in how kthe district monitors its student publications.

"The intent is to make sure any copy sent out reflects academic excellence, and keep out objectionable content, said Hayes. "We want to teach students the responsibility that goes along with a free press."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899









Open Mon-Thurs 11-8; Fri-Sat 11-9;

Sun 12-6

SWITCH NOW. GET \$100 BACK

Now through June 27th only, bring your number to Verizon Wireless and receive a \$100 Bill Credit.

With new 2-yr. activation on Single Line Calling Plans 900+ Anytime Minutes or Family SharePlan® Calling Plans 1400+ Anytime Minutes.



When you want your wireless network to work, you want Verizon.



1.800.2.JOIN.IN



verizonwireless.com



vzw.com/storelocator

Activation fee/line: \$35 (\$25 for secondary Family SharePlan® line w/ 2-yr. Agmts). IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Customer Agmt, Calling Plan, rebate form and credit approval. Up to \$175 early termination fee (\$350 for advanced devices) and other charges. Offers and coverage, varying by service, not available everywhere. Rebate debit card takes up to 6 weeks & expires in 12 months. Limited-time offer. While supplies last. Shipping charges may apply. Network details and coverage maps at vzw.com. All company names, trademarks, logos & copyrights not the property of Verizon Wireless are the property of their respective owners. Skype mobile is not available on Wi-Fi, in roaming areas, or outside the U.S. Android is a trademark of Google, Inc. DROID is a trademark of Lucasfilm Ltd. and its related companies. Used under license. \$100 maximum credit on Family SharePlan® account Family SharePlan requires port of primary & secondary lines. Cannot be combined with other promotional offers. Credit will be applied in 60 days to active customers on eligible plans. © 2010 Verizon Wireless.

EDUCATION

Teachers hailed for going extra mile

Sunday, June 13, 2010

hometownlife lijk com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

ON CAMPUS

Contact Editor, Brad Kadrich Voice Mail: (313) 222-8899 E-mail: bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Comment online at hometownlife.com

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Even as Cyndi Burnstein was accepting a Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday, she was crediting the guy who nominated her with all the

But the board was having none of it, and honored Burnstein, an English teacher at Salem High School.

It was the first of two Extra Miler awards handed out by the board, which also honored Plymouth High School special education teacher Renee Schmoekel.

Teacher consultant Jeff Crockett, who nominated Burnstein, lauded her efforts in obtaining grants, her pioneering the implementation of Projected Based Learning including a Shakespeare partnership with Bird Elementary School, and her service on district committees over her career, most recently the administration realignment task force.

Burnstein, Crockett noted, presented three times at the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning conference at the Michigan Integrated Technology Support Institute, and has been the teacher-leader for the Smaller Learning Communities and created a "successful, innovative model for the eighth-grade transition to high school."

Burnstein even volunteered to make costumes for student



English teacher Cyndi Burnstein accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Award from Plymouth-Canton Board of Education treasurer Judy Mardigian.



Special education teacher Renee Schmoekel (right) and Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee Adrienne Davis share a laugh as Schmoekel accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award.

performances at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's all about engagement and student achievement,"

said Crockett, who pointed out he and Burnstein went to elementary school together. "If I could put (Burnstein) into a few phrases, it would be this: She leaps and then looks for the safety net."

But all Burnstein wanted to do was credit Crockett.

"Although Jeff nominated me, he really deserves the award," Burnstein said. "It's important to Jeff that kids can learn 24/7, because that's how kids learn these days."

How kids learn is especially important to Schmoekel, who works with special-needs students, particularly those with autism.

Nominated by board member Adrienne Davis, Schmoekel was hailed for being innovative and seeking new ideas, being well-versed in the autism community with many resources and relationships.

"Renee really embodies what the award is all about," Davis said. "Renee not only goes the extra mile, she's usually got two or three people she's picking up and taking with her. She advocates for each child as if they're her own child.'

Julie Woodhams, the district's director for special services, said Schmoekel is the type of employee who only comes along "every once in

"She keeps us laughing and we love that," Woodhams said. "She is beyond passionate about her work. We call her own 'human Google' about autism.'

For her part, Schmoekel said she's happy to be a part of the

"We do wonderful things with kids," Schmoekel said. "I love working with students. I just love my job."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899

Research grant

Adrienne Gibson of Canton received a \$3,500 grant to conduct student research at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. The Institute, a Biological Field Station located south of Hastings, Mich., recently awarded 18 grants to fund 11 research projects through the Undergraduate Research Grants for the Environment program.



Gibson

The URGE program provides a \$3,500 stipend for students conducting summer research at the Institute, along with up to a

\$3,500 faculty

mentor stipend that can be used for equipment purchases, general expenses, travel, or training needed for conducting the research project. Additionally, each grant award allows for up to \$4,000 in room and board expenses for the student and faculty mentor.

Gibson and her research partner, Lauren Villalobos, along with their mentor, Dr. Eric Snyder, are examining how the aquatic communities are responding to the removal of the dam on the Thronapple River in Barry County, Michigan.

Gibson is a junior and biology major at Grand Valley State University. She is a 2008 graduate of Canton High School. She is the daughter of Mary Kay and Cedric Gibson of Canton.

Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University announced its . Dean's List for the Winter 2010 semester.

Bryanne Bellovary of Canton made the list with a gradepoint average of 4.0.

Two Canton students - Amy Markey and Ashley Olson - and two Plymouth students

- Rachel Pawlowski and Kathrvn Shepherd - made the list with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.99.

Bucknell University

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Allison M. Janda, a 2006 graduate of Salem High School, and her sister, Kathryn Janda, a 2009 graduate of Salem High School, both made the list. They are the daughters of David and Elizabeth Janda of Plymouth.

Allison Janda graduated Summa Cum Laude with a **Bachelor of Arts in Economics** and Chemistry and departmental honors in Economics. A member of Phi Beta Kappa national honor society, Janda received the William C. Gretzinger Prize for the highest standing in economics and the Samuel Lewis Ziegler Prize for best exemplifying the goal of a premedical education.

Washington and Lee

Robert Edwin Dean II received the juris doctor degree from Washington and Lee University during commencement exercises for the School of Law.

Dean was among 123 students receiving their J.D. and two receiving their LL.M. during the ceremonies held on Washington and Lee's historic Front Lawn.

Harding University

Emily Stone of Canton is among the Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the spring semester. Stone is a sophomore double-majoring in Spanish and missions.

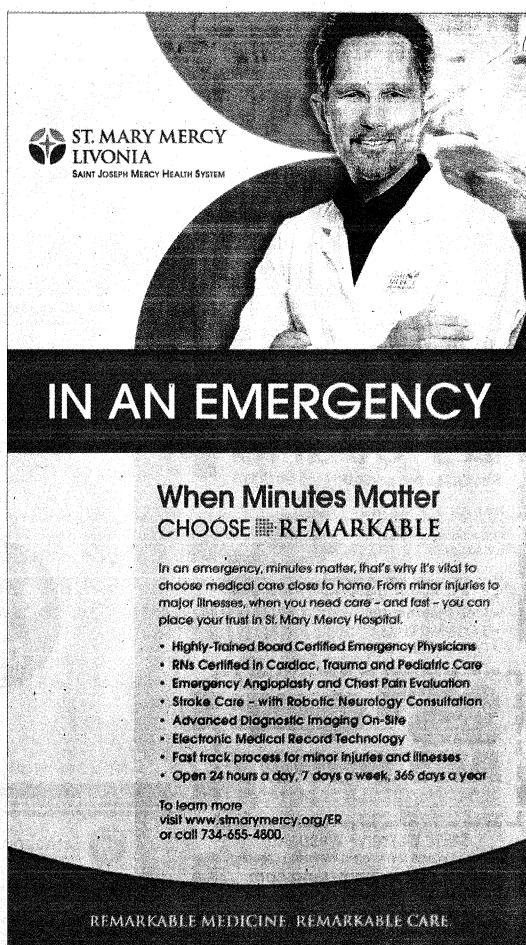
WANT A GOOD **SWITCH BANKS? WE'LL GIVE** YOU TWO.

INDUSTRY LEADING RATES AND NOW, HIGHEST RANKED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



*Flagstar Bank received the highest numerical score among retail banks in the North Central region in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Retail Banking Satisfaction StudySM. Study based on 47,673 total responses measuring 19 providers in the North Central region (IN, KY, MI, OH, WV) and measures opinions of consumers with their primary banking provider. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed in January 2010. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

**Not available for businesses or public units. 1.50% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 6/8/2010 and is guaranteed for four months after account opening. Available only on new Smart Savings accounts opened in conjunction with this offer. Funds may not currently be on deposit with Flagstar Bank. Customer must maintain a primary checking relationship at Flagstar Bank. Conditions and restrictions apply. †Customer must open and maintain a new primary checking relationship at Flagstar Bank with a \$50 minimum balance to receive the \$100 bonus. \$100 bonus will be deposited into the account within 30 days of meeting primary checking relationship requirements. Flagstar will issue a 1099 for the \$100 bonus. Conditions and restrictions apply. Offer subject to change or cancellation at any time without notice Industry leading rates based on bankrate.com, dated 6/8/2010.



phone calls.

Kelly Mangion of Plymouth said the program has motivated her children, second-grader Joshua and kindergartner Olivia, and that they surprised her with their physical achievements and endurance.

"They're excited about it," Mangion said. "They incorporate it into their everyday

Joshua, who is almost 8, said he runs nearly every day. "It helps your body a lot," he said. He completed 16 laps — nearly six miles — Thursday.

Eighth-grader Sydney Bartell said she's used to running, as a soccer and volleyball player, but still had fun Thursday.

"I like running with the little kids," Sydney said. "They get really excited when they complete a lap.'

Like real marathons, Thursday's New Morning event had sponsors — Running Fit, REI and Monroe Bank & Trust. There were also refreshments and goodie bags for the runners.

Kennedy said she was prompted to put a greater emphasis on fitness after learning about research showing that aerobic exercise in the morning helps children regulate their moods and increases their attention spans and

"Those are three things that every teacher wants," she said. The school's 85 students begin most school days with some sort of physical activity.

Having already completed enough miles to travel around the world, and then some, New Morning will come up with a bigger goal for the next school year — perhaps the distance between Earth and the Moon (averaging 239,000 miles), she

Thursday's triathlon included one lap by a toad and one lap by a pill bug, both carried by students.

"You've got to keep it fun," Kennedy said.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405

Mercury sales have jumped and Hines Park has been selling 20 to 30 a day. "We are asking the factory for extra inventory right now," he said.

At Dick Scott, on Ann Arbor Road and Main Street, the sales force had been selling Dodge and Ram vehicles, mostly trucks and minivans, plus specialty vehicles like the Dodge Challenger and Dodge Charger. General Manager Jason Scott said the dealership has been working with Chrysler Corp. for about a year to land Chryslers and Jeeps.

"I think it's something that we've needed for quite a while," Scott said. The nearby Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth, dropped by Chrysler, closed shop about a year ago.

Scott said his dealer-

ship began taking Jeep and Chrysler vehicles Monday and has just begun a renovation and expansion project.

"We're probably doubling our showroom size," he said. Saturn of Plymouth, on Ann Arbor Road near I-275,

stopped getting new Saturns after GM shut down production last year.

Bob Cunningham, the marketing manager for United Companies, parent company of Saturn of Plymouth owner Romain Automotive Group, said many options for the site were explored. "Obviously, we've known about the Saturn wind-down for some time," he

Romain was able to lease its former Saturn dealership in Farmington Hills to another automobile dealership, Cunningham said, but hasn't been able to do the same at the Plymouth Township site. Romain will continue to explore options for the site, he

Romain purchased Saturn of Plymouth in 2003, Cunningham said; before that, it was a GM-owned dealership. He was uncertain how many people worked there, and dealership officials did not return

"A lot of families are affected, because they'll lose their jobs now, and there will be the empty building," Plymouth **Township Supervisor Richard** Reaume said.

Saturn of Plymouth customers who want to have their Saturns serviced or have warranty worked performed can go to one of the following GMauthorized Saturn service providers: Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC in Farmington Hills; Serra Chevrolet in Southfield; Dick Genthe Chevrolet in Southgate; or Suburban Cadillac Buick Hummer in Troy. For more information, visit the website www.saturn.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405

Department was allotted nearly \$2.76 million, while the city's contribution to the Plymouth **Community Fire Department** came in at \$1 million. The fire department expenses are shared with Plymouth Township, which contributes about \$3 million a year.

Administration (\$1.34 million), public works (nearly \$600,000) and buildings and grounds maintenance (nearly \$410,000) are among the other major expenses in the general

Sources of the budget's projected revenue include property taxes (almost \$4.88 million), state revenue sharing (\$721,500), charges made to other city departments with separate funding sources (\$593,350) and sources like. fines, court revenue, special events, royalties and special assessments (\$552,700).

Wright said the budget requires the city to dip into its current fund balance — the cash on hand at a given time but that in order to avoid doing so on an annual basis, officials will stay on the hunt for more

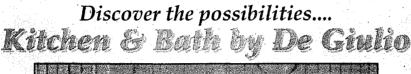
long-term savings. Programs such as the \$1 million geothermal energy project at the Cultural Center and the ongoing study of what savings might be found in reorganizing the way public safety services are delivered are examples of where long-term savings might come from, he said.

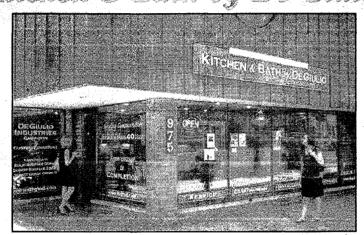
He praised the city administration, saying it's been finding efficiencies and doing more with less. The city has the equivalent of 57 full-time employees, down from 73 eight years ago.

"The administration has been very effective at consolidating, combining and using technology to lower the burden on our staff," Wright said.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405

THINKING ABOUT...





In Downtown Plymouth, our newest idea-inspiring Showroom. Free Professional Design Service.

Since 1969... we design, manufacture, and install... efficient corriege... one source, .. less cost.



975 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170. Call 734-582-9660 15150 Century Dr., Dearborn, MI 49120. Call 313-271-4990

www.derind.com



FRI/SAT LS 11:45

SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) FRI/SAT LS 11:15
3D SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG)
\$2.50 PREMIUM PER 30 TICKET 11:40, 2:00, 4:20,
6:50, 9:00 FRI/SAT LS 11:10

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13)





ww.unitedtemperatureservices.com



- Restaurant-style dining
- Convenient location near shopping and medical offices
- · Gas, water, and heat included

This low rate is only available through June 30, so call or stop by to select your apartment today!

(888) 482-5918



Waltonwood Senior Living

Carriage Park

2250 Canton Center Rd, Canton www.Waltonwood.com

SINGH 自长

Church plants garden to fight hunger

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton church has started a small garden to fight a big problem.

Grace Lutheran Church volunteers have planted tomatoes, sweet peppers, bush green beans and peas in their first community garden, and they plan to turn their harvest over to food banks struggling to feed a growing number of hungry people.

Pastor Steve Newton and several volunteers at Grace Lutheran, on Warren west of Canton Center, planted their garden after Newton read an inspiring article in a religious outreach magazine.

"We're a small church," he said, "but we've got big hearts."

Grace Lutheran has nearly 100 members and typically draws about 50 people to its services, Newton said. They come from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Belleville.

Church member Ken Witt of Canton has volunteered to serve as leader of the garden endeavor.

"There are so many people out there in need," he said. "So many people are out of work."

Grace Lutheran volunteers

realize their garden will not provide massive relief for people in need, but they believe the cumulative effect of small endeavors like theirs can, indeed, make a difference.

"I felt the Lord was pressing on my heart to do something," Newton said.

It isn't the first time. Newton, who grew up on Detroit's east side, said he left his job as a General Motors Corp. engineer and entered a four-year program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in 2004. Newton, a father of two, said his decision was supported by his wife, Sharon.

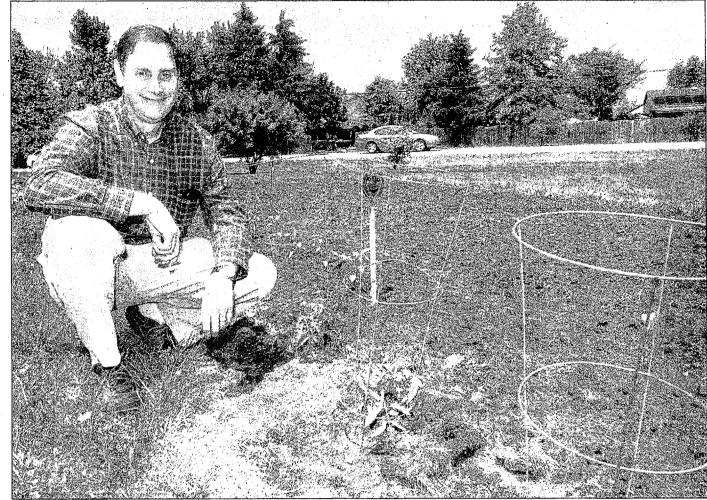
"I felt that God wanted me to serve," he said.

Newton had an internship in Nebraska before returning to Michigan to lead Grace Lutheran, part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Grace Lutheran sits on three acres in Canton, but Newton said church volunteers decided to start with only a small garden. Already, volunteers are eager to see how well their project blossoms.

"Our hope," Newton said, "is that we can help some of the people who are in need.'

dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238



Steve Newton poses near some of the tomato plants his church members have planted.





Northville Candle, Gifts and Cards

124 N. Center Street, Northville 248-380-7059

- Designer Pins/Business Card Holders Coffee/Tea Mugs, Picture Frames
- Murder Mysteries and Other Books
- Artistic Statues and Whimsical Sculptures



Proverb Studio

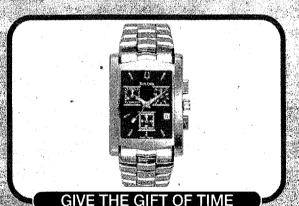
103 Main Centre, Northville 248-449-6877

Exclusive, Intimate Two-Chair Salon

Beautiful, Relaxing Environment

Select. "Must-Have" Items, from Pampering Self-Care Products to Unique Jewelry and Essentials





Northville Watch & Clock Shop

132 W. Dunlap, Downtown Northville 248-349-4938

25% OFF All Men's Bulova Watches Through the End of June **Antique & New Clocks and Watches** Serving Northville For Over 30 Years



Northville City Car Wash

470 E. Main Street, Northville

Wash Cards Make Great Gifts For Your Dad/Grad Buy 6 Washes, Get 3 FREE Buy 10 Washes, get 5 FREE

Interior Detailing Special \$39.95

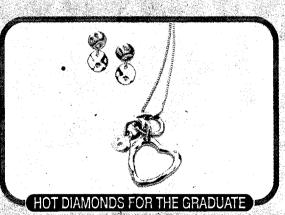
Treat Yourself... Mention this ad for \$1 Off Any Wash





The Bee's Knees 149 E. Main St., Northville 248-347-6718 www.TheBeesKneesPottery.com

Create Your Own Masterpiece Create A "Memory Moment" with your Dad/Grad Pottery Painting, Glass Fusing, Mosaics & More



Orin Jewelers

Garden City and Northville 734-422-7030 and 248-349-6940 www.orinjewelers.com

Sterling Silver Jewelry With A Touch Of Diamonds Perfect Gifts Starting at \$70 Shop A Wide Range Of Jewelry Styles Perfect

For Celebrating Life's Accomplishments



AVON

42949 Seven Mile, Northville 248-449-5290

Eternal Magic-1.7 oz., Lotion, Shower Gel, \$24

In Bloom-1.7 oz., Lotion, Shower Gel, \$39 Patrick Dempsey's Fragrances -

Choose Unscripted or Patrick II, \$27.50 **Offer Expires 7-31-10**



Orin Jewelers

Garden City and Northville 734-422-7030 and 248-349-6940 www.orinjewelers.com

Free Money Clip With Your Watch Purchase

Cyma or Orin Jeweler Watch Lines

Other Great Gifts Available in Contemporary Metals: Titanium, Tungsten Carbide and Stainless Steel

Plans call for more Cherry Hill homes

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In what signals Canton's largest single spurt of residential development in five years, a local company plans to build 33 new homes in a Victorianstyle section of Cherry Hill Village.

Canton-based Livonia Builders hopes to begin site work within days, amid projections of starting construction by late summer and building the homes within the next year southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, Danny Veri, a company partner, said.

"Our first 10 buyers should be in their homes by the end of this year," he said.

The company, working with Canton-based Breault Homes, plans to build the homes south of Jackson, between Roosevelt and Buchanan, expanding a village where construction began nine years ago and where the streets are named after U.S. presidents.

"We've actually seen a demand for new housing,' township Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. "I think everybody is happy that development is continuing."

The new housing comes as Canton, caught in a nationwide economic downturn, witnessed a dramatic decline in new home construction since 2005, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Canton issued just 38 new home permits in all of 2009, Faas said, and even that low number ranked the township as the fifth-busiest community in southeast Michigan for housing construction.

Prior to 2005, Faas said, Canton had typically issued permits for 1,000 to 1,200 homes each year.

The projected price for the new homes is expected to start around \$180,000, Veri said, and he is confident there is a market for new houses in Cherry Hill Village, where sporadic construction has con-



Sporadic new construction in Cherry Hill Village will give way in coming months to the largest single spurt of development in Canton in five years.

tinued despite a market slump. "The homes sell because

Canton is a good community to live in and work in." Veri

The company received final site plan approval Tuesday night from an enthusiastic Canton Township Board of

Livonia Builders and Breault Homes plan to construct 21

cottage-style homes that range in size from roughly 1,400 to 2,000 square feet with a 40foot lot width. The remaining 12 village-style homes are larger, approximately 1,800 to 2,200 square feet with a lot width of 55 feet, Veri said.

Most homes have a lot depth of around 100 feet. The two-story houses will

site. The new housing is less intensive than an earlier, preliminary site plan that called for 52 residences, including 32 attached condominiums in six buildings, 15 cottage homes and only five village units.

Since new development in Cherry Hill Village began nearly a decade ago, Goulet said, the area has seen 750 residences built, including 350 homes southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge, 100 houses in the River's Edge community to the west, and about 300 apartments in the Uptown area north of Cherry Hill Road.

Although Canton — like other communities - has seen a rapid decline in home values, Faas said new construction can only help Cherry Hill Village.

"At the very least, it helps stabilize values when there's new growth," he said.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has served as one of the focal points of the community, luring audiences to a

wide array of performances. Some business owners

along the Cherry Hill Road business strip — and some residents, as well - have held out hope for more commercial growth, such as a grocery store.

Business growth has proved elusive amid the economic downturn and financing difficulties, according to township officials, but Goulet said there are signs that one new business - a convenience mart selling pizza and other items - may locate in a vacancy on the south side of Cherry Hill

While local officials remain hopeful of more sustained commercial growth in the village, Faas said the new round of housing development will likely only benefit existing businesses.

"More rooftops here means more business for them," he

City trash pickup fees rising

It's going to cost Plymouth residents who use the city's trash-hauler a little more to dispose of their trash starting next month.

The Plymouth City Commission voted Monday to raise its trash pickup fee from \$7.15 to \$9.42 a month for stops that use wheeled trash cart, and to raise the cost of city-approved trash bags from \$2.25 each to \$3 each.

For a household using a trash cart, the annual cost for weekly pickup will go up more than 31 percent, from \$85.80 to \$113.04. Trash pickup customers are billed for the service on the city's quarterly

water bills. Only a small portion of the user fees collected come from trash bag sales, officials said.

Officials said raising the fees was an alternative to raising the solid waste millage rate which will stay at 1.72 mills, or \$1.72 for every \$1,000 in taxable value — in order to cover rising contractor costs.

The property tax generates about 65 percent of the revenue for the city's \$1.1 million waste and recycling fund, the user fees (dubbed the pay-asyou-throw system) about 29 percent.

- By Matt Jachman



PH: 734-667-5960 Fax: 734-667-5962 1115 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

A select number of homeowners in Wayne County and the surrounding areas will be given the opportunity to have a lifetime Erie Metal Roofing System installed on their home at a reasonable cost.

Qualified homeowners will receive attractive pricing and have access to our special low interest unsecured bank financing.

An Erie Metal Roof will keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

An Erie Metal Roofing System will provide your home with unsurpassed "Beauty and Lasting Protection"!

INQUIRE TODAY TO SEE IF YOUR HOME QUALIFIES! www.ErieMetalRoofs.com

7-650-6464 email: roofing@eriemetalroofs.com

An exceptional home-like setting for Active/Alert, Frail/Recovering, Memory Impaired and Alzheimer's residents. STATE Orgial Creek (UCENSE) -24 Hour Professional Staffing -Planned Activities -Private/Semi Private/Barrier Free -Beauty & Barber Shop -3 Home Cooked Meals A Day -On Call Nurse Practitioner -Daily Housekeeping & Laundry -Medication Management -Wander Secured/Enclosed Courtyard -Incontinence Management

Located at 8121 Lilley

between Joy & Warren Roads

be built on a nearly six-acre dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238 OODS • FLORAL SUPPLIES • SILK FLOWERS • WEARABLE ART • CRAFTS • FRAMES • CUSTOM FRAMING • CHRISTMAS SHOPPE • NEEDLE ART All Flowering & Greenery Items Bridal Event! **EXCLUDES CUSTOM MADE** Includes Bushes, Stems, Garlands, Wreaths, Arrangements & Swags EXCLUDES CUSTOM DESIGNS & POTTED TREES. Realistic Fruit, Vegetables, **Bread & Cheese** INCLUDES PICKS & SPRAYS **Ribbon By-the Roll** Marbles, Gems, INCLUDES ALL RIBBON BY THE ROLL Select Group of Riverstones. IN OUR WEDDING. **Furniture** GIFTS • HOBBIES • HOME ACCENTS **ITSY-BEAD-SIES** SEASONAL, FABRIC & FLORAL DEPARTMENTS. & Dazzlers All "Carnival Craft" Products Garden & All Items Tagged "Summer Crafts" Stickers Shapes VBS & Summer Unfinished Decorations Crafts & Party **EVA Foam Visors, ろしゃ しき** Kits. Stickers an Premiums INCLUDES EVERYDAY

All 32"x40" Matboard **Photo Frames** & Pre-Cut Mats Framing **Categories Shown** Open Back **Metal Sectiona** Readymade Frames Frame Kits Posters & **Matted Prints** Shadow Box Frames, Display Cases

All Woven Baskets,

Storage Baskets

& Hampers

50% (

Metalware

Logan® Mat

Cutters & Accessories

All Artist Kits

and

Art Paint Sets

Fashion Fabric

Categories Shown

Warm & Natural or

Warm & White Batting

All Ribbon &

Trim Spools (excludes ribbon/trim sold by the yard)

50% Off

6.99 P/YD.

Art Supplies

Home Accent

Painted

Wood Decor

Decorative

Birdhouses &

Wind Chimes

Decorative Pillows,

Tassels & Rugs

All Artist Canvas

CLUDING PANELS, OLLS AND STRETCHER BARS.

40% Off

Twill

& Canvas

30% Off

Polyester

Satin

2.99 PMD.

54" Home

Dec Fabric

Prints. Solids & Sheers

PREVIOUSLY REDUCED ITEMS

30% Off

All Artist Pencils

& Pastels

SUPP

Plastic Storage 30% Off

Decorative Lamps

Wall Decor

INCLUDES MIRRORS, ART, CLOCKS, SHELVES & MORE

Art Storage

Bags, Boxes

Portfolios &

FEATURING SOFT SIDE WOOD & PLASTIC

All Art Brushes

& Brush Sets

50% Off

Entire Stock of

Calico Prints

& Solids

30% Off

Spring Apparel Fabrics

50% Off

Containers A

30% Off

Plastic & Die Cast

Model Kits

Leather Crafts & Accessories 25[%] Off

Crafting

Science Tech

Rock Tumbler

Stone Kits, Accessories 25[®] Off Entire Stock of Scrapbooking Rub-Ons

All Stepping

Pioneer & Imex

Display Cases

30% Off

40% Off

Metal Jewelry Findings

Self-Sealing

Bags 2x3 - 3x

Aunt Martha's

Iron-On

Transfer

Storage

Entire Stock of 3-D Embellishment Stickers JOLEE'S, SOFT SPOKEN & SEASONAL

₩ .

Scrapbooking Cricut Cartridges & Accessories

Photo Gifts by the Paper Studio*
Great for Father's Day! **Paper Trimmers** 40[%] Off **Jewelry Shoppe Base**

Charm Me **M** Jewelry Charms ONLY. EXCLUDES STERLING SILVER

EXCLUDES

POICUT MACHINES

Hair

Accessories

ALSO INCLUDES "PLASTIC BEADS" & "ACRYLIC BEADS" BY CRAFTS, ETC! INCLUDES JEWELRY SHOPPE COLORS. EXCLUDES STERLING SILVER. Jewelry Making
Categories Shown

"In Bloom" &

"Bead Design Co."

Metal Gallery & Base Metal **Jewelry Beads** EXCLUDES STERLING SILVER

All Plastic All Needleart Embroidery Scissors Canvas Sheets 40% Off 7 MESH SHEETS CLEAR & COLORS 3/1.00

Needleart **Categories Shown** Ali Foam, i Love **Smart Foam** Pads 30% Off

This Cotton! PRICES GOOD IN STORES ONLY JUNE 14 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2010

SALES SUBJECT TO SUPPLY IN STOCK
SELECTION MAY VARY BY STORE
THIS AD DOES NOT APPLY TO PRE-REDUCED ITEMS
OFFERS NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Patterns
1.19
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 1.49 All Needleart Hoops, Frames & Stands 30% Off



Canton Ford Road at Lilley, west of Ikea 734-983-9142



W-W explores partnership with Chinese university

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

East met West in a conference room in Westland Tuesday morning as school officials and Chinese university representatives got together to talk about a possible part-

The unusual conversation took place over the Internet and linked educators from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and officials and students from Mianyang Normal University, located in China's Szechuan Province.

'There seems to be a genuine interest in partnering with us and it seems there are people desirous of teaching Chinese to our kids," said Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit who participated in the hourlong discussion. "I'm enthusiastic about it. It's a real good opportunity for our district to get

involved in the initial phase to offer Chinese to our students.'

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

Specifically, the language is Mandarin Chinese, which, according to educational consultant Tom Watkins, is "spoken by one-fifth of all humanity." The exploratory discussion centered on creating a partnership in which Mianyang University would send student teachers to Wayne-Westland to teach Mandarin Chinese. "Think how powerful it

would be to develop a relationship with a university that prepares Chinese teachers to teach Chinese to non-Chinese speaking individuals," said Watkins who is an honorary professor at Mianyang University. "If that can be set up, Wayne-Westland could have a very solid exchange program and people for quality teaching.'

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the interest is there on both



Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit (from left), Superintendent Greg Baracy, educational consultant Tom Watkins, Paul Salah, senior executive director for instruction, and consultant Koralo Chen participate in a Skype conference with officials of Mianyang Normal University in Szechuan, China.

ends of the Internet connection. The university president, professors and students want to come to this country to teach Chinese, and a partnership would allow the district to offer it to its students.

"If you look at the informa-

tion about the future, Mandarin Chinese is going to become the language our students are going to need," he said.

*The discussion is aimed at setting up a program that will be long-term, ongoing and advantageous to Wayne-

Westland students, according to Watkins. Szechuan Province has a sister province relationship with Michigan, and Mianyang University is looking for a similar relationship that will be "mutually beneficial."

We have to build bridges with China that are educational, manufacturing based, cultural and academic," said Watkins. "Children in Wayne-Westland are no longer competing against the children sitting next to them or living in Livonia, they're competing against the children of the world. They have to have a knowledge of the fastest growing country in the world to better compete."

If the partnership was developed and all of the pieces fell into place, Wayne-Westland would join a handful of Wayne County school districts that offer Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language.

"We'll have to talk to the unions, we'll have present it to the community as another option for our students," said Monit. "China needs to be a country we need to understand. We need to know about their culture and we need to know their language.'

Watkins added that Baracy "is sensitive to how to do it and do it right."

Admittedly, the district is in a difficult financial position, but Watkins believes the exchange program would have low cost or no cost for the district. The students' teachers possibly could come with stipends and require host families to house them.

"In the next 20-30 years China will eclipse the United States," Watkins said. "The smart schools, individuals, communities and states are making the connection now."

smason@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6751



GET BACK IN THE GAME

Schedule your complimentary hearing screening by an Audigy Certified™ Audiologist today!

a member of AUDIGY GROUP



PLYMOUTH

248.327.0882

View our educational video on hearing at

www.hughearing.com Dealer"



\$4.173 Total cash due at signing

Acquisition fee

NEW & CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED RATES GRAND RIVER & HAGGERTY

Come Visit Our Heated 18 Car Showroom "Your Metro **Detroit** Mercedes-Benz

Mercedes-Benz of Novi 888.863.6342

Open Saturday 10-3 Relax and enjoy our plano music

www.mercedesbenzofnovi.com



44282 Warren • Canton

(E. of Sheldon)

9:30 PM - Local Bands

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Canton's **Best Karaoke** Treat Dad With Our Special Father's Day Menu

Bourbon Glazed Pork Chops Whiskey Peppercorn Top Sirloin Slow Roasted Pork Loin • Filet Strip Steak • Salmon Oscar

LUNCH SPECIAL

New York Strip Steak

8 oz. (M-S 11-4).....

DINNER SPECIALS

New York Strip Steak 16 oz. (Includes Potato & Veg.)...\$12.95

Prime Rib

Thursday -

Lake Perch \$7.95

Friday - All You Can Eat

Atlantic Cod \$8.95

All Entrees include Potato, Vegetable and Choice of Soup, Salad, or Cole Slaw

Mix & Match Dinners for 2 \$14.95 **THURS & SAT. NIGHTS**

> FREE **BIRTHDAY DINNER**

Sun-Wed

DINNER Starts at 4 pm Mon-Sat NIGHTLY SPECIALS \$9.95 and UNDER



CHOICE

Saving You up to \$1,200 and up to \$1,500 in Tax Credits

Financing Available to Qualified Customers*



EXPERT

Regular

Check Refrigerant Charge Check Safeties

Check Compressor Amp Draw

 Check Condensate Drain Lubricate Moving Parts As Needed Check Condensate Pump

 Check Calibrate Thermostat • Check Condenser Fan Motor & Drain

· Much, Much More

Expires 6-30-10. Cannot be combined

with any other offer.

Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Carrier

turn to the experts

*CALL FOR DETAILS

www.ExpertHeatCool.com Register on our website for coupons and savings

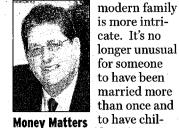
7320 Haggerty Rd. • Canton 734-459-3971

Up-to-date estate plan can avoid fights

Q: Dear Rick: I read about actor Gary Coleman and how there are fights over his estate. It seems I'm always reading something about fights when famous people die. Are fights over estates common when average everyday people die? What's the best way to prevent

A: Unfortunately, it happens all the time to everyday people. I believe the number of fights within families has increased substantially.

People have access to lawyers today that they did not have in the past and today's



dren from a variety of dif-Rick Bloom ferent relationships. When you factor all this into consideration, there are more fights

ever before. I wish I could say there is a sure fire way to avoid

and disputes upon death than

fights and family disputes upon death, but there is none. However, there are ways to reduce the chances of having a family fight.

The best way to reduce the chance of dispute is to have an up-to-date estate plan. A plan that reflects your current situ-

Fights within families occur because an estate plans has not been updated for years. Having an up-to-date estate plan is a key ingredient in reducing family disputes.

Those who have an estate plan, should review it when there is any change in your or marriage of an adult child. In addition, if your financial situation changes dramatically then it also makes sense to review your estate plan. At a minimum, an estate plan should be reviewed every two to three years. The number one reason to do an estate plan is to prevent family disputes upon death. It's probably one of the greatest legacies you can leave your family.

Many people assume that good estate planning means doing wills and trusts and other legal documents. Although these are valuable in

family situation such as a birth many situations, not everyone needs a trust. Everyone does need a document locator — a road map for your loved ones. If something happens to you, your loved ones should be able to pull out a list to help them locate your assets, locate your legal documents and know who your advisers have been.

It is amazing how much time and money is wasted upon death trying to locate a deceased person's assets. You don't need a lawyer or fancy software to do. It can be as simple as a handwritten document.

When it comes to estate planning, everyone's goals should be to make things as easy as possible for the beneficiaries. That is why it is important to keep a plan current. An estate plan that's out of date may cause more problems and aggravations than not having a plan. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Home on leave, soldier surprises son at school



U.S. Army Sgt. Juan Hernandez hugs his son. Juan. after arriving home on leave two months early from Iraq and surprising him at school.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joe Schiffman, principal at Botsford Elementary in Livonia, knocked on the door and walked into Mrs. Nelson's

third-grade class Thursday afternoon. "We have a special visitor today,"

Schiffman said. U.S. Army Sgt. Juan Hernandez walked in behind Schiffman, and his son, Juan, jumped out of his chair, and gave his Dad a big-time bear hug. Sgt. Hernandez returned the embrace as a father and his family planned to enjoy 15 days of R&R for the Army sergeant.

Hernandez had just arrived at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, where his wife, Michelle, picked him up. Hernandez had flown to Detroit from Wiesbaden in Germany after leaving

"They bumped my leave up," Hernandez said. Hernandez wasn't supposed to be home on leave until August so young Juan received a surprise with

his father's arrival.

Hernandez, now serving on his third tour, has served six months in Iraq and will serve another six months there.

For now, it was time out from the war and time in for family.

Juan was happy to see his father. He shrugged his shoulders when he was asked what he wanted to do with his father that day.

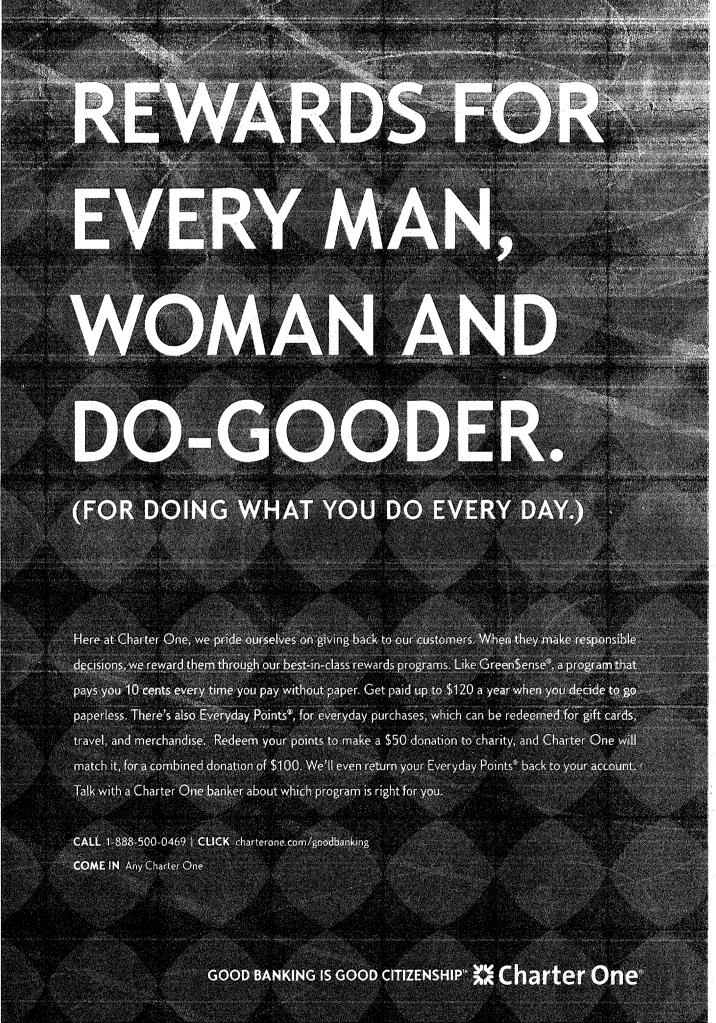
The sergeant smiled when he was asked the same question about what activities the two of them like to do. "Play video games, play baseball and go swimming," Hernandez said. "We'll probably go swimming. It gets pretty hot in Iraq."

Wife Michelle said she expects Juan and her to spend some family time together with Juan, Xavier, 2, and 6month-old Arianna.

Michelle said the children talk to Juan every day he is in Iraq. "They talk to each other with the computer with a Web cam so they see him every day," Michelle said.

kabramcz@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2591





rober FDIC. Charter One is RBS Citizens, N.A. Subject to approval. GreenSense® Debit Card Program: Minimum 10 eligible transactions in a month to receive 10 cents per transaction, Eent Pending, Everyday Points Card Offer: Everyday Points® Program: \$25 program annual fee applies; may be valved for recurring debit card payment. See a banker for details. \$50 charity Points between 5/8/2010 to 6/25/2010. Refund of Everyday Points is funded to one time per calendar year and requires having an enrolled Everyday Points credit card and debit card.



Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

Basket Kreations owner Stella Delap shows off some of the store's 'made in Michigan' products. The store, on Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth, celebrates its 21st anniversary with a party on Thursday.

Gift shop plans 21st anniversary celebration

Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations Gift Shoppe in Downtown Plymouth has seen a lot of ups and downs over the last 21 years. Since starting the business out of her basement, she has survived a recession, a collapsed roof, relocation, and now a streetscape construction project but she stays inspired by the happiness her gifts and gift baskets bring to their recipients.

Delap will celebrate the store's 21 years with cake, prizes and other fun surprises 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the store's location on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

"People said I was crazy," she said. "In 1989, times were not good. I had left my professional job years before to have my two boys. They were getting older and I wanted to do something more, but I also wanted the flexibility to be there for them when they needed me. Finding a happy medium between work and home when your kids are little is not easy. I didn't know where I could find a job like that so I decided to

create my own." She heard about the idea of baskets while researching ideas in Entrepreneur magazine.

"It reminded me of when I was younger, Watching my mom create these fabulous baskets for people," Delap said "She would give them as gifts to family and friends and sometimes make things up for people in need. She took time with them and made every

little detail so beautiful. "The look on a person's face when they opened those lovely baskets full of goodies--you could see she had made a difference to that person with her gift," Delap added. "She could make a person's day with a basket! She passed away in 1983, a few years before I

opened the business." Delap originally set up shop in her basement and hosted home parties.

"It seems so simple to tell it now but looking back 21 years, I would get the kids off to school and build baskets, then build some more after I tucked them into bed," she said. "Sometimes the kids would even help. When times got busy I would hire all of the mothers in school to coordinate deliveries. The way it all worked it's hard to believe."

By Christmastime the baskets had taken over her garage and the whole house was overflowing. She decided to open her first storefront in Canton Township at Joy and Lilley in Golden Gate Plaza with Bob's of Canton.

Then in January 1999, she was on a buying trip in Atlanta when her husband called to tell her that there had been a major snowstorm, the roof collapsed on the shopping center and all of the stores were condemned.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I immediately began looking for a new location. I contacted my current landlord who was wonderful getting me into this space right away. We opened here on Forest Ave in February 1999.

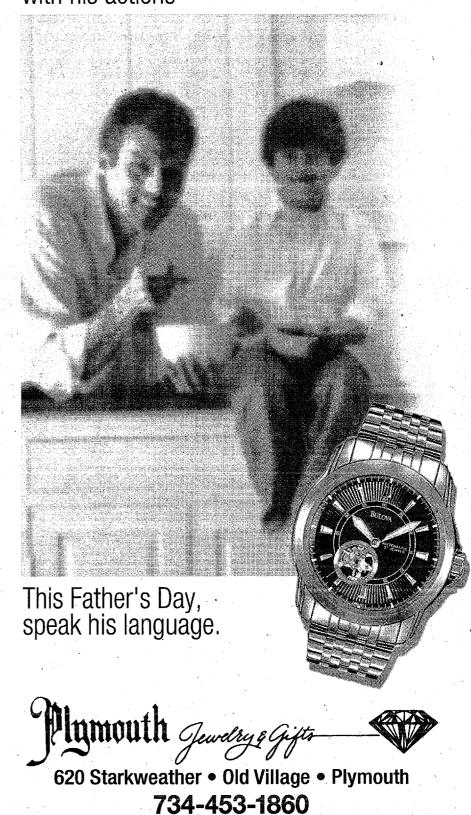
"Little did I know at the time that what appeared to be a tragedy was really a blessing in disguise," Delap said, "I attribute a portion of my lasting success to finding this location in Downtown Plymouth. The Chamber of Commerce. the DDA, the other merchants and all of the events that bring people make it a great environment to do business."

Delap said she's "excited" for the store's June 17 anniversary

"It's going to be great fun to see old faces and new friends and to reminisce a little about everything that has happened over the years," she said. "We'll definitely be celebrating our good fortune and the hope that there will be another 21 wonderful years to come."

Basket Kreations is located at 550 Forest, #10. For more information e-mail basketkreations@ gmail.com or call (734) 354-9156. The store can also be found on the Web at www.basketkreationsandgifts.com.

Your Dad always spoke volumes with his actions



The Area's Most Trusted Custom Jeweler www.plymouthjewelry.com

No Annual Fee Low Variable Rates Rewards on Preferred and 6 Months **Preferred Premium Cards** Online Account Access 24/7/365 And More!

Apply Today

- Online at communityalliancecu.org
- * Call 24/7: 866-398-6660
- Stop by the Credit Union office

Membership required.

*APR=Annual Percentage Rate. 0% introductory APR for the first 6 billing cycles from account opening or balance transfers. This introductory rate does not apply to purchases, PIN transactions or cash advances. This introductory rate is subject to change if any payment is received after the due date, you make a payment that is not honored by your financial institution or you close your account. After that, a variable rate will apply as stated below, based on individual creditworthiness

Variable Rate: The rate is determined monthly by adding 6.74% to prime for a Platinum Preferred m = 9.99%, 10.74% for a Platinum Preferred=13.99%, and 14.74% to prime for Platinum = 17.99%

Dearborn Office Serving

Most of

Wayne

County

(Located just inside North entrance of AAA Headquarters Bldg.) 1 Auto Club Drive Dearborn, MI 48126 313.336.1534

800.287.0046

Livonia Branch (At Newburgh)

Your Guide To Financial Success

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

37401 Plymouth Road Livonia, MI 48150 734.464.8079

communityalliancecu.org



CREDIT UNION

Days Livonia Full Service

Open

NCUA



SECTION B

(CP)

SPORTS

SUNDAY, June 13, 2010

hometownlife (iii) com



MAMA JAZZ KEEPS ALIVE ART FORM

COMMUNITY LIFE, B5

MILESTONES, B7

The first win is the sweetest

Wildcats nab D1 regional, first-ever victory over Canton

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You can add Canton to the list of strong girls soccer teams that Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams had all the answers for.

Williams — showing no fear time and again as she raced out into traffic to get to balls before the Chiefs did — backstopped the Wildcats to a 1-0 victory in Thursday's Division 1 regional final at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass soccer field.

An overtime goal by freshman midfielder Zoe Foster was all Williams and the rest of the team needed, as Plymouth knocked off Canton for the first time in school history. As a result, the Wildcats (14-4-4) move on to Wednesday's D1 semifinal while the 17-2-3 Chiefs go home.

"It's pretty amazing to me because Plymouth has been that no-name, like one of those 'Oh, they should be good' schools, but they never quite get through," said Williams following the contest. "And finally this year is our year to get through.

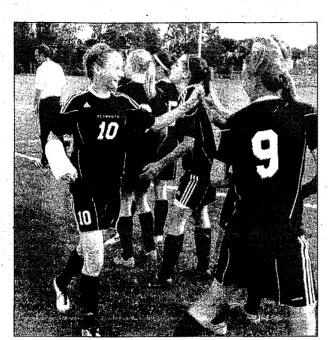
"And we cannot believe it right now, we just stand around and we're like 'Guys, we're Top-4 in the state right now."

Williams last week shocked No. 3-ranked Northville and Salem in the districts and followed up with Tuesday's regional win over Dearborn. All of the wins were 1-0, with two games decided by penalty kicks.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich could barely get the words out, with the thrill of the moment overwhelming him

"It's been mushrooming, just getting better and better and better," Neschich said. "Exclamation point," he added about picking a regional final to get that elusive first win over Canton.

Canton head coach George Tomasso, whose team won the division, association and districts with a deep, tal-



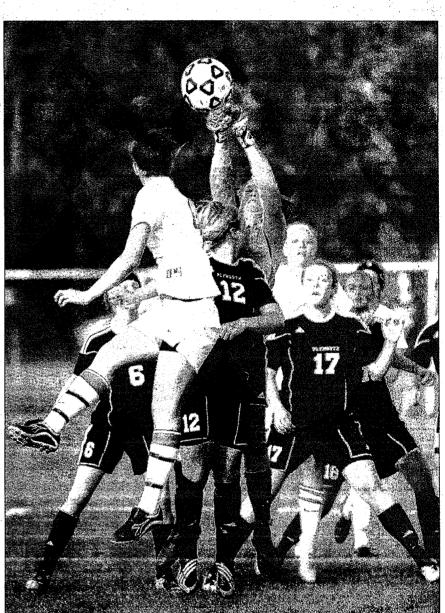
Plymouth freshman midfielder Zoe Foster (No. 10) celebrates with teammates following Thursday's regional final victory over Canton. Foster scored the winning goal in overtime. At right is senior midfielder Jessica Heck (No. 9).

ented roster, said there were enough scoring opportunities to win.

"It's just a shame that the ball didn't find the way into the back of the net," Tomasso said.

But he didn't hesitate to praise his squad, especially his eight seniors who came up two victories short of the coveted state championship.

Please see SOCCER, B3



HOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

The key to Plymouth's regional championship, junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, goes high above the crowd to snag the ball during Thursday's regional final.

TOP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR PT. 1

Winning's the thing for Canton trio

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether Kevin Delapaz is staring down an enemy batter from the pitcher's mound or doing the same to onrushing defensive linemen, it is obvious the Canton senior will do whatever he can to win that moment—and ultimately win the game for his team.

Ditto that for seniors Alyssa Cottrell and Lindsey Winters, among key contributors to the highly successful girls basketball and girls soccer teams they have suited up for during 2009-10.

Delapaz, the lefthanded-throwing pitcher and quarterback for Canton's just-as-successful baseball and football squads, recently earned Top Male Athlete of the Year honors at the high school while Cottrell and Winters shared Top Female Athlete honors.

All three underscore why there have been so many conference, district and regional championships at Canton all year — they are outstanding athletes and student leaders who get the most out of themselves and their teammates.

"I think it's deserving, he's a great kid, he's great in the classroom," said Chiefs baseball coach Mark Blomshield. "I've coached him for a long time, I've had him for four years now.

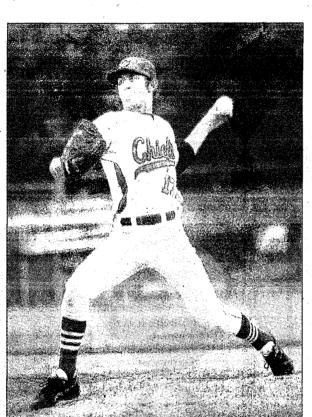
"And he's such a respectful kid, 'Yes sir, No sir.' He's one of the best athletes I've ever coached and one of the best human beings I've ever coached."

Brian Samulski, who coached Canton's girls basketball team to the Final Four in '09-10 in large part to the all-around contributions of Cottrell and Winters, called them outstanding student-athletes and "even better people."

"They've had huge impacts on both the soccer and basketball programs at Canton High School the past four years," Samulski said. "It was a true honor for me to coach them the past four years and both will truly be missed."

Delapaz showed plenty of true grit and on-field leadership as he spearheaded the Canton football team to a 10-2 record — just falling short of defeating eventual state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the regional final.

This spring, for the third year in a row, Delapaz pitched and won the baseball district final for the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With determination etched on his face, Canton senior pitcher Kevin Delapaz eyes his target during Saturday's Division 1 baseball district final against Livonia Stevenson. Delapaz is Canton's Male Athlete of the Year.

Chiefs. This weekend, he pitched in a Division 1 regional game that took place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press.

All of that big-game pressure doesn't seem to rattle Delapaz, who will go to Bowling Green University in Ohio'and bring his varied pitching repertoire. One big reason for that composure is fear of not letting down his teammates and coaches.

Please see CANTON, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPI

This year's Female Athlete of the Year for Salem is Brett deBear, who was Rock-solid with the girls basketball and soccer teams in 2009-10.

They love to be versatile

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blake Abbey and Brett deBear have more in common than just being Salem's 2010 Male and Female Athlete of the Year, respectively.

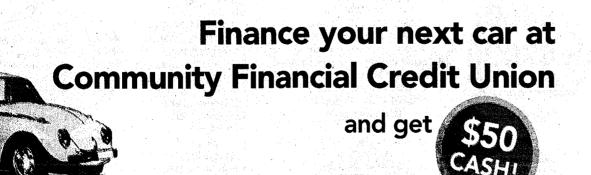
They love being multisport athletes, displaying quiet leadership and providing younger kids with examples of how to complete with dignity and self-confidence.

"It's exciting to have achieved this

goal and know that all my hard work, commitment and guidance has been well worth it," said Abbey, co-captain this year for the football, wrestling and boys lacrosse teams. "And it was not only worth it for the award, but also the experience of working with all of my coaches and teammates and watching them grow as a result."

According to deBear, who was a cocaptain for the girls basketball team

Please see SALEM, B4





right here right for you

www.cfcu.org • (877) 937-2328

PLYMOUTH

CANTON

NORTHVILLE

NOVI

50 Cash offer is good on new or used Community Financial auto loans of \$15,000+ that close by 7/31/2010. Some restrictions apply, see branch for details. Loans subject to application & credit approval.
Federally insured by NCUA 😉 Equal Housing Lender. ©2010 Community Financial

Area girls thinclads display talent

2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS Shot put: 1 Chelsea Carradine, Sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Taylor Byron, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Trisha Jordan, Soph., North Farmington. Discus: 1. Cally Perkins, Sr., Garden City; 2. Savannah Haig, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Lynn Nagannast, Sr.

Franklin; 3. Lynn Nagengast, Sr.,

High jump: 1, Abbey Lovat, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2, (tie) Emilie Freeman, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Senclair McDonnell, Soph., Churchill; 3.

Lindsay Lipa, Jr., Canton.
Long jump: 1, Aubrie Scott, Jr.,
Westland John Glenn; 2, Becka Knox,
Soph., Plymouth; 3, Leah Heinzelman, ph., Churchill. **Pole vault**: 1. Reagan Engstrom,

Soph., Plymouth; 2. Jane McCurry, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Meghan Lark, Jr., Franklin. 100-meter hurdles: I. Megan Yanik, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; 2. Senneca Scott Sr., Franklin; 3. Karlyn Cassidy, Sr., Farmington Hills Harrison.

300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Bobbi Beveridge, Sr., Garden City, 3. Altemecia Martin, Sr., Thurston. 100 dash: 1. Briana Nixon, Fr., Thurston; 2. Ciara Fullilove, Fr., N

Farmington; 3. Domonique Smith, Soph. Thurston.
200: 1. Tiera Parker, Soph., Harrison;
2. Madi Lewis, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Sydney
Sterling, Fr., Farmington.

400: 1. Cherie Gaines, Jr., N. Farmington; 2. Josephine Zolynsky, Jr., Farmington; 3. Megan Kelly, Sr., Churchill. 800: 1. Sara Kroll, Sr., Churchill; 2.

Megan Vitale, Jr., Ladywood; 3. Rachael Hille, Soph., Plymouth. 1,600: 1. Gabby DeFlorio, Soph., Farmington; 2. Kerrigan Riley, Fr., Churchill; 3. Nicole Zehel, Sr., Lutheran Wastland

westland.
3,200: 1. Megan McPhérson, Jr.,
Franklin; 2. Bethany Pilat, Soph.,
Churchill; 3. Bianca Kubicki, Jr., Canton,
400 relay: 1. Thurston (Sonya Burks,
Sr., Briana Nixon, Fr., Altamecia Martin,
Sr., Domonique Smith, Soph.): 2. Harrison (Jakia Parker, Jr.; Karlyn Cassidy, Sr.; Talia Shuford, Jr.; Tiera Parker, Soph.); 3. North Farmington (Asha Freeman, Fr.: Maleah West, Fr.; Alex White, Sr.; De Jenee

Berry, Jr.). 800 relay: 1. Thurston (Sonya Burks, Sr.; Briana Nixon, Fr.; Ariele Harris, Fr.; Domonique Smith, Soph.); 2. North Farmington (Cherie Gaines, Jr.; Clara Fullilove, Fr., Alex White, Sr.; DeJenee Berry, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (E'Aijsha Guşter, Jr.; Kayla Jones, Fr.; Stephany Brown,

Soph: Aubrie Scott, Jr.). 1,600 relay: 1. Ladywood (Teresa Wojnarowski, Jr.; Shannon Scarlett, Jr.; Megan Vitale, Jr.; Megan Yanik, Sr.); 2. Farmington (Gabby DeFlorio, Soph.; Jacquelyne Zolynsky, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Fr.; Josephine Zolynsky, Jr.); 3. Plymouth (Madi Lewis, Fr.; Carissa

Buttermore, Jr.; Becka Knox, Soph.; Rachael Hille, Soph.). 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Tiffany Raisanen, Sr.; Bethany Pilat, Soph.; Kerrigan Riley, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Sr.); 2 Farmington (Gabby DeFlorio, Soph.; Clivia Salinas, Soph.; Lydia Macklin-Camel, Sr.; Josephine Zolyrisky, Jr.); 3. Mercy (Heather Smith, Soph.; Katje Clark, Sr.; Lindsey Tartaglia, Soph.; Jaclyn

COACH OF THE YEAR Pat Daugherty, Churchill

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS Chelsea Carradine, Sr., Red.

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

Thurston (shot put): One of the finest track performers to ever compete at Thurston, Carradine again displayed grit and determination in earning her fourth consecutive opportunity to line up against the state's elite. Battling through injuries to her hamstring and shoulder during much of the 2010 campaign, Carradine was able to claim her fourth straight regional crown in the shot put.

"Chelsea finished third last year in the Division 2 finals, but was hampered by shoulder and hamstring injuries this year," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "She wasn't able to compete in the running events, but she was able to dominate in the shot

Cally Perkins, Sr., Garden City (discus): The Cougar senior concluded her second varsity campaign by earning a spot in the state finals. Consistently throwing the discus anywhere between 99 and 102 feet, Perkins acquired a new disc prior to the finals and promptly went on and improved on her mark by some 10 feet. Perkins' school-record toss of 112 feet at the finals placed her 12th overall

Abbey Lovat, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy (high jump): Lovat was all-state again in the high jump, placing seventh in Division 1. She won the event at the Jackson Invite and Catholic League meet, and she was the regional runnerup. Lovat also excelled in the long jump and throwing events, and she was the Field Athlete of Meet at the River Rat Invite. The two-time team MVP scored 198 points this year, which is the school's third-best, single-season total since Gary Servais became the coach in 1988.

Aubrie Scott, Jr., Westland Glenn (long jump): The junior was Division 1 regional champion with a season-best 17-0.5 inches.

Scott was also undefeated in dual meets and was Kensington Conference long jump champion

"Aubrie was a huge part of our team this season," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "After qualifying for the state meet in three events as a sophomore, Aubrie was excited for a great junior year. Her best event is the

Summer Performance Training

♦ Achieve Greater Levels of Strength & Power

8 Week & 4 Week

Summer Training Program

June 21st - August 15th

(Classes Monday - Saturday)

Open To All Sports, Ages 8 & Up

8 Week was \$550 now only \$400

4 Week was \$350 now only \$200

Velocity Sports Performance

♦ Increase Your Playing Speed & Agility

♦ Stability & Flexibility Development

♦ Réduce Likelihood of Injury

♦ Pre & Post Program Testing

♦ Certified Performance Coaches

long jump in which she had the furthest jump at every meet we attended this season.

Scott also excelled in the sprints and sprint relays. She clocked a 12.7 in the 100 and a 26.8 in the 200. She was Kensington Conference champ in the 100 and helped the Rockets to a first in the 4 x 200 and a second in the 4 x 100.

Reagan Engstrom, Soph., Plymouth (pole vault): The sophomore missed the first four weeks of the season due to an ankle iniury, but then made up for lost time in a big way.

Engstrom took first place at the Division 1 regional with a mark of 9-feet, 8-inches. She then vaulted 10-9 in the prelims of the state final in Rockford, which established Plymouth High and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records.

"Reagan is an athlete that makes coaching easy," said Plymouth coach Ricky Styes, who noted that "the sky is the limit" for Engstrom during the next two years, considering her abundant talent, work ethic and leadership skills.

"We are confident that she will be one of the elite vaulters in the state these next two years," Styes added. "Being a captain this year, her work ethic became contagious within our vaulters, as well as the rest of the team."

Megan Yanik, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (100 hurdles): The senior, bound for Notre Dame, enjoyed the most productive state meet of any area athlete capturing the Division 2 state titles in the 100 hurdles (14.75) and 300 hurdles (43.85), both school records.

Yanik, the class valedictorian was also regional and Catholic League A-B Division champion in both events. She broke a 26-year-old record in the 300 hurdles (45.02) at the Catholic League meet.

'We gave her our MVP," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said. "She scored most of the points and was the reason why we finished fourth in the state (Division 2).

Becky Adamcheck, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (300 hurdles): The senior, headed to DePaul University, moved up seven places from her heat to finish fourth in Division 1 in the 300 hurdles with a school-record

The two-year captain and top point-getter was also Public Schools of Livonia, Kensington Conference and regional champ in the 300 hurdles. She also helped the Spartans break the school record in the 1,600 relay.

"Becky has been one of the toughest competitors I have coached," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

The two-time MVP also earned Stevenson's prestigious Gabe Award.

Brianna Nixon, Fr., Red. Thurston (100 dash): This Eagle freshman left opponents shaking their heads at her ability to blaze a trail to the finish line in various sprint events. Participating in her first state final, Nixon was able to rack up a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash with · a time of 12.55 and took seventh in the 200 with a school-record clocking of 25.83. She also was a part of the 4x100 and 4x200 relay contingents that registered top 10 finishes at the state meet.

Brianna has natural speed and she will get better," Chambo said. "She is very focused, especially for a ninth grader."

Tiera Parker, Soph., Farm. Harrison (200): Parker set a school record of 25.4 seconds in the 200 dash, surpassing Devron Kennedy's time of 25.8 Parker was second in the West Bloomfield regional and went to state. She was eighth in the 100 dash at the state meet with a 12.88 time, and she shares the school record (12.1) in that event with Kristen Hardy.

Cherie Gaines, Jr., N. Farmington (400): Gaines finished eighth in the state with an area-best time of 57.92 seconds for the 400 meters. Her time is a school record, bettering Heather Burcar's 1993 time of 58.4. Gaines also ran the second-fastest time (25.9) in school history in the 200. The team MVP helped set a another record of 1:45.6 in the 800 relay and was part of the fastest 1,600 four-

Sara Kroll, Sr., Liv. Churchill (800): The senior was regional champ in the 800 and 1,600 runs, along with being a part of the first-place 3,200 relay quartet that placed at the Division 1 state meet (sixth).

Kroll, bound for Michigan State, was also Kensington Conference champion in all three events.

She holds school records in the 800 (2:13.2), 1,600 (4:54.25) and 3,200 (10:50.32) - all set this season.

"Sara is the most dominating distance runner in area and one of the top runners in the state,' Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "She's the best runner I have ever worked with, and the most talented and hardest working athlete that I have ever

Gabby DeFlorio, Soph., Farmington (1,600): DeFlorio was 10th in the state with a school-record time of 5:11.5, breaking Janelle Lindman's record of 5:15.7. She was second in the regional to

state champ Megan Goethals. DeFlorio is the OAA White Division champion in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, and she was the runner-up in the 800. She won the 1,600, 800 and 3,200 races in the city meet.

"Gabby displays equal measures of dedication and care toward her sport as well as her teammates," coach Chip Bridges said. "Her success is well deserved and, hopefully, just

beginning. Megan McPherson, Jr., Liv. Franklin (3,200): The junior posted a fifth-place finish in the Division 1 state finals with a

school-record time of 10:53.84.

"Her state meet performance is one of my proudest moments in coaching," Franklin's Dave Bjorklund said. "Megan is our hardest worker, and after getting knocked down last year in the 3,200 run at the state meet, she was bound and determined to do well this year, and her hard work paid off."

McPherson was regional champ in the 3,200 (11:11.7) and runner-up in the 1,600 (5:07.4). She added a Kensington Conference title in the 3,200.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS Thurston, 400 (Sonja Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Altemecia Martin, Sr.; Domonique Smith, Soph.): This Eagle relay culminated an outstanding season of competition by placing fourth at the Division I state finals with a time of 48.85. With Burks leading off, opponents were often in quick pursuit with little hope of gaining ground on teammates Brianna Nixon, Altemecia Martin or Domonique Smith.

Thurston, 800 (Sonja Burks, Sr.; Brianna Nixon, Fr.; Ariele Harris, Fr.,; Domonique Smith, Soph.): With two freshmen, a sophomore and one senior comprising the unit, this Eagle contingent was able to culminate an outstanding year of competition by racing to a school-record 1:44.19



Chelsea Carradine Cally Perkins Garden City



Aubrie Scott John Glenn

Thurston



Plymouth



Megan Yanik

Ladywood



Becky Adamcheck



Thurston



Tiera Parker Harrison



N. Farmington



Churchill



Gabby DeFlorio Farmington



Megan McPherson



Thurston



Altemecia Martin **Thurston**



Domonique Smith Thurston



Thurston



Ariele Harris



Teresa Wojnarowski Ladywood



Shannon Scarlett

Ladywood



Megan Vitale Ladywood



Tiffany Raisanen Churchill



Kerrigan Riley

Churchill



Bethany Pilat Churchill



Pat Daugherty Churchill coach

Ladywood, 1,600 (Teresa Wojnarowski, Jr.; Shannon Scarlett, Sr.; Megan Vitale, Jr.; Megan Yanik, Sr.): This foursome placed runner-up in Division 2 with a school-record time of 4:00.98.

showing at the state meet. The

performance was good for 10th

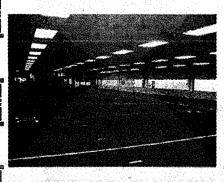
They were also Catholic League A-B Division champs (school-record 4:01.33), breaking a 34-year-old mark. Churchill, 3,200 (Tiffany

Raisanen, Sr.; Bethany Pilat, Soph.; Kerrigan Riley, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Sr.): This quartet peaked at the Division 1 state finals in Rockford with a sixth-place finish posting a school-record time of 9:18.98, almost eight seconds faster than their school-record effort of 9:27.19 in the KLAA Association meet.

COACH OF THE YEAR Pat Daugherty, Churchill: The third-year coach guided the Chargers to Public Schools of Livonia, KLAA South Division (5-0 dual record), Kensington Conference and Division 1-Region 5 championships.

The girls track team at Churchill has two things going for it, Daugherty said.

"First, we have girl athletes who are very talented, extremely competitive and dedicated hard workers," she said. "And secondly, a coaching staff made up of John Filiatraut, Angie Krolikowski, Al Smith and Vern Williams, who are great teachers and motivators. This has been our secret to our success this



Register Online @ www.Velocitysp.com/canton Or Call 734.485.2561

46615 Michigan Ave Canton, MI

In hot pursuit of a 50/50 ball Thursday are Plymouth sophomore Alyssa **Burris and Canton**

forward Jessikah

McClendon.

"These seniors have been absolutely amazing," Tomasso continued. "... Canton has some of the greatest athletes in the state."

FREE KICK COSTS CHIEFS

The winner came with 6:13 left in the first overtime, starting with a free kick by Plymouth junior defender Katelyn Moss.

Her strong boot deep into the Canton end of the pitch started a chain reaction that led to the

The ball bounced to the right side of the box with Canton junior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges seemingly pouncing on it.

But Wildcats' freshman defender Morgan Kladunde got to the ball at the same time and got enough of it to chip it over to Foster — who sent a low shot right-to-left, inside the left post.

"I think Morgan surprised her and it just got past her and I shot it," said Foster, adding that "I don't think anybody expected us to beat them. But this is definitely going to go down in school history. It's just so exciting."

Two members of Canton's outstanding senior class saw the decisive play a bit differently.

"They got the free kick and we just couldn't clear it," said Chiefs' midfielder Lindsey Winters. "And our keeper came up for the ball, she had it in her hands and apparently she didn't - and Plymouth scored. There should have been a whistle."

Alyssa Cottrell, who moved from midfield to defense late in regulation after an ankle injury sustained by rock-solid sophomore defender Robyn Mack, said



Plymouth junior defender Katelyn Moss (No. 18) tries to keep the ball away from Canton sophomore forward Kaylin Berinti (No. 11).

what hurt the most was not taking advantage of scoring chances.

"We just couldn't finish," Cottrell lamented. "We had three corner kicks in a row, and couldn't finish them. ... We had our chances.

Williams had something to do with it. She got in front of a dangerous shot by sophomore forward Allyson Krause with 30 minutes to go in the second half and later jumped high to deflect a Winters scoring bid out of play.

Early in OT, Winters took those three consecutive corner kicks, but Williams wasn't about to flinch. Meanwhile, Plymouth's defensive corps (led by senior Meeghan Hughes and Moss)

were all over Canton's forwards.

Williams said much of pregame preparation was spent going over the penalty-kick sce-

"Their strength is definitely in the air," Williams noted. "They have Megan Trapp, who is great and Ally Krause and Melanie Pickert pulling up in the back.

The goalkeeper slid near the "I've known most of those girls 18-yard mark to scoop up the ball

before Balewski could reach it.

With about seven minutes left in the half, the Chiefs worked a nice offensive play from Balewski to senior forward Jessikah McClendon. But Hughes got in front of the subsequent shot, taken close in from the right side

of the box. "It was a great game, could have gone either way," Neschich said. "They had more than enough chances to tuck one in on us. Our goalie and defense just came up huge again tonight and

we got a break. The Wildcats will face either Okemos or Portage Central in Wednesday's semifinal. Those teams played Friday night.

tsmith@hometownlife.com

FINAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD BESTS

FINAL GIRLS TRACK LISTING

SHOT PUT Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 38-4.5 Taylor Byron (Churchill) 37-9 Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 36-1.5 Trisha Jordan (N. Farmington) 35-1.25 Savannah Haig (Franklin) 34-2 Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 33-11.5 Mahogany Miller (Churchill) 33-9 Magginese Holliday (Thurston) 34-3 Andrea Gordon-McClain (Glenn) 33-2 Kelsey Pizana (Mercy) 33-1

DISCUS Cally Perkins (Garden City) 112-0 Savannah Haig (Franklin) 111-10 Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 111-7 Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 110-6 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 108-6 Alyssa Shirkey (Luth. Westland) 103-0 Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 100-7 Kelli Hagopian (Mercy) 100-3 Kayla Branton (Stevenson)-100-0 Christine Maleske (Churchill) 100-0

HIGH JUMP Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 5-4 Lindsay Lipa (Canton) 5-2 Senclair McDonnell (Churchill) 5-2 Emilie Freeman (Luth. Westland) 5-2 Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 5-2 Timme Mackie (Mercy) 5-2 Bridget Koessler (Stevenson) 5-1 Lisa Hollaway (Franklin) 5-0 Bobbi Beveridge (Garden City) 5-0 Lynn Nagengast (Farmington) 5-0

Micah Ernst (Mercy) 5-0 LONG JUMP Aubrie Scott (John.Glenn) 17-0.5 Abbey Lovat (Mercy) 16-5.5 Becka Knox (Plymouth) 16-1.5 Leah Heinzelman (Churchill) 15-10 Jen Mueller (Franklin) 15-9.5 Lexi Baker (Farmington) 15-8.5 Natalie Modes (Franklin) 15-8 Kristina Klusek (Salem) 15-7.25 Altemecia Martin (Thurston) 15-

Delia Uke (Mercy) 15-7 **POLE VAULT** Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth) 10-9 Jane McCurry (Plymouth) 10-0 Meghan Lark (Franklin) 9-6 Megan Paruta (Salem) 9-4 Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 9-4 Lindsey Kreutzman (Churchill) 9-0 Emily Wolf (Stevenson) 8-8 Sally Tomala (Churchill) 8-6

Kara Bongiovani (Canton) 8-6 Lindsey Russell (Plymouth) 8-6 100-METER HURDLES Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 14.75 Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 15.41 Senneca Scott (Franklin) 15.7 Karlyn Cassidy (Harrison) 15.7 Altemeica Martin (Thurston) 16.1

Whitney Fields (Harrison) 16.3 Jen Mueller (Franklin) 16.4 DeJenee Berry (N. Farmington) 16.8 Sheridan Cassidy (Harrison) 17.0 Sierra Resovsky (Farmington) 17.1 Jamie Coleman (Harrison) 17.1 300 HURDLES

Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 43.85 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 45.87 Karlyn Cassidy (Harrison) 48.1 Senneca Scott (Franklin) 48.3 Bobbi Beveridge (Garden City) 48.6 Altemecia Martin (Thurston) 49.04 Jamie Coleman (Harrison) 49.1 Whitney Fields (Harrison) 50.0 Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 50.43 Sierra Resovsky (Farmington) 51.3

100 DASH Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.1 Briana Nixon (Thurston) 12.53 Ciara Fullilove (N. Farmington) 12.6 Domonique Smith (Thurston) 12.69 Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 12.7 Leah Heinzelman (Churchill) 12.8 Cydny Henry (Mercy) 12.9 E'Aijsha Guster (John Glenn) 12.9 Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 13.0 Brandy Jackson (John Glenn) 13.0 200

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 25.4 Briana Nixon (Thurston) 25.55 Madi Lewis (Plymouth) 25.7 Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 25.9 Ciara Fullilove (N. Farmington) 26.4 Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 26.5 Jakia Parker (Harrison) 26.7 Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 26.8 Jessica Soblesky (Ply. Christian) 27.1 Sonya Burks (Thurston) 27.1 400

Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 57.92 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 59.7 Josephine Zolynsky (Farmington) 1:00.6 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 1:01.2 Stephany Brown (John Glenn) 1:01.26 Megan Kelly (Churchill) 1:01.3 Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:01.6 Katie Clark (Mercy) 1:02.1 Krystal Whitlow (Garden City) 1:02.1

Becka Knox (Plymouth) 1:02.1 800 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:13.2 Megan Vitale (Ladywood) 2:19.6 Rachael Hille (Plymouth) 2:20.9 Megan McPherson (Franklin) 2:22.8 Tiffany Raisanen (Churchill) 2:25.4 Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 2:25.5 Olivia Salinas (Farmington) 2:26.0 Nicole Zehel (Luth. Westland) 2:26.2 Katie Clark (Mercy) 2:26.3 Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 2:26.95 1.600

Sara Kroll (Churchill) 4:54.25 Megan McPherson (Franklin) 5:06.93 Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 5:11.5 Kerrigan Riley (Churchill) 5:12.2 Nicole Zehel (Luth, Westland) 5:16.69 Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 5:22.93 Heather Smith (Mercy) 5:28.6 Paula Green (Plymouth) 5:32.0 Meredith Houska (Ladywood) 5:36.8

Angèla Wright (N. Farmington) 5:37.0 3,200 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 10:50.32 Megan McPherson (Franklin) 10:53.84 Kerrigan Riley (Churchill) 11:22.7 Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 11:27.4 Bianca Kubicki (Canton) 11:31.1 Meredith Houska (Ladywood) 11:50.5 Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 11:51.1 Gabby DeFlorio (Farmington) 11:55.4 Heather Smith (Mercy) 11:59.7 Victoria Tripp (Salem) 12:11.33

400 RELAY Redford Thurston 48.85 Farmington Harrison 50.1 North Farmington 50.73 Westland John Glenn 50.8 Wayne Memorial 51.3

800 RELAY Redford Thurston 1:44.19 North Farmington 1:45.6 Farmington Harrison 1:46.2 Westland John Glenn 1:47.5 Plymouth 1:48.2 1,600 RELAY Livonia Ladywood 4:00.98

Farmington 4:02.0

Plymouth 4:02.8

Livonia Stevenson 4:04.87 Livonia Churchill 4:05.58 3,200 RELAY Livonia Churchill 9:18.89 Farmington 9:52.0 Farmington Hills Mercy 10:00.0 Livonia Franklin 10:07.2 North Farmington 10:17.5

BIGOR BIGGE

for a long time, playing with and

against them, too. But we knew

going into it that their strong

suit is corners and in the air on

crosses and my coach told me

just get there."

matches.

before the game 'Marissa, that's

you, I don't care how you get there

Just 18 minutes into the first

half, Williams served notice that

she intended on being as stingy

against the Chiefs as she was in

Williams raced far out of the

goal to meet Canton senior mid-

seemed to always be around the

ball with her speed and dribbling

fielder Christy Balewski, who

the previous three postseason



CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT



THE CHOICE IS YOURS. Whether it's a short- or long-term CD, you're maximizing your returns with these high-yield rates. If you're saving with Citizens Bank, you already have made a wise decision.

TO OPEN A CD ONLINE OR FIND THE LOCATION NEAREST YOU, VISIT CITIZENSBANKING.COM OR CALL 800-444-6989.

stage Yield (APY) is valid as of 6/6/10, \$1,000 **拿**嚴

ROOFS SIDING As Low As **Vinyl As Low As** \$950 CONSTRUCTION **TEAR-OFFS ALUM. TRIM** As Low As As Low As \$2900 PORCHES **AWNINGS** REBUILT **Better Than New** 313-531-7060 As Low As **SEAMLESS GUTTERS** www.adamsconstr.com LEAF-FREE Installed **GUTTER SYSTEM**

SENIOR DISCOUNT

HEATING, COOLING & ELECTRICAL company, It's the way we do business. Free Estimates on All Our Services! Prompt Work! For Fair Prices, Call One of Our Convenient Locations Today... West: 734,422,8080 • North Woodward: 248,548,9565 • East: 586,274,1155 • Detroit: 313,792,0770 • Downriver: 734,281

COMDITIONING Get Ready For Summer!

SALES • SERVICE • REPAIR

We Sell, Install, Service & Repair All Brands & Models!

Quality Products, Dependable, **Fast Service You Can Trust!**



Soecialistsi

SALES • SERVICE • REPAIR

Install with the Same

Dependable, Fast Service Reasonable Prices You Have

Come to Trust

Quality Products

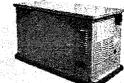
Finally Affordable for Everyone

SALES • INSTALLATION • SERVICE

Natural Gas Powered

 Fully Automatic • Whole House

Stand By



By Full Service Master Electricians

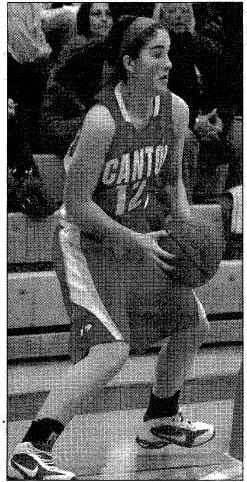
• Service Changes & Upgrades • Rewiring

Outlets Added
 Ground Fault Interrupt Outlets

• Edison's Low Rate Meter • Breakers Installed

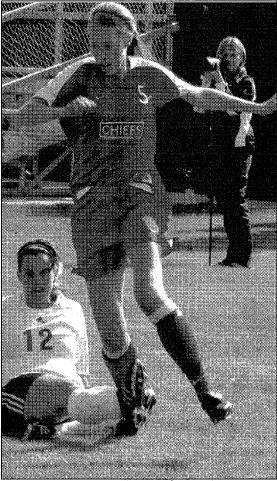
• Install Ceiling Fans, Light Fixtures, Stove Hoods

 Violations Corrected
 Wiring Furnaces, Hot Water Heaters, Air Conditioning, Hot Tubs & Appliances



Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

Alyssa Cottrell's talent and leadership helped Canton's girls basketball and girls soccer teams have major success during 2009-10.



Canton senior Lindsey Winters (No. 5), like co-female athlete of the year Alyssa Cottrell, excelled throughout high school both in soccer and basketball.

and just concluded the girls soccer season, she was "very surprised to hear my name called" for Salem's Top Female Athlete of the Year Award.

"I am very honored to represent Salem in this way," deBear

Both are solid students, too, with grade point averages of 3.0 for Abbey and 3.7 for

But they really excelled in the so-called athletic classroom, enthusiastically going from season to season and sport to sport.

"I didn't want to be a onesport athlete," deBear said. "I can't get enough of sports, so I wanted to play as many as

"I can't imagine life without soccer or basketball, so I had to play both."

Her soccer coach, Joe Nora, said deBear was a "wonderful choice" for the honor.

"She's just a top notch kid," Nora said. "(She's) always smiling, but working hard and striving to do her best. Brett's strength and competitiveness are her greatest qualities."

THE RIGHT DECISION

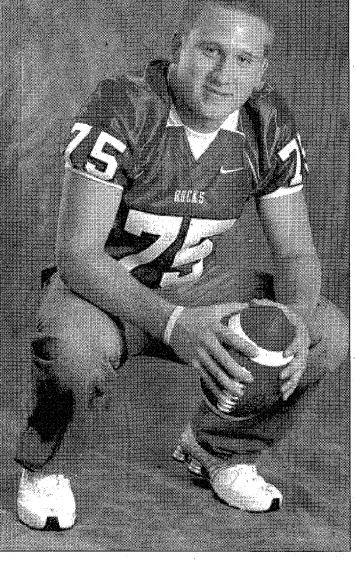
Abbey reached his goal of being a three-sport athlete for all four years of high school, earning 10 varsity letters in the process.

He's now more certain than ever that he did the right thing instead of specializing in one sport - which is becoming a trend in preps.

"I have always had thoughts of what would happen if I had just focused on one specific sport," Abbey said. "... but looking back it was well worth it not to.

"I have met so many amazing people, been through a variety of different successes and adversities and have help many more people than I ever thought I could."

Being a successful varsity



Three-sport varsity athlete and co-captain Blake Abbey recently was named Male Athlete of the Year at Salem. Abbey amassed 10 letters at the high school, competing in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

athlete in more than one sport isn't easy, however. And it's not for everybody.

But Abbey's advice to younger athletes is to find out what makes them tick and go from there.

"Do everything to challenge yourself and also be a great teammate and leader in the process," he said, "no matterwhat path you might take."

By the way, Abbey plans to diversify even at Ferris State University, with plans to play football and club lacrosse.

Meanwhile, very proud of Abbey's award was his wrestling coach at Salem, Greg Woochuck.

"I believe Blake won the award for the same qualities that our captains have always been chosen for — honesty, loyalty, respect, unselfishness," noted Woochuck, adding that Abbey "was always involved in doing something for someone with never the thought of being repaid."

tsmith@hometownlife.com

"I work hard to do my best for the team and try to set an example for the team," Delapaz emphasized.

Although he shows plenty of swagger, he also has a humble side, especially about his experiences as a Canton athlete and the award itself.

"It was a great honor," he said. "There's a lot of great athletes at Canton and to be named top (male) athlete was great because a bunch of athletes at our school could have gotten it."

As for the past four years as a Chief, Delapaz said he's "enjoyed it a lot. All the people that have been involved with it, I'm really

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is hosting a free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will

Free golf clinic in June

take place from 2-3 p.m.

at Ford-Napier roads in

www.TrainWithTami.com.

The 2nd Annual Milt

Thackaberry golf outing

Thackaberry Memorial/Salem

Baseball Golf Outing is set for

1 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Fox

Hills Golf & Banquet Center

(8768 N. Territorial Road in

Those interested should

of Canton.

Plymouth).

Saturday, June 26 at Hickory

Creek Golf Course — located

Superior Township, just west

For more information, go to

grateful for the experience that I've had."

For best friends Cottrell and Winters, their whole senior year turned out to be quite a "win-win" scenario. They won on the basketball court, soccer pitch and on campus as student

leaders. They even were able to stand next to each other on stage when each earned their share of female athlete honors.

"I was really excited, I had no idea it was coming," Winters said. "So it felt good to be standing on stage next to Alyssa."

According to Cottrell, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average and is Michigan State University-bound, getting the honor was "really exciting. I worked hard for four years to. get to this point."

Both said their part in helping the girls basketball and soccer teams have big seasons helped get them noticed enough for such recognition.

"With basketball I had huge success there, and I'm having huge success here (soccer)." Cottrell said. " ... We're good athletes, we work hard and we're able to do things with teams and be successful."

Winters, slated to attend Olivet College and play soccer there, said this year proves there is benefit to being a multi-sport athlete in an era where more athletes are encouraged to specialize in one.

"It helps ... because you compare stuff between basketball and soccer, on and off the field,"

tsmith@hometownlife.com

Team effort sparks state champ Splitz gymnasts

Splitz Gymnastics, based in Canton, won the National Division in the USAG Level 5 State Meet last month in Traverse City, with a team effort of 114.525 points.

Coaches Patti Bovee and Shannon Green said all 14 girls on the Level 5 team worked hard all season and focused on teamwork, keys to this year's success.

There were more than 30 teams at the state meet.

Following are gymnasts who excelled and were named state cham-

pions: • Morgan Soper, 13 years old: State champ on bars, floor exercise, allaround; 2nd on vault; 3rd on beam.

• Emilie Devanie, 13: State champ on vault; 2nd on bars, beam and all-

• Megan McKeehan, 13: 3rd on

vault and floor.

e-mail Steve Gordon (sgordon88@sbcglobal.net), Denny Devine (devinev@aol.com) or go to www.rocksbaseball.com.

· Rachel Robitaille, 11: State champ on vault; 2nd on all-around; 3rd on bars, beam, floor.

• Erin Haslem, 11: State champ on beam, floor and all-around.

• Rebeca Simu, 11: State champ on bars; 2nd on vault; 3rd on beam and all-around.

• Aliisa Annala, 11: 4th on bars and beam.

· Maleah Marshall, 11: 3rd on beam.

• Kendall Chemotti, 10: State champ on beam and floor; 2nd on vault and all-around.

• Jordyn Williams, 10: State

champ on vault; 3rd, all-around. • Jana Hilditch, 10: 2nd on beam.

• Reghan Draper, 9: State champ on vault.

 Alexa Rybicki, 9: 4th on vault. Destiny Johnson, 9: State champ

> Learn more about the latest surgical

> weight loss options

from experienced,

board-certified.

on bars; 3rd, all-around.

ASK THE BARIATRIC EXPERTS



Cost-Effective

Michigan Press Association 827 N. Washington Ave. Lansing, MI 48906-5199

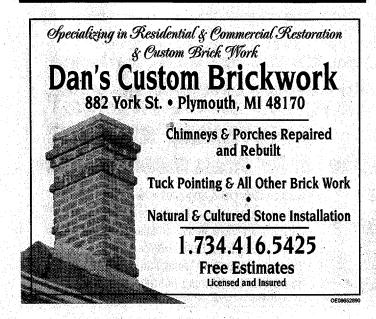
Celebrating after winning the USAG Level 5 State Meet's **National** Division last month is Cantonbased Splitz Gymnastics, coached by Patti Bovee and Shannon Green.

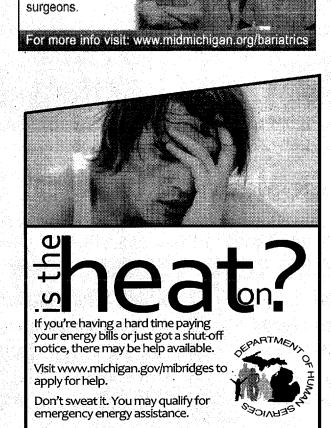


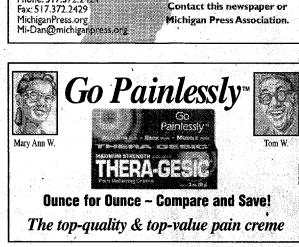
THE SENIOR ALLIANCE (TSA)

Area Agency on Aging 1-C is currently requesting proposals for a lease. All proposals are due by Noon (12:00) on July 6, 2010. For additional details: www.thesenioralliance.org.

Publish: June 13, 2010







Statewide Coverage

Place your 2x2 display ad and

reach over 3.5 million readers

for just \$999! Place a 25-word

classified ad and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299!

Community Newspaper Group: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Hometown Weekly Newspapers

1-800-5779-7355

oeads@hometownlife.com

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday, June 13, 2010

hometownlife in com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor Sharon Dargay Voice Mail: (313) 222-8883 E-mail: sdargay@hometownlife.com Comment online at hometownlife.com

Mama Jazz keeps alive art form

They call her Mama Jazz - and for good reason. For nearly 70 years Midge Ellis has produced and promoted concerts showcasing the distinctly American art form. She's the powerhouse behind the Michigan Jazz Festival held every summer in Livonia.

The musicians can thank Ellis' father for introducing her to the music at a young age in the hills of Kentucky. She would sit on his lap for hours listening to the radio. By high school she was booking a band for her senior prom.

Ellis continued to represent musicians for the next several years at Air Force officer clubs. When her husband was transferred to Detroit, she rejoiced because Baker's Keyboard Lounge is known throughout the world as the oldest operating jazz club.

In search of a good place to raise her family, Ellis came to Livonia in 1960. It was here in the 1970s and 1980s she coordinated the Clarenceville Jazz Series bringing legendary Big Bands like Stan Kenton and Count Basie to Louis Schmidt Auditorium.

Ted Mallires remembers when Ellis started the Clarenceville series. He was a band director for the schools from 1959 to 1995. Ellis' children, Gary, Holly and Tim, played in the Clarenceville band.

"She convinced me to get a jazz band together with the kids, let them do a warm up



Midge Ellis (left) and Eileen Standley met at a jazz class years ago and now work together producing the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Midge Ellis gets a kiss from her son, Gary, who plays with Broken Arrow Blues Band.

down in the pits. I'm glad she was adamant," said Mallires. "It was really exciting times. The kids didn't realize but they were seeing history."

Johnny Trudell met Ellis in the 1970s. The Big Band leader has only praise for the

Livonia woman who turns 87 in September.

There's so much that can be credited to Midge," said Trudell. "She instituted a jazz program where there was no jazz. The series is historic. The greatest names in jazz played there. It was amazing.

JAZZ FESTIVALS

She served on the committee of the Montreaux Detroit Jazz Festival for the first six years then went on to help Trudell and Big Band leader Emil Moro produce the successful Michigan Jazz Festival. By the 1990s she had taken over day-to-day details of organizing the event including raising money at concerts several times a year to keep the festival free to the public.

Ellis moved the festival to the Botsford Inn in Farmington from Freedom Hill where it was first held in 1995. When the historic eatery and hotel closed she sought yet another venue, Schoolcraft College in Livonia where it has remained since 1999. Ellis worked in special events on the campus for 17 years.

"She's been Mama Jazz for a long time around here and the musicians have benefited, Trudell said. "She put my band to work. She was instrumental in getting us into Botsford. She started a jazz series there with Jack Brokensha and brought the jazz festival there. She single-handedly does the hands-on stuff. People don't realize what's involved with putting on a festival."

POPULAR EVENT

Matt Michaels got to know Ellis when he was playing piano with Jack Brokensha at the Botsford Inn in the 1990s.

Please see MAMA JAZZ, B6

Michigan Jazz Festival salutes longtime volunteer

BY SHARON DARGAY **0&E STAFF WRITER**

Eileen Standley of Plymouth is a little surprised to find her name under the dedication on this year's Michigan Jazz Festival promotional materials.

It's a long-standing tradition for the festival committee to dedicate the event to a jazz aficionado, but Standley, a member of the committee, never thought the honor would go to her.

"We had a board meeting a month and a half ago where we determine who is chosen. It turned out to be me.

She said the committee usually chooses someone involved in teaching others about jazz, often a musi-

"It's generally an educator, someone into furthering our music."

Standley, who handles contracts, fliers and other promotional materials for the festival, has done exactly that as a piano teacher, performer and festival committee member.

She taught classical piano for years and then met Midge Ellis, and her interest in jazz grew. She began working as a hostess on weekends at Bakers Keyboard Lounge and learning jazz piano at Wayne State University.



The Michigan Jazz Festival next month is dedicated to Eileen Standley of Plymouth.

Standley also accompanied the Schoolcraft College vocal group, SCool JAzz for 20 years.

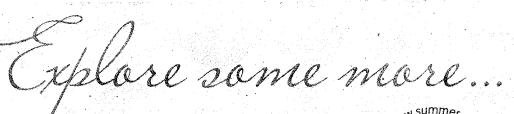
"I've had so much fun and consider myself so lucky," Standley said. "I've worked closely with Midge the last 15 years with the festival.

"It's a labor of love," she said. "It's about the music, first of all, and the mission is to get younger people to start playing our music. Some of the high schools do offer jazz and have their bands. I think it's catching

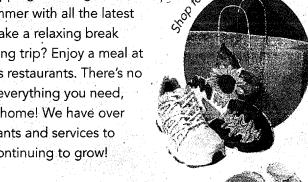
Young people will perform at "Playing with the Pros" a one-hour portion of the festival and college musicians will play on the "Future of Jazz" stage.

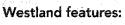
The festival runs from noon to 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft

Please see SALUTES, B6



Let Westland's Shopping & Dining District help you spring into summer with all the latest fashions! Want to take a relaxing break during your shopping trip? Enjoy a meal at one of our fabulous restaurants. There's no better way to find everything you need, and it's all close to home! We have over 160 stores, restaurants and services to offer—and we're continuing to grow!





- Popular retailers including Macy's, Kohl's, Best Buy, Target, JCPenney, and so many more
- Your favorite restaurants-Panera, Red Robin and Max & Erma's—to name a few
- Plenty of convenient parking

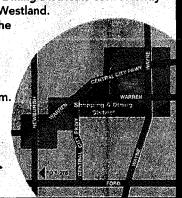
You'll always find everything you want and everything you need in Westland! Come see for yourself!



Everything you need.

Westland's Shopping & Dining District is conveniently located in the heart of Westland. Easily accessible from the I-275/Ford Road exit.

For more information, visit us online at www.cityofwestland.com.





"We have six stages. If you

don't care for (the music)

on one stage, you can walk to another." Standley said. "Everything is free except

The festival's annual

to keep it that way. The

fund-raiser runs noon to

3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the DiPonio Room in

the VisTaTech Center at

Haggerty, just south of

Schoolcraft College, 18600

Seven Mile. Brunch will be

served from noon to 1 p.m.

vocalist Kelly Broadway,

will perform until 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$27.50.

Enclose a self-addressed,

The Cliff Monear Trio, with

Father's Day brunch helps

for the food.

Tell us about July 4 events

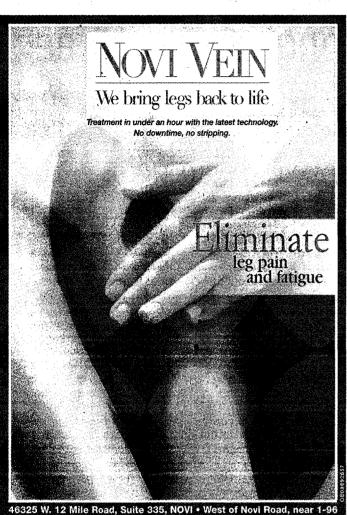
Fourth of July is just a few weeks away, and with it will come parades, fireworks and family traditions.

(WGcReLCP) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

We'd like to know how you celebrate our nation's birthday. Maybe your neighborhood runs an annual decorated bike parade. Or you go whole hog to deck the house and garden in red, white and blue. Do you continue a family or personal tradition that day?

Tell us about it. Write to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com or 615 W. Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Include a photo if you like. Make sure it's in jpg format if e-mailing.

We'll share your story with other readers on July 4.



248.344.9110 • www.NoviVein.com

You may have a medical condition covered by insurance known as Venous insufficiency if you experience any of these

Pain/Aching/Throbbing of Legs Heaviness of feet/ankles

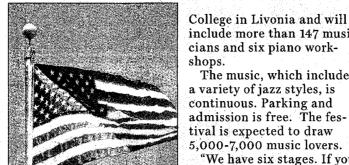
NEW TREATMENT state of Michigan, a new







TOP DOCS







stamped envelope with a check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival and mail to 20457 Mapléwood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022. For more information call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

Arthritis Today

JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY 18829 Farmington Road Livonia, Michigan 48152 Phone: (248) 478-7860

HYDROXY APATITE

Hydroxy apatite is a body constituent composed of the common body constituents of calcium, hydroxalate and phosphate. Hydroxy apatite crystals form at the site of tendon and ligament injuries and act as scaffolding for injuries to these structures. However, at times hydroxy apatite does not act as a building block but as an irritant. The result that at the site where the hydroxy apatite resides an intense irritation begins; the pain is as severe as gout, and the surrounding tissues becomes

swollen and inflamed as happens in gout, injury or infection.

The swelling associated with hydroxy apatite may lead a physician to treat the patient as experiencing a gout attack or begin the person on antibiotics because the swelling looks so much like a bacterial infection.

But hydroxy apatite does not respond to colchicine or allopurinol, the two drugs most commonly used for gout. Also, no antibiotic can resolve the pain or inflammation from hydroxy apatite. The only medication that resolves a flare of

hydroxy apatite is cortisone either by infection or by mouth. I prefer injection because it brings the amount of steroid needed to quell the problem right to the area experiencing the flare. Other physicians prefer oral steroids or a "dose pack," because of the convenience compared to the preparation and

equipment needed for injection. For unknown reasons, older people, that is individuals above age 80, experience recurrent attacks of hydroxy apatite disease having as many as 4-5 attacks in six

MAMA JAZZ

"The Michigan Jazz Festival was on the grounds, in the include more than 147 musibanquet hall, a tent and the hotel," said Michaels of The music, which includes Southfield. "It was packed. You couldn't even walk through the crowd."

> Ellis knew the Botsford Inn well and thought it was the perfect spot for a jazz series and festival.

"She was great friends with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Maynard Ferguson and they stayed at the Botsford. She was a Big Band buff, a real music lover, historically quite accurate, quite knowledgeable especially from the Big Band era," said Michaels, co-founder of the jazz studies program at Wayne State University. "She became a booking agent, booked Maynard. Woody Herman, when he was ill she got him in a hospital in Detroit where he passed away. She was a good friend of Stan Kenton. She knew all these band lead-

Jerry McKenzie met Ellis in the 1970s when he was playing drums with Kenton. He credits Bob Talbert, the late Detroit Free Press columnist. with naming her Mama Jazz. Ellis has always mothered jazz players.

"When Stan's band came to town she would alert Stan and I would be invited up to play," said McKenzie who works in Farmington Hills and lives in West Bloomfield. "Over the years we just kept in contact. Midge has told many people about my band (Just Jazz) playing at Nikola's (in Southfield Thursday nights). She's stayed very active in promoting jazz."

Dan Jordan met Ellis in



Midge Ellis has been a part of the music scene for many years. Here she poses with Count Basie in the 1980s at Ford Auditorium in Detroit.

1972 at the Showers Club. Ellis had rented the space usually used to show dogs. Every Sunday night, Jordan and the house band would jam with guest artists from the Clarenceville series.

"She certainly must be commended for her dedication to the cause of jazz and the Michigan Jazz Festival, said Jordon, a South Lyon resident who plays bass with Just Jazz.

Saxophonist George Benson admires Ellis for her dedication to the Michigan Jazz Festival as well. He will perform at this year's event, which is free to the public.

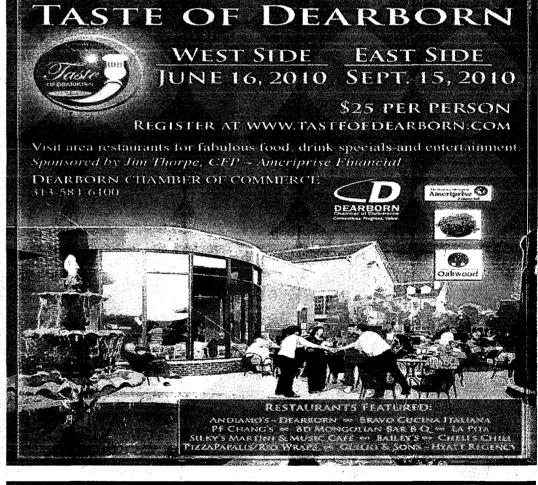
"I've known Midge for years," said Benson of Detroit. "She's always been very active as far as jazz goes. She's worked hard to promote it."

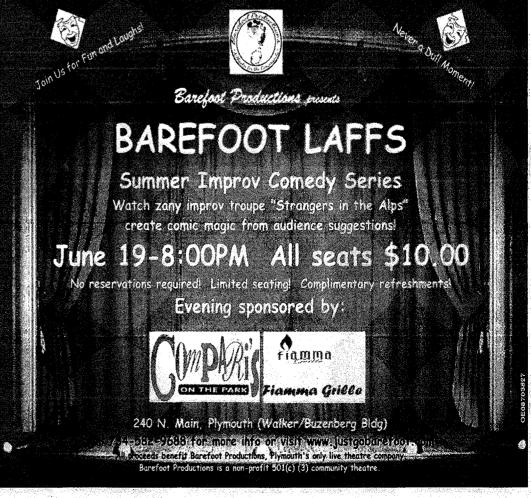
In 2006 she led a drive for used instruments that were donated at the festival then distributed to band programs in need. Ellis believes if jazz is to survive, young musicians must be exposed to the art form.

The Michigan Jazz Festival takes place noon to 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty,









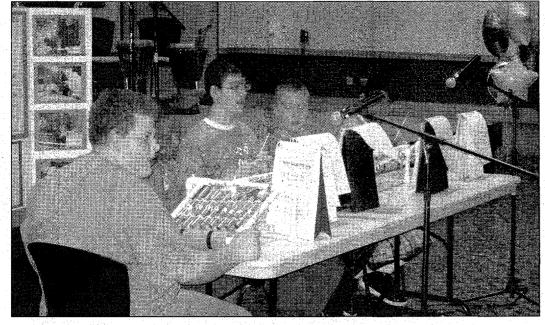
Festival spotlights arts abilities,

Nearly 200 children and adults sang and danced, made art projects, and painted murals at the 19th annual Celebrate Abilities Festival presented by VSA Michigan's Southeast Region Committee June 4, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and June 5, at Michigan State University Community Music School in Detroit.

Founded by Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA was originally known as Very Special Arts, then VSA arts. The nonprofit organization, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., sponsors art, music and dance therapy sessions throughout the year to help children and adults with disabilities express themselves. The annual Southeast Region festival showcases those talents.

Among the performers were students from Old Village School in Northville. They brought handmade xylophones to the DiPonio Room at Schoolcraft College to play We Are the World under the direction of Hayley Mieras, music therapist. Students from Pontiac, Detroit, Lincoln Park, and Monroe performed as well.

On Saturday, Karen Barsy's tap students from 5678 studio in Livonia danced to We Will Rock You. Cameron Barsy, Brandon Miller, Gabrielle and Brooke Kreza, and Caroline Pietron all had a good time. Raymond Wells of Plymouth enjoyed himself, too. A pianist, Wells performed Sonatina



Students from Old Village School in Northville play handmade xylophones at the Celebrate Abilities Festival in

Elizabeth Anchor, market-

ing associate for Schoolcraft

College, sat at a table taking

behind Central Middle School

abilities an accessible area with

donations for the Miracle

in Plymouth. The field will

provide children with dis-

rubberized surface for play-

ing baseball. The Southeast Region Committee and Miracle

League Plymouth decided to

of their like goals of helping

children with disabilities.

The children were the

partner for the festival because

League Field to be built



Students from 5678 Studio in Livonia tap dance at the Celebrate Abilities Festival, presented by VSA Michigan's Southeast Region Committee.

Opus 36, No. 1 by Clementi. The FAR Conservatory Band from Birmingham played Jailhouse Rock.

Many visitors admired the touring Emerging Artists Exhibit while students enjoyed workshops in African drumming with Kevin Collins on Friday, and creating murals with Royal Oak artist, Daniel Cascardo, and movement with therapist Cindy Babcock both

Outside the DiPonio Room, Deb Madonna, co-chair of the Miracle League Plymouth, and

main reason volunteers from CVS pharmacies came to Schoolcraft College to set up easels and help with art projects including Father's Day cards and gift bags. CVS began partnering with VSA Michigan, the state organization on arts and disabilities, about two years ago as part of the CVS Caremark All Kids Can initiative to improve the quality of life for children with disabili-

Without monetary support from CVS and in-kind donations from Schoolcraft College and the MSU Community Music School, the festival would not be heading into its 20th year in 2011.

Southeast Region Committee members include Jody Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Linda Ann Chomin, and Connie Lott.

For more information about Miracle League Plymouth visit www.miracleleagueplymouth. org. The organization believes "Every child deserves a chance to play baseball."

For information about VSA Michigan's Southeast Region Committee Festival, contact Jody Stark at (313) 273-7762 or catinc@earthlink.net.



Claudia King (left), daughter Jessica and son George make sure a family tradition continues. That's Zane in the heirloom gown, held by his father. His big brother, Vance, stands nearby holding greatgrandfather Claude Centers' hand.

Livonia family's heirloom garment is almost like new

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

Patricia Centers of Livonia owns a 105-year-old gown that never seems to go out of style.

Dozens of family members have worn the cotton and lace garment, although each is allowed to dress in the handmade piece only once in a lifetime.

"I'm Claude's wife. It was his mother who wore it initially. His grandmother made the gown for her," Centers explained the history of the family heirloom christening gown.

In 1905, Edna Tischbein was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Detroit in the handmade baptismal dress.

Edna married Clyde Centers and with their three children Claude, Paul and Joanne, who all also wore the gown, moved to Livonia in 1950.

Patricia married Claude in 1952 and became the gown's

keeper. Since then Edna's 14 grandchildren and many greatgrandchildren all followed the family tradition of wearing the family heirloom. Two greatgreat grandchildren have been christened in the gown, one most recently this year.

"All we do is it's wrapped in tissue paper. I used to keep it in plastic and then someone said to use tissue," Centers said. "When it's used, we wash it carefully and keep it in the dresser drawer. There's just a little mark around the neck. I think it's from formula. I was afraid to bleach it, but the rest is just perfect."

Centers said both sexes have worn the gown, raising a few eyebrows in the process.

"I remember when our little son was christened at Our Lady of Sorrows. There were 11 (being baptized) that day. We could hear the snickers, people saying 'Oh, look, that boy has a gown on.' But our whole family was proud."



To place your ad here contact us at Employment careers@hometownlife.com or call 1-800-579-7355





Help Wanted-General

All Students/others SUMMER WORK \$14.25 base-appt flexible sched., no exp needed, will train, cond apply, all ages 17+. (248) 426-4405

APPOINTMENT SETTER out to work. Work from home PT, schedule pick-ups for Purple Heart, call 9-5, M-F. 734-728-4572 or email: phoneworkinfo@aol.com

C&C OPERATOR -Experienced only

Call: (734) 425-3920 **CAD/DETAILER** Contractors Steel Co.

Livonia is seeking a Cad/ Detailer, Good math & communication skills are required Applicants must be Functional in AutoCAD 2000. We offer a competitive pay & benefit package for qualified individual. Fax resume to CSC @ (734) 452-3919

CAREGIVERS

Healthcare company looking for exp'd and compassionate private duty caregivers for al shifts incl. alternate weekends Fax resume: 248-735-1010

CLEANERS, Full-Time for Plymouth Area: 734-812-5683

CLEANERS NEEDED - EXP'D Mon-Fri. 5-10pm. Farmington Hills area Call: 734-642-0064

CONTROL PANEL WIREMAN FT. 1-2 yrs. exp. Fax resume Attn: Gary: (248) 477-5626 Or email: ghine@ aggressivesystems.com

DIRECT CARE STAFF work with developmentally sabled adults. Westland.

Call: 734-525-7731

25 Driver Trainees Needed Now! Learn to drive for Earn \$700 per week! No Experience Needed

Great Benefits! CDL & Job Ready Integrity Truck Driving! 1-888-424-9418

Help Wanted-General 5000

DRIVER - OVER THE ROAD For Southern routes CDL A required. 2 yrs. VERIFABLE exp. Scheduled runs. Competive pay. **734-947-1900**

DRIVER-TRUCK/LABORER Must have stick exp. & good driving record. \$10/hr. to start. Apply at: Nobles Landscape Supply, 29450 W. 8 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. 248-474-4922

DRIVERS: CDLA 1 yr. Exp. Clean MVR. OTR and O/O out five days home most weekends. Benefits package www.whiteline-express.com

FIRST INVESTORS CORP. FINANCIAL SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE service clients in all communities surrounding Detroit. Respond by email Recruit.417@ firstinvestors.com www.firstinvestors.com

GROUNDS PERSON Seasonal needed for Westland apt. community. Some benefits available. Exp. preferred.

Please apply in person:
6737 N. Wayne Rd. Westland No Faxes Please!

LOOKING FOR A CAREER (not a job) REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT (Special pricing for Pre-licensing only \$99)

This is the time to buy homes in Michigan, be the one to sell the House Change your life personally & financially register today

at: 734-591-5940 x107



MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Exp'd maintenance supervisor needed for a mid-sized apartment community in Westland tified with servicing, removal and replacement of split heating and cooling equipment fits. Live on-site available

Manufacturing Tool Die Maker \$-15/hr Ben's Call (313)292-9300 Will train right person Build stamping dies \$175 E1 Plastic Plant Hiring \$10-13/hr Benelits Call (313)292-9300 Injection Molding Quality Line Worker E1 \$175 J#245,35,83

Permanent Local Jobs

Help Wanted-General 5000

Employment App (Police & Fire), the job

or by contacting the HR Office at: 6000 Middlebtelt Rd, GC

Advertising

hometownlife.com

LIVONIA

Pre-licensing being

Call today to register Ed Bowlin 734-591-5940 x107 or email: ehowlin@



Help Wanted-General 5000

PLUMBER - Lic. Journeyman need only apply. Expert Plumbing, 9 Mile & Telegraph. Contact Peter: (248) 497-7647

POLICE OFFICER

The City of Garden City is accepting applications for full-time Police Officers a GCPD until COB, 7/9/2010 description and a detailer announcement avail at:

www.gardencitymi.org MI. Phone: 734-793-1640 Apps must be submitted n person to the HR Office

Our HOME TO YOURS...

Bringing you the best in Classified

1/800/579/7355

REAL ESTATE ONE CAREER DAY

> Weds June 16th 12 Noon and 6pm

It's a very busy Buyer's market be on the other side of the commission This is a great time to be Real Estate Consultant.

offered for only \$99

realestateone.com



Sanitation Department Supervisor

(Food Industry)

upervise staff to insur

that cleaning and janitoria activities meet all stan dards. Strive to improve efficiencies, safety employee relations, and work environment. Lead coach and train departmen employees. Maintain Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP's) and comply with all regulatory agencies. Administer and sustain pest control programs Full-time position plus ben efits; pay commensurate with education and experi ence. Successful applicant must have 5-10 years food industry experience includ ing sanitation of baker manufacturing and packag ing equipment. Bachelor degree preferred; commen surate experience will be considered Equal Opportunity Employer. Emai resume including salary

requirements to: oeresume@ hometownlife.com Reference Box 1812

Sr. RF Engineer MetroPCS Position with Michigan, Inc. in Livonia, Mi Must have B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Telecommunications, or related field + 60 mos. exp Submit resumes referencing Sr. RF Engineer and job code 052510 to HR, MetroPCS Michigan, Inc., 28505 Schoolcraft Road, Bldg. 6, Livonia, MI 48150 MetroPCS Michigan, Inc. is an EOE.

AP Spanish/ Spanish 3 & 4 Michigan Secondary Teachin

Cert req'd. Send resume: meier@brrice.edu Or fax to 248-647-8170 Attn: Lorraine Meier **TEACHERS** AGBU Manoogian School (Southfield) is accepting

applications for highly qual-ified/ certified teachers for High School Math & English

Please email resume to Dr. Hosep Torossian ossian@manoogian.or 248-569-2988 Fax: 248-569-1346 (State Retirement System Warehouse F.T. Dock Work \$12+/hr Benefits Pick & Pack CALL (313)292-9300 Move pallets & cases on dock

with forklift J#272 Emp1 \$175

Computer Systems

Analyst resume to Ms. Julie JDM Consultants, 33117 Hamilton Court, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

LEGAL SECRETARY Leading family law firm for women needs experienced team player. Excellent salary, benefit package Fax resume: 248-723-1659 or smicallef@

victorialawfirm.com **LEGAL SECRETARY** Litigation attorney seeks expe rienced person who has Dictaphone skills. Non-smoking office. 13 Mile & Telegraph area. For interview, call

248-540-0677 or fax resume 248-540-2191 **PAYROLL CLERK**

Charter Township

313-387-2761 or visit our website at: redfordtwp.com/dept/hr Equal Opportunity Employe When seeking out the best deal check out

& Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355 5040 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT -Rapidly growing Milford office is seeking an exceptional den work ethic. Must be friendly professional, dependable and a team player. Candidates must have working experience (min 3 yrs) with digital imag-ing, digital charting and x-ray certification. EagleSoft and

implant experience a plus Must be able to handle a fas

paced schedule. Position is

part time with evening hours

Competitive hourly pay, for qualified candidate Email resume to: milforddds@gmail.com

ADVANCED HOME CARE Private Duty Division Now Hiring: RNs, LPNs, CENAS & HHAS

★ Must have 1 yr current exp

Call Celeste 866-605-0070

Fax: 248-284-1101

Help Wanted-Medical 5060 **PHYSICIANS**

Benefit Package/401K ★ Competitive Pav

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR ASST. West Bloomfield Nursing Center has a full time open ing for an Asst. Director Healthcare experience of CDM preferred. Will be responsible for afternoon shift and general sanitation

of kitchen. Variable hours Email resume to: beaumonthospitals.com

or fax to Kim Kaas 248-661-2276 RECEPTIONISTS

 BILLER OFFICE MANAGER **EXPERIENCED** only for multi-specialty group in the Garden City area. Must have at least two years experience in a medical setting. Full & part time avail. benefits. Please send your resume & salary

Fax (734) 458-4723 Reference 1813 . & email oeresume@ hometownlife.com Medical Biller & Medical Coordinator Full-Time for Southfield office Medical Biller must have

requirements to:

knowledge of insurance billing and coding. Medical Coordinator (for nursing facilities). Must exhib t strong communication skills. be organized & motivated with basic computer knowledge Full benefit package available
Fax resume: 248-355-3626

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER Exp'd., full-time for mediun sized internal medicine prac tice. Healthcare exp., basic

computer skills req. Duties include payroll, scheduling supervising office staff, inter acting with insurance compa nies and general clerical work Must have exc. interpersona skills and be comfortable dealing with patients, Benefit offered Email resume to: arbor_lane_physicians@ hotmail.com

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ For internal medical practice in Commerce Twp. Fax resume: (248) 363-6202

> WANTED Excellent opportunity! No call or weekends. nternal medicine, famil practice. & geriatric in Southfield.

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

Recreational **Therapy Assistant** Woodward Hills Nursing Center in Bloomfield Hills needs a Part Time after-noon Recreational Therapy Asst. Previous exp reg'd. Melissa Houston at

Premier.jobs@yahoo.com RESIDENT ASSISTANT Immediate Opening Midnight shift.

(248) 644-0555

or Email:

Apply in person: Plymouth Inn Assisted Living 205 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth 734-451-0700 RN/LPN Assisted Living Facility
Plymouth Inn 205 Haggerty, Plymouth 734-451-0700

Fax: 734-451-0727 SOCIAL WORKER Part Time position availab Bloomfield Nursing Center. You must have nursing home experience to be con sidered. Position is 20 hrs

(248) 661-2276 Help Wanted-Food/Beverage

5080 BARTENDER/WAITSTAFF CHEF/COOK, Full-Time Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville

BARTENDER/WAITSTAFF CHEF/COOK, Full-Time Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

AUTO SALES Dick Scott Dodge has immed, openings avail, for Sales Pros. We offer an exc. pay plan & benefits pkg. Previous exp preferred but we will train the right people. Must have proven track record & Apply@DickScott.com

Over 10,000 listings online Over 10,000 H® METOWN life.com

REAL ESTATE Canvassing/Telemarketing for a Home Improvemen Company, PT. Exc. pay + com

mission. Exp. preferred Call: 313-414-5634 www.choicewsr.com/careers

For online application

Help Wanted-Sales



FORGET



solid transportation and must present yourself well. If you can sell you can't beat this opportunity, Exp. wanted not Call Allen 734-748-5761 or email: abrooks@majicwindow.com

SALES PEOPLE



extra money!

Observer

To place an ad call: 1-800-579-SELL or fax: or fax: 734-953-2232



Whether you're looking to buy or sell that special something, look to the classifieds first

'It's All About Results!

1-800-579-SEL www.hometownlife.com

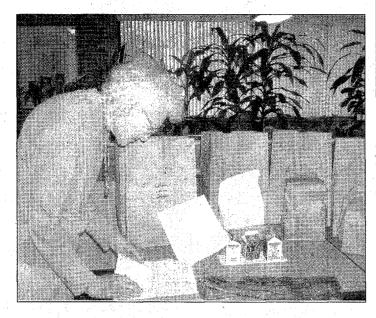
Drive, package foods for kosher Meals on Wheels

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section's Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers. For 37 years, Kosher Meals on Wheels has provided high quality lunches and dinners for the homebound. It's the only Meals on Wheels program in the community to provide kosher and glatt kosher meals, preparing and delivering 40,000 meals a year.

More than 150 volunteers package and deliver the meals to local communities five days a week. Volunteers range in age from youngsters just old enough to be volunteering for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service requirements to adults in their 90s. Each morning, packagers organize the meals and have them distributed in less than a half hour to cities throughout Oakland County. They deliver to Wayne County one day a week.

Founded by current volunteer treasurer Esther Rosenblum, Kosher Meals on Wheels provides lunches and dinners to its clients, who do not need to be Jewish, but who keep



A volunteer double checks paperwork near bagged meals that are ready for

kosher. Meals are prepared at the Jewish Senior Life Prentis Apartments in Oak Park by Morrison Senior Dining chef Dave Dry and his team.

Program participants make a donation within their ability to pay for meals, and some clients need not pay at all. The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit

Section provides the additional funding from the proceeds raised at their Council Thrift Shops in Royal Oak and Berkley. Additional support comes from AAA 1-B, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Older Americans Act. The program is run in cooperation with Jewish Family Service, which provides intake and casework



services.

Drivers have dedicated routes and know the status and behaviors of each of their clients, who in some cases is the only person they will see all day. Not only do the drivers deliver the food but they also provide the social interaction that some of their clients are lacking.

"Kosher Meals on Wheels provides much more than

food. The program provides friendship and can sometimes be a very real lifesaver to our clients," stated Irma Glaser. President, National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section. Our delivery volunteers have, in some instances, been the first at the side of a person in need.

"While we have wonderful, dedicated volunteers,

we are always looking for more. We have come to mean something to the community and to so many families. Our goal is to serve more in the years ahead."

For more information on Kosher Meals on Wheels, or to alert the organization to someone in need, call (248) 967-0967, 8-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Milk Products for the 2010-2011 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter at 734-416-2741. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Products Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m. EST, Thursday, June 24, 2010 where they will be opened and read publicly. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or 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

Publish: June 6 and 13, 2010

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

FAMILY BUTTERFLY EVENT

Southeast Michigan **Butterfly Association offers** crafts for children, a tour of the Butterfly Garden, a movie on Monarch Butterfly migration and a Butterfly Plant sale by Barson's Greenhouse of Westland, noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, June 13 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

For questions call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly. com.

RAISE BUTTERFLIES

Learn how to find butterfly eggs, how to care for them until mature butterflies are born, and how to nurture them in your yard, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan **Butterfly Association** (SEMBA). The meeting starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting fee is \$3 for non-members. For more information call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly. com.

BOUNTY AND BLOOMS

Gardeners of Northville-Novi present a tour of seven exceptional gardens, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, on the day of the walk. For more information visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org or call (248) 349-0376.

LIVONIA GARDENS

GARDEN & NATURE

The Livonia Garden Walk, benefitting Historic Greenmead, runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 26. Tour the Hill House gardens of Greenmead and six residential gardens. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 on event day. Greenmead is located at 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. (248) 477-

TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Tickets will be available beginning June 1 for the "Flowers are Forever Garden Walk" sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth. Cost is \$8 before the walk; \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under are half off. Strollers will not be permitted in the gardens. The event runs noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 29 and includes several gardens where complimentary refreshments will be served. Buy tickets at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and from Darlene Rinke, (734) 455-6867.

NORTHVILLE GARDENS

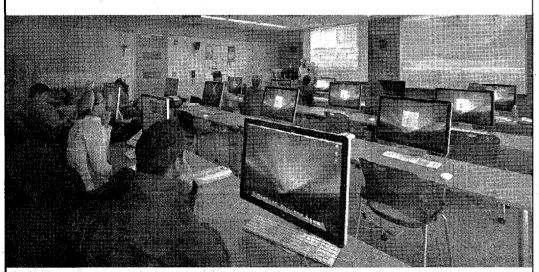
The 17th annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 7. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and

national horticultural causes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, available after June 7, at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville.

Visit the Country Garden Club of Northville Web site at http://cgcnv.org/

LINKE-CULLEUR

THINK MADONNA UNIVERSITY



SUMMER MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES

Get ahead in class and sharpen your analytical skills this summer by enrolling in Madonna University's six-week Summer Math and Computer Science Institute. Designed with high school sophomores and juniors in mind, the Institute offers a calculus and a Web design class. Students can earn a total of eight credits through the program. Both classes are being offered for a total of \$300.



For more information, or to receive an application, please call or e-mail Isaac St. John at 734-432-5795 or istjohn@madonna.edu

36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia, MI 48150 www.madonna.edu

CITY OF PLYMOUTH WATER AND SEWER

Per 1000 Gallons		Water Ro \$4.38		<u>Sewer Rate</u> 1 \$5.77		Minimum Billing: 4,000 Gallons	
Ready to Serve Charges Quarterly Fees			Water Tap Fees Plus Time and Material for City Inspections, Supervisors and Crew		Sanitary Sewer Tap Fees/ Storm Sewer Tap Fees Plus Tim and Material for City Inspections, Supervisors and Crew		
<u> </u>	5/8" 3/4" 1" 1.5" 2" 3" 4"	\$11.56 \$13.00 \$19.76 \$39.65 \$62.92 \$117.96 \$185.22	Tap Size Up to and including 1" Tap 1.5" Tap 2" Tap 3" Tap 4" Tap 6" Tap 8" Tap	\$750.00 \$1,125.00 \$1,500.00 \$2,250.00 \$3,000.00 \$4,500.00 \$6,000.00	Tap Size Up to and including 6" Tap 8" Tap 10" Tap 12" Tap 14" Tap	\$750.00 \$1,500.00 \$3,000.00 \$6,000.00 \$8,000.00	
• Com	6" mercial Sev	\$389.20	For Sizes Not L Tap Diameter	isted Multiply By \$750.00	One-for-One Basis		

- Non-Residential Customers are Billed Monthly • There Will Be a Maximum of 20 Days From Water Billing Date to Due Date
- New Water Service Meter Fee = Installation Time and Material plus 15% • There is a \$75.00 Fee for "After Hours" Water Turn on/off

ADDITIONAL SEWER FEES

Property owner is responsible for all sewer leads, pipes, and taps up to and including the connection to the City's mains. Property owner is responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any publicly owned property including, but not limited to grass, sod, top soil, trees, curb, gutter, street pavement

and base material. CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

For building or construction purposes, the daily charges shall be made for the use of water from the time of installation of the service pipe until meter installation.

Pipe Size Charge \$75.00

All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expenses of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the

Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, or Laws.

The term "tap" as used herein shall include any opening or outlet heretofore or hereafter made in the water system, for the purpose of withdrawing water therefrom for any use, public or private, either commercial or domestic, excepting fire hydrants. No taps shall be made to the system unless authorized by the proper city authorities.

•• Non-Payment Penalty - 15% Added To Total Bill For All Bills Paid After The Due Date ••

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED

Family and friends will gather on June 27 to celebrate the 67th anniversary of Woodson "Woody" and Fay Kilgore of Livonia. The couple originally exchanged vows at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Mo., where Woodson served in the U.S. Air Force.

They lived in Joplin, Mo., before moving to Livonia 54 years ago. They are the parents of four children, the late Tom Kilgore, Pat Escoe of Livonia, Diane Kilgore of Westland, and Mickey Kilgore of Westland. They have 10 grandchildren, six greatgrandchildren and one greatgreat-grandchild.

Woodson retired in 1982 from Firwood Manufacturing, where he worked as an electrical engineer, manager of

LOUIS-GRANDMASON

Jason Robert Grandmason of Belleville and Miranda Renee Louis of Garden City announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debra Louis of Garden City and the late Randall Louis. Her fiancé is the son of Carolyn Noble of Fenton and Tom Grandmason of Belleville.

The couple plans to wed in June 2010 at Laurel Chapel in



Combs-Roberts

COMBS-ROBERTS

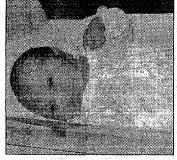
Edward and Cynthia Roberts of Westland and Larry and Patricia Combs of Garden City are pieaseu to announce the marriage of their children, Kristen Roberts and Jeff The bride is a 2003 gradu-

ate of Lutheran High Westland and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, and is employed in the hospitality industry. Her husband is a 2003

graduate of Garden City High and a 2004 graduate of Northwestern Technical Institute, and is employed as a heating and cooling technician.

The two were wed May 1, 2010 in St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands. They honeymooned in the Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and St. Martin.

They currently live in Farmington Hills and plan to relocate to Chattanooga, Tenn., in a few years.



Brandon James Halik

BRANDON JAMES HALIK

Brandon James Halik was born May 15, 2010, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Parents are David Halik and Dr. Janice Eagle of Kalamazoo. Proud grandparents are Ed and Eleanor Halik and Chervl and Clarence Eagle, all of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Genevieve Uroda of Livonia.



Woodson and Fay Kilgore's wedding photo. The Livonia couple will celebrate 67 years of marriage this

product delopement and the company pilot.

The couple says love, faith, communication and "til death do us part" is the key to their their longtime marriage.

DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Rebecca McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park and Scott Robichaud of Detroit announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Lansing, earned a B.A. degree in political theory and constitutional democracy from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate degree from Notre Dame. She is employed as staff attorney for Freedom House, Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Peg Robichaud of Canton, holds a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an automotive engineer for Ford Motor Company, Dearborn.

A wedding is planned for Dec. 11, 2010 at St. Aloysius, Detroit.

HAZEL ASHWORTH

C/O Nelson Funeral Home,

PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734.

www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

JANICE H. (BRADLEY)

Age 87, of Miller's Merry Manor in

She was born in Charleston,

Hope, IN, died peacefully on June 5

West Virginia, September 11, 1922, the

youngest of three to Anna and Mont

Bradley. She was the first in her fami-

ly to get a college degree, which was a BA from Anderson University. She

Library Science from Michigan University. She

nt on to get a Masters Degree of

acher and an Elementary School

Librarian at Bird and Tanger Schools for 33 years. She retired from the

in 1984. Since retirement, she has

done missionary work in Japan,

vorked at Warner Pacific College in

Oregon, Warner Southern Christian

Academy and White Chapel Christian

Riverside Park Church of God in

Livonia, Michigan for 30 years and

Park Place Church of God in Anderson

for 15 years. While she was a resident at Four Seasons' Retirement Center she

attended the chapel on-site regularly

Janice had a deep Christian faith that

was committed to loving God, her fam-

ily and serving the church. As an avid

gardener, she started two garden clubs in Plymouth, Michigan and won

numerous awards for her flower gar

dens. She was an amazingly fun host-

ess who enjoyed creating great celebra

tions. In her travels around the world

and at home, Janice was a beloved sto-ryteller and read to children of all ages.

Her spirit was bright and loving, which

drew people of all ages, races and

faiths to her warmth. She had a passion

for music and she loved singing tradi-

tional Church of God hymns. In

essence, her enthusiasm and joy in liv-

ing were unsurpassed. Her husband

Gerald E. Elston of 57 years preceded

her in death, as did her sister Ruth

Davidson and brother, James Bradley.

Survivors include a daughter, Shery

Elston and her husband, David

Hamilton of Columbus, IN and son

Mark Elston and his wife Rhonda

Elston of LaCenter, Washington,

grandchildren, Kate and Davy Hamilton, Aaron and Rachael Elston, a

nephew Nicky Bradley and his wife

Judy Bradley and a beloved niece

Becky Bridges and her husband

Lawrence Bridges of Covington, Georgia. She had an extended family

including Harold, Doris, Eric and

Kevin Elston, Shirley, Ron and Randy

Vandyne. A memorial celebration serv

ice will be held at Park Place Church of

God on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 2:00P.M. with Dr. David Markle shar-

ing. There will be a gathering after for

fellowship and story telling about

Janice. Memorial contributions may be

given to Anderson University, Attn:

Development Office, 1100 East Fifth St., Anderson, IN 46012 or Hospice of

South Central Indiana, 2626 E. 17th St.

Columbus, IN 47201. E-mail condolences may be sent to

RJFuneralSvc@AOL.com

Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service is

handling arrangements.

chool in Daytona Beach. She attended

lymouth School District in Michigan

Eastern

was a

of Gaylord, died June 4, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Bob Ashworth. Dear mother of Rob and Carole, Grandmother of Katie.



McCurdy-Robichaud

Belleville High School Class of 1971 Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking

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

Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975

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

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970

40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Bloomfield Hills Andover

Class of 1970 Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser Class of 1990

20-Year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug. 6-7, with a meet & greet, family picnic and reunion party. For tickets and additional information, contact Matt Fox at sub-

blime71@yahoo.com.

REUNION CALENDAR

Dearborn Lowrey High School Classes of 1949-51

A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@ hotmail.com

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

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

aol.com. **Detroit Cody**

Classes from 1950-1969 Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register -just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Call Phil

CHERYL K. NICHOLAS

Passed away at the age of 54 on June 3, 2010. The cause of her death was breast cancer, which she and her doctors had managed for the past 17 years. Ms. Nicholas had worked as a summer associate at Brobeck Phleger and Harrison in Los Angeles and San Francisco and as a real estate lawyer at Goldstein & Manello in Boston. Ms. also served Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the late 1980s as the head of the Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, the state's farmland preservation program. In that capacity, Ms. Nicholas traveled throughout the Commonwealth in order to find important farmland and open space that the Commonwealth could preserve through the purchase of development rights. Ms. Nicholas was born in Detroit, Michigan, and moved to Plymouth, Michigan near Ann Arbor, after her father had a stroke. She attended the Honors Program at the University of Michigan, and earned a B.A. in History in 1977, and also attended Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for one semester. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Ms. Nicholas attended the Harvard Divinity School Howshin Masters of Theological Studies degree in 1981. While at the Harvard Divinity School, she had particular interests in the relationship of architecture to spirituality and in feminist theology. She subsequently attended Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley, where she earned a J.D. in 1985. Ms. Nicholas was voracious reader who was interested in history. philosophy, religion, urban planning, architecture and politics. She married Brett Robbins, now a partner at Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston, in 1981, and gave birth to her daughter, Kelsey London Robbins, in 1988 and her son Brennan Nicholas Robbins, in 1991. She was extremely dedicated to her children, and ceased working professionally after they were born. She nonetheless remained active in her community, devoting energy to causes that moved her. She was a board member of the Weston Land Trust, and an active member, and for some time President, of the League of Women Voters of the Town of Weston. She supported political efforts in favor of conservation land, agricultural land, and organic farming, and opposed governmental projects that, planned, would adversely affect wetlands and conservation land. Ms. Nicholas's family and friends found her fascinating, profoundly intellectu-

DORIE J McCOLL (Little Bit)

al, elegant and, most of all, empathet-

ic and kind. She disliked hierarchy and

class distinctions, and continually sup-

ported the disadvantaged. She was

always open to new ideas, and easily

made deep connections with those

whom she encountered. Ms. Nicholas

is survived by her husband, Brett

Robbins, her daughter, Kelsey London

Robbins, who is attending Brown University, and her son, Brennan

Robbins, who will graduate Milton

Academy this month and will attend

Princeton University in the fall. Ms.

Nicholas also is survived by two sis-

ters, Susan Nicholas and Margaret Bake, three brothers, David Nicholas,

Roland Nicholas, and Harold Nicholas, and a host of nephews,

nieces and cousins. One of her sisters,

Dorothy Noblet, is recently deceased.

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.

PHYLLIS M. TROMBLEY Age 87, of Novi. MI, passed away

2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOMÉ, Farmington, MI.



email: oeobits@hometownlife.com

View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com



JUDY SMOCK

Passed away June 9, 2010 at the age rassed away June 9, 2010 at the age of 46. Judy is the beloved wife of Raymond M. Smock. Dearest mother of Michael Paul Smock and Jonathan Ryan Smock. Dear daughter of Joseph (Betty) Signorelli and the late Rayerk. La Voisse. Dear sixter of Beverly LaVoisne. Dear sister of Signorelli, Cheryl Lynn Signorelli-Watts and Julie Summerfield. Dear daughter-in-law of Raymond and Alice Smock. Judy was a resident of Westland, having grown up in Plymouth and graduating from Salem High School. She worked at St. Kenneth Catholic Church doing many jobs but mostly worked in the office. She enjoyed her job and also enjoyed volunteering many hours around the church to help out with various events. Her heart especially went out to seniors, helping them out with cleaning and laundry when they were unable to do it. Funeral services took place Saturday, June 12, 2010, 11am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church Plymouth, followed by burial at Cemetery, Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements handled through Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To share a special thought or memory visit: www.schrader-howell.com



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 St. 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.

KENNETH D. CLARY

Age 65, of Jamestown, KY., June 9, 2010. Beloved husband of Loretta Loving father of Craig (Christina) Clary and Stacey (Jeff Beaudoen. Dear papa of Amanda and Sean. He was preceded in death by his parents Ivan and Frances Clary and his sister Jo Ann Lax. Service is Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 10:30 AM at Memorial Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity, Russell Spring, Kentucky 42642

LORRAINE J. BUSH

Age 77, of Farmington Hills, MI, away June 6, Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



(SHOEMAKER) **BAUR-HECK** Passed away on June 4, 2010, at

Hospice House of Cheboygan. Louise

was born on August 27,

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 (Bernard) Lillie of Cheboygan, MI, Karen (Roger) Richardson Ándrew (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 School and went on to cosmetology school. After marrying Andrew they made their home in Livonia for nearly 50 years where they raised their family. For many years Louise was a Girl Scout 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, confirmation, retirement or any other special occasion. She loved cooking for company. If she knew what your favorite nie 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 embroider ing 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 services were held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home in Livonia, Michigan. She will be laid to rest in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Luncheon following at Corsi's Banquet Center, Livonia. Per Louise's wishes, please send memorials to Cheboygan Hospice House/Vital Care at 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI 49721

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

PEGGY MACDONELL TOOMEY

Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

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 Linda (George) Todd of Millis, MA, Paul Toomey of Coconut Creek, FL., Jayne Toomey 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 O'Brien/ 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



PETER JOSEPH AHRENS Died peacefully on June 4

10,1928, in Germantown, Pennsylvania to Don and 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 IBA from Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. in 1951. He also served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Inited 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 lived 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 lotors 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 vas also very involved with the Madison business community and served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Red ross, the YMCA, United Bank, Little Brothers Home for Troubled Youth Vm. F. Buckley's National Review Madison Charity Horse Show, Non-Profit Capital Campaign and Apostolate to the Handicapped. Peter as 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 Martir 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 in his life. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Jovce 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 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 suggests 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

Brightstar Caregivers.

RABBI MARTIN D.

HEALTH

Sunday, June 13, 2010

hometownlife iii com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor Sharon Dargay Voice Mail: (313) 222-8883 E-mail: sdargay@hometownlife.com Comment online at hometownlife.com

Father's Day event raises prostate cancer awareness

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

John Miles of Plymouth had no history of prostate cancer in his family.

But when a friend at work mentioned that his own father died from the disease, Miles, 57, decided to it was time to get serious about early detection.

"He told me, 'you'd better get checked," Miles recalled.

A rectal exam and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test led to a biopsy, an ultrasound and finally surgery two months ago. Roboticassisted minimally invasive surgery at the Michigan Urology Institute removed the gland, which had been diagnosed with a "stage two" cancer.

Although recovery has been painful at times. Miles says he's glad he underwent the procedure. He urges other men to follow through with health exams and screening.

"Because it runs in the family I told my brothers to get checked," he said. adding that his 16-year-old son understands the importance of early detection.

Increasing awareness of prostrate cancer is exactly why the Michigan Urology Institute is sponsoring the second annual Run for the Ribbon, a 5K run/walk on Father's Day, at the Detroit

"For us, the most touching thing is to see our patients there ... to see fathers with sons and families celebrating Father's Day. One of our catch lines is 'Do it for Dad," said Dr. Michael Lutz, a urologist with the Institute

who primarily works out of Beaumont Hospital's West Bloomfield office.

"The first annual run was a huge success," he said, adding that the practice partnered with the Prostate Conditions **Education Council in demon**strating the need for education, research and awareness.

Last year's event drew more than 200 participants, making it the largest of 11 Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) races held that year, Lutz said.

"We hope to have over 5,000" runners this year."

THE DISEASE

Prostate cancer is cancer that grows in prostate gland, a small, walnut-sized structure that makes up part of a man's reproductive system. Although the cause of prostate cancer is unknown, some studies suggest that a high fat diet, as well as genetic factors, may play a role.

Men at higher risk include African-America men older than 60, farmers, tire plant workers, painters, and men exposed to cadmium. The lowest number of cases occurs in Japanese vegetarians, according to the Michigan Urology Institute Web site.

"There's no question that if you follow a heart-healthy diet, you're following a prostate-healthy diet," Lutz said. "A diet that's low in dairy fat and meat fat, that has a reasonable amount of cruciferous-type vegetables, a lycopene-rich diet, vitamin D — those are things that are healthy for the prostate.'

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in the United States. It's the second leading cause of death



The crowd applauds for participants in the first annual Run for the Ribbon last year. The second annual event will be held June 20, at the Detroit Zoo.



The Michigan Institute of Urology's Run for the Ribbon raises awareness and funds for prostate cancer research.

from cancer among men and the most common cause of death from cancer in men over age 75. Lutz said more

than 200,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease in the U.S. this year. Although that's higher than in previous years, the mortality rate of prostate cancer has dropped as early detection has increased.

Screening includes rectal exams and a PSA test that pinpoints the amount of prostate-specific antigens in the body. The antigens are proteins produced by cells of the prostate gland.

The PSA test is aimed at all men age 50 and older and men at risk for the disease who are age 40 and older. An abnormal PSA count may lead to a prostate biopsy or imaging test.

"Early detection truly does help save lives," Lutz said. "What we haven't figured out yet is how we can prevent prostate cancer in the first

RUN FOR THE RIBBON

Night on the Townsend: 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, between Pierce and Henrietta, three blocks south of Maple, in downtown Birmingham. The event features fine wine, food, a charity auction and music by Alexander Zonjic. Murray Feldman of WJBK Fox 2 is master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$125 and \$250.

Run for the Ribbon: 6:30 a.m. registration, 8 a.m.-noon event, Sunday, June 20, at the Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Free parking, awards, commemorative T-shirts and medals for all finishers, live entertainment, raffle and free entry to the Detroit Zoo for anyone registered to run or walk in the event. All participants will receive a blue ribbon honoring individuals with prostate cancer. Survivors will be given a hat. Early registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children; raceday fees are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children.

Proceeds: Both events benefit prostate cancer awareness, education, treatment and research in Southeastern Michigan. The Michigan Urology Institute in partnership with Prostate **Conditions Education Council and** PACE Race Series have partnered to present both events.

Contact: (586) 443-4272 or e-mail to info@ MIURunForTheRibbon.org. Or visit www.MIURunForTheRibbon.org.



Independence Village



SECTION C (CONTINUED CONTINUED CONTI

Contact Us

Phone: 800-579-SELL (7355)

313-496-4968 E-mail: oeads@hometownlife.com Billing Questions: 313-222-8748 Deadlines: Sunday Edition, 4:30 p.m. Friday

Thursday Edition, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Home Delivery: 866-887-2737



Sunday, June 13, 2010

How Long Should Your Résumé Be? Is One Page Too Short? Are Two Pages Too Long?

Experts sound off on if it matters and why

Rachel Farrell, CareerBuilder.com writer

Résumés are a subject of great debate in the world of careers. What to include, what not to include; serif or sans serif font; what color paper and which jobs to highlight? And, more commonly in today's job market: How long should my résumé be? And does it

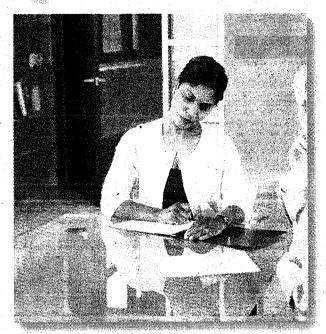
We asked résumé experts for their take on whether job seekers should use a one- or two-page résumé and why it matters. Here's what they had to

The argument: One page

"Many people feel that a longer résumé makes them look more accomplished or important - not so. Recent college grads and those who have only had one to two jobs don't need more than one page. Avoid excessive spacing to fill up the page as well and instead flesh out your skill sets - even if you think you have none due to little experience." -Kristen Fischer, author of "Ramen Noodles, Rent and Résumés: An After-College Guide to Life'

force may have a one-page résumé, with a more seasoned having two or more Most experienced employees cannot fit their work history onto one page, and that's fine. What is critical is that the important information stands out. A very brief summary of who you are, what you're looking for, your key accomplishments and strengths, which tells the employer why they should hire you. This should be captured

"Someone newer to the work



at the beginning of your résumé in the top quarter of the page — then the employer could quickly scan where you worked and when, along with more details listed under each position." - Michelle D. Roccia, senior vice president of corporate organizational development from Winter,

"I personally believe that a one-page résumé, for the most part, is the way to go - unless you are a very senior executive with a number of accomplishments through your long career. Otherwise, short and focused is better." Joseph, author of "The Experience Effect" and president of Lippe Taylor

"Remember the length Golden Rule: You want your résumé to highlight your best attributes, shouldn't have to search for them on your résumé. For this reason, stick to the one-page rule and carry over to a second page only if your experience warrants it. This will force you to choose only the most important information for your résumé." - Alexis Lane, résumé writing specialist at Snelling Staffing - The Wyckoff

résumé (or longer), I happen to know that employers put the most focus on a candidate's first page. Their attention starts to wane before they even flip the page. Therefore, appropriate and strategic editing is a smart move. Most job seekers find it difficult to be so objective about their lengthy and accomplishmentbased history, so here's a good tip to keep in mind: Job seekers have to think of themselves as a product and their résumé their marketing campaign. Any good marketing director knows to focus on their target consumer while creating a marketing campaign, right? Same thing applies here. You aren't writing your résumé for vourself, but rather, for you potential employers." -Lauren Milligan, résumé expert and job coach at ResuMAYDAY

"While I understand that most

candidates want a two-page

'A one-page résumé is needed to get you in the door. At the outset of the process, most companies are using software to scan for keywords and subsequently weeding out those who haven't included

them. A two-page résumé is necessary once you've gotten in the door and are sitting in front of a human being. That said, it should not be dense. Bullet points are preferable to paragraphs."—Frances Cole Jones, author of "The Wow Factor: The 33 Things You Must (and Must Not) Do to Guarantee Your Edge in Today's Business World"

"Less is always more when it comes to résumés today, with one page preferable, as overworked HR departments need to process information faster and are mostly using electronic solutions to identify candidates to start with anyway. On top of this, the more experience you put on there, the more dollar signs begin to flash in hiring managers' heads, and they worry about what it's going to cost to acquire such an experienced candidate." -Scott Steinberg, CEO, lead analyst, TechSavvy Global

"It does matter, but primarily in relation to the quality of the content. Do not try to create a two-page résumé if you really only have related experiences that fill up one page. Using bigger font and wider space margins do not help your cause. Similarly, if you have a long, impressive career of related professional achievements, there is no need to try to shrink it all down onto one page. Having said all of that, do not go longer than three pages. You should be able to be able to present the best of the best in less than three pages, and if you must, you can add a note 'Additional work history provided upon request." - Sara Sutton Fell. CEO of FlexJobs

The argument: Two pages

"A two-page résumé is important: Given the nature of today's job search, applicants are searching via the Internet and using job boards or a company's website as the first touch. HR professionals and recruiters are either sifting through the résumés or résumés are searched automatically via a computer program. The more information you provide, the better your chances for a call ' — Allison Rapaport, founder of

www.hospitaldreamjobs.com

"It is important to remember that whoever will be looking at your résumé will probably be looking at 50-100 others — so first impressions are critical. Like Goldilocks tasting the porridge, a two-page résumé is 'just about right.' A one-page résumé gives the impression that you do not have a lot of experience. Anything more than two pages gives the impression that you are 'all over the place' and simply don't have the ability to focus. Managers want to be reassured that you can zero in on what you need to do and get it done." - Mario Almonte, managing partner, Herman and Almonte PR

The argument: It doesn't matter

"I am less concerned about a one-page résumé than assuring that a candidate for employment provides the necessary information in a concise, direct manner. It's the qualifications that need to get noticed. Tell the employer what you can do for them. Be concise but keep it to two pages. Grab their attention first and foremost. Design yoùr résumé to bring out what the employer is seeking and align these requirements to your own personal strengths. Don't sell yourself short - quite literally." - Wendy Powell, author of "Managemen Experience Acquired"

"It really comes down to relevant content. If you have the experience needed to back up the position you're seeking, then you need to share it. If it's more than two pages then let it flow. If it's just fluff to fill blank paper, limit that fluff to the pertinent information.

Experienced hiring managers are very good at identifying fabricated content"- Joel Rudy is COO of Photographic. Solutions Inc.

"Job seekers focus on the wrong thing when they obsess about whether hiring managers prefer a one- or two-page résumé. Job seekers with great experience, skills, industry connections and attitudes can stop worrying about the oneversus two-page résumé dilemma and be assured that hiring managers are not going to rule out a terrific candidate for sending a two-page résumé instead of a one-page résumé." Janet Civitelli, Ph.D., workplace psychologist and founder of career advice website Vocation Village.com

introduction to a new company. It says volumes about you before you ever get a chance to and may decide if you get to say anything yourself. One or two pages don't really matter, but two pages in most cases are all you need. Résumés should incorporate both responsibilities and accomplishments, conveyed in specific and measurable form how did you make or save your company money?"—Ira Bershard, Kaye Bassman

"Your résumé is your

"I've seen stacks and stacks of résumés and have strong opinions on how they should be organized and written. As far as number of pages required for a résumé, the idea that everything should fit on one page is dated. Don't leave key experience out just because you're trying to keep it to one page. But DO make sure all of the key important experience is on the first page and highlighted appropriately. A good way to accomplish this is by creating a 'career highlights' section at the beginning of your résumé." Jenna (Gruhala) Oltersdorf, principal, Snackbox

"A two-page résumé full of fluff and padding kills interest. Yet a one-page résumé that

leaves out compelling selling points shortchanges both the applicant and the hiring company. The length of your résumé should be determined by how long you can keep the story you're telling compelling. You need to pique enough interest to generate an interview, not hide your strengths in a pile of unimpressive blather and puffery." - Barry Maher is the author of "Filling the Glass"

"Although I do prefer to see a one-page résumé, it's a mild preference and I definitely think this issue gets overemphasized. I have hired applicants that submitted a two-page résumé and would do so again in the future. My best advice is to keep in mind that hiring managers often scan résumés for only 20-30 seconds each. Because of this the wording of your bullet points is crucial they must be succinct and attention grabbing. Also consider placing a bulleted list of work accomplishments (from all jobs) at the top of your résumé. This technique is gaining more and more popularity as it can really help to grab the attention of the manager that is scanning the résumés." — Kris Alban, director of strategic partnerships, iGrad

The verdict: The length of your résumé will vary based on your experience. If you're a new graduate, or you have less experience, keep your résumé limited to one page. If you're a seasoned employee in the work force, it's OK to have your résumé a little longer.

No matter how many pages you choose to include, make sure to include all of your pertinent career information on the first page — and in the top portion - of the document.

Get the latest job search news and advice on CareerBuilder.com's job seeker blog www.TheWorkBuzz.com and follow us on Twitter @CBforJobSeekers.

Help Wanted-General

A Real Estate License in 1 week for \$99

Career Talks Thursday Noon or 6pm Real Estate One 217 W. Ann Arbor Rd.

RSVP: 734-455-7000 x105

All Students/others **SUMMER WORK** \$14.25 base-appt flexible sched., no exp need

ed, will train, cond apply, all ages 17+. (248) 426-4405 **NEWSPAPER POLICY**

All advertising published in this Newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card. (Copies are available from the advertising department, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 866-887-2737. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, no credit will be given unless notice of typographical or other errors are given in time for correction before the second insertion. Not responsible for omissions. Publisher's Notice: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference limitation, or discrimination". This newspaper will not Housing Act of 1988 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference limitation, or discrimination". This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc., '724983 3-31-72) Classified ads may be placed according to the deadlines. Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears and reporting any errors immediately. The Newspaper will not issue credit for errors in ads after THE FIRST INCORRECT INSERTION. Equal Housing Opportunity Statement: We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race. writin there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin. Equal Housing Opportunity slogan: "Equal Housing Opportunity", Table III - Illustration of Publisher's Notice.

Help Wanted-General 5000 Help Wanted-General 5000

APPOINTMENT SETTER Ideal for anyone who can't get out to work. Work from home PT, schedule pick-ups for Purple Heart, call 9-5, M-F. 734-728-4572 or email:

BARBER Exp barber for busy Livonia shop. Must do all barber services. Call: (734) 635-0324

C&C OPERATOR 3 AXIS Experienced only. Call: (734) 425-3920

CAD/DETAILER Contractors Steel Co. in Livonia is seeking a Cad/ Detailer Good math & communication skills are required. Applicants must be Functional in AutoCAD 2000. We offer a competitive pay & benefit package for qualified individual. Fax resume to CSC @

(734) 452-3919

CAREGIVERS for exp'd and compassionate private duty caregivers for all

Healthcare company looking shifts incl. alternate weekends. Fax resume: 248-735-1010

Needed Now! Learn to drive for Great Benefits! CDL & Job Ready

DRIVER-TRUCK/LABORER Must have stick exp. & good driving record. \$10/hr. to start. Apply at: Nobles Landscape Supply, 29450 W. 8 Mile, W. of 248-474-4922

Drivers - Flatbed! Company Driver Owner Operator

Immediate openings for flatbed semi-dedicated run to Laredo. Pull our trailers Call Travis for more details 888-824-0723

1

CAT CLINIC -Vet Assistant, part-time. Exp. preferred. Must adore cats! Apply in person at: 38437 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

CLEANERS, Full-Time for area homes, \$10 hr. to start. No nights or wkends. Car req Plymouth Area: 734-812-5683

CLEANERS NEEDED - EXP'D Mon-Fri. 5-10pm. Farmington Hills area Call: 734-642-0064

CONTROL PANEL WIREMAN FT. 1-2 yrs. exp. Fax resume Attn: Gary: (248) 477-5626

Or email: ghine@ aggressivesystems.com **DIRECT CARE STAFF** \$8.20 wages & benefits. Must be trained/valid license

(313) 255-6295 DIRECT CARE STAFF

bled adults. Westland Call: 734-525-7731

25 Driver Trainees

Swift Transportation! Earn \$700 per week! No Experience Needed! Integrity Truck Driving! 1-888-424-9418

DRIVER - OVER THE ROAD For Southern routes CDL A required, 2 yrs. VERIFABLE exp. Scheduled runs. Competive pay. **734-947-1900**

Help Wanted-General

FIRST INVESTORS CORP. REPRESENTATIVE Positions available to service clients in all

communities surrounding Detroit, Respond by email Recruit.417@ firstinvestors.com www.firstinvestors.com

GROUNDS PERSON Seasonal needed for Westland fits available. Exp. preferred. Please apply in person: 6737 N. Wayne Rd. Westland No Faxes Please!

LEASING AGENT/ ASSISTANT MGR Full time, exp'd for upscale senior community, Canton/ Northville area Please fax resume to Lynn at (248) 356-3509

LOOKING FOR A CAREER (not a job) REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT

(Special pricing for Pre-licensing only \$99) This is the time to buy homes in Michigan, be the one to sell the House.

Change your life personally

& financially register today. **CALL ED BOWLIN** at: 734-591-5940 x107



MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Exp'd maintenance supervisor needed for a mid-sized apartment community in Westland Must be experienced and certified with servicing, removal and replacement of split heating and cooling equipment Competitive salary and benefits. Live on-site available. Fax resume to: 734-729-8258

Manufacturing Tool Die Make \$-15/hr Ben's Call (313)292-9300 Will train right person Build stamping dies \$175 E1

Help Wanted-General 5000

Plastic Plant Hiring \$10-13/hi Benefits Call (313)292-9300 Injection Molding Quality Line Worker E1 \$175 J#245,35,83 Permanent Local Jobs

POLICE OFFICER

The City of Garden City is accepting applications for full-time Police Officers at GCPD until COB, 7/9/2010 Employment App (Police & Fire), the job description and a detailed announcement avail at:

www.gardencitymi.org or by contacting the HR Office at: 6000 Middlebtelt Rd, GC, MI. Phone: 734-793-1640 Apps must be submitted

in person to the HR Office A word to the wise when looking for a



REAL ESTATE ONE

LIVONIA

CAREER DAY Weds, June 16th

12 Noon and 6pm It's a very busy Buyer's

side of the commission This is a great time to be Real Estate Consultant. Pre-licensing being

offered for only \$99 Call today to register

Ed Bowlin 734-591-5940 x107 or email: ebowlin@ realestateone.com



and the state of t

Help Wanted-General 5000

Sanitation Department Supervisor (Food Industry)

pervise staff to insur

cleaning and janitorial

activities meet all stan dards. Strive to improve efficiencies. employee relations, and work environment. Lead coach and train department employees. Maintain Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP's) and comply with all regulatory agencies Administer and sustain nest control programs Full-time position plus ber efits; pay commensurate with education and experience. Successful applicants must have 5-10 years food industry experience including sanitation of baker manufacturing and packag

ng equipment. Bachelor degree preferred; commer surate experience will be considered. Equal Oppor tunity Employer. resume including salary requirements to:

oeresume@ hometownlife.com Reference Box 1812

Sr. RF Engineer Position with MetroPCS Michigan, Inc. in Livonia, MI

Must have B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Telecommunications, or related field + '60 mos. exp. Submit resumes referencing Sr. RF Engineer and job code 052510 to HR, MetroPCS Michigan, Inc., 28505 Schoolcraft Road, Bldg. 6 ivonia, MI 48150 MetroPCS

Michigan, Inc. is an EOE.

When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355

Teacher AP Spanish/ Spanish 3 & 4 For Brother Rice H.S. Michigan Secondary Teaching Cert req'd. Send resume: meier@brrice.edu Or fax to 248-647-8170 Attn: Lorraine Meier

Help Wanted-General 5000

TEACHERS AGBU Manoogian School Southfield) is accepting ipplications for highly qualied/ certified teachers for Please email resume to: Dr. Hosep Torossian orossian@manoogian.or For inquiries call: 248-569-2988

Warehouse F.T. Dock Work \$12+/hr Benefits Pick & Pack CALL (313)292-9300 Move nallets & cases on dock

Fax: 248-569-1346 (State Retirement System)

with forklift J#272 Emp1 \$175

Computer/Info Systems 5010

Computer Systems Analyst

Send resume to Ms. Julie May, JDM Systems Consultants, 33117 Hamilton

Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Hills, MI 48334.

Court, Suite 200, Farmington

5020 **LEGAL SECRETARY** Leading family law firm for

women needs experienced team player. Excellent salary, benefit package. ax resume: 248-723-1659 or smicallef@ victorialawfirm.com

LEGAL SECRETARY

Litigation attorney seeks experienced person who has Dictaphone skills. Non-smoking office. 13 Mile & Telegraph area. For interview call

or fax resume 248-540-2191

PAYROLL CLERK **Charter Township** of Redford

For more information call: 313-387-2761 or visit our website at: redfordtwp.com/dept/hr Equal Opportunity Employe

5040 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT -Rapidly growing Milford office is seeking an exceptional den-tal assistant with a strong work ethic. Must be friendly, professional, dependable and a team player. Candidates must have working experience (min 3 yrs) with digital imag-ing, digital charting and x-ray certification. EagleSoft and implant experience a plus Must be able to handle a fast paced schedule. Position is part time with evening hours Competitive hourly pay, for qualified candidate.

Email resume to: milforddds@gmail.com

Help Wanted-Medical 5060 ADVANCED HOME CARE

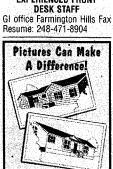
Private Duty Division Now Hiring: RNs, LPNs, CENAs & HHAs

► Benefit Package/401K

★ Competitive Pay

Call Celeste 866-605-0070 Fax: 248-284-1101 EXPERIENCED FRONT

★ Must have 1 vr current exp



-800-579-SELL(7355) DESERVER & ECCENTRIC

FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR ASST. Bloomfield Nursing Center has a full time open-ing for an Asst. Director. Healthcare experience or CDM preferred. Will be responsible for afternoor hift and general sanitation of kitchen. Variable hours

Email resume to: jgarher@ beaumonthospitals.com 248-661-2276

Help Wanted-Medical 5060 M.A.s

• RECEPTIONISTS

• BILLER

 OFFICE MANAGER **EXPERIENCED** only for multi-specialty group in the Garden City area. Must have at least two years experience in a medical setting. Full & part time benefits. send your resume & salary

requirements to: Fax (734) 458-4723 Reference 1813, & email: oeresume@ hometownlife.com

Medical Biller & Medical Coordinator Full-Time for Southfield office Medical Biller must have knowledge of insurance

billing and coding. Medical Coordinator (for nursing facilities). Must exhibit strong communication skills, be organized & motivated with basic computer knowledge. Full benefit package available. Fax resume: 248-355-3626

> MEDICAL **OFFICE MANAGER**

sized internal medicine practice. Healthcare exp., basic tice. Healthcare exp., computer skills req. Duties include payroll, scheduling, supervising office staff, interacting with insurance companies and general clerical work. Must have exc. interpersonal skills and be comfortable dealing with patients. Benefits

Email resume to: arbor_lane_physicians@ hotmail.com

PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING Classes begin June & July. Garden City, Wyandotte & Southgate. \$925. Credit Card 313-382-3857

PHYSICIANS WANTED

Excellent opportunity! No call or weekends. nternal medicine, family practice, & geriatric needed: Practice located

Call 877-324-0323

(*)

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Not any 5 Shooting
- marble
- 8 Mailed out
- 12 Draft animals 13 Clean-air org. 14 Musical ensem-
- ble
- 15 Feedbag filler
- 16 Pig's digs 17 Quaint lodgings
- 18 Mercury or lead 20 Locales
- 21 Traditional sayings
- 24 Border on 27 Nasty!
- 28 Weather sys-
- 31 Billowing gar-
- ment 32 — out (relax)
- 33 Provide capital 34 Grog ingredient
- 35 Part of UCLA

position

- 36 Expels from a
- 1. Chaotic place 2 Reason to cram 3 Nerve network

37 Busy places

in June

43 Improvise

(hyph.)

46 Split in two

49 Brainstorm

51 Poker stake

input

54 Satellite

53 Carol

DOWN

52 Blast-furnace

55 Draw to a close

56 Ultimatum word

47. "You don't say!"

39 Riveted

- 4 Actor's place (2 wds.) 5 Physicist
- Nikola ---6 Two-BR unit 7 Manner 8 Recipe direction
- 9 Sea eagle wood
- 24 Movie rental need 25 Water,

Answer to Previous Puzzle

OMEN

EMMY

DEAR

NEWTONEILES

SALENENYA

ERICINCA

22 Caller

23 Quiche base

AVER RN ACT LID CASABA AU ANY OM RE LIL

IOSIPPED

JOCKERASED

ANOINTS PRIED

TEAM

7-15 © 2009 United Feature Syndicate, Inc

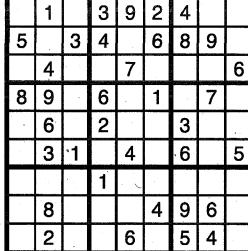
BAD

UNO

11 Make the salad 19 Lemon cooler 20 Tool handle

10 1492 ship

- in Montreal 26 45 or 78
 - 28 Refrain syllables
 - 29 Calendar abbr. 30 Many da.
 - 32 Library abbr. 33 Greyhound,
 - e.g. (2 wds.) 35 Youngster
 - 36 California fort 38 Sighed with delight
 - 39 Chemist's weight
 - 40 Jay 41 Till
 - 42 Blissful spot 44 Artifact
 - 45 Some gueens 47 Fawn parent
 - 48 Coffee server 50 Stout



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Word Search

TF YBOVUTGZY UBQAKTSKANT В JUSA V Q ZE DC KNU PHQ P D 0 В E S M M W S В Z C S T Y F L OW E R S Н Н NY P UR F OG J RDE : 1 X O 1 SRNE 0 HAMAPXQGTICC U OCEILUYSHOZA WOEBGSDSREMM S YLAOGIHWOVAPU D EGXXWFJCBQNJZR

beach bees blue sky boating fishing flowers

hot ocean pool

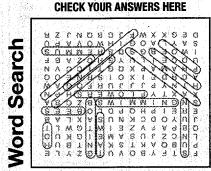
sandals shorts summer

sunburn sweat swimming

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE



Search



Help Wanted-Medical 5060

Recreational **Therapy Assistant** Woodward Hills Nursing Center in Bloomfield Hills needs a Part Time after noon Recreational Therapy

Previous exp req'd. Fax resume to Melissa Houston at (248) 644-0555 or Email: Premier.jobs@yahoo.com

RESIDENT ASSISTANT Immediate Opening. Midnight shift.

Apply in person: Plymouth Inn Assisted Living 205 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth 734-451-0700

RN/LPN Assisted Living Facility Plymouth Inn 205 Haggerty, Plymouth 734-451-0700 Fax: 734-451-0727

SOCIAL WORKER

Part Time position available for Social Worker at West

Garden City

By Owner

IMMACULATE

DOLL HOUSE 29022 Elmwood, 2 bdrm

ranch, deck, numerous

updates, new windows/

blinds, 1.5 car garage,

beautifully landscaped, all

appliances incl. \$69,426.

Call: (517) 449-4177

or (810) 599-5959

"We Work

For You!"

hometownlife.com

BIG HOME - DOUBLE LOT

Over 1900 sq.ft., 3 or 4 bdrms, 2 full baths. Great

condition with basement & huge yard! \$99,900

DENISE McGUIGAN

REMERICA HOMETOWN III

Westland

3445

Bloomfield Nursing Center. You must have nursing home experience to be considered. Position is 20 hrs week, flex time available. Fax your resume to: (248) 661-2276

Help Wanted-Medical

VETERINARY ASSISTANT/ TECHNICIAN Full/Part-Time. Exp. preferred, not req'd. Fax resume: 734-326-3234

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage

BARTENDER/WAITSTAFF CHEF/COOK, Full-Time Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville

BARTENDER/WAITSTAFF CHEF/COOK, Full-Time Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville

LINE COOK-PART TIME Small family restaurant, down-town Northville, exp req'd. (734) 420-2141 btwn 10-5pm.

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

AUTO SALES Dick Scott Dodge has immed. openings avail. for Sales Pros. We offer an exc. pay plan & benefits pkg. Previous exp pre-ferred but we will train the right people. Must have proven track record & strong closing skills. Email: Apply@DickScott.com

Canvassing/Telemarketing for a Home Improvemen Company PT. Exc. pay + com mission Exp preferred Call: 313-414-5634

www.choicewsr.com/careers

Help Wanted-Sales

Michigan's fastest growing home improvement co is look ing for 3 people to join our sales team. Our reps earn btwn \$40K-\$80K/yr. No exp nec, We offer pd training, a generous comp. pkg w/rapid advancement opportunities We're on the fast track looking for runners! Call today, inter-

view tomorrow. 1.888.guttergrate Option 3.

SALES ASSISTANT/ SALES TRAINEE

e position, some jewelry sale crience required. Please send resum to resume@rottermond.com

SALES PEOPLE

Never worry about having enough leads to make a great living again. We set quality appointments you just sell! Great opporturnity to make 100K first year. Must have solid transportation and must present yourself well. If you can sell you can't beat this opportunity. Exp. wanted not required will train.

or email: abrooks@majicwindow.com

By Owner

baths. New carpeting

throughout this 2 bdrm, 1.5

bath freshly painted condo

Ceiling fans, humidifier and

partially finished bsmt

Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

CAREGIVER NEEDED Weekends & fill-in, also be avail on call. Preferably a woman. To care for Westland woman resident, \$10/hr. Rereq'd. Ginger 734-578-7344

CAREGIVER - With diabetic care knowledge for full time, in home care of elderly mom; live in or out. Bloomfield area, pay neg. Call Mary: 248-855-1845

LOOKING FOR a compassionate hard working woman to care for elderly parents. Livein 24/7. Non-smoking/drink-ing. Light housekeeping and needs some assistance with ADL. Please indicate salary expectation Send resume w/references to: Mark O'Neil 43186 Washington Wav 43186 Washington Canton, MI 48187

Childcare/Baby-Sitting 5370

LOOKING TO CARE FOR Call Allen 734-748-5761 YOUR CHILD - LIVONIA AREA Infants to preschoolers. Ref avail. CPR Cert. 248-476-6565

Education/Instruction

H METOWN E.com

Find out how you may qual-

starting now at NEW HORIZONS 1-866-307-1436 1-888-223-7972 Livonia Iroy 1-888-223-1911 Job Placement assistance

Divorce Services



www.CSRdisability.com CS&R 734-425-1074

5640 Financial Services

FRUSTRATED WITH LOW YIELDING CDS? **Get Your Free Report!**

3720



No matter what it is know I will find it in my **0&E** Classifieds!

REMERICA HOMETOWN III

6231 N. Canton Center Rd



Real Estate Auction

Online Only Auction 89 Foreclosed Homes 31 Michigan Properties Many In Your Area! Also Properties in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri & Oklahoma

Bid Online Thru 6/15 5% Buver's Premium 800-323-8388 RowellAuctions.com

REDUCED!

3720

Condos

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
Senior Community. 1,152 sq.
ft. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, full bsmt,
gas log fireplace, deck,
attached garage, appli. incl.
\$79,900. Call: (313) 937-1312

washer & dryer, brick patio Great location! Please Call: (248) 982-5326 WESTLAND A MUST SEE!

Airy, sunny, clean and quiet 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath w/wood floors, spa tub, gas fireplace, full bsmt, first floor laundry, 2-car garage. Lots of storage. All Appliances. Central City Pkwy \$129,900 (734) 218-2043 WESTLAND CONDO

OWNER FINANCING

ayments \$650/mo (248) 891-4933 Manufactured Homes 3740

DISCOUNTS

ON REPOSSESSED HOMES! FINANCING AVAILABLE

Call Steve@ (734) 414-9760 in Plymouth Hills 🌣

Manufactured Homes

MOBILE HOME! Call Steve at



WESTLAND A++++ COMMUNITY \$0 MOVES YOU IN!!!!

Please Give Community Manager Greg Potter A Call For More Details

"Up North" at Oscoda Senior Condominiums They start at only \$49,000 Call for Brochure:

1-800-386-7133 Ask about special for Veterans YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED!

1210



DJ'S BLACKTOP DRIVEWAYS Paving •Patch •Seal Coating Free est. • www.djpaving.com 800-724-8920, 734-397-0811

Brick, Block & Cement (0290)

BRICK STEPS~BRICK REPAIR Rebuild porch brick, \$100/up Masonry repairs, \$50/up Tuck Pointing, 248-667-1739

CEMENT WORK •Driveways •Porches •Patios
•Steps •Stamped Concrete Free Estimates. 734-341-6947

Driveways, Patios, Porches &

Steps. Stamp Concrete & Patch Work, Big or Small Job Free Est. John: 734-513-7747 J & B CEMENT INC Driveways • Patios • Steps • Sidewalks. 40 yrs exp

313-999-0110; 734-895-9365

JOE & SONS CEMENT CO. 30 Yrs. Exp! Drives. Porches, Brick Pavers, Concrete Stamping, Garages, Water-proofing. Lic. Ins. Free Est.

313-561-9460

Brick, Block & Cement 0290

PAISANO CEMENT CO. Driveways •Porches
Patios •Brick Pavers

25 yrs. exp. Start to Finish

0480) Building & Repair

Decks/Patios/ 0600

Affordable Custom Decks •Treated •Cedar •Composite Free Est, Lic/Ins, 25 yrs exp. 734-261-1614, 248-442-2744

COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.

Plaster Repair. All jobs wel-comed! Lic/Ins. Free Est. 27

FAMILY ELECTRICAL

Electrical

0860

excel service. Certified & Ins. (248) 470-7690

Handyman M/F 1020 ABSOLUTELY DU-IT-ALL Lic. & Ins. Ceramic tile, electrical, plumbing, complete bsmts, bath-

rooms, kitchens, insurance work, etc. Cell #248-891-7072 Complete Service Handymar

Any Size Job. Licensed. Free Estimates.

734-453-9818, 734-259-9326

1030

Hauling/Clean Up

A-1 HAULING Move scrap metal, clean basements, garages, stores, etc. Lowest prices in town. Quick service. Free est. Wayne/ Oakland. Central location 248-547-2764, 248-559-8138

www.lacoureservices.com

Landscaping

0700

COMPLETE LANDSCAPING BY LACOURE SERVICES Spring clean-ups, landscap-ing, grading, sodding, hydro-seeding, all types retaining walls, brick walks & patios. Drainage & lawn irrigation systems, low foundations built up. Weekly lawn maintenance. Haul away unwanted items. Comm. Res. 37 years exp. Lic & Ins. Free Est.

www.lacoureservices.com 248-489-5955, 248-521-8818 LAWN SERVICE \$15 Cut, Edge & Trim. All your

landscaping needs. Senior Discounts. (313) 598-4272

Lawn, Gardening Maintenance Service 1230 DABER'S LAWN CARE

•Mowing •Edging •Trimming •Landscaping •Mulch •Büsh Trimming •Top Soil •Com/Res. •Sen.Dis. •Lic./Ins. • Free Est. Call David (734) 421-5842 TIRED OF YARD WORK? Mowing, Mulch, Landscaping www.bpi-lawncare.com Free Est. (248) 736-2019

Lawn, Garden 1240 Rototilling

Moving/Storage



A1 A+ Movers A+ Service Lic. & Insured - Efficient for only \$65/hr. 866-633-7953

Tree Service 1380

"It's All About Results!" 1-800-579-SELL

START A **NEW CAREER!**

ify for 100% FAIL TUITION. Increase Your Earning Potential! Get certified 6-12 mos. in Medical Billing/Coding, Pharmacy Technology & Computer Training including Microsoft Certification programs

> available VA Training provider. Associate member of MI Works





What your bank does not want you to know? Call: 800-267-5670, ext 35

H METOWN / C.com



ADVANTAGE OF REDUCED PRICING! HOME FOR SALE

ACT FAST & TAKE

\$18,900! OVER 900 SQ. FT. ALL APPLIANCES INC. WASHER / DRYER NTRAL AIR CONDITION **COLLEGE PARK**

(888) 265-9858

1-734-513-4108 Are you 55 & Older? **Relax & Enjoy Life**

always wanted. Neat, reasonable, Insured. (248) 225-7165 PAINTING BY MICHAEL Interior / Exterior
• Staining •Textured Ceilings • Faux Finish • Plaster/ Drywall

PAINT IT!

Give yourself the look you

Repair • Wallpaper Removal

• Deck Staining • Aluminum
Siding Refinishing • Free Est.
248-349-7499 734-464-8147 TNT of Plymouth

Painting & Powerwashing

1640

Call Mike at (734) 968-0654

APEX ROOFING - Quality work completed with pride. Family owned. Lic & Ins. BBB A+ Rating. For honesty/integrity: 248-476-6984; 248-855-7223

BEST CHIMNEY CO. Free Est. Lic & Ins. (313) 292-7722

LEAK SPECIALIST Flashings,

Valleys, Chimneys, etc. Warr. Member BBB. 30 yrs. exp. Lic / Ins. Call: (248) 346-4321

Affordable Res. Removals & Trim. We beat written est. \$1,000,000 ins. Top quality. J. Romo 248-939-7420 or 248-978-1096. Fully insured.

MOVING? Sell Those Unwanted Items!

City cert. Violations corrected. Service changes or any small job. Free est. 734-422-8080 Lic. Free Est. 248-596-2177 **QUALITY BRICK WORK** All brick work - New & Repairs, Porches, Chimneys, Etc. Floor Service Free Est. 734-772-4656 Asphalt/Blacktopping HARDWOOD FLOOR 0310 Installation, sanding & refinishing at Building Remodeling affordable prices and **BARRY'S. CARPENTRY**

> Lic/Ins. (248) 478-8559 barryscarpentry.com

BEST CHIMNEY & ROOFING CO. -New & repairs r Citizen Discount, Lic & Ins. 248-557-5595 313-292-7722

Sunrooms

Drywall

0690

yrs. exp. Mark: 313-363-6738 Michigan Drywall Service

Painting • Finished Carpentry

313-790-3406

Clean-up/Hauling Srv. Cheap Rates! Garages, bsmts, attics. Free Est. 248-521-8818

HAMETOWN Feeom

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 13, 2010

LEASE FROM ONLY

\$599‱ **APPLY TODAY**

AND RECEIVE: 1 MONTH FREE! NO APPLICATION FEE!

• 3 BEDROOM / 2 BATH • NEARLY 1,200 SQ. FT. • ALL APPLIANCES WITH WASHER / DRYER

COLLEGE PARK

(888) 264-4080

*Some restrictions apply. EXPIRES 6/30/10 • EHO • WAG

FARMINGTON AREA Adult community, quiet country setting, heat/water incl, \$540/mo, pet okay. Call: (734) 564-8402

FARMINGTON HILLS ANNGIE APTS. NO APPLICATION FEE FREE HEAT! 1 bedroom \$505. 9 Mile/ Middlebelt 248-478-7489

FARMINGTON HILLS FREEDOM VILLAGE APTS. Luxury 1 & 2 bdrm. Laundry in unit. Water incl. 586-254-9511

FARMINGTON HILLS Maple Ridge 23078 Middlebelt Rd Spacious 1 bdrms, C/A, \$525. **50% off 1st 3**

months with approved

(248) 473-5180

FARMINGTON MANOR APTS Deluxe studio & 1 bedroom carport. \$300 security, 50% off first 3 months ith approved credit. (248) 888-0868

FARMINGTON PLAZA APTS Luxury 2 bdrms, A/C, pool New kitchen & haths laundry rooms, heat incl. \$650/mo.
50% off 1st 3 month's rent w/ approved credit. (248) 478-8722

GARDEN CITY: 6215 Central 1 & 2 bdrm apts. Very safe area next to Police Dept. 1st mo. FREE. 734-525-9325

GARDEN CITY - Very nice, quiet 1 bdrm apts \$450/mo. 31075 krauter near Merriman/ Ford Rd. Call: (313) 384-6029

LIVONIA: 1 bdrm,, bath, kitchen, living room, dinette screened-in porch, carport large storage room, 2nd floor 734-522-5860, 734-837-6330

LIVONIA - 5 Mile/Farmington. Lower luxury flat. 1 bdrm, all utilities incl, fully furnished. \$795/mo, (313) 538-2819

LIVONIA

Mid 5/Middlebelt. 2 bdrm with laundry room in unit 50% off months with approved credit, \$725/mo Call: (248) 521-1978

modeled 1 bdrm apt., water & heat incl. \$595/mo. 248-242-1709, morning: 248-349-5660 **PLYMOUTH**

NORTHVILLE - Downtown Re-

1 bdrm, \$600; 2 bdrm \$670. Walk in closets, heat/water included. Call: 734-455-1215

PLYMOUTH 1 Bdrm, bath, porches/Patios, AC, basement storage. Gas and Water Included! LIMITED TIME LÉASE SPECIAL!!! \$495. 248-637-9800

PLYMOUTH: 1 bdrm, near 1275. Well maintained, air and extra storage area. No pets, rent incl heat/water, \$560/mo. Call 8am-8pm: 734-522-6705 PLYMOUTH: Park Manor Apts.

444 Plymouth Rd. New tenants only. 1 bdrm \$460. Non-smoking. Incl heat & water. No pets. 1 parking space per apt. 734-454-9274

PLYMOUTH: Prime location. 1 bdrm, \$300 Sec. + 1st mo FREE. Near downtown. Incl heat. No dogs. 734-455-263

Plymouth **Rent Starting** at \$529 **FREE HEAT**

& 2 Bedroom Apt's **Plymouth Manor** Plymouth House 734-455-3880 www.vorkcommunities.com

PLYMOUTH SQUARE APTS. \$300 security deposit. 50% OFF 1ST 3 MO. RENT with approved credit 1 & 2 bdrm, \$570 - \$705. 734-455-6570

WESTLAND, 1 bdrm, appliances, \$425/mo, sec dep req. Venoy & Grand Traverse. Water included. 248-563-7122

house. Newly remodeled. C/A appl, lg. yard, good location 734-721-1959

WESTLAND A \$0 MOVE-IN! Mall area. Newly updated. Lg 1 bdrm. Free water. \$495/mo. 734-459-116 734-459-1160

Westland Estates

Bdrms, \$505 2 Bdrms, \$655

No fine print in this ad! Heat/Water included -\$20.00 Application Fee \$200 Deposit w/ Credit

New Resident's Only 734-722-4700 Mon.-Fri. 9am-7pm Sat.-Sun. 10am-4pm

WESTLAND First Month Free! 1 bdrm - \$475/mo Reduced Deposits Walk-in closet, private entry, Near Ford Plant 734-721-6699 EHO

www.cormorantco.com

Condos/Townhouses

WESTLAND Hickory Woods Apts. \$224 MOVE IN! 1st Month Rent Free (for qualified applicants) Bdrm-\$575

2 Bdrm-\$650 FREE GAS AND WATER (734) 729-6520

Westland Park Apts.

FREE RENT 2 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath \$565, 936 Sq. Ft. 1 Bárm, \$490, 728 Sq. Ft.

\$200 Security Deposit **Heat and Water Incl** (New residents only) with approved credit No Pets, C/A, Vertical Blinds, Intercom. Appliances include

dishwasher.



WESTLAND Summer 1 bedroom specia

1st mo. FREE. Water Incl. Pool and Exercise facility BIRCH HILL APTS. Cherry Hill, E. of Venoy (734) 729-2242

VENOY PINES APTS. **Rent Starting** at \$529 1 & 2 bedroom apts.

(734) 261-7394

FARMINGTON: 1 bdrm, utili-

lomes For Rent

FARMINGTON HILLS: 1400 sg. ft. 1st floor condo 2 bdrm. 2 bath, W/D \$925/mo incl heat. Avail 8/1/10. 248-987-6282 MELVINDALE/DEARBORN

2 bdrm, like new, fireplace, all appls, att gar. Bad credit may be ok. 248-224-6696 TAYLOR: 2 bdrm, like new,

fireplace, all appls, att gar. Telegraph/Northline. Bad credit may be ok. **248-224-6696** WAYNE: 2 bdrm, like new, fireplace, all appls, att gar Michigan/Wayne. Bad credit may be ok. 248-224-6696 WESTLAND: 2 bdrm, 1 bath, finished bsmt, new kitchen & bath, all appls, A/C, private entry, \$700/mo. 734-330-6164

LIVONIA: 2 bdrm, clean,

WESTLAND: Nice 2 bdrm

duplex in Norwayne area. Private yard, \$570/mo. \$500

Duplexes

immaculate, all appli, fin bsmt. a/c, gar, fenced, park close by, no pets. 734-231-5597 NORTHVILLE: Quiet neighborhood, 6 Mile & I-275. Newly renovated 2 bdrm, 2 bath, w/d no pets. \$725. 877-722-5448

Very clean Apartments (734) 729-6636



\$795/mo, (313) 538-2819 REDFORD AREA N. Nice clean 2 bdrm upper. Hard-wood, stove/refrig. 1827 Salem. \$450. 248-377-1596

Homes For Rent

CANTON: 849 Glenuiline. 4

bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car gar, a/c, finished bsmt, all appls, \$1495. No pets. 734-395-3696

CANTON/PLYMOUTH: 4 bdrm,

2.5 bath, 2 car garage, family room/fireplace, partially finished bsmt. \$1575 + Sec.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP -

From \$850/mo! Homes for

sale or rent! Several

EZ financino! 888-884-1339

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 3 bdrm

ranch, fin bsmt, Crestwood School, \$1100/mo. Section 8

248-437-3424

313-580-5018

with fireplace.

Condos/Townhouses

ties, W/D incl, walk out to wooded ravine, \$595/mo. No credit check. (734) 467-7375

4050

GARDEN CITY: 3 bdrm, bath, fin. bsmt, a/c, 2 car gar fenced yard, \$1000/mo. 33225 Florence, 313-590-0474

INKSTER - 3 bdrm brick ranch, \$550; 2 bdrm ranch garage, utility room, \$450, option on both. 248-788-1823 MELVINDALE - Remodeled 2 bdrm ranch, \$8000 avail from Obama, immed occ, option/LC

avail \$550 248-788-1823 WAYNE: 2 bdrm. Victorian Den, dining room, hardwood firs, country kitchen. \$780. \$1100 Sec. 734-729-1343 WESTLAND - 1250 SQ. FT. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, finished bsmt garage, appli, C/A, DR, LR. \$1250/mo. **248-231-0074**

WESTLAND - 3 bdrm brick ranch, Livonia Schools, gar C/A, \$850: 2 bdrm ranch \$550. Option. 248-788-1823 WESTLAND 3 bdrm, bsmt garage. Everything new \$795/mo plus deposit. 5841 Walton. (734) 658-5109

WESTLAND: 3 bdrm duplex Venoy/Palmer, Shed, newer carpet, kitchen & (248) 344-2822 \$625/mo. WESTLAND: 3 bdrm duplex very clean, newly painted new carpet, fenced, \$650/mo. 313-418-9905

WESTLAND: 3 bdrm ranch Finished bsmt, att. gar, fenced yard. Close to schools, nice area. \$875. (248) 425-0200 WESTLAND - Cozy, fresh & clean 2 bdrm, C/A, full bsmt back door & deck, stv & fridge \$679/mo Section 8 OK 1923 Stieber. Agent: (734) 216-1206

WESTLAND: Ford Rd area. 3

bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch

bsmt, c/a, painted, carpeted. No pets, \$900. 734-591-9163 WESTLAND/NORWAYNE-Updated 2 bdrm/1 bath, not a duplex. W/Venoy, N/Glenwood

\$595/mo. 248-449-3307 Mobile Home Rentals 4070

FARMINGTON HILLS: 1-2 bdrm. \$70/wk. & up. Appl Seniors welcomed! No pets

4110 Resort/Rentals

BRIGHTON- BRIGGS LAKE Weekly rates, non-motor, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, c/a. Starting in August. 810-772-9585

Rooms For Rent

FARMINGTON HILLS: Park Motel. Furnished rooms, effi ciency & ants from \$150/week

LIVONIA: Clean, quiet, spacious: Full house privileges, laundry. Private bath, internet/cable. Utilities incl, \$400 734-502-7246 Avail Now.

LIVONIA PRIVATE ENTRANCE Air, clean, furnished, sleep. Via 196, 275, 5 & Newburgh. \$110wk Cable 734-855-4026

LUXURY MOTELS- Low Rates Fairlane 248-347-9999, Royal 248-544-1575, Days 734-427-1300, Comfort 248-504-5080.

REDFORD: Nice, clean, quiet, Off 5 Mile, btwn. Telegraph/ Beech, Smokers Welcome Call: (313) 310-3727

Office/Retail Space For 4220

REDFORD TWP. OFFICE SUITES Small suites avail.

From 1 room & up. CERTIFIED REALTY INC (248) 471-7100

all here!

It's

Look in your

CLASSIFIEDS

...It's all about results!

To Place An Ad Call: 800-579-SELL

www.hometownlife.con

Homes For Rent

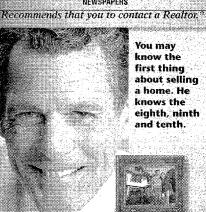
4140

Manufactured Homes for Rent Free Rent Until July 1st, 2010: \$348 Moves You In? 3 Bedroom, 2 bath

Academy/Westpoint www.academywestpoint.com

some restrictions may apply Expires 6/31/2010





For everything you think you know about selling a home. there's always a handful of questions just under the surface. A REALTOR* helps you set a fair selling price, orchestrates improvements, conducts open houses, explains closing documents and a million other things that wouldn't

So once you've made the decision to sell your home. work with someone who'll work with you.

Metropolitan Consolidated **Association of Realtors** 901 Tower Drive, Suite 190 Troy, MI 48098

248 879-5730

Real zstate Is Our Life: 13

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO APARTMENT LIVING



CALLING ALL SENIORS!

RENTS

On Thursday June 17th and Friday June 18th, we will be available from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM to help you discover your new apartment home! We look forward to meeting you!

Take Advantage of ow Move-In Costs!

Westgate Tower Offers:

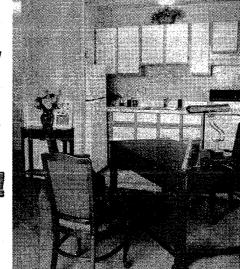
- Ample Parking Various Activities
- One Small Pet . Warm, Friendly Allowed

access

Staff 24 hr. laundry • Heat & Water

included

Not 62 yet? Ask us about our temporary age waiver!



Westgate Tower 34567 Elmwood Ave., Westland, MI (734) 729-2900 Please feel free to call!

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

CALL TODAY FOR A GREAT RATE 1-800-579-7355

6

鱼

TOWNHOUSES COOPERATI Now accepting applications for 1, 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes. Prices range from \$483 to \$541 per month. For more information

call 734-728-5311

REDECED

\$99 MOVE IN SPECIAL 1 BDRMS START AT \$525 & Up 2 BDRMS START AT \$625, & Up

facilities & extra storage available. 24715 Five Mile

Quiet, clean, water & parking, laundry

between Telegraph and Beech Daly. Call: 313-945-0524

Mon-Sat 11am-5pm

NEW CABINETS • FREE HEAT & WATER • NEW APPLIANCES • NEW CARPET • MIRRORED DINING ROOM WALL

1 Bedroom \$669 2 Bedroom..... \$799 Orchard Lake Rd., S. of 8 Mile APPLE RIDGE APTS.

248-471-0001

GREYBERRY APARTMENTS

Wayne - Westland - Canton 2 Bedroom

920 Square Foot Apts. • Washer/Dryer & **Window Treatments In Every Unit NOW OFFERING**

• Rent from \$605 • Best Value in Entire Area \$100 Security Dep!



LOCATED N. OF MICHIGAN AVE **EAST OFF HANNAN ROAD**



OE08703622

TRANSEED DE SALLS NOW, CONSIDER TRANSFERRING THEM

© 2010 CareerBuilder, LLC. All rights reserved.