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Two for one

According to Plymouth Downtown Development officials, the former Gabriala's will soon be divided into two new business establishments. One of them is Isabella's Copper Pot, a gourmet kitchen and specialty foods store (isabellascopperpot.com). Owner Stacy Shafto, who has owned another story in Gaylord the past three years, told the DDA she hopes to open by July 1. The store will feature Michigan-made foods, as well as those from throughout the U.S. and Europe.

The store is named for now 7-year-old Isabella, who spends time in Plymouth with her dad.

A lease for a second store at the old Gabriala's could be signed soon, officials said.

Write a play

TLC Productions has organized Canton's first One-Acts Festival and is accepting scripts for consideration, postmarked no later than Aug. 24. Comedies, dramas and yes, even musicals will be considered. Canton's first One-Acts Festival takes place Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC is looking for original plays and musicals in length from 15-60 minutes (preference given to 30-45-minute shows). Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed; however, no children's shows will be considered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process, go to www.TLCprod.wordpress.com.

Seat open

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees invites individuals interested in filling a vacancy on the board to apply by 3 p.m. July 2.

Applications are available from the Office of the President, Room 190, Administration Center, at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus. The board intends to interview selected applicants and make an appointment in July.

The seven-member board is the college's policy-making body. Applicants must be registered voters and residents of the Schoolcraft district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

The term runs through Dec. 31. In order to be considered, applicants must be willing to complete this term and to run for the new six-year term in the Nov. 2 general election. The new term will begin Jan. 1, 2011, and run through 2016.

The vacancy is the result of Dr. Philip Cascade's decision to step down July 1 due to work obligations. Cascade was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2004 and was elected to a six-year term in 2005.

Party planned as philanthropist nears century mark

BY MATT JACHMAN
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The American Century? In Plymouth, it's Margaret's Century. Margaret Dunning, a Plymouth businesswoman and philanthropist whose work benefited generations of residents, will be honored next weekend, when she turns 100, with a slew of tributes, a classic car show, live entertainment and the opening of a new exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Dunning seemed nonchalant Friday about reaching the century mark.

"You add one year at a time and it's surprising how you accumulate," she said.

But she's excited about the birthday celebration, at which, she said, she hopes to see friends and acquaintances with whom she's lost touch. "I'm very interested in the people that are coming," she said.

On Saturday, Dunning's birthday, well-wishers will line the streets between her house and the museum to greet her just before noon as she drives to the museum in one of her classic cars — a convertible — if it's not raining, she said.

"I can't imagine that. That seems impossible to anticipate," she said of the planned reception.

With WDIV-TV (Channel 4) reporter Roger Weber as master of ceremonies, Dunning will then be lauded with tributes from the city,

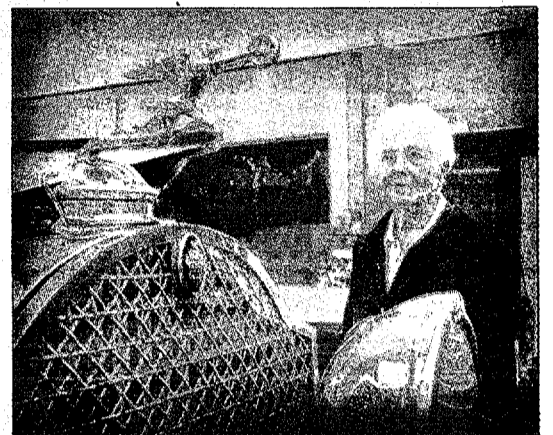
Plymouth Township, state government and others.

The formal opening of the new exhibit, "Margaret's 1910," will follow, and there will be refreshments and a performance of period songs by Harmony 4 Fun, a women's version of a barbershop quartet. The celebration and museum open house will last until 4 p.m.

"Margaret has given so much to this community," said Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the museum director, who is helping plan the event. "She has been incredibly generous throughout her life with the community."

Dunning, who worked in bank-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Goddess of Speed adorns the radiator cap of Margaret Dunning's 1930 Packard. A variety of activities are planned next weekend as Dunning turns 100.



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Pierre Bataille at work. Bataille followed in his father's footsteps as a carver.

French twist

Local carver's plaque honors soldiers' sacrifices

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Artist Pierre Bataille has a passion for epic stories.

A Frenchman who lives part time in Plymouth, Bataille has carved in wood depictions of the Mayflower passengers, the American Civil War and the Holocaust.

Lately, Bataille has worked on a

piece related to another epic in which his family and their hometown in Normandy played a role.

Bataille, 74, was 8 years old when the Allies invaded Nazi-occupied France on D-Day — June 6, 1944. Ten days later, U.S. forces were in Bataille's village of Saint Sauveur-Le-Vicomte, halfway across the Normandy peninsula, in an attempt to cut off the Germans.

"The citizens having fled the town ('Nobody stays. It is impossible since the sixth June,' Bataille said Tuesday), U.S. Army forces tried to set up a 57-mm cannon on Pierre's street — near his house, in fact. But German shell-

ing killed four soldiers, wounded four others and knocked out the gun before it could be fired.

Bataille, who followed in his father's footsteps as a carver, has rendered a plaque commemorating the soldiers killed. Delivered to Normandy during a D-Day commemoration earlier this month, the plaque is to be installed on Bataille's house, near where the gun crew was hit, next June.



Ray Fary (left) and Pierre Bataille hold a mahogany plaque that Bataille carved to commemorate four U.S. Army soldiers killed in action in the village of Saint Sauveur-Le-Vicomte, France, on June 16, 1944. Bataille, who lives part-time in Plymouth, was a child in the village during World War II; Fary was an Army paratrooper and one of the replacements for those killed.

One shell, Bataille said, hit an Army truck, causing it to explode and destroying his grandfather's house, which was across the street from his own. The aftermath was captured by war photographer Robert

Capa, and in the photo, which ran in *Life* magazine, the smoking ruins of the house can be seen, along with two soldiers' helmets.

Bataille said he and others from Normandy have a deep sense of gratitude toward Americans because of the liberation of France, and that civilians at the time shared an "exceptional

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Thousands enjoy Canton's Liberty Fest

BY DARRELL CLEM
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To celebrate his 6-year-old daughter Olivia's kindergarten graduation from Canton Charter Academy, Vince Ilagan brought her to Liberty Fest for a rollicking good time.

Seriously, where else could Olivia climb into an inflatable ball that rolls around in a pool of water?

"It's like you're a gerbil," she said, smiling.

It's not the first time Ilagan had brought his daughter to Liberty Fest, a celebration of family, friends and

freedom that, according to Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, draws as many as 50,000 to 60,000 visitors over three days to picturesque Heritage Park.

Said Ilagan, "It seems to keep growing."

Canton resident Tammy Pitt strolled around Heritage Park on Thursday with 8-year-old grandson Taylor Pitt, who was visiting from Presidio, Texas.

"I rode the roller coaster and the bumper cars. They were awesome," Taylor said. "I want to ride that big roller coaster some more. We don't

have any roller coasters where I live."

Pitt was planning to return Friday with Taylor's 7-year-old brother, Ronin, who was visiting other relatives Thursday.

"Ronin's going to want to ride the train, I know that for sure," Pitt said.

To complete a three-day trek to Liberty Fest, Pitt said a family outing was being planned for Saturday night's festival-crowning fireworks display — and festival revelers hoped for cooperative weather.

"The fireworks are the best part,"

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Todd Frey and daughter Sydney Frey stop to talk with Canton Officer Joe Bialy.



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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The sticker in the window lets you know that Margaret Dunning drove this 1966 Cadillac in the 2009 Woodward Dream Cruise.

son, and she's amazing at 100," Kerstens said.

Dunning said she expects to make some remarks at the event, and said she owes thanks to the community for making a "marvelous life" for her.

"I really think I owe something back to the community," she said. "I am beholden to so many organizations and fine people."

Other events in recognition of Dunning's 100th birthday include:

- A free 7:30 p.m. Thursday concert in Kelllogg Park by the Plymouth Community Band. Also called "Margaret's 1910," the show will feature music from the era.

- A classic car show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, on Church Street between Main and Union. The show, before and during the celebration at the museum, will feature cars from car clubs with which Dunning has been associated.

- The continuation of the celebration and exhibit museum open house, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 27. The folk and gospel group Four-Hearted River will perform, and refreshments will be available.

- Dunning will be the grand marshal for Plymouth's Good Morning U.S.A. Fourth of July Parade, Sunday, July 4, and will drive her 1931 Ford pickup truck in it.

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Cookout boosts July 4th budget

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Plymouth Township's Fourth of July events — a fireworks display and picnic — got a budget boost last weekend with a cookout fund-raiser at a local delicatessen.

Burgers, hot dogs and bratwursts were served — and some \$2,567 was raised — during the \$2-a-person cookout at The Picnic Basket. Store owner Al Jonna donated much of the food, and he and his wife, Grace, chipped in \$1,000, said township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who raises money for the holiday events.

"We had a good time. Served up a lot of food," Edwards said. It was the second year for the picnic fund-raiser; this year, organizers were prepared for bad

weather, setting up a dining tent.

The proceeds were split between the fireworks and the picnic. Edwards said fund-raising has been going well for both events; the fireworks budget is \$30,000, the picnic budget about \$7,500.

The fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 3, at 10:15 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park. Edwards promised a spectacular show, saying he takes advantage of pyrotechnics discounts available because the show is not actually on July 4.

The picnic, also at Plymouth Township Park, is Sunday, July 4. Food will be served from about 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream are on the menu.

Like the fireworks, the picnic is a township function, but public funds don't

pay for it, said its organizer, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz. It is funded largely through donations, and picnic goers are asked to chip in whatever they think is fair — a suggested minimum of 25 cents per item.

Picnic activities include a bicycle-decorating contest at noon, games for children at 12:30 p.m., and a pie-eating contest at 2 p.m. The picnic will also offer face-painting for children, plus live music from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Picnic goers should bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Doroshewitz is still looking for volunteers to help with both set-up and serving at the picnic. Those interested in volunteering can call him at home at (734) 459-8473 e-mail him at bdoroshewitz@plymouthtwp.org.

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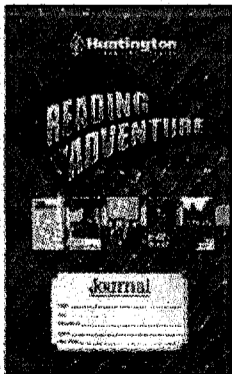
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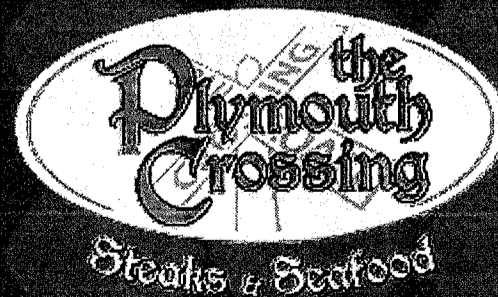
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DAR meets
The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Anne Cochrane Chapter meet for their annual potluck picnic and auction Thursday, June 21, at noon at Greenmead's Alexander Blue House in Livonia.

The program features plant and craft auction and silent auction (bring white elephant item).
For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

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.

Grief workshop
Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

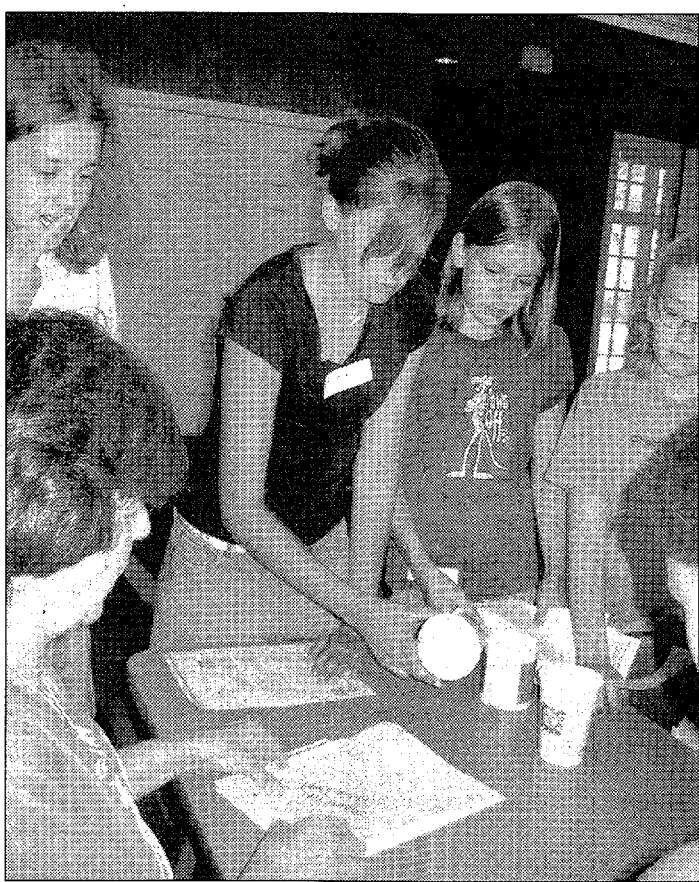
The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.
For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

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 Park.

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 one-week sessions that provide participants with an extensive service-learning experience as well as having some fun. "Our goal is to help every partici-

Summer reading

Programs for the Teen Summer Reading program will begin this week at the Plymouth District Library. A Mystery/Pizza party will kick things off on Monday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will interview suspects, meet with detectives, look for clues and solve the mystery. Teens interested in volunteering at the library this summer should attend a training workshop on Tuesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. A fencing workshop with Salle d'Etoit Fencing will take place on Wednesday, June 23, from 3-4:30 p.m. Registration is requested; contact the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

ant 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 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@ymcamedetroit.org.

Sports sale

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

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

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

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

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Cats and the Fiddler, (from left) Carmen Gibes, Shaun Richardson and James Richardson, open the popular Music in the Park series of concerts styled for children in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Cats and the Fiddler play noon Wednesday, June 23.

Music in the Park series ready to launch 26th year

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Downtown Plymouth's Music in the Park summer-time concerts have been entertaining the generations for — well, a generation.

The series of free, family friendly concerts, at noon in Kellogg Park for the next 10 Wednesdays, is moving into its 26th year, said Debra Madonna, president of the board of directors of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which puts on the concerts.

"The audience has grown

every year," said Madonna, who has been organizing the shows for 16 years. Attendance at each concert averages about 2,000, she said.

Madonna said she's running into people who enjoyed the concerts as children and are now bringing their own kids. The music, she said, appeals to all ages.

"It's not like kiddie music. It's just good music," she said.

There were only four concerts during the inaugural season, she said, and the stage was obtained only

about 10 years ago, which made the shows bigger events, Madonna said.

"Once we got up on the stage and moved things, it changed the dynamics," she said.

Wednesday's first concert of this season, by the bluegrass band Cats & the Fiddler, is a return engagement, Madonna said.

The other shows are:

- June 30, Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express
- July 7, Gemini
- July 14, Saline Fiddlers
- July 21, Beverly Meyer, the Music Lady

- July 28, Jeremy Kittel and Nathaniel Smith

- Aug. 4, All Directions
- Aug. 11, Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 18, Mr. Seley
- Aug. 25, Joe Reilly

The series sponsors are Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, chiropractor Dr. Brian Brackney and pediatric dentist Dr. Salwa Atwan.

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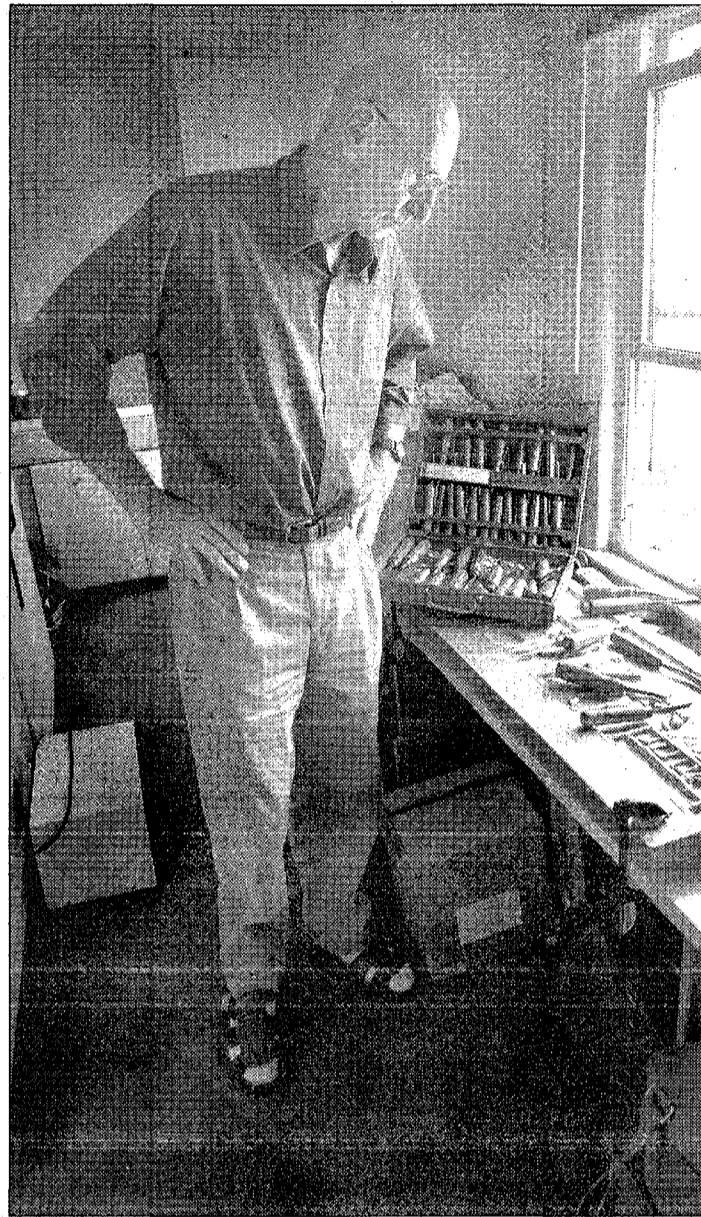
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Pierre Bataille contemplates his work.

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summer" of "incredible events" with U.S. soldiers.

"In Normandy you have a very special sentiment ... for the Americans. Because we can't forget," Bataille said at his apartment on Junction Street, where he and his wife, Josette, spend part of the year in order to be close to a daughter, who lives in the area.

Bataille carved the mahogany plaque with the names of the fallen soldiers — Sgt. Bernard Wilson, Cpl. Anthony Apicella, Cpl. Paul Snyder and Pvt. Harold Husk — in Plymouth. He plans to top it with a triangular cap depicting an American eagle in time for next year's installation.

World War II U.S. Army veteran Ray Fary, 85, researched the information contained on plaque. Bataille and Fary met in 2005 in Saint Sauveur-Le-Vicomte, when Fary, who was there to research the incident,

saw Bataille and asked for help. Bataille was able to show him the exact spot where the soldiers were killed.

One of the replacement soldiers moved into the village after the gun crew was killed, Fary has researched many details of the war.

The two share an affinity that has its roots in that fierce summer, Bataille said.

"For Ray, it's the same. He can't forget," he said. "For Ray and me, we have the same reaction."

Bataille, whose work can be seen at the website www.pierre-bataille.com, had a career in television production before taking up carving full time. His work has introduced him to a number of world figures, including Pope John Paul II, Francois Mitterand and the poet Octavio Paz. He also sketches and recently completed a book of short stories.

He still maintains the house in Saint Sauveur-Le-Vicomte, which was built in 1550.

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This photograph by photojournalist Robert Capa shows the neighborhood, including the house where Pierre Bataille lived.

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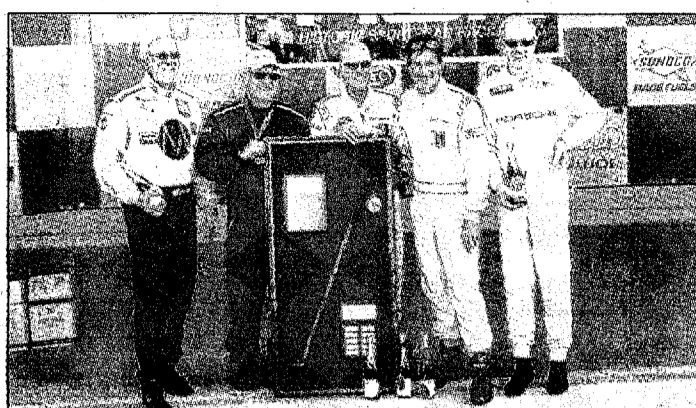
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The Old Hickory Stick, the trophy awarded to the winner of the EEF's annual golf outing, has made a variety of pit stops since being swiped from the office of the winner shortly after last year's event.

Golfers await Old Hickory Stick

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Old Hickory Stick apparently gets around.

The stick, which serves as the trophy/plaque awarded to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools team with the best score at the annual PCCS Open golf outing to benefit the Education Excellence Foundation, has been seen in places such as along a highway in Florida and on a racetrack.

Where it hasn't been seen recently is the place it most belongs - on the wall of Clint Smiley's office. Smiley earned the right to display the stick at the 2009 Open, where his West Middle School team won its second straight title.

But shortly after the stick went on display, it was stolen - and though there are suspects, nobody really knows who swiped it.

It was actually a repeat offense. After the West Middle School team won the stick in 2008, it was stolen, and no one knew whether it was a student prank or - perhaps - the work of a sore loser. While suspects were questioned, school officials said, few clues were discovered.

However, the Old Hickory Stick made its dramatic reappearance last year in the

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clutches of a Gorilla, who brought it into the clubhouse at Fox Hills, where the outing is played, during the luncheon. Smiley, officials said, gave chase, but the gorilla escaped. Smiley vowed then to keep the stick safe, even if it meant chaining it to the wall, which he did. Shortly afterward, though, he entered his office to find the chain cut and the stick, once again, missing.

Since then, someone (the gorilla?) has been updating the escapades of the Stick using the Internet (find its journey at www.OLDHICKORYTRAVELS.blogspot.com).

Officials are hoping the stick makes its reappearance again when the EEF hosts the annual fund-raiser Wednesday at Fox Hills.

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Students use their 'voice' in Lansing

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The leaders of Liberty City are anxiously waiting for proof their voices will actually be heard outside the city limits.

Those "leaders" are fourth-grade students in Wendy Gravlin's class at Gallimore Elementary School, where they created the fictional town to further the learning in their social studies curriculum.

Since they were learning about government anyway, the students put their lessons to good use, crafting a bill that would give Michigan something it heretofore hadn't owned: A state fruit.

Liberty City inhabitants, with the help of state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, authored a bill that would make the tart cherry the state fruit. Slavens introduced the bill in the House, where it will now be discussed in committee.

"We are thrilled our voices have been heard," Gravlin said.

It was the latest lesson for the inhabitants of Liberty City, who spent the year learning about government. The students formed all three branches of government, with students holding down jobs ranging from police officer to Supreme Court justice.

Students voted on the town name, decided on the differences between rules and laws, and were responsible for deciding where local services would be located.

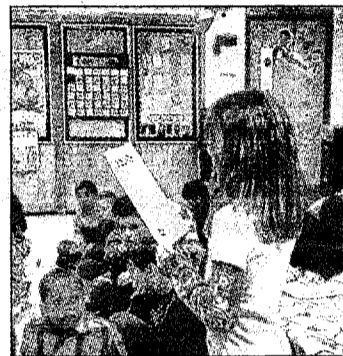
"We modified everything to fit our community, and then we kind of lived it," Gravlin said. "I wanted to make it as hands-on as possible. We tried to make it come alive."

It worked, as students learned what each role encompassed, devised business plans and learned, for instance, how taxes work.

"I didn't know much about



Fourth-graders from Gallimore Elementary School join state Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton) on the House floor during a visit to the Capitol.



Gallimore fourth-grader Natalie Meloche asks a question of state Rep. Dian Slavens, who was at the school for a 'March is Reading Month' appearance.

the branches of government," said 10-year-old Lindsey Torey, who served as the lieutenant governor (Gravlin was governor). "It's like ... when a law was passed, we got to

decide if it was fair, and if we were going to veto it or approve it. It made social studies more fun."

Slavens made an appearance during "March is Reading Month" to read to the students and talk to them about government. She was impressed with some 19 letters students wrote her, explaining why they thought the tart cherry should be the state fruit.

Then, on a subsequent visit to the Capitol, Slavens had a surprise for the students: She had turned their idea into a bill, which is now in committee.

"I was very impressed they'd done the research," Slavens said of the fourth-graders. "It's important the children know they have a voice in the process. When they came to

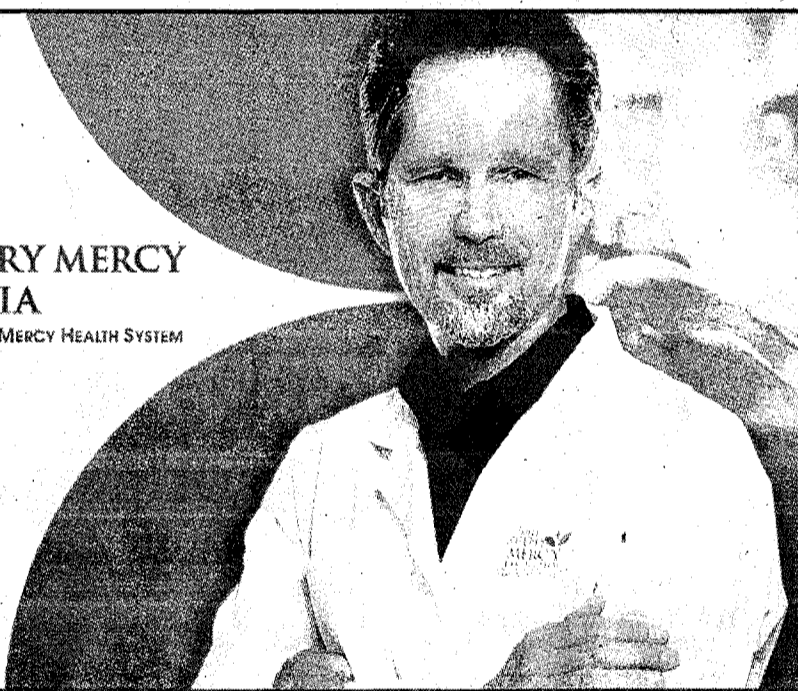
Lansing, they had great questions. I think that's great. That (interest) hopefully will keep growing as they become adults."

The hands-on development of their own city, the trip to Lansing and actually getting a voice in the system changed some students' outlook on school in general and social studies in particular.

"When we used to do social studies, it was kinda boring," said 9-year-old Karlyn Siterlet. "When we learned about the branches (of government), we got to DO the branches. Usually we just memorize it. This time, we got to do it. I used to tell my friends I didn't like social studies; now I can't wait to get to it."

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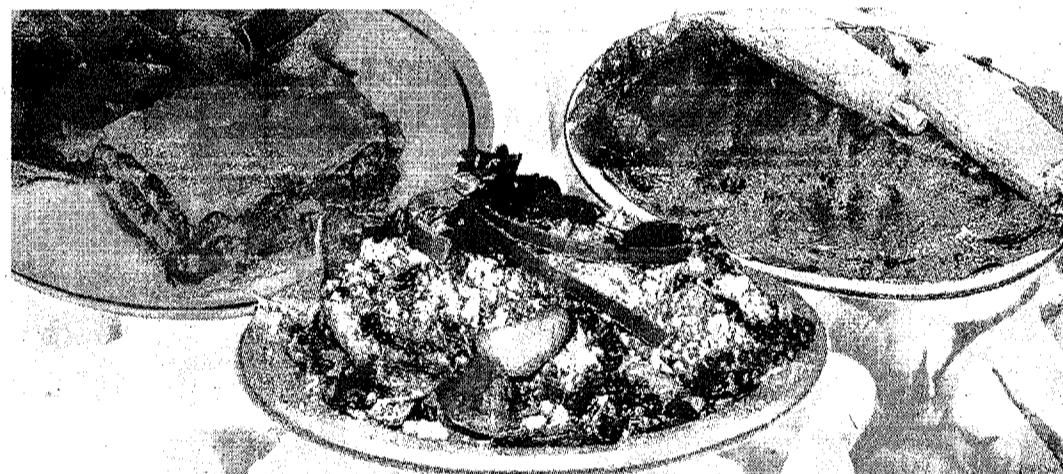
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Giving Circle hands out grants

Grants totaling \$5,000 were recently awarded to three local non-profit organizations by the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle.

First Step, the Canton Public Library and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging each received funding for programs operating in the area that support the Giving Circle's mission of helping local women and their families.

A much-needed fitness program for senior citizens will be offered at one of the

Independent Senior Living Apartments thanks to a \$1,000 grant to PCCA. Senior Chair Aerobics is a pilot program that consists of a six-week session designed to provide a cardiovascular workout for those with certain physical limitations.

The Canton Public Library received \$2,000 to support a mother-daughter book club. Books and other supplies will be provided to a target group of mothers and their daughters in the 5th to 7th grade.

And finally, First Step

will use a \$2,000 grant for the establishment of a Safe Children/Safe Families program to increase public awareness of the issues of violence and how it impacts women and children. This is a one-year program scheduled to begin in July.

Established in 2006, the Giving Circle consists of 65 local women who pool their philanthropic dollars to benefit local women and children in need. In addition, they are learning about community needs and are creating

an endowment fund to meet future needs. Four yearly meetings are designed to educate members and provide the opportunity to network with other women in the community. Since its inception, the Giving Circle has granted more than \$15,000 to local organizations.

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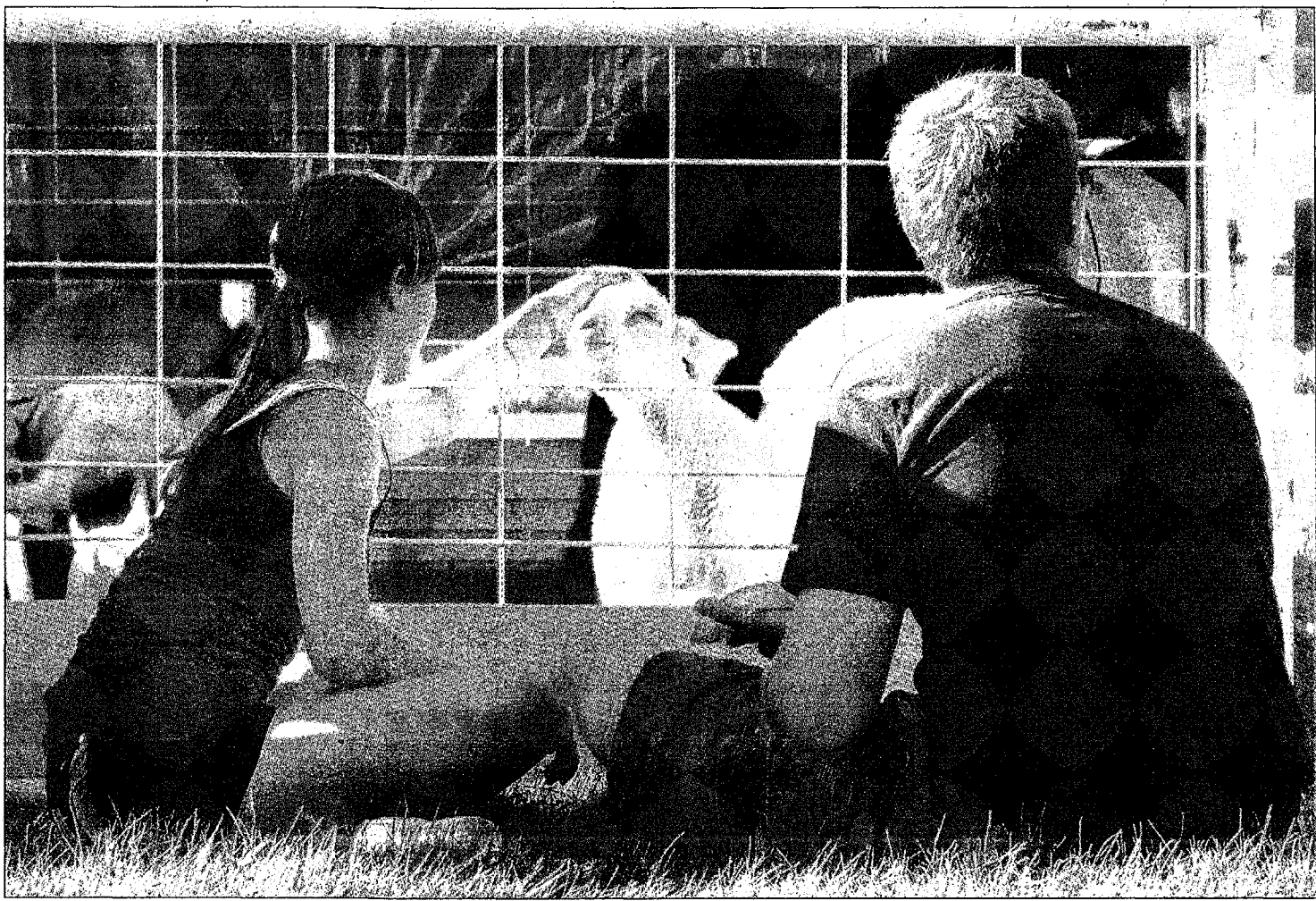
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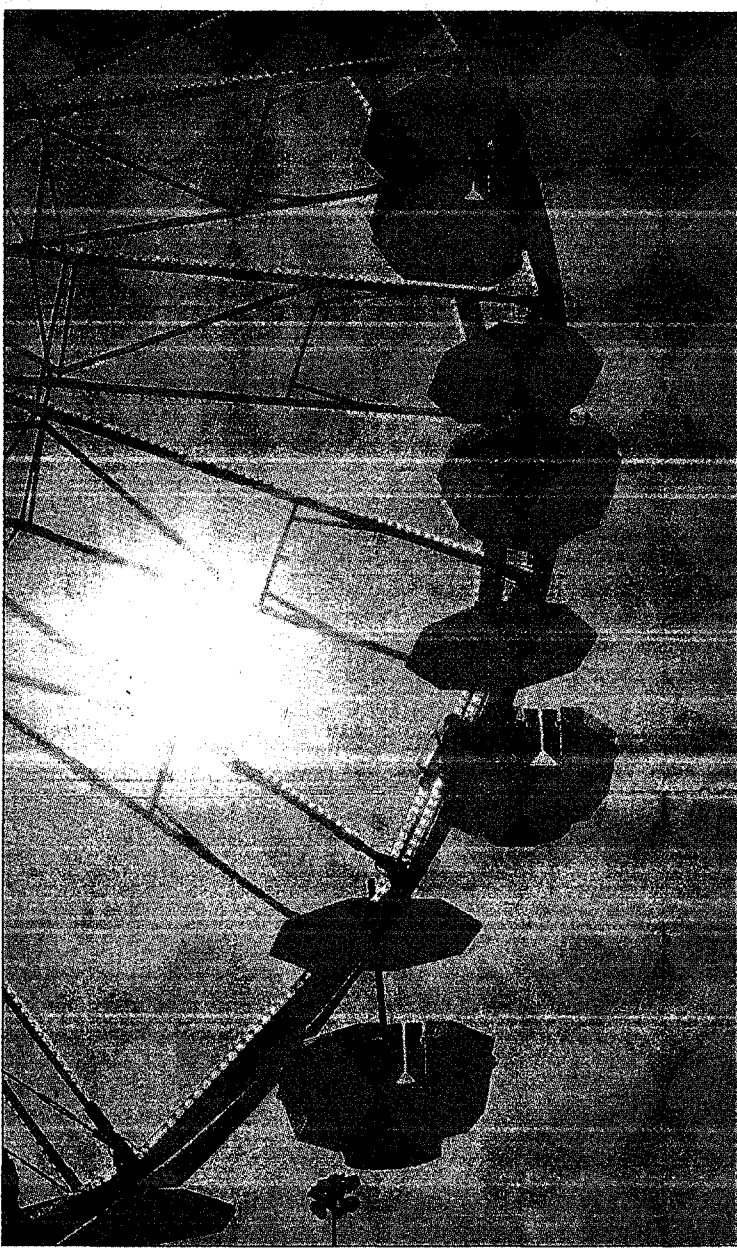
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Megan LeMieux and Josh Allen spend a little time with the animals.

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Thursday night's Canton Liberty Festival featured the sneak preview of the carnival midway.

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Pitt said. "I love the festival. I enjoy walking around and looking at all the things they have in the tents."

Some festival fans favor the Saturday morning parade along Ford Road. Some charitable organizations use Liberty Fest, in its 19th year, to raise money to help others. Other people enjoy rock bands and a diverse display of international music and dance.

Shawn Mueller, a Canton employee who works at the Summit on the Park day-care center, stood Thursday evening inside a booth to hand out township promotional brochures and to direct festival visitors.

"It has been a really good turnout for opening day," he said.

Opening day included a ceremony unveiling Canton's latest recreation offering — a new cricket field in Heritage Park.

And, really, what's a festival without food — and lots of it, from Cajun to cotton candy.

Cherie Pollard of Romulus ate french fries as she sat on a bench with daughter Courtney Chaney, who works in Canton. They waited for other family members such as Pollard's grandson, 9-year-old Jordan Wilcoxson, who could hardly contain his excitement.

"I just went on the Super Slide, and it was awesome," he said. "Now I want to go on the Twister."

Off he ran — into a crowd that, one more time, embraced Liberty Fest for the summer memory-making event it has become.

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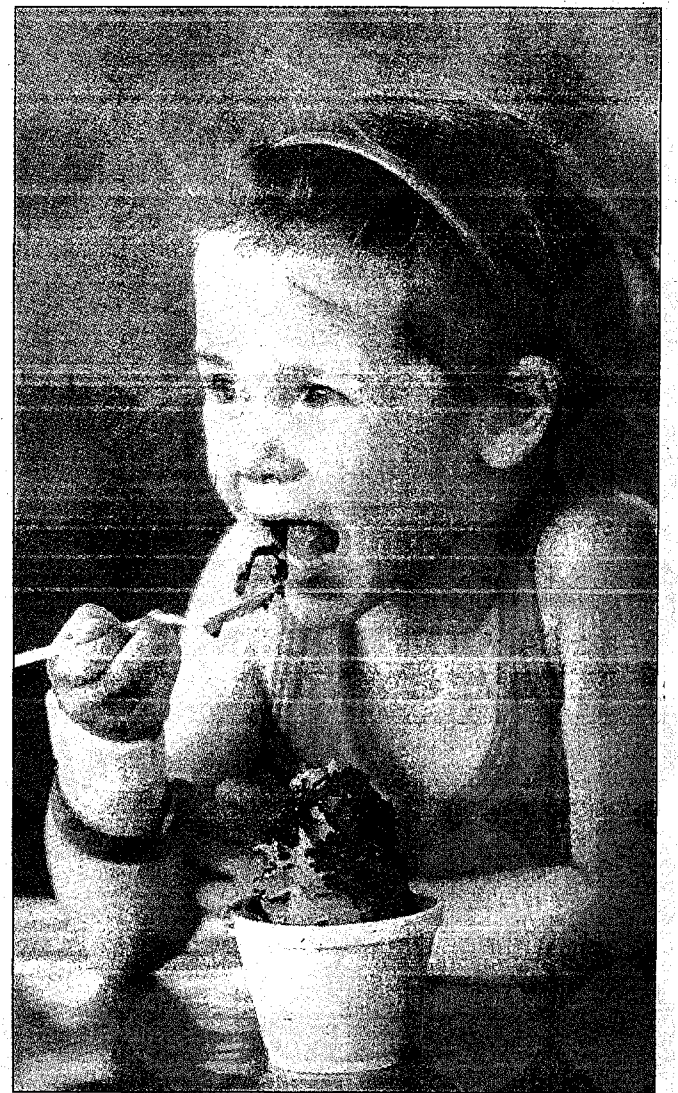
Gyl Savoie and 15-month-old daughter Rhiana stay cool in a water mister.



Josh Cox hangs on with a little help from dad, Michael Cox.



The Super Slide drew a crowd for Liberty Festival's opening preview night.



Malea Smith enjoys a little ice cream on the opening preview night of the 2010 Canton Liberty Fest.

Readers remember Dad on Father's Day!

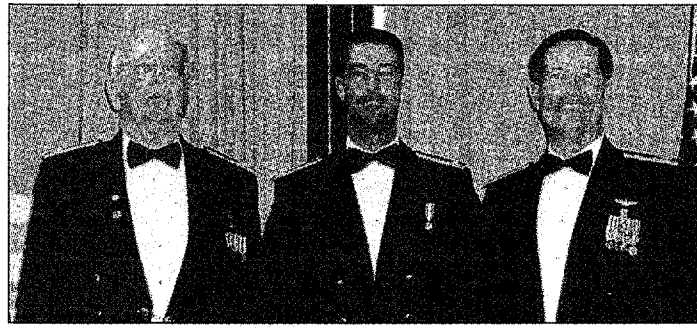
My first childhood memory, of Dad's lessons, was when I was about 4 years old in a grocery store with Dad. I picked up a grape in the produce section and started to put it in my mouth but dad made me put it back and taught me not to steal. From that moment on, I knew right from wrong, as far as stealing from a store, and never stole from a store.

Dad also was ingenious, he would tell his 5 kids when they were in the store with him buying groceries and the usual winning would start, asking for candy or other treats at the check out counter. Dad would simply say we couldn't have candy because it wasn't on the grocery list, he faithfully carried with him in the store-and for years we believed him!! My brother when he grew up, a father of 4, said the

same things to his kids and it worked! No candy unless it was on the list! And they believed him for years!

Above all, my Dad, now age 85, taught me the most important things in life were religion, job, family and saving money, being frugal. He raised 5 kids, worked full time, went to school at night and got degrees until I was married at age 20, and had an income tax business on the side. We missed out on Father and daughter dances in high school because he was at night school, but I knew he cared and I learned what sacrifice meant. I learned how important family, religion, and working was. I learned by his example. I am grateful for his example and love. I'm proud to call him my Dad. Happy Father's Day!

Louise



Ivan McKinney

Well, my 80-year old father (Ivan McKinney) had one heck of a week at the U.S. Air Force Academy during the last week of May. He watched his grandson, Austin McKinney, graduate as Valedictorian of his Class of 2010 and get commissioned as a new second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. I am Austin's father (Blaine McKinney) and we are proud that Austin is now a third-generation Air Force officer. My dad is a retired lieutenant colonel and former navigator. I am a retired major and flew as a pilot. I got to swear Austin in because I am a retired officer; 32 years ago, my dad swore me in because he is also a retired officer. My dad used to tell us, "Luck is when opportunity meets preparation." Austin departs in September for the University of London, where he will begin his graduate work as a Marshall Scholar.

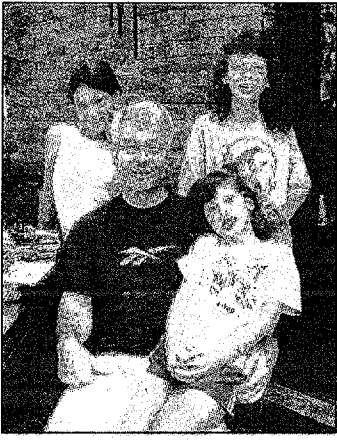
Blaine McKinney
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John Stewart

When we think of our dad we think of determination and support. There is nothing that he would not do for his girls or his community. Whether it is running for office, being a lawyer, or singing the National Anthem he does it all giving it 100%. Through all of those endeavors he still had plenty of time to play catcher for his daughter the softball pitcher and he had time to go to a regatta for his daughter the crew team member. He shows his support for his girls by making time for us and not letting anything get in the way of quality dad and daughter time. Our dad is an amazing dad and a dedicated member of his community. He has taught us the value of being involved in your community and that one person can have a significant impact. But through it all he stayed committed to showing us the value of family. So even though we are in another city we feel loved and supported no matter where we are or what tasks we want to conquer. We love you dad and all the way from Charlotte we want to love and support you in all that you do! Happy Father's Day!

Laura and Sarah Stewart
Plymouth



Jerry Grimes

As I think about the many memories my dad and I have shared; fishing, shooting rock-ets off, and pie eating contests, one stands out. Going to the zoo. I remember finding an eagle feather, being scared by a peacock, buying Popsicles and running ahead of everyone, so I could be first to see the next animal. Even though Father's Day only comes once a year. I think every day is a special day with my dad around. I love you Dad!

Grace Grimes



John Adams

My dad (here giving a how-to lesson to grandkids Dillon, 13, and Emilie, 8) during his hard-working days was in charge of production at Awrey Bakeries. Now with the slower-paced days of retirement, he bakes yeast bread and cooks nearly every-day. He has perfected many different kinds of bread: English muffin bread (great toasted with jelly!), an artisan loaf and most recently, cinnamon rolls. He has shared this love of baking with his four daughters and grandchildren, often giving us his freshly baked goods. In addition, he donates his time and talents by baking and cooking for the Miles Christi Priests once a month. Our Papa also plants an enormous vegetable garden every year from seed. We are a tomato-loving family because of my dad. Food and family go together, and my dad has taught us this well! I love you Dad!

Jeanne Stevenson
Plymouth



Alvin Givens

After eighth grade my father, Alvin L. Givens, was needed on the farm. His schooling came to an abrupt halt, but he never stopped learning and working hard. He was raised in the Pennsylvania Dutch culture where parents never praised their kids because it would make them conceited and proud. You proved your worth by working hard, obeying God and your parents, and loving your neighbors as yourself.

I remember once when as a high school student, I had won the regional competition as a Youth for Christ song leader. The area director asked me to lead singing every Saturday night. I overheard my father talking to my mother about getting me a new suit, since I was in front of people so much. That was unusual in our family of six boys who lived on hand-me-downs. I knew it was an expression of his love.

Fast forward 20 years. We were working in the Philippines when we got the news that Dad was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). I felt like my father died right then and I was half a world away. However, we returned to our headquarters in Michigan and settled in Canton. In March 1982, Dad made his last trip before he died in November that same year. My in-laws brought him to see and experience our life here in Michigan.

Thanks for the life lessons, Dad. And even though you're not here to see your great-grandkids, they know about you. And they know how much God loved you so you could love us.

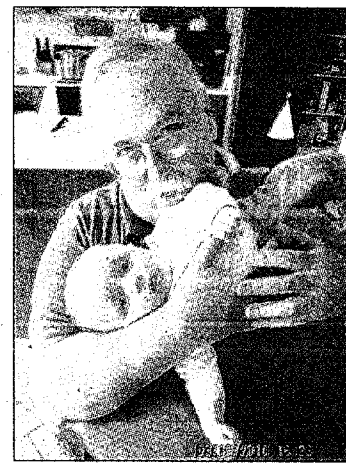
David Givens
Canton



Gone Fishing

My favorite memories of my dad happen out on the lake. He is a wonderful fisherman who loves catching (and eating) walleye. We both wake up at 6:30 on some Sunday mornings to go fishing. Together we cruise out on the boat and start our fishing voyage. One time when we were on the lake we got terribly lost. Instead of heading back to our docking destination, we drove the boat in the complete opposite direction. We must have gotten very disoriented to drive so far out of our way. We eventually got back home but with sunburned faces and dashed spirits (After our little escapade, my dad went out and bought a GPS.). There are many more memories that have taken place on the lake and countless more to come. Love you dad! Can't wait till we catch a Muskie!

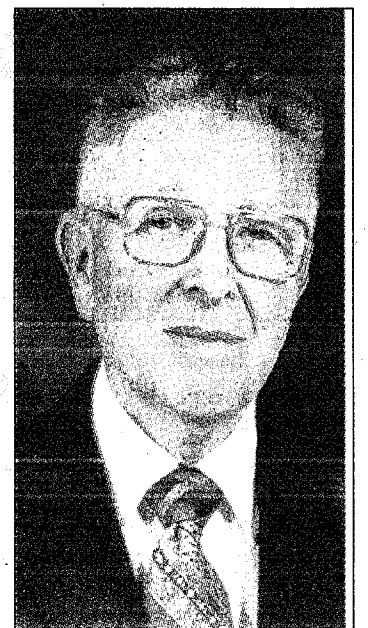
Ellen Grimes



Richard Bronkhorst

My dad (Richard Bronkhorst, pictured with his grandson, Caden Bronkhorst) is the smartest man I know. He taught me to work hard and save my money for things I really want in life. He has worked hard all of his life to provide my sisters and I with everything we needed. I hope I can teach my son everything he taught me. I love you dad! Happy Fathers Day!

Kerri Bronkhorst
Canton



In the 1950s, my dad took an informal vacation picture of the children our family -- my older sister was about age 9, I was 7, my brother was about 6, and my baby sister was about 2. The picture was taken in the woods at the Shenandoah Valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. My father carried this picture with him constantly. It was a simple illustration of how important family was to my Dad and we always felt the depth of his love. This picture was in his wallet when he passed away this spring, March 2, 2010, at age 92.

Christine Day
Canton



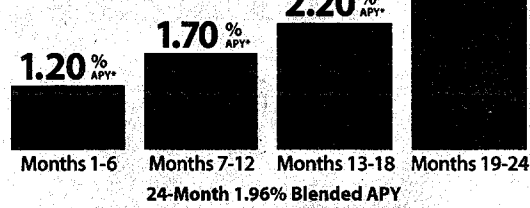
Dad, You have taught me to cherish life. Whether it's making dinner together, going to a Tigers game, or watching a Sunday mass on TV, we always have a great time. I'm going to sincerely miss you in the fall as I leave for college, but don't worry, I'll be spending all my time in my new home away from home... the library!

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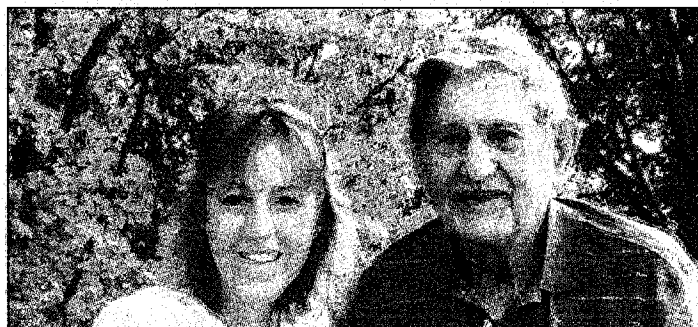
Michael White
The most important lesson my dad has taught me so far is to have fun and always try your best. He is always there to play with me and teach me a new sport. He helps out with my T-Ball team and encourages me to do my very best — I might not always be the best, but as long as I try, he is there to help me out. I love you daddy and I thank you for being the best daddy there is. Happy Father's Day Daddy!

Olivia White



Greg Rutkowski
The most important lesson my dad taught me is to fight for what you want. If someone shuts you down or tells you it can't be done — prove them wrong and find a way to make it happen. I have always lived by this. I don't think I would have ? of what I do today, if I didn't find a way and fight for what I wanted. My dad also taught me how important a family is to you. They may not always agree with a choice you've made or like what you are doing, but they are your family and they will always stand behind you and defend you in any way they can. My dad (and my entire family) are the most important part of my life. Thank you dad for all that you have given to me and taught me. I love you and I hope you have a wonderful Father's Day.

Tracy White



John Toth
One of my most endearing memories is dancing with my father; my little barefoot feet on top of his, step for step. I would hang on to his hands for dear life, trying not to fall off amidst the giggles. He seemed so tall! We danced without music; his simple hum was enough to make the living room spin.
My father was, and is, fervently loyal to his family. Perhaps his devotion stems from having his family of seven children separated during the great depression. Perhaps his memories of the 1930s orphanage and being "rescued" by his older brother shaped his "do anything for family" attitude. Perhaps it is simply that John Toth is a good man.
My Dad's humble silence is an admirable quality, yet it often pangs me with sadness, for I know time is short, and there is so much yet to discover about my daddy. My silent hero is too silent, and I am resigned often to use my imagination to fill in the gaps of his life story. Each day and each memory is a gift from God. As I watch my father's body weaken with age and cancer, I realize the best gift I can give him demonstrate the qualities he has taught me; it is now my turn to show my devotion to him. Happy Father's Day Dad!

Christina Rearick
Plymouth Township

Stanley Clinansmith

My father, Stanley Clinansmith (who would be 100 years old if alive today) began a construction business with his brother Walter back in the 1940s. The company, Clinansmith Brothers Construction, grew to become Plymouth Excavating and one of many projects was demolishing buildings for the City to make way for urban renewal.

Like my father, I love learning the history of the town I grew up in. He saved whatever he could, parts of structures, antiques, etc., and donated his findings to Margaret Dunning and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

My brother, Tom, worked closely with my dad and remembers many trips to the new museum (back then just a converted house) where he would call Margaret out to say, "Well, Margaret, I have another load for you out in my pickup." This was his way of preserving the history of Plymouth, as well as recycling and reusing.

I am proud of my father that he took the time to preserve Plymouth history and left so many memories for all of us to cherish for years to come.

Nancy (Clinansmith) Jowsey



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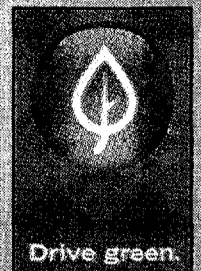
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Blazers hit roadblock

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood hit a ton of road construction on Telegraph Road during its trek north to the Division 2 girls soccer state semifinal Wednesday at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

The Blazers then found an all too familiar roadblock when they arrived — defending state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian, which scored early and late to earn a 2-0 victory.

The victory put Marian, 21-1-2 overall, on the verge of its fourth state title in school history Saturday against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern at Williamston High School.

Ladywood, meanwhile, finishes its season at 14-5-4 overall.

Erin Ring's rebound goal off a deflection following a shot from teammate Stephanie Pilarski proved to be the game-winning goal just 2:11 into the match.

The Mustangs, who outshot Ladywood 13-4 for the game, finally put it away when Danielle Mazur scored on a give-and-go play with Alexa Finger with only 6:49 remaining.

Marian won all four meetings this season against its Catholic League Central Division rival by scores of 2-0, 6-2, 4-0 and 2-0.

Ladywood junior goalkeeper Maddie Reed repelled several serious Marian scoring threats to keep it a one-goal game until the final seven minutes after the Blazers had to push more players up top.

"In the 2-0 loss the first time, (Reed) was great in that game, too," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Today she showed what kind of goalkeeper she can be going forward. She was incredible."

The first goal bugaboo, however, came back to haunt the Blazers once again.

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PHOTOS BY ED HENGESH

Plymouth junior standout goalkeeper Marissa Williams corals the soccer ball, keeping it away from onrushing Charlie Socia (No. 23) of Portage Central during Wednesday's Division 1 semifinal at Holt High School.

Plymouth boots way into D1 final

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before too long, Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams will be able to write the book on how to succeed in soccer shootouts.

Williams on Wednesday stoned an opponent in the penalty kick tiebreaker for the third time this postseason.

Only this time, it wasn't any team she thwarted. Williams and the Wildcats shocked defending champion Portage Central 2-1 in the Division 1 girls soccer semifinal at Holt High School. The last time the Mustangs lost was in June 2008.

"Wow, wow," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, whose unranked underdogs played

Saturday against No. 3 Novi (20-2-2) at Michigan State University with the state title at stake. "She (Williams) almost had two of them saved and they missed one. It's just incredible the confidence she plays with."

Plymouth (15-5-5) scored on three of its first four penalty kicks against junior goalie Mara Bennett, with sophomore Jessica Scott, senior Jessica Heck and junior Katelyn Moss finding the mark.

Meanwhile, after the first bid by Portage Central (25-1-2) sailed over the net, junior Lindsey Arnett bounced a shot off the left post and past Williams.

The third shooter, senior Natalie Hall, scored. But

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Getting a step ahead of Portage Central defender Shelby Humphries (No. 24) during Wednesday's D1 semifinal is Plymouth junior forward McKenzie Hengesh — who scored during the second half.

Olympic experience in store for PCEP hockey players

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

February's electrifying Winter Olympics hockey showdown between Canada and the United States is still a hot topic for anybody involved with the sport.

And for Michigan high school hockey players — including six from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — they'll have a unique chance to compete in what's being touted as "an Olympic-style sports festival" later this week.

The 2010 Meijer State Games of Michigan will give hockey teams from the state's eight regions the opportunity to go after each other for medals and bragging rights. Competition takes place Thursday through Sunday, June 27, in Grand Rapids.

An opening ceremony at Van Andel Arena promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the hockey players and all other athletes participating. "Players get to walk out, just like

they do at the Olympics," said Ryan Ossenmacher, Salem varsity head coach and general manager of the Metro West region team. "That's kind of a unique atmosphere that they typically don't get to be a part of, to walk out in front of that many people in a kind of parade of athletes."

Hockey is one of 15 sports on the State Games menus. Others include rowing, boxing, swimming, basketball, figure skating, rugby and track & field. About 3,500 athletes of all ages from across the state will compete.

The hockey games will be slated for Walker Ice & Fitness, Kentwood Ice Arena and Belknap Park Arena (Griffs Icehouse) with each team guaranteed a four-game slate. Semifinal crossovers are Saturday

with the medal round games June 27 at Griffis, with gold, silver and bronze medals on the line.

"I think it's really interesting," said Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Paul Fassbender. "It should be a lot of fun for players to play in a mini-Olympics. It's a very unique opportunity."

SIX FROM THE PARK

Two of Fassbender's 2009-10 players, defenseman Justin Bauer and forward Ryan Brown, are two of six PCEP players to suit up for the Metro West

squad.

Canton forward AJ Rosales and defenseman James Lafontaine will compete on the team as will Salem forward Mark McGee and blueliner Ryan Quigley. Livonia Churchill's Pete Mazzoni will be the head coach with other assistants including

Farmington's Mark Vellucci and Novi's Todd Krygier.

Team officials had the tough task of putting together a 20-man roster from a deep and very talented pool of players.

According to Ossenmacher, several evaluators tried to find the right blend of size, speed and toughness both up front and on the blueline. Having such a deep and balanced roster is essential because teams will play 60-minute games, he added.

"We need a group of guys who all can contribute and all can play," Ossenmacher said. "I think we've got a pretty good mix."

Fassbender concurred, noting that putting together an all-star team really wasn't the objective.

"They were looking for (players to fill) roles," Fassbender said. "Such as having two top lines, good skaters, a lot of skill. There are a lot of good kids who tried out."

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For more information, contact Olszewski at (313) 570-0800.

Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be opening registration for Fall Baseball Friday, June 25 through July 20.

Games are set to begin in mid-August and continue into early October. For more information or to register online, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact cott@canton-mim.org. Programs are available for ages 4-14 for fall.

Free golf clinic

PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is hosting a free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

For more information, go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

College showcase

Local high school baseball players (classes 2010-13) who might want to play at the collegiate level someday are invited to participate in the "Michigan All-Star Showcase," June 29-30 at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids (home of the minor league Whitecaps). Fifteen colleges will be in attendance. For more information, call (616) 635-0010 or go to grandval-leystatebaseballcamps.com.


Whalers Alumni Game

The Plymouth Whalers will play their second annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Compuware Arena. Much like last season, the game will feature alumni from all eras of the team, going back to the team's early days as the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors and Detroit Junior Red Wings to the Detroit and Plymouth Whalers.

Last year's first Alumni Game featured 26 players from all eras of the franchise in a game that ended 12-11 for the Whites over the Blues.

More information will be released to the public later in the summer. Alumni interested in playing in the game or attending the event can contact Natalie Shaver at (734) 453-3216 or natalies@plymouthwhalers.com for more information.

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Williams waited, waited, and dove to her right to get her hands on junior Charlie Socia's try.

"I knew I had it," said Williams, who exudes confidence without being brash.

When Plymouth junior Jen Babcock's kick found the top right corner, for the Wildcats' fourth straight shootout goal, the victory and trip to the finals was all theirs. That then set off a happy mob scene on the field and in the Plymouth side of the bleachers.

According to Nesich, the 4-for-5 performance by Plymouth shooters underscored how much the extra practice time on penalty kicks is also paying off from an offensive standpoint.

"We've just been practicing them and sticking with what's working," he noted.

Norman, meanwhile, said his goalkeeper (Bennett) had never been in such a situation and couldn't match Williams' experience.

"She (Williams) has been there, she's been under that pressure," Portage Central veteran head coach Pat Norman said. "Our goalie's never been under that pressure before."

BRING IT ON

Williams is "just feeling really confident right now," and in a PK comfort zone — having beaten Northville, Dearborn and the Mustangs in shootouts this postseason. "But I have a great defense in front of me."

Still, the nimble, aggressive goalkeeper was a major reason for the Wildcats even getting to the shootout. She blocked the onrushing Lauren Brown from point-blank range in the final moments of the first 15-minute overtime.



ED HENGESH

Portage Central's Paige Wester (No. 25) and Plymouth's Katelyn Moss (No. 18) are in a footrace during Wednesday's hard-fought Division 1 semifinal. The Wildcats earned a 2-1 victory in a shootout and play against Novi Saturday for the state title.

During the second OT, Arnett ripped a shot from inside the box that looked labeled for inside the left post, but Williams sprawled and got her hand on it.

The only mark on her ledger was the tying goal, scored by Paige Wester with just under seven minutes left in the second half. A free kick bounced off a defender over to Wester, who made no mistake.

That energized the Mustangs, but they were unable to get the next one.

"That (tying goal) gave us an emotional swing and from that point on we owned the field," Norman said. "We just couldn't put the damn ball in the net."

Norman estimated that his slick-passing team took 25-to-30 shots, easily three times as many as Plymouth took.

There were chunks of the OT sessions where the Mustangs were so strong that the Wildcats could not clear the ball out of trouble.

But Plymouth was effective when it counted with its bend-but-don't-break defensive style.

"That's just something we've been working on all year, not just having one person go to the ball," said Nesich, about team defense. "Two people go to the ball and when we move we all move together."

ON THE BOARD

Plymouth did have periods of offensive intensity and it yielded dividends with a goal at 8:23 of the second half, putting the Wildcats up 1-0.

Speedy junior forward McKenzie Hengesh took a nifty through ball from sophomore Stephanie Sheridan.

Hengesh then deftly controlled her body and the ball within close quarters inside the box — spinning and burying a kick into the top right corner.

"It was really exciting because I hadn't scored in a while," Hengesh said. "It felt so good to finally score again, and of all the games the state semis. It's amazing."

After the tying goal, Hengesh nearly scored the winner in the final minute of regulation.

Goalkeeper Bennett stopped Hengesh's in-close header at the left post, off a corner kick by freshman Stephanie Dillon.

"I just didn't get enough oomph on to it," Hengesh added.

Both Hengesh and freshman Morgan Klabunde, among others, gave the Mustangs fits with their speed and relentless pursuit of the ball.

"McKenzie had a great game for us up there, she scored our goal in regulation," Nesich said. "And Morgan Klabunde and Stephanie Sheridan have stepped in and have really brought some speed and spark to the lineup up there."

"As well as Jen Babcock and Abby Livingston, who also played smart up top."

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STATE GAMES

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LEARNING CURVE

That selection process wasn't so cut-and-dried, either.

"It was a big learning experience," Fassbender said. "Some players got cut who thought they were really elite players, and others made the team who were thinking they weren't in the elite field."

Ossenmacher, meanwhile, said the Metro West team should be very competitive in Grand Rapids, having been picked from 20 of the state's best high school hockey programs.

In addition to the PCEP contingent, players from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association on the Metro

West include: Churchill forward Steven Klisz; Livonia Stevenson forwards Timothy Pruchnik, Justin Shureb and defenseman Christian Wood; Novi forward Joey Ferriss, defenseman Brock Krygier and goaltender Michael Pesendorfer.

North Farmington defenseman Andrew Debrincat also is on the squad, as is Orchard Lake St. Mary's goalie Joe Janiga.

"We've got some offensive defensemen and defensive defenseman and we also have two of the better goalies in the state," Ossenmacher said.

To keep up on the Metro West team's progress at the State Games, go to www.stategamesofmichigan.com/sports/hockey.

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BLAZERS

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"We lasted two minutes and 30 seconds longer this time we did the last time," Shingledecker said. "It is what it is. (Marian) is a great team. We just settled in after that, but you've got to score goals on them. Until you can do that, they're going to always win

when they score."

Marian's backline also kept the Blazers from penetrating most of the 80 minutes of action.

The future looks promising as 15 of Ladywood's 20 players return for next season, but Shingledecker won't forget the efforts of his 2010 squad.

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ALL-AREA

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his red-hot finish to 2010 helped him get it a year early.

His strong, first-place time of 1:56 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park-hosted DI regionally made the pursuit more immediately realistic, Meteyer said.

Martin's FAT of 1:53.4 at the Rockford-hosted state meet gave him his record along with an All-State record for finishing in fifth.

"Dan (then) ran great at the state meet, earning a fifth place finish," the coach continued. "He'll set his sights even higher next year in that event, as well as the 400 and 200."

Matt Neumann, Sr., Plymouth (1,600): The senior proved that working hard and being at the front of the pack during practice can pay off during meets.

Neumann finished third at the DI regional with a time of 4:33 and also had solid performances in the conference (2nd, 4:35.93) and association (5th, 4:29.02) meets.

"Matt was my go-to-guy that I could rely on in any situation," Mikosz said. "He can run anything from the 400 to the 3200 and would never quit or complain."

"He would just go out and give it his all. It is the main reason he holds two Plymouth school records."

Joe Porcari, Jr., Plymouth (3,200): Porcari enjoyed an outstanding season in 2010 and he'll have one more year with the Wildcats, to the chagrin of Plymouth's KLAAs opponents.

He was first at the DI regional with a personal best and school record time of 9:42.60. At the subsequent state meet, Porcari's 9:57.97 earned him 32nd place. He finished seventh at the association meet (9:58.4).

Next year could bring more of the same and then some, perhaps enabling him to add to his growing list of accomplishments. Besides the 3200 run, he also is part of Plymouth's record-holding 3,200-meter relay team.

"Joe, as a junior, is a talented runner who has yet to reach his full potential," Mikosz said. "Once he realizes what he is capable of he could end up being one of the best runners in school history."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
Farmington, 400 (David Kucukarslan, Sr.; James Vincent-

FINAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD LISTINGS

Table listing various track and field events (Shot Put, 100-Meter Hurdles, etc.) with names of participants and their respective schools and times.

Taylor, Jr.; Jaifus Ingram, Sr.; Charles Anthony, Sr.: The Falcons placed third in the D-1 state meet, setting a school record with a time of 42.27 seconds. They also set an Oakland County record with a winning time of 42.48.

"That was a great accomplishment, and the time was a phenomenal time," coach Bridges said of the state result. "Going back 25 years, that's going to win the state meet half those years or more."

Farmington, 800 (Anthony Ward, Jr.; Charles Anthony, Sr.; James Vincent-Taylor, Jr.; Jaifus Ingram, Sr.): The Falcons set a school record when they ran 1:29.35 and finished sixth at the D-1 state meet. They were unbeaten in dual meets and placed second at Observerland. Bridges expected them to break 1:29 at the New Balance Meet last week.

Salem, 1,600 (Scott O'Connor, Sr.; Ken Middlebrooks, Jr.; Zack Gaskell, Sr.; Dan Martin, Jr.): One of the year's top stories for Salem's track & field

team was the way this quartet kept outdueling itself while repeatedly shattering the school record in the event.

At the DI regional, O'Connor, Gaskell, Martin and Middlebrooks finished in first place with a time of 3:22.5 — breaking the school's 35-year-old record of 3:23.4 seconds.

"Breaking records that are four decades old is quite an accomplishment," said Meteyer about the Rocks' hard-working, determined relay team. But the runners weren't done yet.

At the state meet in Rockford, they repeated the feat with a FAT of 3:21.1, good for a seventh place finish.

Plymouth, 3,200 (Matt Neumann, Sr.; Justin Heck, Jr.; Joe Porcari, Jr.; Warren Buzzard, Sr.): Plymouth's academic quartet included four impressive all-stars (all with GPAs at or near 4.0) who simply refused to settle for anything but being the best.

Mikosz said they reached all the goals they set for themselves including finishing first at the DI regional (8:01.90), KLAAs confer-

ence (8:05.73) and association meets (8:08.30).

Most importantly, they qualified for the DI state meet and earned All-State status with an eighth-place showing of 7:54.49 — their personal best and a new Plymouth school record.

"This group of guys is probably the hardest working and most determined group of guys I have ever coached," Mikosz said.

The coach added that having senior Buzzard as the anchor seemed to take the pressure off the other three.

"You just knew, if the rest of the guys ran their race and kept us in the pack, that when Warren got the baton the race was over," Mikosz said. "Warren will be hard to replace."

CO-COACHES BY YEAR
Jon Mikosz, Plymouth: Mikosz had success as a cross country and track runner at the high school level as well as Eastern Michigan University.

Now, Mikosz is transferring his running expertise and knowledge to youngsters as a high school coach in both sports. Good things keep following him.

First, he received back-to-back honors as Observer Coach of the Year in cross country. This spring, his Plymouth boys track & field team kept his coaching mojo working — and the result was a 5-0 record in dual meets and KLAAs South Division championship as well as coach of the year kudos once again.

Plymouth also finished second at the KLAAs conference meet and won the DI regional at PCEP despite thunderstorms and a thundering challenge from neighbors Salem and Canton (2nd and 3rd, respectively).

"This team was fun to coach because everyone knew their role and knew what was expected of them," Mikosz noted.

Mikosz also acknowledged the key contributions of assistant coaches Kevin Palmer, Brad Fairchild, Will Hundley, Jeff Reynolds, Gary Stanford and Ricky Styes in helping the Wildcats reach that level of achievement.

Charles Bridges and Kim Sturm, Farmington: As co-coaches of the boys and girls teams, they guided the boys to a third consecutive OAA White Division championship, an unprecedented seventh straight city crown, a regional runner-up finish and 14th place at the Division I state meet with two all-state relays and two all-state individuals.

Smashing Rocks have record year

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't blame Salem boys track & field coach Kyle Meteyer for feeling a little older these days.

A handful of old school records went by the wayside this season — including the shattering of Ian Searcy's 1998 record in the 800 run, set when Meteyer was a sophomore trackster at North Farmington. Some of the records dated back to the 1970s.

It was junior Dan Martin whose time of 1:53.4 seconds (converted fully automatic time) surpassed Searcy's 12-year-old 1:53.6 mark. Martin earned fifth place state honors as a result.

"I was in high school when Ian Searcy set the 800 record," Meteyer said. "I remember watching him fly around the track, so I'm still in shock that Martin was able to get that record."

That's not all that has Meteyer shaking his head in amazement here in 2010. He can't believe that several very promising freshmen from the 2007 season finished up their high school careers in record-busting style.

"I knew this senior class was going to be good when they were freshmen," Meteyer said. "(Scott) O'Connor broke our freshman record in the 300 hurdles, and (Zack) Gaskell and O'Connor were on a team that broke the 4x400 freshman record in '07."

"Add (Dan) Martin and

(Ken) Middlebrooks to that, and it's a winning team."

The other four broken records and the new standard-bearers include the following:

200 meter dash: Set in 1975 by Mark DeMeritt (22.3); beaten by senior Gaskell at the regionals with a 22.2 (FAT).

300 hurdles: Set in 1996 by Dan Johnson (40.0), senior O'Connor's FAT time of 39.4 at the KLAAs Championship Meet did the trick.

1600-meter relay: The former record of 3:23.4 set in 1975 was smashed at the regional meet by the Salem quartet of O'Connor, Gaskell, Martin and Middlebrooks (3:22.5). They broke it again with a 3:21.1 (FAT) at the state championships.

Shot put relay: In 1988, Jay Blaylock (a current Plymouth teacher), Maura and Cygan tallied 131-feet, 7-inches for the school record.

That was broken in 2008 by Ed Merhi, Dana Baltazar (both seniors this year) and Anthony Davis and broken twice in 2009 by Baltazar, Merhi and Courtney Frazier (140-8).

At this year's Observerland Relays, Baltazar, Merhi and junior Ethan Walsh combined for a strong 148-7.25 to totally crush the former record.

"Merhi, Baltazar, and Walsh are a rare combination of power, strength, and technique that I don't think we'll see here for decades," Meteyer said. "Salem might close before someone breaks that record."

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Role model, mentor

Dad plays a crucial role in raising kids

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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As dad encourages his child to explore and climb up to a newly built tree house, odds are that mom stands nearby armed with apprehension and a first aid kit.

The inherent characteristics that differentiate the sexes find themselves neatly packaged in the dynamics of average families. It's not a secret that women tend to be more verbal and emotional. On the other hand, men tend to talk less and take more risks.

"You have this beautiful balance in a healthy family," said the Rev. William Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Canton Township. "I'm generalizing, but moms tend to be the relationship makers and dads are goal oriented. God knew what he was doing when he created men and women."

When fathers and fatherhood are celebrated today, June 20, children — young and old — will reflect on the men in their lives who guided them into the tough world of reality, who helped them establish personal and professional goals, and who taught them the consequences for bad choices and misbehavior.

DIFFERENCES

"Men nurture in a very different way," said Mike Kildee of the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition, which includes members in Wayne and Oakland counties. "Mothers are more about holding their children close. Men nurture by

Typically, it is dad who will enforce rules, or when their children want the benefits of maturity, but not its consequences and responsibilities. If a teenager begs for a car of his or her own, it is dad who tells them to get a job to pay for it. Mom, meanwhile, is likely pondering how she can afford a car for their child, Moore said.

encouraging them to try and take risks."

The coalition is a network of some 250 professionals — psychologists, judges, service agencies, and social workers — who work directly with families to raise awareness of the need for responsible fatherhood.

Like Kildee, area clergy and psychologists believe the roles men and women play in their families are equally difficult and equally important. Yet dads play a distinctly different role than mom in raising children. Some behaviors are based on how parents themselves were parented, while others are due simply to how men and women differ, he added.

"Fathers bring to the family relationship a certain course of boundaries and the fostering of self control over immediate gratification," Moore said.

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In his role as father, a man provides an additional layer of support for his children. But as the children mature, dads tend to defer more responsibility to them individually. "He lets life become the corrector of consequences. Dads are more realistic about life," Moore added.

DAD'S ROLE CRUCIAL

Psychologist Jim Dignan of Abundant Life Christian Counseling in Livonia believes fathers play a crucial role in providing children with support and a sense of security and self value.

While mom nurtures with hugs and kisses, dad — through example or discussion — nurtures by preparing his children for a competitive, and often, cruel world. "Typically, fathers will bond through an activity, whether it's sports, jokes, or stories," Dignan said.

Sports are often a dad's way of connecting with his son, while with his daughter he may seek another type of common interest that will encourage time spent together. "A father doesn't change his mode of operation between the kids,"

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Juggling roles: He's dad and mom and loves it

Greg Hinkle, 41, of Garden City is dad and mom to his five children ages 15, 14, 11, 12 and 9. He is very busy and he *loves* every minute of it.

As you read this on Sunday morning — Father's Day — Hinkle and daughter, Elizabeth, 12, are participating in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Fun Run. He's running because he knows the exercise is good for him and because he is Elizabeth's dad and "she wanted to do this."

Hinkle's wife, Cynthia, died of complications from pneumonia in June 2009. She wasn't sick for long — about a week — but when she eventually ended up in the hospital it was too late. Her condition deteriorated and even modern medicine couldn't save the wife and mother of five.

The family was devastated but pulled together and life went on — forever changed — with help (from family), lots of love and patience.

Hinkle works tirelessly to give his kids the best dad possible. To that end, he underwent gastric bypass surgery in October 2009 "because I wanted to as healthy as I can for the kids."

He weighed 322 pounds at surgery (he lost weight before the surgery). He is now down to 218 pounds and wants to lose another 48-50 pounds in the next year.

Hinkle knows that



Greg Hinkle (back middle) is dad and mom to his children (from left back) Erich, 15; Christopher, 14; (front row left) Matthew, 11; Jason, 9, and Elizabeth, 12.

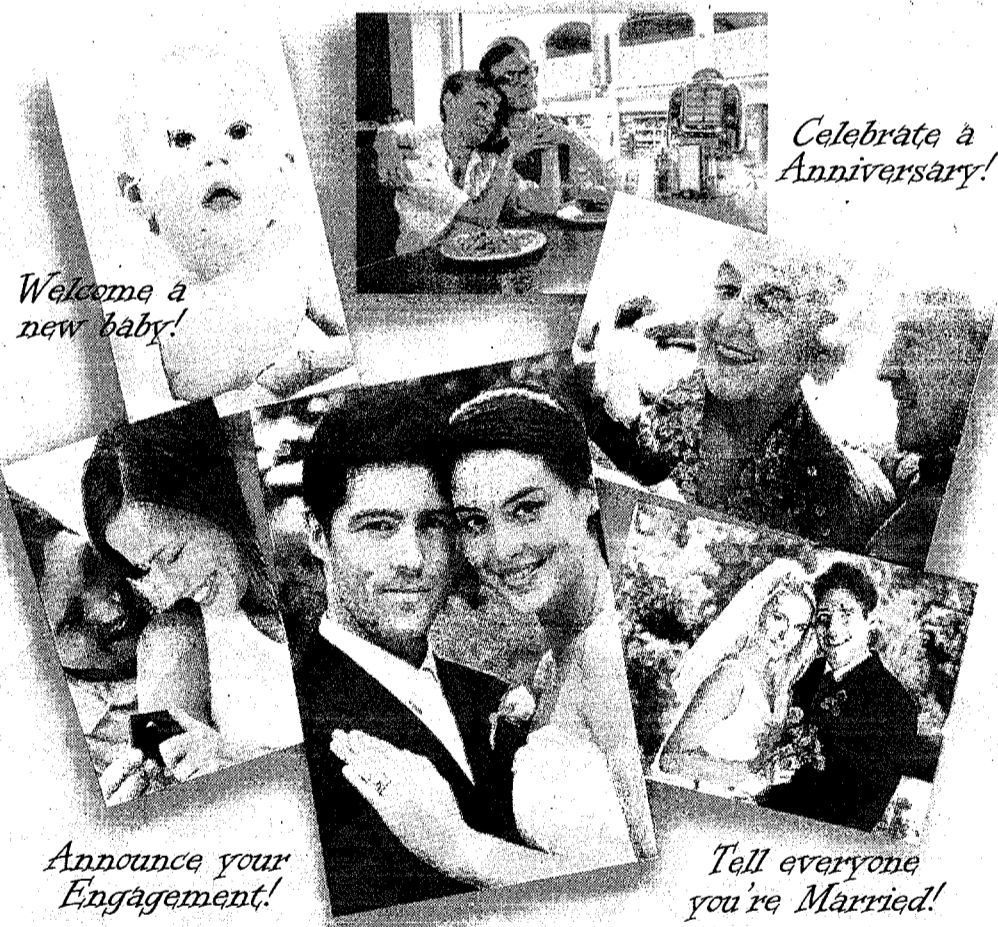
Erich, 15; Christopher, 14; Matthew, 11; Elizabeth, 12; and Jason, 9 are counting on him being around for a long time.

Hinkle, a 1987 graduate of Garden City High School, works full time as a quality leader at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne.

He says his biggest challenge is trying to be both mom and dad to his young, energetic family. He gets help from Sherri Frost, his late wife's sister, and his dad, John Hinkle for which he is grateful.

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McCann: Dad set the bar high

My father is very special because of his dedication to family and community. Throughout his lifetime he has made a special effort to remain close, not only to my family, but to his brothers and their children as well. His dedication to the community was not just being a Judge. It was being involved in the Michigan District Judges Association, the Tenure Commission, creating the Probation Department, and drug abuse counseling. He always remained involved in every aspect of his work. To this day, he still represents the Michigan District Judges Educational Association. My father pushed all of his children to get a strong education. My brother Wade, my sister Kathleen and I received our jurist doctorate degrees from Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State College of Law). My sister Maureen received a master's degree in education from Michigan State University. My father urged his children to excel in our

jobs and be involved professionally within our field. I am on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Probate Bar Association and serve as president of the Livonia City Council. When I walk into the James R. McCann Hall of Justice I feel a real sense of pride of my father's accomplishments and his teachings. It brings out the emotional attachment I have to a community where I was born, raised, and have raised my family. Although it is hard to express in words how important a person is to you in your life, my parents created a culture and gave us the tools we needed to succeed. We have been fortunate to raise our children in such a wonderful city and have our family so involved in the success of our community.

James McCann is president of the Livonia City Council. He and wife, Linda, have four children and one grandson.



Retired 16th District Judge James R. McCann (left) is pictured with his daughter, 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann, and son, City Council President James C. McCann, earlier this year at Livonia 175th anniversary celebration.

Following in dad's footsteps: Judge pays tribute to her dad

My dad is an Irishman through and through. Every cliché and stereotype fits him like a fisherman's sweater from the old sod. He was gifted with wavy dark hair — which has changed several colors to find a respectable gray — and piercing blue eyes that either made his kids laugh hysterically or hide in fear. While he came from a very poor background, he did not lack in self esteem. Dad's father died when he was eight, leaving a widow and four boys during the height of the Great Depression. He was called upon to contribute to the family as there were no employment opportunities for my grandmother. He worked paper routes, grocery deliveries and planted trees in northern Michigan as part of the CCC until the start of World War II. Dad attended Cass Tech and was told that although perhaps not a scholar he was a very talented student. He didn't buy into that though and decided he was worthy of great

studies. College would not have been likely without the GI Bill so Dad enlisted with the Army Air Corps right out of high school. He served in France, England and Germany before returning to college at Hillsdale. Dad met and married my beautiful mother, Lillian, while they were still in college, and I was born less than a year later. Dad got a job teaching school in Ferndale and then along came my sister, Maureen. He transferred to Dearborn where the pay was a little better and registered for law school at Wayne State University at night. He was a busy guy but he would give my mom a break and take my sister and I out on weekends to the drug store for a fountain Coke or to visit our grandmother. A few years later Jim was born, Dad had a law degree and we needed more space. They opted for that western frontier Livonia, and bought a small but comfortable home on Westfield.

Dad needed his benefits, so he taught days and practiced law evenings and weekends. Within a year, in 1956, he decided this new place needed leadership and he was just the guy to lend a hand. Dad filed for Livonia City Council, gathered his troops and all the neighborhood kids and won his first election. Politics became a way of life in the McCann household. If Dad wasn't running for office he was running someone else's campaign. Once he was on the Livonia City Council he worked with others to bring order to the burgeoning growth of the city. By 1960, Mom was pregnant again, this time with my brother, Wade. That meant another move, this time to the new area by Idle Wyld Golf Course. We were thrilled and thought that meant we would all take up golfing. Actually, it meant that we were the gofers for Dad's friends who needed a beer off the first tee. Although Dad was busy during these times, we were very fortunate

children. Every summer, my parents would pack up a pop-up trailer and we would take off for a few weeks. In 1966, Dad decided to run for the Municipal Judge position in Livonia. It was hotly contested and we all joined in again for door-to-door campaigning. Dad won that election and became the first District Judge in Livonia, the longest serving Judge from the District Bench on the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and President of the Michigan District Judges Association and the Wayne County District Judges Association. My dad had many other professional accomplishments, however, the best thing about him is that he always made us feel loved and protected. When we rebelled (and being Irish we each did to some degree) he took it somewhat in stride. He was a strict disciplinarian. My mom figured that he always said "no" so we would learn how to argue. He told me when I was very young that I should go to law school, and

after watching him for so many years, it seemed like a natural goal. Dad has always been ambitious for each of us, however, his ultimate goal is only that we are happy and healthy. No one has loved life more than my dad. He enjoys every occasion, every job, and almost every person he meets. I had the great pleasure of taking over as judge when he retired in 1994. I have always been proud of the attorneys who come in and wish him the best and I am grateful every day that the Court I now work in bears his name. When I see his face on the plaque I always remember those blue eyes, his indomitable energy, and his laugh... he could always make us laugh. Kathleen McCann is chief judge of 16th District Court in Livonia and the eldest child of James and Lillian McCann. She is president of the Michigan District Judges Association and chair of the Judicial Tenure Commission.

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Dad, children create harmonious relationship through music

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Music — the love of it and the performance of it — is a common bond in the relationship Larry Hutchinson has with his children. But he's the first to admit that it's his mom who knows the details of his children's lives.

"I think at least in our family, Carol (Hutchinson) is so much more involved in the details. I tend to be the one on a need-to-know basis. I often learn of things after the fact," said the Farmington resident.

A professional bassist and full-time member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Hutchinson is the father of Brian, 38, Chris, 22, and Ashley, 19. He is also a grandfather to Brian's two children.

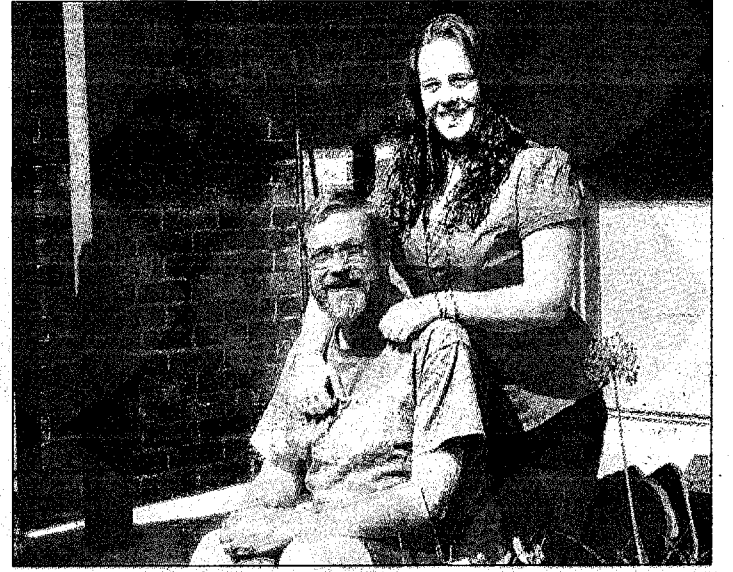
Although he doesn't know all the details of his children's daily lives, Hutchinson said he is much more involved than his own father was. "I always felt much closer to my mom. I had intimate conversations with my mom. But my relationship with my dad changed when my mother passed away."

Hutchinson has watched the relationship with his children change as they have matured. Brian, his son from a previous marriage, lives in Arizona. Chris just graduated from Kalamazoo College and Ashley attends Michigan State University, where she studies music education.

"Now that I am in music, it's given us more to talk about," said Ashley, who just finished her first year at MSU. "I'm going through what he has gone through."

CLOSE TIES

With Chris, a guitarist, Hutchinson found an instant connection with their shared love of jazz music. He also saw their relationship take on a new life when he invited his



Larry Hutchinson of Farmington and his daughter, Ashley, 19, share a love of music.

younger son to a jazz convention in Pennsylvania. The two are developing a stronger and deeper relationship that has included a "guy movie week," an event that does not include "mommy movies," Hutchinson said.

But he does believe being the father of a daughter is quite different than parenting his sons. "Teenage girls have more things to go through," he said.

More than that, Hutchinson said he has a special bond with Ashley because he was the one who delivered her — right on the staircase in their home. "It took one hour and 10 minutes." Even though he realizes he is the parent who learns of things long after they have happened, Hutchinson spent time with Ashley in a different way than he did with his boys.

"I used to carry her in a backpack. I would take her to the mall and the zoo. I even had a rearview mirror on me so I could see her."

DIFFERENT CONVERSATIONS

As the youngest child and the only girl, Ashley chalks

up her love of sports to hanging out with her brothers and their friends. Dad just isn't into sports. And, sure, her conversations with her dad are different than the ones she has with her mom.

"I really don't talk about personal relationships with Ashley. It is more about social things with friends, and politics," Hutchinson said.

Though Ashley and her dad are close, Hutchinson still defers a lot to his wife. "When I ask him things, he'll say, 'I don't know. Go ask your mom,'" Ashley said.

"But mom knows the plans," Hutchinson defended, adding that he believes he is able to have simple fun with his kids "because I am not the sergeant at arms."

Reflecting on the years he and his wife raised their children, Hutchinson believes dads should just enjoy their kids because they grow up so fast.

Ashley has a different take on fatherhood: "Be firm. But at the same time, let your kids make their own mistakes. Just be there when they screw up."



Breakfast with dad is always special

I've never been one who relishes belonging to an elite group. But in one respect I do belong to a specially blessed group that gives me a feeling of daily gratitude.

I'm a son who gets to eat breakfast each week with my dad. For the younger among us, it may seem a mundane occasion. But for me it's a grand event. Every week, when I'm not on the road working, Vic Barnaby, my dad, and I gather at Bode's restaurant in Plymouth to order our precisely cooked eggs (Dad's, over easy, mine, over hard), corn beef hash, bacon and wheat toast.

Each week is a unique experience, the conversation ranging from the mundane to the magnificent. Politics, movies, new books, computer challenges and, of course stories from "the good old days." Dad and I are both expert at the later.

We laugh a lot, vent our frustrations over the political issues of the day, celebrate our differences and listen to each other's everyday concerns. Every once in a while a tear or two is shed.

This breakfast tradition began a decade or so ago. I was eating lunch with a business colleague. In the course of our conversation, I made reference to my dad. The reply from my client was life-changing.

"Steve, I would do anything to have 15 minutes to talk with my dad just one more time in my life," he said, noting that his father had died several years previously.

On the way to my next appointment I was on my cell phone to my dad.

"Pa, I've got an idea. I think we should meet for breakfast once a week." Of course, being the great dad that he is, he readily agreed, despite the



Steve Barnaby of Plymouth Township and his dad, Vic, enjoy breakfast at Bode's on North Main Street in Plymouth.

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fact that I had pretty much neglected our relationship, choosing rather to spend more than enough time on my career.

"And Pa, I love you." I concluded our conversation.

My dad was in his 70s at the time. Now he is in his middle 80s.

Our weekly breakfast meets have renewed our relationship. Not everyone gets another chance, but I did.

Recently, I was reminded of how fortunate I am. Coming

out of another restaurant where we occasionally meet, my dad tripped and took a hard fall. It was one of those slow motion incidents. Watching him fall, I thought I was losing my dad right before my eyes. I pictured a broken hip, an internal head injury or something even worse that would lead to his death.

He did fall hard, but quickly bounced to his feet. A large egg was rapidly growing on the side of his head. But a visit to the doctor determined that

all was fine.

The next week we had a good laugh as my dad sat at breakfast with sunglasses on to mask the two black eyes, the result of the fall.

"Well, Dad, we certainly dodged a bullet," I said as we left Bode's.

I grabbed his arm as we walked back to the car. "You are going to have to get used to me holding on to your arm, Pa. I'm not ready to lose you yet."

Indeed, I'm a lucky guy. I've gotten to spend a lot of additional 15 minutes with my dad.

Steve Barnaby lives in Plymouth Township. His dad, Vic Barnaby, a retired Detroit police officer, lives in Saline with his wife of more than 60 years, Beverly, and their cat, Max.

MENTOR

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he added.

Even when teaching his son how to be a responsible male, a dad simultaneously shows his daughter how she should expect men to treat her. "He teaches her that respect from any man is part of the package," Dignan said.

Kildee agreed. "Of course, it depends on the relationship you had with your father. But fathers do model to their sons what it is to be a man and they model to their daughters what to expect from a man."

Raising a daughter can put a father on edge at times, simply because dad knows more about men than his little girl.

"We know what we were like at that age. But you have to establish a trusting relationship and explain to her what she should expect," Kildee continued.

TODAY'S DAD

The Rev. Debbie Schueneman, interim pastor for the Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington, believes fathers can handle girls as aptly as they do boys.

"I am married to a man with daughters," Schueneman said. "I don't see the difference. He is extremely involved with our daughters."

Schueneman's husband just might be part of a growing trend. Gone are the traditional

fathers of the Baby Boomer generation. Fathers of adults, who are now in their 50s and 60s, may have been portrayed as somewhat emotionally distant, tough and demanding, but always as the consummate bread-winner and stoic protector.

"I think there is a generation difference. A great deal has changed. I see fathers who are involved in the (church) mission trips and other activities," Schueneman said.

For Dignan the key is to establish a trusting relationship that allows both the parent and the child — regardless of gender — to communicate freely.

"I think the role of a father changes as children grow. During the first portion of life — like one to 12 years — a dad is trying to exercise love and responsibility for creating a model for responsible living," Moore said. "When they become teenagers, dad acts as a mentor. He is never quite a peer. Sometimes, parents rob their child when they try to be a pal."

Children want and need authority and limits in their lives. That's why psychologically and spiritually, Moore said, the father is an important figure in the family. The greatest gifts he can give to his children are acceptance, support, love, and sense that they are valued for who they are.

JUGGLING

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His mom died Feb. 6 this year so the family has suffered lots of hurt over the last couple years.

"Cindy's passing was tragic and devastating for our family but by the grace of God, Greg and the kids are doing amaz-

ingly well," said Frost.

A native of Garden City, Hinkle moved away for a short time but moved back in 2000. He says he found comfort in his familiar community.

What does the future hold for Hinkle and his family?

"Endless possibilities," he said with a laugh. "They are running my life and it's great."



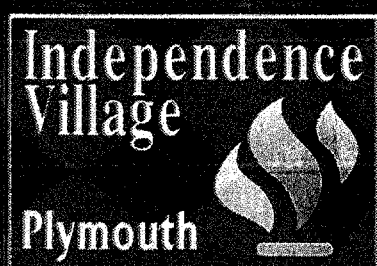
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REUNION CALENDAR

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.

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

Class of 1965

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

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School

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

Class of 1980

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East

Class of 1964
Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at terifriedman@gmail.com

Garden City West

Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1980
Reunion Friday July 30. Call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to info@livo-

niafranklin1980.com

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1971
Reunion Potluck Planing Picnic, from 3-6 p.m., July 10 at the Clements Circle Park, located at W. Chicago and Harrison Roads, in Livonia. The 40th class reunion will take place July 9, 2011 at The Historic Wilson Barn, in Livonia. Contact Kay Zimmerman Thomas at (734) 855-4094.

Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

Class of 1990

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

Oak Park High School

Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com
Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem
Class of 1980

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

Class of 1990

Joint 20-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, July 17 at The Woodlands Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. Cost is \$54 per person and \$108 per couple. Open bar, full buffet and music. Payment deadline is June 30 through PayPal or by mailing a check to Natasha Gulkewicz, Bank of America, 825 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. The check should be made payable to Gulkewicz. Questions? E-mail to pcpsclassof1990reunion@gmail.com

Plymouth High School

Class of 1950
60th reunion, Saturday, July 10-11; contact Russ Maxwell at corumax@hotmail.com for details.

Redford Union

Class of 1960
50-year reunion will be held 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information on the Redford Union reunion, contact Mike and Carol (Georgeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

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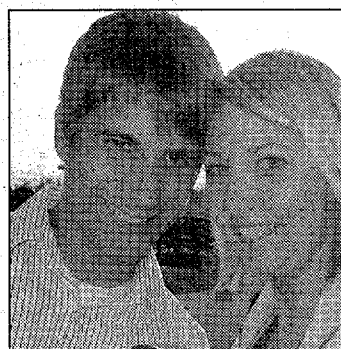
Amber T. Watkins and Spc. Jason Bejger announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Debbie Watkins of Garden City, is employed as a receptionist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Her fiancé, son of Brenda and Bill McCune, of Garden City, is serving in the Army National Guard. A June 2010 wedding is planned at McClumpha Park



Watkins-Bejger

DECEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Claire Petersen and Brandon Ferraro announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Colleen Petersen of Livonia, graduated in 2003 from Stevenson High School, Livonia. She earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 2007 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is employed as a mechanical engineer at Medtronic, in Minneapolis, Minn. Her fiancé, son of Bob and Janice Ferraro, also graduated from Stevenson High School in 2003. He earned a bachelor of science degree in packaging engineering in 2007 from Michigan State University. He

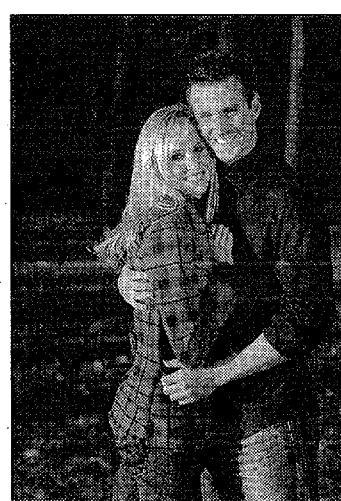


Petersen-Ferraro

is employed by General Mills, Minneapolis, Minn. A December 2010 wedding is planned at St. Aidan, in Livonia, with a reception to follow at Western Golf and Country Club, in Redford.

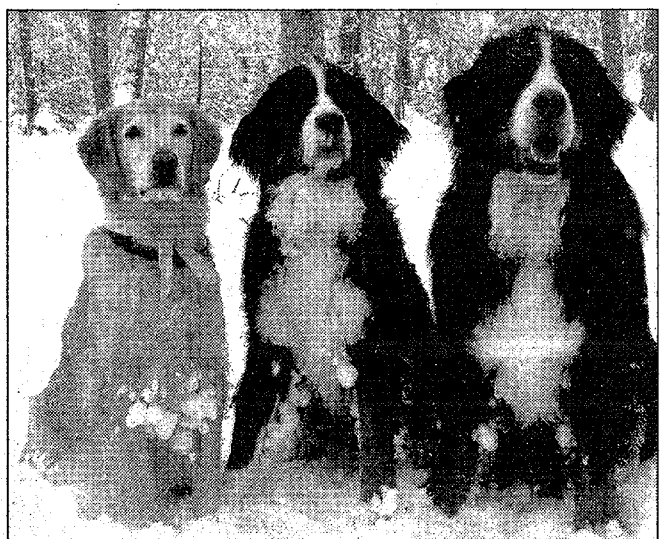
JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Stephanie Rothenberg and Matthew Carroll announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathie and Sol Rothenberg of Livonia, holds bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish and English and a master of arts degree in education, all from Michigan State University. She is a tenured Spanish and English teacher at Brighton High School. Her fiancé, son of Jeannine Tissingand of Park City, Utah and Richard Carroll of Saginaw, holds bachelor of science degrees in psychology and biology. He works as a regional sales manager at Brinkmann Pumps Engineering, in Wixom.



Rothenberg-Carroll

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

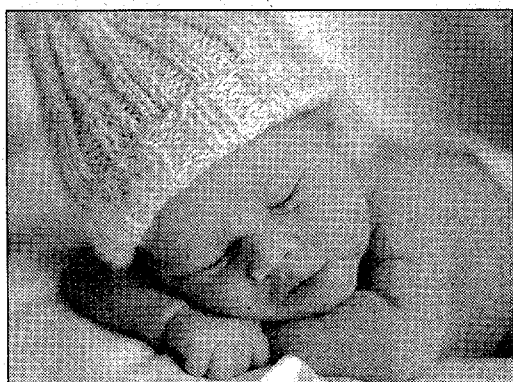


Pets star in calendar

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) has extended its deadline for 2011 calendar photo submissions. Entries must be received by June 30. A \$20 tax-deductible entry fee guarantees your pet's photo will appear in MHS' 13th annual wall calendar, and 12 top photos will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement. For dog and cat photo entries, those wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors, will receive the best consideration. Birds, rabbits and other companion animal photos are welcome as well. Download an entry form and complete photo guidelines at www.michiganhumane.org. Proceeds will help the Michigan Humane Society rescue and care for animals in need. Maddie, Bella and Oscar of Livonia earned a spot as the December Pets of the Month in this year's Michigan Humane Society calendar.

CHANCE DAVID CURRIER

Chance David Currier was born April 14, 2010 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 22 inches. Proud parents are Dave and Tracey Currier of Livonia. Grandparents are Terry and Linda Crawford and George and Kathy Currier, all of Northville. Great-grandparents are Sue Murphy of Novi, Kathy Crawford of Farmington



Chance David Currier

Hills, George and Dorothy Currier of Novi and Norman and Phyllis Vecore of South Lyon.



Five generations

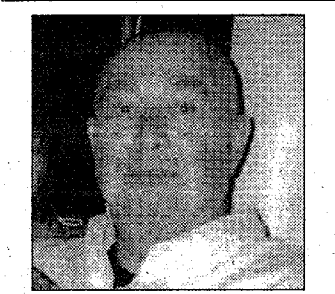
In this composite photo, Shalonda Hubbard of Detroit, (left) stands next to her mother, Marguitta Hubbard of Detroit, who is next to Shalonda's great-grandmother, Barbara Finney of Livonia and grandmother, Rhonda Sylvester of Detroit, (right). Seated in the center is Willie Mae Clark, the family's great-great-grandmother from Ravenna, Ohio.

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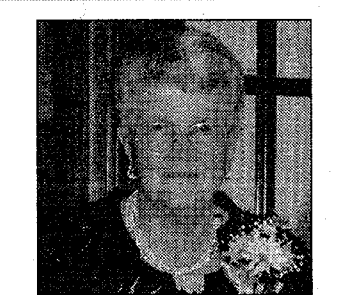
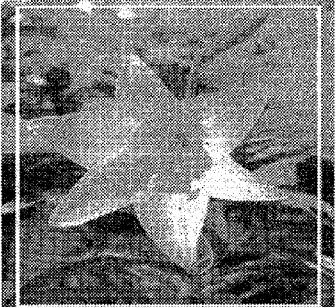
LAWRENCE CARDINAL
Memorial for Lawrence Cardinal. Location: St. Priscilla's Catholic Church, Livonia, MI, Time: 10:00am Monday, June 21st. Larry passed away May 8, 2010.



MARJORIE A. CLARK
84, died peacefully June 11 at her home in Sun 'n Lakes, Sebring, FL, after a long illness. Born & educated in Columbus, Ohio, & formerly of Birmingham & Troy Michigan, many will remember her indefatigably positive attitude & dedication to community service. Always willing to lend a hand, impeccably dressed & invariably coifed, Marge organized anything & everything to perfection, with a sense of humor & a ready & recognizable laugh. She enjoyed many activities, including golf, bridge, bowling, traveling, arts & crafts, decorating, & cooking. As our own Queen Mother, we will all affectionately remember her presiding over the deck of the cabin on our spectacular island hideaway, near Desbarats, Ont., Canada. She was beloved by all & will be dearly missed - John, Deborah, Rebecca, Jennifer, Sophia, Wes & Jeremy. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of America, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or online at: alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp.



GEORGE M. CLELAND
Passed away on June 13, 2010 at the age of 85. Born in Detroit, MI on June 24, 1924. Mr. Cleland graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology with a degree in Business Administration. While an undergraduate, Mr. Cleland served as the Treasurer of Chi Phi fraternity. A veteran of World War II, he served with valor in the Pacific Theater in the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps. During his professional career in the aerospace industry, Mr. Cleland supplied materials and product to the airline and air cargo industries. He was renowned and respected for his finely-tuned negotiation skills, and was twice called out of retirement to provide his expertise in negotiating with national and international clients. Mr. Cleland was an active member of various men's groups including the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. A dedicated family man, Mr. Cleland was noted for his devotion to church and love of his country. Mr. Cleland was the beloved husband of Geraldine; father of Lynda (Michael) and Kim (Michael); grandfather of Colby, Kendall, Jordan and Chelsea; and great grandfather of Campbell. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army or First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. A memorial service will be held in July, 2010. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 view obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

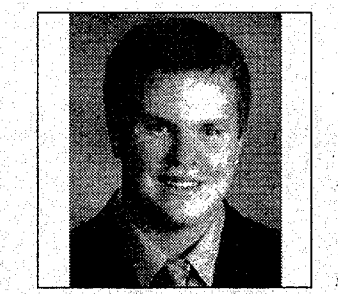


ERNESTINE W. (NEE DRAKE) DURHAM
Age 91. June 12, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Walter, Jr. Loving mother of Cheryl (Phillip) Beuckelaere. Cherished grandmother of Amanda and Matthew. Funeral services were held Wednesday at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. www.thayer-rock.com



MAGGIE KATHLEEN FURLONG
Age 15, of Plymouth, suddenly June 16, 2010. Loved daughter of Cheryl and Dennis. Best sister ever of Bridget. Dearest granddaughter of Robert and Ellene Moeller, Beverly Moeller, Maggie and Jim Fielier, and the late Daniel and Kathleen Furlong. Cherished niece of Maureen and Gary King, Kevin and Cindy Furlong, Anne and John Hill, Sean and Dianna Furlong, Gary and Sherrie Moeller, Lori and Gerry Mullen and Sandy and Todd Goyer. Dearest cousin of Mike, Brian, Shannon, Eric, Allison, Daniel, Keegan, Nolan, Nathan, Brenda, Kim, Molly, Kelly, Caitlin and Lauren. Loved by many great aunts, great uncles, cousins, family and friends. Maggie was a sophomore at Plymouth High School, a member of the Varsity Golf team, earning a Varsity letter as a freshman. Enjoyed traveling, playing golf, jumping on the trampoline, playing with her sister Bridget and watching the Gilmore Girls. Interred at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan. Donations in memory of Maggie can be made to the Plymouth-Canton Education Excellence Foundation Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Scholarship Fund.

WILMA LEE (HARDESTY) GELINAS
June 13, 2010, Age 49, of Garden City. Beloved daughter of the late Claude (Cotton) and Deloris (Dee) Hardesty. Loving sister of Roger (Fran) Lundell, the late Lonnie (Mary) Lundell and the late Jimmy (Stacy) Hardesty. Also survived by two nephews, four nieces and many loving friends. A service was held on Wednesday June 16 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggharris.com.



JORDAN ROBERT HILL
Age 20, June 14, 2010 of Westland. Beloved son of Shawn and Kimberly. Loving brother of Sarah, Grandson of James and Helen Joslin, and the late Evelyn Joslin, the late Brian and June Hill. Great nephew of Carolyn Norton and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who dearly loved him. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Scripture service Thursday 7 pm. In-state Friday from 10:30 am until Funeral Mass at 11:00 am at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

EDGAR JANES
June 14, 2010. Loving husband of the late Marion. Dear father of Diane (Bob) Hobbs, Bill (Kathy) Janes, Linda (Larry) Behringer, Susan (Gary) Dunning and Colleen (Gordie) Rowe. Grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 25. Brother of Harry and Bert and brother-in-law of Gracie. Edgar was a long time resident of Livonia, served in the Army in WWII from 1941-1945. His legacy is preserved in the many buildings that display his masonry skills. Later in life, he fulfilled his lifelong passions of golfing and ballroom dancing. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm and funeral service 10 am Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Burial at Holy Sepulchre.

HENRY PAUL KRUSIK
June 14, 2010, age 93. Beloved husband of the late Katharine for 68 years who passed away June 16, 2009. Loving father of Kim Rae (William) Mikkelsen, Mark (Lori) and Brent. Dear grandfather of Ian Isaac Mikkelsen. A Funeral Service was held on Sat, June 19, 2010 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Henry was laid to rest next to his wife at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Messages of condolence may be submitted in the online guestbook at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

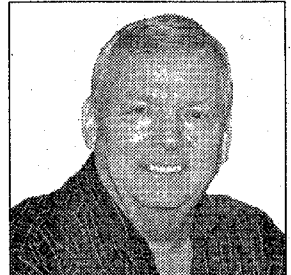
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Age 67, June 14, 2010 of Westland. Loving mother of Jon (Autumn) Madish, Melissa Blanchard and Christopher (Tiffany) Madish. Proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren. Dear sister of William Cronin. Visitation Thurs 5-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

FREDRICK CLARK PYLE
Age 60, of Pahrump, Nevada, formerly of Livonia MI, passed away May 17, 2010. Beloved husband to Melodie, Dear father of Matthew (Theresa) and Scott (Renee). Grandfather to Jacob, Lauren, Payton and Cooper. A small memorial will be held in Michigan this July.

MARTHA RAMBIE
Formerly of Birmingham and Rochester, MI, passed away June 15, 2010 at the age of 91 in Naples, Florida. Martha was very active at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham and remained very active in church work after moving to Naples, Florida. Her vibrant love of life, and her compassion for others has affected hundreds of lives, and her strong influence lives on as her legacy. She is survived by her three children, Gail Grenillo, Tim Rambie, and Deb Haines, as well as seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church in Naples, Florida on June 19, 2010. In lieu of flowers, should anyone desire to make a donation, the family asks that donations be made in Martha's name to Avow Hospice; 1095 Whipoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

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JOHN F. VOS III

John passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the age of 70. He is survived and greatly loved by his wife Carol, sons J. Jeffrey (Jamie) Vos and Christopher Randall (Jennifer) Vos Sr. Grandchildren Tyler, Morgan, Emily, Christopher Jr., Calvin, Spencer, Cameron, Elizabeth and Genevieve. John spent his life as a practicing attorney. He made Plymouth his home since 1950 having graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. He was the Past President of the Plymouth Rotary, an organization which he loved and was very dedicated to. Funeral Services will take place Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 11am at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Westland Stake, 7575 N. Hix Rd., Westland, Michigan. Friends may visit Wednesday at church beginning at 10am and at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Monday 4-8pm and Tuesday 2-8pm. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. To share a special thought or memory: www.schrader-howell.com

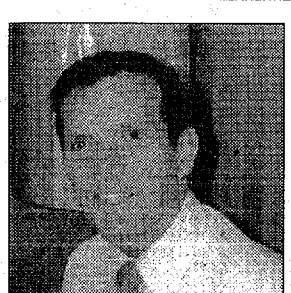
MAGDALENA WARNER

Age 93. Died June 13, 2010. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Mary (Robert) Connelly and Kathleen (James) Connelly. Dear grandmother of Kristin (Jeff) Denman, Laura (Bryan) Byerly, Steven Connelly, Kathryn (Tom) Hogg, Megan (Adam) Clous and Susan (Brandon) MacShara. Also survived by ten great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Theresa Smith. Lifetime Farmington resident and Trinity Episcopal Church organist for over 45 years. Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. www.thayer-rock.com

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Local Zonta Club seeks scholarship applicants

The Northwest Wayne County Zonta club is offering a \$500 scholarship to assist women with their academic goals. Zonta International is a nonprofit women's organization that works to improve the status of women locally and globally. Women who live in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, attending a Michigan college or university, have a concentration in math or science and have successfully completed one year of undergraduate studies with at least a 3.0 GPA. The scholarship is renewable for a second semester with successful completion of course work. It is open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age. Request an application form by e-mailing to rsrand521@sbc-global.net. Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by July 30. Scholarship money will be awarded in August for the fall 2010 semester. To learn more about Zonta International, visit www.zonta.org.

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County in top 10 for cancer fund raising

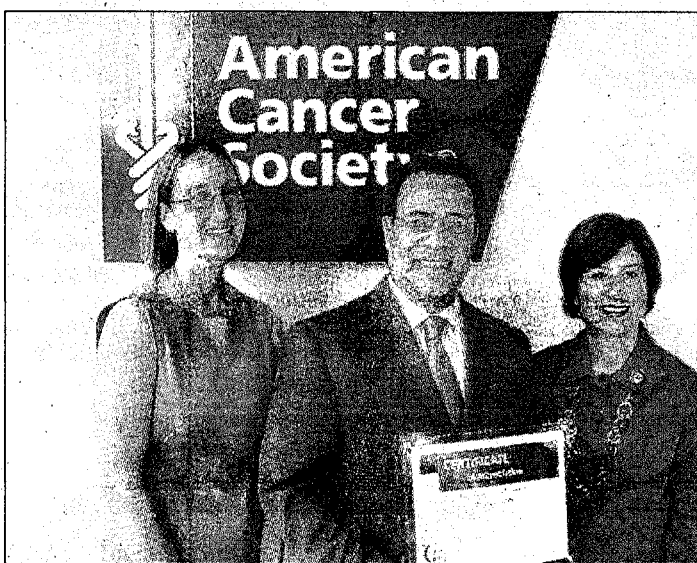
Wayne County raised more than \$1.7 million for the American Cancer Society through its annual Relay for Life last year.

It ranked ninth nationally among other counties with 1 million or more residents for per capita Relay for Life fund-raising in 2009. This is the first time Wayne County has ranked in the top 10.

As the largest non-governmental organization committed to eliminating cancer, the American Cancer Society relies on an army of passionate, local volunteers to increase awareness and raise funds in support of its mission to eliminate cancer.

"We congratulate Wayne County for being a community dedicated to giving back and fighting cancer, not to mention meeting this hallmark during one of the toughest economic times in our region's history," stated Jill Elder, senior executive director, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division.

"We are inspired by our volunteers, whose hard work and dedication are the driving force behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birth-



Jill Elder, senior executive director for the American Cancer Society (right), presents Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano with an award that recognizes county residents for their fund-raising efforts for the American Cancer Society. Theresa Burgess, a volunteer with Relay For Life of Redford, also was on hand at ACS's Southfield office for the award presentation.

days."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano accepted an award of recognition on behalf of Wayne County on June 11. Ficano joined Theresa Burgess, a volunteer with the Relay For Life of Redford, at American Cancer Society's Southfield office for the award presentation.

Relay For Life takes place in more than 5,000 communities across the country, allowing community members an opportunity to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and participate in fighting back against the disease.

With an estimated 58 people diagnosed with cancer every day in Metro Detroit, the American Cancer Society relies on local

volunteers through events such as Relay For Life to help support its mission. Funds raised from Relay For Life events help the American Cancer Society save lives locally and across the country by investing in cancer research and providing critical support to patients throughout their cancer journey, including 24/7 access to information through cancer.org and a toll-free National Cancer Information Center at (800) 277-2345. The Society has approximately \$15 million currently invested in cancer research at Michigan hospitals and universities, providing promising cancer researchers the opportunity to make the latest advances in research.

Parents not prepared to reduce concussion risk among youth

With growing media attention to concussions among athletes young and old, and recent actions of the National Football League to reduce dangers from multiple concussions among its players, the spotlight is now on what schools are doing to protect their student-athletes.

Do parents feel that their kids are safe, and do parents agree with school policies?

The latest C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health finds that nearly two-thirds of parents of young athletes, ages 12-17, worry that their children will get a concussion while playing school sports — yet half don't know if their children's school has a concussion policy.

Over the past few years, researchers have found that youth athletes are more likely to sustain concussions, and to take longer to recover from concussions, than adults. If a second concussion occurs before a child's brain recovers from the first, there is a greater chance of long-term neurologic affects.

The poll, conducted last month, also finds that more than one-third of parents of young athletes are unaware of the dangers of repeat concussions.

"Even though parents of youth athletes lack awareness about effects of repeat concussions, they demonstrate strong support for strategies to minimize the risk of concussion," stated Sarah J. Clark, research assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Michigan, and associate director of the poll.

A majority of parents would support these school requirements:

- After a concussion, athletes would be evaluated and cleared by a doctor before returning to sports
- For coaches to receive education about the risks of concussions
- After a concussion, for athletes to have a mandatory period of nonparticipation in sports
- Having a certified trainer on hand for practices and games

Parents are aware of the pressure to allow young athletes to continue playing, despite injury. In fact, 62 percent of respondents know of a parent who would have a young athlete return to school sports too soon after a concussion, and 50 percent know of a coach who would have a player return too soon.

"These figures are not surprising to those who work in youth sports," Clark stated. "However, the latest research makes it clear that early return to play after a concussion is very risky."

High school athletic organizations, injury prevention groups and professional sports leagues have become increasingly active in promoting policies to minimize the risks of repeat concussions among young athletes. However, not all policies include educating parents, which Clark views as a missed opportunity.

"Parent involvement in guarding against repeat concussions is critical. Most concussions do not result in loss of consciousness, and symptoms may not occur until several hours after the injury. If young athletes are afraid of losing playing time, they may not be honest with the coach or trainer about their symptoms," Clark stated.

Parents are in a unique position to recognize concussion signs and symptoms that occur outside of school, and to work with coaches, trainers, and other health care personnel to ensure that their child is appropriately monitored throughout his or her recovery and return to play.

Some common signs and symptoms of a concussion include confusion, loss of memory, headache, dizziness, a sensation of the world spinning (vertigo), imbalance, lack of awareness of surroundings, nausea and vomiting.

If these symptoms appear after a head injury, Clark says to consult a medical professional promptly for a full evaluation.

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DELAY OR DECISION

The decision to undergo knee replacement surgery is a serious matter; taking time before agreeing to an operation is both common sense and a necessary caution against hasty action.

However, there are circumstances when delay in making a decision is not reasonable and only adds risk to personal health.

One instance where delay is damaging is when weight bearing x-rays of the involved knee reveal "bone on bone." What that phrase means is that knee cartilage is completely gone and that the 2 bones that form the joint are rubbing against each other.

Another instance where delay in knee replacement is dangerous is when x-rays indicated both knees are severely involved, not yet being "bone on bone," but nearing that point.

The reason that timely knee replacement is necessary is that in both instances the knee joint is unstable. That instability can lead to an unexpected fall, which in turn can result in a serious fracture of the head, hip, knee or ankle. Furthermore, if a fall and fracture occur, the usual sequence of events is that EMS takes the patient to the nearest hospital, and the orthopedist on call, not the patient, makes the decision of what operation is in order.

When a physician tells a patient that the only treatment for a painful knee is an operation, the patient can certainly obtain a second or even third opinion. But the patient must act in a timely manner. If the other doctors reach the same conclusion, the patient should decide promptly on the orthopedist to perform the replacement, and go forward immediately with scheduling and undertaking the preoperative clearance the surgeon required.

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Can You Come Back Successfully After Long-Term Unemployment?

Beth Braccio Hering
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Despite many years of experience in the medical field, Betty Robinson had difficulty finding a job when she moved to northern New York. During her unemployment, she decided to boost her skills and sought an online degree from Rasmussen College. Armed with her associate degree in health information technology, she secured a position as a coding clerk six months after graduation. While happy to return to the work force, Robinson notes that she had to regain her confidence. Her biggest concern was trying to quickly learn the system used by her new employer. Challenges face every new employee, but workers like Robinson who are returning to the

workplace after prolonged unemployment may have special concerns or expectations. Here are a few ways to get off on the right foot and keep on progressing in the right direction. Getting to know the place While you might be eager to show your knowledge and make an impression on your new colleagues, experts often recommend patience. "Take some time to scan the environment before charging ahead with recommendations for new ways of doing things. Get to know the culture," says Roberta Chinsky Matuson, president of Human Resource Solutions in Northampton, Mass. Observations to make that will help you fit in and maximize your chances for success include: Noting how people



dress. Studying the structure of meetings, such as who leads and how people contribute. Getting to know who holds the key to the resources you need to get your job done. Remembering people's names. Seeing when people arrive in the morning and how late they stay at night. Learning how goals and objectives are defined and measured.

David Hughen,
 founder of

AustinWorkNet, a firm in Austin, Texas, specializing in human resources strategies, recommends asking for an employee handbook or policies manual before your first day. "Even better is to find as many people as possible who you know work for this new employer and quiz them on the formal and informal practices of the company." This is your new job, not your old one. Perhaps you used to have a corner office

and now you have a windowless cubicle. While your disappointment might be understandable, your new co-workers probably aren't interested in hearing how things used to be for you. Likewise, you might think your new employer has a strange filing system, but trying to revamp it on your second day can come off as more pushy than helpful. Better ways to make an impression include:

Volunteering for a project that others do not want to take on. Offering genuine compliments. Asking others if you can help. Joining colleagues for lunch and other social gatherings. Refraining from criticizing the company or fellow workers. Demonstrating an eagerness to learn.

Leave your past behind and keep your future growing. With personal knowledge of the financial and emotional stress of unemployment, workers returning to the work force may be especially eager to avoid ever being in that situation again. "From a psychological standpoint, it's difficult to check your baggage at the door. But you must do so in order to thrive," Matuson says. "You have to quiet your mind from thinking that it will only be a matter of time before you lose your job again. Presume that everything will be fine. You've been selected from a vast pool of candidates, so clearly you must have what it takes." At the same time, the reality of the ever-changing job market is that no employee has a 100 percent guarantee. Thus, it doesn't hurt for any

worker to continue to develop skills and contacts. "Though there's much to be excited about with a new job, and that excitement can be all-consuming, it's critical to be prepared for a professional life beyond the immediate work in front of you," Hughen says. A last bit of advice

Having been away from the work force, it will take a bit of time to get a rhythm and routine going again. Give yourself a break and some time to adjust. Robinson's tip for returning workers: "It is important just to relax and learn the new way things are done."

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SWF, 55, average build, Italian, Virgo, NS, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. ♀660095

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SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining, seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving and affectionate. ♀594967

ONE-WOMAN MAN
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Lincoln Navigator gets a new look

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By Tenisha Mercer
Avanti NewsFeatures

Lincoln's Navigator SUV gets some new technological upgrades this year: A standard electronic system that comes with trailer sway control, improvements to Sync, and a standard Ford MyKey system that allows drivers to set maximum speed and volume for teens.

The minor improvements, though, still don't put the Navigator anywhere near its chief competitor – the Cadillac Escalade. The Escalade offers better fuel economy, horsepower, a more powerful V-8 and a hybrid model to boot.

First introduced in 1998 as a more luxurious Expedition, the Navigator is now in its third generation. It still shares the Expedition's chassis and powertrain. The Navigator was one of the first luxury SUVs out of the gate, but it has now fallen behind in that segment.

When it was first introduced, big, brawny luxury SUVs were in — and so were low gas prices. Filling up the big engine was nothing back then in the era of low gas prices, and pulling three tons of weight was barely an afterthought. Those years were heady status symbol moments for the Navigator, along with the Escalade and the Mercedes GL-Class.

It symbolized Detroit at the height of its SUV years: Customers were buying and luxury SUV sales showed no signs of slowing down. Fast forward a few years, higher gas prices, a recession and the popularity of gas sipping cars like hybrids and the Navigator seems a big ostentatious, wasteful even.

No one wants to brag that they spend \$100 on gas — without filling up. Sadly, the luster that once shone bright on luxury SUVs is now gone. While it used to be cool to brag about how much your SUV cost, now it's cool to brag about how much you saved on your SUV or crossover.

Big and flashy, the Navigator isn't the iconic luxury SUV it once was. Yet, it still holds its weight even after all these years. It still has bragging rights: It was the first full-size SUV offered by a domestic luxury brand. No one can take that away, even if luxury SUVs aren't as popular as they once were.

And while behemoth SUVs aren't as popular, the Navigator still competes with the Cadillac Escalade, the Mercedes GL-Class, the Infiniti QX56 and premium Toyota Sequoia. Despite those pitfalls, the Nav still has a lot to offer, including a lower price tag, superior handling and a functional third row seat that's roomy. If you're looking for an eye catching vehicle with class and style, the Navigator still fits the bill. This model is largely unchanged since a design overhaul in 2006. The Navigator's distinctive grille hasn't changed. It is still one of the most prominent features on the Navigator, boasting an egg-crate shaped design with a large horizontal bar and Lincoln logo, surrounded by xenon headlights.

Overall, the Navigator comes with a bevy of standard features: capless fuel system, rain sensing wipers, power liftgate and 18-inch aluminum wheels. A moonroof is optional, as well as 20-inch chrome rims. A heavy duty trailer tow package includes load leveling rear suspension, an integrated tow hitch and a heavy duty radiator and transmission cooler. Properly equipped, the Navigator can tow more than 9,000 pounds.

The Navigator comes in a base trim and a longer wheelbase L trim, with your choice of a two-wheel and four-wheel drive.

Inside, it's the finer details that count. The Nav is downright opulent, with plenty of luxurious features. The leather seats are heated and cooled, and pedals are adjustable. Wood accents are contained throughout the cabin. Second row captain's chairs are



The Navigator has new technology for 2010.

standard, but you can substitute a split bench seat with no extra charges. A power folding third-row seat is standard.

If you're looking for a vehicle big enough for the whole family — and then some — the Lincoln Navigator fits the bill. It's roomy and features a lot of cargo space. It's big enough for seven or eight people, and includes a backup camera, heated second-row seats, Sirius satellite radio with a 14-speaker, 600-watt sound system as standard. A backseat entertainment system with an 8-inch screen is optional. Stow away the second and third-row seats, which fold flat, and total cargo space is 104 cubic feet on the base Navigator.

Inside, the Sync voice activation system gives drivers hands-free operation of cell phones, iPods and MP3 players. Lincoln upgraded the Sync to include the ability to get driving directions, traffic and other info with Bluetooth cell phones. And while we like the MyKey System, I'm not so sure that the Navigator is a vehicle that I'd turn my teen loose in. An Expedition? Yes, with a nearly \$20,000 price difference. The Lincoln Nav? Probably not.

As far as interior packages, there are many. Choose among several packages: The Elite includes a touch-screen, DVD-based navigation, a rear DVD entertainment system and reverse camera. The Limited edition monochrome package includes a chrome grille, ebony wood trim and interior trim. The Premium package includes upgraded leather with contrast stitching.

The Navigator comes with a standard V-8, and offers rear or four-wheel drive. It boasts 310 horsepower, a 5.4-liter engine with 365-

lb. feet of torque. The engine is one of the Navigator's biggest disappointments, because it lacks sufficient power. Rear wheel drive is standard; four-wheel drive is a \$3,000 option.

It has 100 less horsepower than its chief competitor, the Cadillac Escalade. That's troubling considering the stiff competition in luxury SUV segment. For the price tag, we think the Navigator should have a more powerful engine.

The Navigator comes with a variety of safety features including:

- Anti-lock brakes.
- Electronic stability system with Roll Stability Control.
- Side-impact airbags for front-seat occupants.
- Side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats.
- Front and rear parking sensors.

Overall, the Navigator is quite agile and easy to maneuver for its large size. The only thing that concerns us is the lack of power. It's glaringly apparent if it's loaded with cargo or towing a trailer.

Make no mistake. The Navigator is a big vehicle with 6,200-pound curb weight. It seems to strain the engine, especially when compared to other vehicles. The four-wheel suspension gives a smooth, enjoyable ride.

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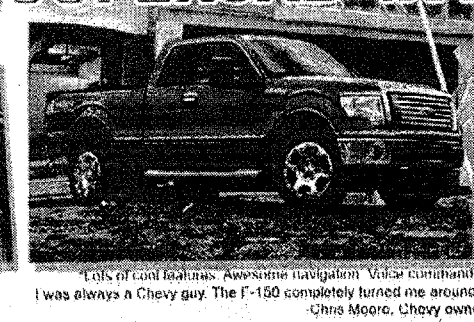
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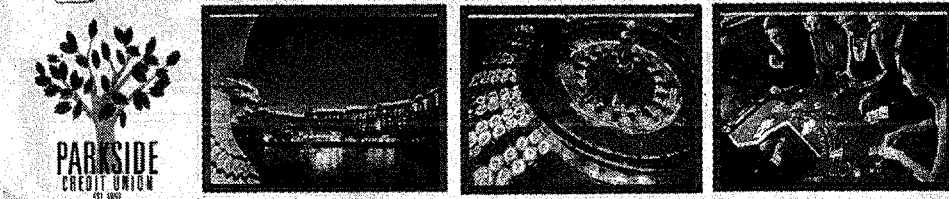
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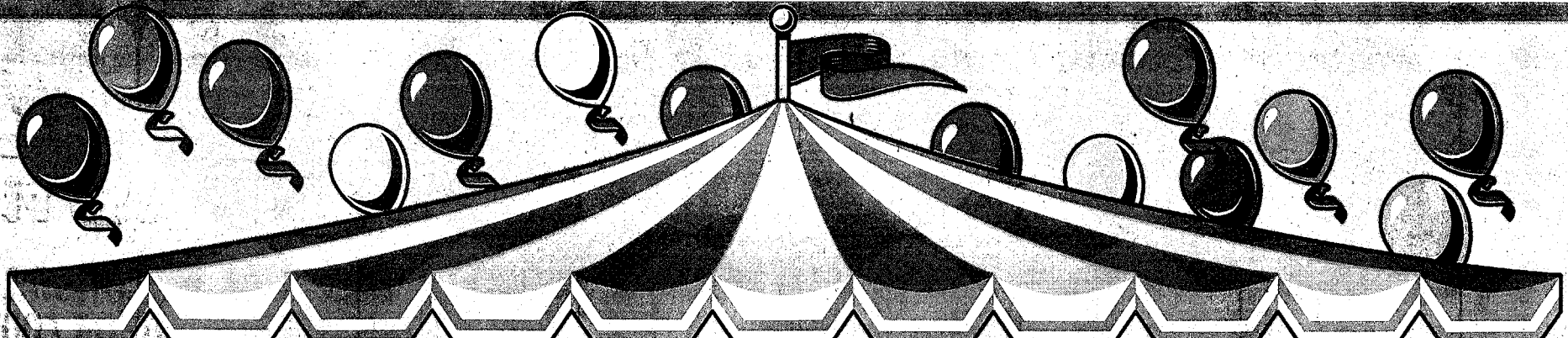


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*All lease payments and buy prices are for qualifying A/Z planners. For qualifying non A/Z planners an additional \$500 to \$1500 would be required to keep the payments or price the same. 10,500 miles per year. "Buy For" price add tax, title, doc and destination fee. Subject to availability. All factory rebates assigned to dealer including owner loyalty or previous lease where applicable and may require Ford Credit financing. F150 lease payment includes F150 to F150 renewal. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Payments and prices per program in effect at publication and are subject to change. *Driving while distracted can result in loss of vehicle control. Only use mobile phones and other devices, even with voice commands, when it is safe to do so. *Focus EPA-estimated 24 city/35 hwy mpg, manual transmission. *Transit Connect Wagon, service available in the 48 contiguous states and DC, SIRIUS Travel Link is a trademark of SIRIUS XM Radio, Inc. All offers expire July 6, 2010. Total retail sales 2009 YTD, per Ford Division.



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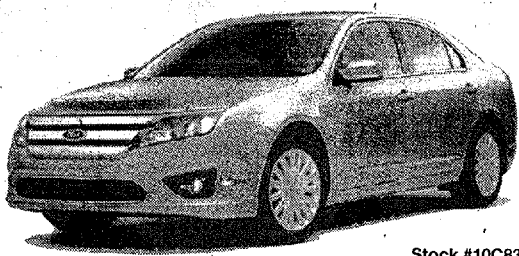
NEW 2010 FORD FOCUS SE

A/Z PLAN Price	\$16,729
Cash Back	-\$4,500
Buy For	\$12,229*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease
\$189³⁴*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$2,260 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10C8357

NEW 2010 FORD FUSION SE

A/Z PLAN Price	\$20,760
Cash Back	-\$3,500
Buy For	\$17,260*

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24 Month Lease
\$189³⁵*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$2,518 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



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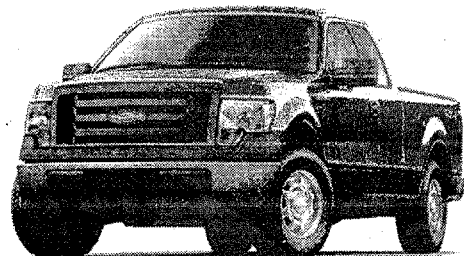
NEW 2010 FORD EDGE FWD SE

A/Z PLAN Price	\$26,298
Cash Back	-\$5,500
Buy For	\$20,798*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease
\$229⁰⁸*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$3,254 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10T6060

NEW 2010 FORD F150 4X4 SC

A/Z PLAN Price	\$32,513
Cash Back	-\$6,000
Buy For	\$26,513*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease
\$284¹⁵*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$3,648 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10C7045

NEW 2010 FORD TAURUS FWD SEL

A/Z PLAN Price	\$25,633
Cash Back	-\$3,000
Buy For	\$22,633*

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24 Month Lease
\$293³⁷*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$3,648 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10



Stock #10T8075

NEW 2010 FORD FLEX FWD SE

A/Z PLAN Price	\$28,016
Cash Back	-\$5,000
Buy For	\$23,016*

*A or Z Plan, w/renewal incentives. Plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

24 Month Lease
\$304⁵²*
Month

10,500 miles per year / \$3,366 due at signing / lease renewal and all incentives to dealer with approved credit / Security Deposit Waived / A or Z plan plus tax, title, license & DOC fee. Ends 6/30/10

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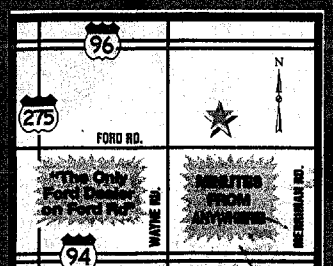
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