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Emmy hopeful

"SportScience," the popular television series featuring Wayne State University Professor of Biomedical Engineering Cynthia Bir of Plymouth, was nominated for two awards at the 32nd annual Sports Emmys, scheduled for Monday, May 2, at the Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, in New York City.

The "SportScience" team is nominated for Outstanding Graphic Design and Outstanding New Approaches, Sports Programming, Short Format.



KATRINA MARCINOWSKI

The show headed by Cynthia Bir of Plymouth, a professor at Wayne State University, is up for two sports Emmys.

The show's first two seasons earned a total of six nominations and three wins at the Sports Emmys. The series uncovers sports' biggest myths and mysteries by using cutting-edge technology to measure momentum, friction and the laws of gravity. Bir, who is the show's lead scientist, helps viewers understand the internal and external forces sustained and generated by the body during high-level athletic activities.

"It's great that the show is still being recognized in its short format," Bir said. "I'm glad that Wayne State has continued to be a part of it and can contribute to the science of the show."

"SportScience" airs in short segments at various times on ESPN.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club sponsors the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

Participants should bring baskets, bags and cameras for photos with the Easter Bunny. Age groups this year have changed and include 0-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-11. Club members will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

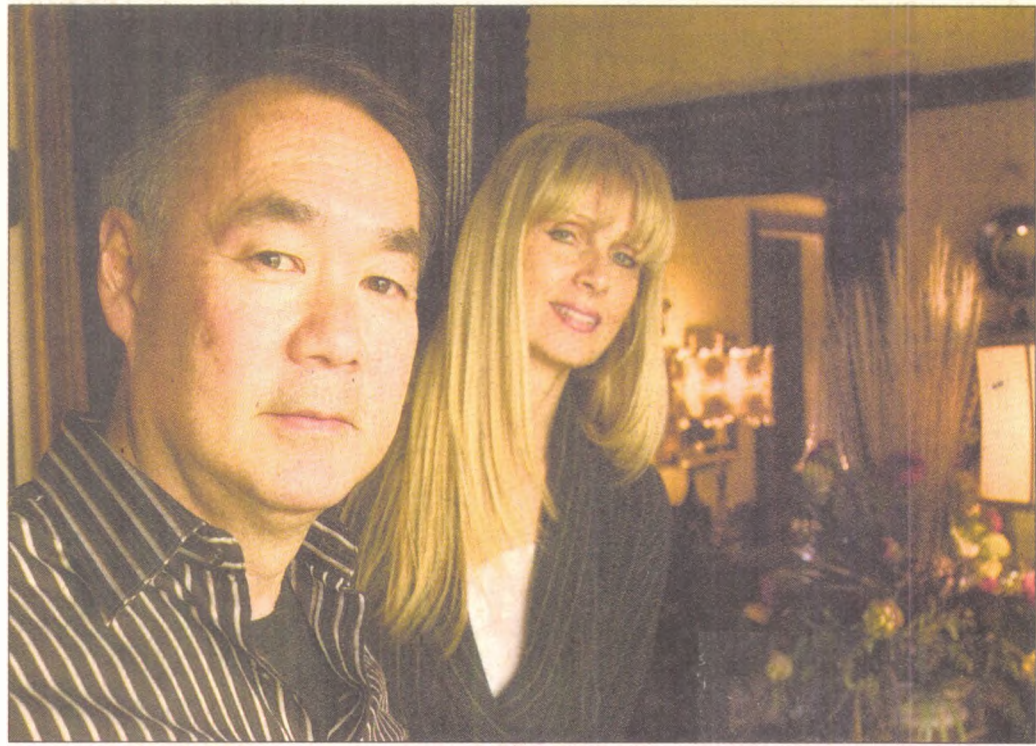
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Colbeck coffee

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts a coffee hour for constituents 8-9 a.m. Monday, April 4, at the Canton Coney, 8533 Lilley, Canton.

The coffee hour is designed to allow Colbeck to meet with local constituents and discuss issues facing the local community and the state.

Residents can also contact Colbeck by calling his office at (517) 373-7350 or toll-free at (866) 262-7307, by e-mail at senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov, on his website at www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or on Facebook at Senator Patrick Colbeck.



Fred Imamura is back in town after experiencing the Japan earthquake in downtown Tokyo. Jennifer Imamura spent some anxious time trying to contact Fred in the aftermath of the disaster.

'Shaking like crazy'
Township man recounts
'surreal' Tokyo earthquake

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nich Imamura is home in Plymouth Township with wife Jennifer after going through the "surreal" experience of last month's earthquake off the eastern coast of Japan.

Imamura is an executive for Jabil Circuit Inc., a worldwide electronics manufacturer, and was in his 16th-floor office in a Tokyo skyscraper when the struck about 2:45 p.m. local time March 11.

The Tohoku earthquake, named for the region of the country closest to its underwater epicenter, was a magnitude 9.0, the largest ever recorded in Japan. Nearly 12,000 people have been confirmed killed by the quake and resulting tsunami, and thousands are still missing.

Imamura and Japan are accustomed to earthquakes. "It happens frequently, but it's usually very minor," Imamura, who goes by the name Fred, said Thursday. "This one continued to build up."

The building started shaking and things started falling off the walls. Imamura and his colleagues looked outside to see a nearby 30-story skyscraper swaying with the quake — something many Japanese buildings are designed to do.

'SHAKING LIKE CRAZY'

"We could actually see it moving back and forth," Imamura said. "It was pretty amazing to see those buildings sway like that."

At about the 25th floor was a window-washer on a platform that "shook like crazy," Imamura said. The man lay flat on the platform and hung on for dear life, he said.

Things calmed down — the earthquake officially lasted six minutes, but hundreds of aftershocks were recorded — and Imamura and colleagues evacuated the building via the stairs, noticing cracks in



Fred Imamura talks about his experience in the Japan earthquake.

the walls all the way to the ground floor.

Outside, thousands of people had gathered, many flocking to a nearby park to stay away from the tall buildings, Imamura said. Trains, the primary means of transportation in Tokyo, were not functioning and electricity was out for a while in parts of town.

But people were calm and patient — there was no panic, looting or extreme emotion, "a very Japanese" reaction, Imamura said.

"I think the whole thing was sort of surreal to a lot of people," Imamura said.

With no trains, and taxis scarce because of high demand, Imamura used his iPhone and Google maps to plot the way to his apartment. What is normally a half-hour train ride took him more than two hours to walk, in part because the streets were flooded with people. "It's like a traffic jam except with the people," Imamura said.

COOPERATIVE SPIRIT

Others in Tokyo, who couldn't catch a cab or a train and whose homes were too far away to walk, spent the night in the center city, sleeping where they could.

"For a great many of them, they were just stuck," Imamura said.

There was a spirit of cooperation, though, with hotels opening their doors to the stranded, serving water and snacks, letting them sleep in the lobbies, and making television news available if they had electricity.

There was minor visible damage at Imamura's fourth-floor apartment.

Later, Jennifer Imamura, back in Plymouth Township, called in a panic, having been awakened by a 6:30 a.m. call from a neighbor who wondered if her husband was OK. "What are you talking about?" was her reaction, she said.

Her first call to Fred didn't go through, she said, but he answered the second.

"If I hadn't been able to reach him I probably would've had a heart attack," said Jennifer, who owns The Velvet Plum, an interior design studio in Plymouth. The couple has two daughters, Tatiana, who recently moved to New York City, and Sabrina, a student at the University of Michigan.

The quake occurred on a Friday; the next day, Fred Imamura went to a popular Tokyo entertainment district during the day, finding it nearly deserted, with many businesses closed. But there

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**Plymouth-Canton
students top state
on MEAP scores**

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Education released the fall 2010 MEAP scores Thursday, and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students were the same place they've been for years.

Well above state averages. Plymouth-Canton students performed in the testing largely as they have the last several years, with gains and drops ranging from 2 to 3 percent.

"We're very proud," said Mike Bender, Plymouth-Canton's director of secondary education. "It was very, very hard work by the students, and that combination has resulted in some really strong scores."

Bender said district officials believe reading scores continue to remain strong, with students in grades 4 and 5 making gains over the previous year. Math scores increased in grade 3 and a significant increase took place in grade 8 over the scores from fall 2009.

Scores in science and social studies continue to remain strong.

The toughest part of the test to judge was writing.

Last year, the state shifted the test to only fourth- and seventh-graders, rather than grades 3-8, then didn't release the 2009-10 results. Statewide, fewer than half the students passed the new writing test.

In Plymouth-Canton, scores for fourth-graders were up four points from two years ago (the last year from which results were available); scores for seventh-graders dropped significantly.

Bender said it's not a fair comparison either way.

"It's a brand-new test," Bender said. "It's not a fair comparison to look at results from two years ago."

Overall scores for Plymouth-Canton students (with state averages in parentheses):

- Third-graders — 92 (86.8) in reading, 98 (95.3) in math.
- Fourth-graders — 90 (84.1) in reading, 61 in writing, 96 (91.5) in math.
- Fifth-graders — 93 (85.1) in reading, 92 (79.9) in math, 89 (78.1) in science.
- Sixth-graders — 93 (84) in reading, 95 (84.5) in math, 88 (75.3) in social studies.
- Seventh-graders — 90 (79) in reading, 66 in writing.

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
2010 MEAP SCORES**

Grade	Reading		Writing		Math		Science		S.Studies	
	State	P/C	State	P/C	State	P/C	State	P/C	State	P/C
3rd	86.8	92.0			95.3	98.0				
4th	84.1	90.0	N/R	61.0	91.5	96.0				
5th	85.1	93.0			79.9	92.0	78.1	89.0		
6th	84.0	93.0			84.5	95.0			75.3	88.0
7th	79.0	90.0	N/R	66.0	84.6	93.0				
8th	81.9	90.0			78.0	93.0	78.1	89.0		
9th									72.8	85.0

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

**District to present
\$18 million in cuts**

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When administrators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools started looking at the 2011-12 budget a few months ago, they were presented with the challenge of meeting a projected deficit of more than \$17 million.

Administrators believe they've met that challenge, and will present the Board of Education with a plan that slashes some \$18 million, depending on how much of it the board decides to implement.

The recommendations will be presented in a special 6 p.m. budget work-

shop Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Education Center.

"We're going to present a plan to balance the budget," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "With using some of the fund balance, we're presenting about \$18 million worth of cuts."

The cuts include areas defined by the budget committee recently and suggestions made by last year's participatory budget committee. Ruggirello wouldn't comment on any specific cuts, but many of the recommendations have already

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W-W hosts forum on state budget with lawmakers

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lawmakers whose respective districts include the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have an opportunity to talk about the crisis in education funding at a legislative forum planned for Thursday, April 7.

The forum, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland school board and the all of the district's bargaining units, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Dyer Senior Center at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Participating in the forum will be state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, and state Reps. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, who will "be able to talk to parents and stakeholders in the district about Michigan government and the proposed cuts," Wayne-Westland School Supt. Greg Baracy said.

"We want to let them express their views and possibly where



Heise

Colbeck

they believe cuts, reforms and revenue can be, because those three things will be necessary to bail Michigan out of this crisis," Baracy said. "We hope this will enlighten parents, give them an understanding of the problem and a first-hand snapshot of what they're really thinking and how this can be solved."

The forum will be structured with presentations by the lawmakers and questions from the audience that are submitted in writing. Jenny Johnson, the district's media liaison, will serve as the moderator.

Wayne-Westland is facing a loss of \$14 million, if Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed school budget is approved as presented. In addition to the \$470 cut in per pupil school aid, the governor has proposed eliminating the \$6 million the district

receives in lieu of millage disallowed under Proposal A. Adding to the pain is a jump in the retirement rate to almost 25 percent of payroll.

The large number of lawmakers at the meeting is reflective of the size of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The district takes in portions of Westland, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Inkster and Canton, as well as all of the city of Wayne.

There also will be information provided on the governor's budget, as well as one a Senate version. There also will be an updated version of the Legislative Tool Kit that explains the budget crisis and ways parents can let lawmakers know how devastating the cuts would be to the school district.

"We want this forum to be civil and informative. It'll focus on education," Baracy said. "We have to work together to address these draconian cuts."

For more information about the forum, call the district's administrative offices at (734) 419-2010.

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Man foils theft of tires, police arrest suspect

BY MATT JACHMAN
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A Plymouth man interrupted the theft of expensive car tires from outside his apartment on Monday, recovering seven tires, and police soon arrested a suspect in the case.

One set of tires was from a 2012 Ford Mustang, according to Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski, and priced at more than \$3,000.

The victim was at home on Union Street, said Grabowski, when his wife alerted him to someone on their backyard patio slab. He went out front, he later told police, and saw

two men, one of whom ran off.

The victim hopped in silver Mazda the men had been using, Grabowski said, and recovered two of his tires from the back seat. He demanded the remaining stranger open the Mazda's trunk, where he found more tires, Grabowski said. The stranger drove off, but the victim was able to get a license-plate number.

With that, the police tracked down the Mazda's registered owner, who told them he had lent the car to a friend, Grabowski said. Police found the Mazda on Roe Street, Grabowski said, with two men

standing nearby, one of whom ran off. Officer Chris Lahtinen ran after the man but lost him as he headed toward Ann Arbor Trail, the lieutenant said.

Meanwhile, Officer Anthony Angelosanto arrived and detained the second man, Chase Roland, 26, of Plymouth. Upon being interviewed, Roland told police there were two other men involved in the theft attempt, and police are still looking for them, Grabowski said.

Roland was arraigned Wednesday in 35th District Court by Judge James Plakas and released on a \$5,000 bond. He is charged with one count of felony larceny, which could lead to a sentence of up to five years if he is convicted.

Plakas scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday in district court.

AROUND PLYMOUTH



Great oratory

Five students recently competed in the Plymouth Optimist Club's annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest, with a trip to the district level competition and a chance to compete for a \$1,500 scholarship on the line. Optimist bill Baumgartner emceed the event, held at Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village, while teachers Pat Freye of Plymouth Christian Academy and Mary Thompson of Our Lady of Good Counsel School worked with the students. Competitors included Haikel Haille (left) of Canton, Whitney McDonald of Northville (third place), Angelica Molnar of Livonia (the first-place winner) and Grant Goerke of Canton, all students of Plymouth Christian Academy, and second-place winner Chris Wilder of Plymouth (right), an OLCG student.

camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: For more information, contact Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 718-5734 or Kim Lowney, Executive Director, at (313) 537-5335.

Run for Hope

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, in Northville

Details: The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 are free.

Contact: New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115

Charter Academy meeting

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, April 4
Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a middle school information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy

Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available.

Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call (734) 453-9517.

Preschool Book Land

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 7

Location: Hulsing Elementary School, 8055 Fleet Street, Canton
Details: The staff of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Programs will host "Book Land 2011," a special preschool literacy night. Many fun activities have been planned based on our favorite storybooks. All games and prizes are for children ages two, three and four. Tickets are \$1 per child, and parents are free.

Contact: Early Childhood Office, (734) 416-6190.

CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's *Plymouth Observer* should have noted that doors open for Barefoot Production's April 10 music fundraiser at 5:30 p.m., and the box office phone number for Barefoot's next production, "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," is (734) 560-1493.

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The Plymouth DDA will rent additional parking spaces to try and ease any parking issues during the next phase of the downtown streetscape project, which officials hope to get under way in the next couple of weeks.

DDA to rent added parking for downtown street work

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Faced with concerns that this spring's downtown Plymouth streetscape improvement project will limit on-street parking and discourage people from visiting shops and restaurants, the city's Downtown Development Authority has secured temporary parking.

The DDA plans to rent 65 to 70 parking spaces, which will be free to users, at Plymouth's First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Ann Arbor Trail. The church is just outside of downtown, one block west of Harvey, and the DDA will have signs directing motorists to that lot and other public parking available during the construction, said Tony Bruscatto, the DDA's operations director.

"Even if you park a block away, you're not that far away from anything," Bruscatto said. Bruscatto, who contends Plymouth's compact downtown has more convenient parking than places like Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, where drivers sometimes have to park in a structure blocks from their destination, and pay for it.

"Ours is more convenient than that," Bruscatto said. The DDA will pay the church \$600 a month for the parking under a two-month lease, and continue to rent the lot on a week-by-week basis if needed, he said. "We'll see if they use 'em," said Bruscatto, suggesting the Christian Science church lot should be used by business owners and their employees, which would leave more closer-in spaces for downtown visitors.

Teri Allen of Dearborn Jewelers endorsed the DDA parking plan. "It's not helping. It can't not help," Allen said, noting

that parking spaces on Main Street and Penniman will be lost during the construction. "I think it's a great thing that they're being more pro-active."

But, she added, more permanent spaces are needed for long-term parking, such as the eight-hour spots on top of the central parking deck, which Allen said are often scarce by the late morning.

Work on the streetscape improvements is expected to begin as soon as the ground thaws, and Bruscatto said the aim is to have substantial portions of it done in time for the Memorial Day parade, which is on Monday, May 30.

The project involves rebuilding the intersection of Main and Penniman in concrete, installing new traffic lights at the intersection, and resurfacing Main between Penniman and Church and Penniman between Union and Harvey.

Aesthetic details, like replacing brick pavers in the walkways, will also be addressed. In the second phase of the work, other streets, like Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, will also be resurfaced.

The project, which will total about \$2 million, began last year at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. It was originally planned for three years, but the DDA and the Plymouth City Commission decided to complete it in two, in order to limit disruptions and save on costs related to startup and materials procurement.

Bruscatto is hoping for a break in the weather. Last year's portion of the project began in early April. "We would hope that it would (begin) in the next couple of weeks, but a lot of it depends on the weather," he said.

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QUAKE

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wasn't a lot of outwardly visible quake damage, Imamura said, and he didn't hear of any fatalities in Tokyo.

'TIME TO GO HOME'

He returned to work the following Monday, but by that Wednesday, a windy day, Imamura and co-workers heard creaking noises in their skyscraper that they didn't normally hear.

"We just cleared out and said, 'OK, time to go home,'" he said. Doing business had also been difficult, he said, because Tokyo was subject to rolling power blackouts and his office was losing communications capabilities.

Imamura flew out of Tokyo March 17; reports in Japan on the aftermath of the earthquake, the tsunami and the affected nuclear power plants had been confusing, he said, and the situation was starting to become clearer by the time he left the country. But, "When I left, there was still a lot of shock," he said.

For now, Imamura is working at home, using Skype, e-mail and the phone, and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Imamura made contact with husband Fred the morning after the 9.0 earthquake that rocked Japan.

taking it week by week, uncertain if or when he'll return to Tokyo. His relatives in the Tokyo area are concerned about radiation contamination, he said, and his company is not allowing employees to travel to Japan.

"I guess I'm not sure how normal it's going to be," he said. His biggest concern, he

added, is the long-term affect of the radiation.

Despite early confusion, Imamura said, the Japanese are remarking the disaster "remarkably well right now." But even a high level of preparedness for earthquakes, he said, didn't brace the country for the tsunami's devastation. "I'm not sure how you prepare

for that," he said.

Imamura had been through a major earthquake before, in Los Angeles in the early 1970s, and also a tsunami, while attending college in Hawaii, also in the 1970s.

"I don't think disaster is following me, but I seem to have gone through some of them," he mused.

MEAP

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ing, 93 (84.6) in math.

• Eighth-graders — 90 (81.9) in reading, 93 (78) in math, 89 (78.1) in science.

• Ninth-graders — 85 (72.8) percent in social studies.

The tests were administered in October, when more than

10,000 Plymouth-Canton students took the tests. MEAP tests are administered to grades 3-8 in reading and math; science in grades 5 and 8; social studies in grades 6 and 9; and writing in grades 4 and 7.

In a letter to the Board of Education, Bender lauded the students' performance.

"Reading scores continue to remain strong and students in grades 4 and 5 made gains over

the previous year," he wrote. "Math scores increased in grade 3 and a significant increase took place in grade 8 over the scores from fall 2009. Scores in science and social studies continue to remain strong."

While teachers and administrators continue to analyze the scores, Bender said district officials are satisfied with progress being made.

"We're not at 100 percent

yet for all of our students, but we're proud of where we're at and we're absolutely headed in the right direction," he said. "We're very fortunate. People really commit themselves to this work, we get great support from parents and the administration. That combination of factors has really led to our success."

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CUTS

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been made public. The district is expected, for instance, to close an elementary school and move the Starkweather Education Center, the district's alternative education facility, into whichever elementary is closed. The move would save the district an estimated \$700,000.

Other options to be discussed likely will include the possibility of privatizing services, extending class sizes and eliminating some bus runs, all of which have been talked about

at previous budget sessions. While Ruggirello wouldn't comment, the district is also expected to use some of its projected \$11.6 million fund balance and perhaps lay off some of the district's 1,100 teachers.

"Some of the things that have been presented (in previous sessions) are in there, and there are additional things, as well," Ruggirello said. "It will be up to the board what they want to accept."

The board should pass its budget by June 30, and is expected to conduct a public hearing on the budget some time in June.

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Singers, musicians tops at music festivals

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Competing in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 festival at Thurston High School in Redford was nothing new for Plymouth-Canton's concert orchestra.

The results, however, were brand new.

For the first time, the concert orchestra earned a "superior" rating at the festival, which is less a competitive arena than one where groups are judged on what they've learned and how they perform.

"They've worked so hard and improved so much," said orchestra director Cathy DePentu. "It's always good to see them do well and be so happy with their performance."

They weren't the only ones to do well. In fact, six Plymouth-Canton ensembles — four from the band and two orchestras — all received "1" ratings during the festival, judged by a panel of music educators from around the state. In addition to concert orchestra, DePentu's symphony orchestra also scored high.

Band ensembles variety band, concert band, symphony band and wind ensemble also received first-division ratings.

Both orchestras and all four band groups qualified for the state orchestra/band festival, set for April 28-30, band director David Armbruster said only the Wind Ensemble will take part.

"We haven't been there



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Band members Keith McGuire (left) and Nick Battishill tune up for their performance before the Board of Education.

in awhile, so we're going to test the waters with the Wind Ensemble," Armbruster said. "With the other three, we're doing different things musically, so we're not going to stress the younger kids in the other three bands this year. We want them to have some fun and focus on the more technical and performance aspects."

Meanwhile, seven groups from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir program traveled to the festival at Northville High School, and all seven of those

groups came away with first-division ratings, as well. Choirs earning first-division ratings included the Parksmen, Park Singers, Allegro, Dulcissima, Chamber Singers, Madrigal Singers and Festival Singers.

Assistant Choir Director Valerie Said said the performance was a matter of the student-singers having the bar set high for them, and then meeting the challenge.

"We raise the bar for our choirs, and they meet those challenges," said Said, the assistant to choir director

Jennifer Kopp. "They work very hard, and it shows in the great ratings they earn at festivals."

All seven groups — some 300 singers — qualified for the state festival, scheduled for April 28-29 at Holt High School in Lansing.

Said said she expects the choirs will do well in Lansing, too.

"We expect great things from them," she said. "When you expect great things from your choirs, they'll meet those expectations."

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Union: Teacher vote doesn't mean strike

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The leadership of the Michigan Education Association asked its 1,100 locals to pass a vote that will allow them to take "crisis actions," and the members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association gave it to them.

And despite the fact some critics, including State House Speaker Jase Bolger, R-Marshall, believe the letter sent by MEA President Iris Salters amounted to a call for a strike vote, local union leadership insists that's not the case.

While her local passed the motion that gives the MEA permission for job actions, PCEA President Nancy Wojtowicz said those actions will not include a strike.

"It's a vote to authorize the MEA to initiate crisis activities," said Wojtowicz, who wouldn't disclose how the vote went. "It doesn't necessarily mean a strike."

Wojtowicz said the MEA is "looking at all the legislation that's out there, and the PCEA is looking at all the legislation out there." She said much of the focus on solving the state budget issues amounts to "attacks on school funding" and on collective bargaining.

Wojtowicz said Salters and the MEA are "looking for support for their efforts" against those

attacks. The MEA has yet to formulate the crisis plan, according to Wojtowicz.

In her letter to union members dated March 18, Salters told teachers to "make appropriate plans to ensure you and your family's financial security, including delaying major expenses and saving funds to cover your household expenses for as much as two months."

It's another sentiment that has been interpreted by some as a threat to strike, but again Wojtowicz denied that's what it means. And, in a district where the Board of Education may be considering cutting teachers, she said it's just sound advice.

"Any financial planner will tell you, you need six months of your household finances saved up," Wojtowicz said.

Wojtowicz said the fight against school cuts is of paramount importance to the teachers, which may have driven the vote.

"Every person has their own reasons for supporting or not supporting (the action)," she said. "But a \$470 cut to per-pupil spending ... that's going to be huge. These are things that are going to affect the quality of the education in Plymouth-Canton, and we've always been supportive of our public schools."

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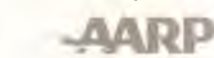
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Couple plans wedding walk to Vegas

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most couples are content to walk down the aisle when they get married.

Joseph Crist and Laura Brunett hope to walk from Canton to Las Vegas, stopping to wed before they trudge on to Los Angeles to visit friends.

Toting two backpacks stuffed with clothing, water dispensers, a small tent, lightweight sleeping bags and a miniature gas stove, Crist and Brunett, both 24, intend to start their journey April 15 and follow a path Brunett has estimated at nearly 2,600 miles.

Crossing mountains, rivers, prairies and deserts, they hope to arrive in Las Vegas by late September, marry near Lake Mead, spend a couple nights at a resort, continue their walk to Los Angeles and return to Michigan — by plane — by late October.

They've pondered a flight from Los Angeles to Hawaii for an adventure-crowning honeymoon, but they're not certain.

Crist, a Canton Public Library page, and Brunett, an Outback Steakhouse employee, plan to quit their jobs. These free spirits have known each other since they were middle-school age. They attended Eastern Michigan University and have been a couple for three years.

They have saved \$4,500 for their walk, and they expect to spend most of it on food along the way. They say their parents will help them if they need more money.

"We don't like the idea of spending thousands of dollars on one day for a wedding when we can do something like this," Brunett said.

The couple talked about their cross-country trip as they paused from a much shorter walk along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton. Placing their large backpacks on the ground, they



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Holding hands, Joseph Crist and Laura Brunett walk along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, a much shorter walk than the one they plan across the country.

ate apples and nuts as Crist held a book, *The Lost Art of Walking* by Geoff Nicholson, he has been reading.

Crist and Brunett have walked as far as Warren, but they've never tried a journey like their wedding walk. They plan to set out from Cherry Hill Village, where Brunett lives with her mother and stepfather, Ann and Tom Beard. Crist also lives in Canton, with parents Doug and Deborah Crist.

Crist and Brunett already had discussed walking across the nation before they decided to cement their three-year relationship with marriage — a decision that put Vegas on their must-see list.

"Vegas is where people get married," Crist said.

The couple has a portable shower bag they can fill with water, along with the sun and use along the way — obviously in the more rural areas. They also plan to pare down by shaving their heads, and Crist said he is cutting off his beard.

Brunett already has mapped out their trip. After leaving Michigan, the couple plans to walk through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona before reaching their marriage destination in Nevada. Along the way, they intend to visit Crist's aunt, Karen Gilbert, who lives in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Embezzler ordered to repay money

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man has been ordered to repay nearly \$350,000 after he embezzled money from two men whose retirement funds he was hired to manage, Michigan Attorney General's Office spokeswoman Joy Yearout said.

Donald Barlow Jr., 44, also has been placed on probation for five years and could avoid prison time as long as he repays the money, she said.

Barlow learned his fate Wednesday when he was sentenced in Wayne County Circuit Court, three weeks after he pleaded guilty in front of Judge Lawrence Talon to a charge of embezzling \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Barlow already has repaid \$50,000 of the money he embezzled, and he has been ordered to continue repaying \$2,000 a month until he has returned \$349,932.66 to the two victims, Yearout said.

"The court stipulated to the amount we requested," said Yearout, spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill Schuette, from her Lansing office.

Barlow could potentially face prison time if he fails to pay the restitution. He pleaded guilty March 8 to an embezzling charge punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

State authorities announced embezzling charges against Barlow last year amid allegations he embezzled \$350,000 from two men who hired him to manage their retirement funds.

Barlow's decision to plead



Barlow

guilty to embezzling \$50,000 to \$100,000 averted a trial on two higher counts of embezzling more than

\$100,000 — though the amount he has been ordered to repay still approaches the \$350,000 mark, Yearout said.

The more serious charges — dismissed in return for his plea — carry penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison.

Schuette's office confirmed Barlow's plea after former Attorney General Mike Cox last summer announced embezzling charges stemming from an investigation conducted by the Plymouth Police Department.

Barlow was charged following accusations he prepared tax returns for years for the two victims and advised them in 2007 that he could manage their retirement funds.

Cox has said the two men agreed and handed over more than \$350,000.

Barlow was charged following allegations he deposited the victims' money into a bank account for a bogus company, CapQuest Investments LLC, and occasionally sent falsified investment reports to the men.

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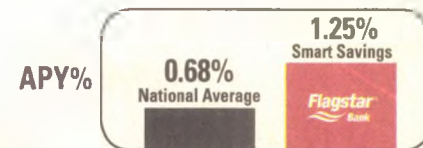
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Canton soldier takes part in nuclear exercise

BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER HOLMES
VIBRANT RESPONSE

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. — It was a peaceful, calm Friday morning near this isolated training area amid the farm belt region of rural south central Indiana. Peaceful, at least until the region was rocked by a 10-kiloton nuclear explosion, causing destruction and death in the wake of the blast and impending nuclear fallout.

Shortly after the explosion, the son of a Canton woman was called upon to provide recovery support in the surrounding area. He played a vital role in getting a devastated community through the aftermath of destruction that was once unthinkable.

The attack was a mock one, but it gave Army Sgt. Richard I. Baumgardner, son of Shirley Baumgardner of Canton, vital training for possible future attacks in as realistic an environment as possible.

Baumgardner was one of more than 3,300 people from 17 states participating in "Vibrant Response," a U.S. Northern Command-held chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear attack response exercise in southern Indiana that brought together active duty Army, Air Force, Marine, Navy, National Guard and Reserve units, along with numerous federal and state agencies in an effort to coordinate response actions in the aftermath of possible attacks and disasters.

Every person involved in the training had a specific job to do to ensure the post-attack effort was a success, and order could be brought to the attack zone.

"I am here to provide voice and data communications in support of the 193rd Brigade Support Battalion," said Baumgardner, a headquarters platoon sergeant assigned to the 94th Signal Company, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

In order to make the training as realistic as possible, the 180-acre Muscatatuck Urban



Army Sgt. Richard I. Baumgardner of Canton recently participated in exercise Vibrant Response at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Vibrant Response is a multi-service chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear response exercise held to coordinate response actions in the aftermath of a possible nuclear attack.



An Army medical team splints the leg of a victim while her family keeps her calm after a simulated nuclear attack during exercise Vibrant Response. A total of 160 role players were made up with a variety of simulated injuries to provide a more realistic environment to response personnel.

Training Center was littered with wrecked vehicles, buildings were built to simulate heavy damage, roads were lined with rubble and debris, controlled fires and smoke dotted the environment, and mannequins representing dead victims were scattered throughout the training area. A group of 160 role players covered in moulage simulated victims with various wounds and radiation burns to



Army National Guard members try to convince a woman to leave her dog to get medical help following a simulated nuclear attack during Vibrant Response, a U.S. Army North exercise intended to coordinate post attack efforts between various military services and federal agencies.



A victim of a simulated nuclear attack lies on a litter as a member of the Army administers first aid for his wounds.

round out the scenario as survivors of the attack.

"This exercise shows how the U.S. Army can react to, and overcome any type of attack, foreign or domestic," said Baumgardner. Having the training and knowledge to react quickly and effectively to a disaster is something

Baumgardner practices, not only during Vibrant Response, but throughout the year.

"I receive continual chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training, voice and data training, react to contact training, and driver's training throughout the year," said Baumgardner.

It's almost impossible to predict something as catastrophic as a nuclear blast, but Baumgardner and his fellow responders have a plan that will go far in helping pick up the pieces and give survivors a chance to regain some sense of normalcy.

"Vibrant Response trains us to react quickly and efficiently to a homeland attack," said Baumgardner, who has completed three years of military service.



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Dearborn Jewelers employee Beth Pizzo (left), Plymouth jewelry designer Biba Stewart (with glasses) and shop owner Teri Allen (back to camera) confer during the jewelry store's Spring Bridal Trunk Show. The show, which showcased local businesses, grew out of the Bridal Walk that Allen organized in 2008 and 2009.

Jewelry store's Bridal Trunk Show called a success

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About 50 visitors stopped by Dearborn Jewelers in Plymouth on March 19 for the store's first Spring Bridal Trunk Show.

In addition to the jewelry store, the event showcased five Plymouth businesses that serve brides and wedding-goers, providing everything from dresses and photography packages to flowers and — popcorn.

"This is one of the newest things they are doing for wedding receptions" — the popcorn bar, said Teri Allen, the jewelry store owner. Popcorn bars sometimes replace more traditional reception features like the dessert table or candy bar, she said.

In addition to the Plymouth Popcorn Co., businesses that participated in the show were Bella Mia Dressed Up, which sells bridesmaids and mother-of-the-bride dresses; Special Moments Photography; Magnolia, a flower market; and Biba Design Jewelry.

"It was a fun event. Very well-received," Allen said. "Definitely, we would do this again."

The show, she said, grew out of the outdoor Bridal Walk she organized in 2008 and 2009, involving about 40 businesses and even a mock wedding in Kellogg Park.

But participants this year liked the smaller, more intimate setting, telling Allen it helped them better connect with potential customers, she said.



A display of jewelry designed by Biba Stewart of Plymouth at the Spring Bridal Trunk Show at Dearborn Jewelers in Plymouth. The store carries Stewart's works.

American Red Cross awards St. Mary Mercy

The American Red Cross and Trinity Health gathered at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center on March 14 to celebrate the success of their 2010 blood drive campaign. St. Mary Mercy was recognized as the top Trinity Health facility with the highest number of units collected, 423 pints from its five blood drives.

"We had the biggest increase in donations out of any of the health systems in Michigan," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy. "It's important for us to take a leadership role in this initiative."

"It was wonderful not only what you were able to accomplish as a team in 2010, but the rippling effect you had on other health systems," added Carol Furlong, donor recruitment director, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. The 2011 blood drive goal for St. Mary Mercy is to increase donations by 20 percent.



The St. Mary Mercy Red Cross team (from left): Trudy Smith, American Red Cross; David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy; Janet Searight, senior HR consultant, OTE/HR and Red Cross team lead; Jim Aldrich, performance improvement specialist; Jeannie Cox, administrative assistant, Marketing/PR; Cyndi Niva, HRIS coordinator, OTE/HR; Sally Santoni, operations manager, Radiology; and Diane Ward, CEO, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. Not pictured is Marianne Simanek, director, Community Outreach.

St. Mary Mercy will be hosting blood drives from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. on June 2, Aug. 11, Oct. 27 and Dec. 27 in the Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to

join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood. It takes approximately one hour to donate.

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

or visit redcrossblood.org, click on "Enter a Sponsor Code" and enter "stmarymercy." An appointment sign-up sheet is also available in the St. Mary Mercy cafeteria.

Rescue league looking for pet foster homes

Spring has sprung, and with the change in weather comes puppy season.

Homeward Bound Rescue League (HBRL) of Canton, a non-profit, no-kill, foster home-based animal rescue group, has a great need for foster homes, primarily for dogs.

HBRL typically has an abundance of smaller breeds, but officials say the most urgent need right now is for a few experienced handlers to foster young, physically and mentally strong breeds over 40 pounds.

In particular need, officials say, are: Curley, an English Bulldog/Shar Pei mix; Lyric, a Staffordshire Terrier; Chelsea, a (possibly pregnant) Chesapeake Bay Retriever; and Isabell, an American Bulldog/Brittany Spaniel mix are all in desperate need of a foster home where they can get lots of daily exercise and structure.

Saber and Galliath, 5-month-old Miniature Pinscher/Doberman mix puppies, are also in need of new foster homes.

"Dogs of all sizes, ages, and breeds are taken in by HBRL, but we rely on foster families to provide the love and care needed to rehabilitate these unwanted dogs until they are adopted," said Jenna Marcum, a Homeward Bound volunteer. "Because many of our furry friends are puppy mill survivors, we strongly believe that fostering them in a home, rather than a kennel, is the most beneficial way to help, but because of the overwhelming number of homeless animals, our rescue is at capacity and is in danger of having to board dogs at a kennel facility, which will cost us

money typically spent on the many day-to-day costs of caring for our animals."

Fostering is "an incredibly rewarding experience," Marcum said, and is almost entirely funded by HBRL. Requirements to become a foster home are similar to those necessary to adopt: Current animals in the home must be spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccines, and on heart worm preventative. If there are no current or recent pets in the home, a non-invasive home visit may be necessary to determine what kind of environment you have to offer to ensure the best foster dog to place.

HBRL pays for all vet care, food and necessary grooming. The group also loans out crates, collars, leashes, and puppy playpens. As other items, including blankets, towels, beds, toys, and treats, are donated, they are distributed among foster homes.

Adoption events are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month at Pet Supplies Plus on Ford Road in Canton from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homeward Bound asks that foster dogs get to as many of these events as possible; however, foster parents do not need to stay for the whole event and, in some cases, arrangements can be made to transport dogs to events.

More information about Homeward Bound Rescue League can be found by e-mailing homeward-boundmi@yahoo.com or at the group's website at www.HBRLMI.org.

Anyone interested in providing a loving foster home or who would like more information can e-mail HBRL.Fosters@gmail.com.

NEWS BRIEF

Old Village set for annual yard sale

Looking to turn old toys, spare clothing, gently used electronics or other household goods into cash? The annual yard sale in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood offers a low-cost way to do just that.

This year's sale is Saturday, April 16, and organizers are looking for sellers to rent space for the "trunk sale," a flea market in the south parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant on Starkweather. The trunk-sale feature was added to the yard sale last year; proceeds benefit the Old Village Association.

Sellers can rent two parking spaces for \$15, bring their wares and set up shop. Maps of the neighborhood will be available that highlight Old Village households participating in the yard sale, and trunk-sale sellers are welcome to explore the neighborhood, and see what the competition has, during breaks.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on renting space for the trunk sale, call the OVA's yard-sale chairman, Mark Oppat, at (734) 207-2346.

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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Glenn Cerny
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Canton woman extols virtues of helping others

Nearly 170 Holmes Middle School students were honored during a special assembly March 25 for completing at least two hours of volunteer work each.

Eric Stromberg, principal of the Livonia school, told the group he was extremely proud of their accomplishments. "Collectively, you have performed more than 1,500 hours of community service work helping others," he said. "You have delivered food baskets for the hungry, raked leaves for the elderly, helped at various schools in the district, made Christmas stockings for disadvantaged children and the list goes on. Your efforts have truly made a difference."

Students were treated to snacks and beverages provided by the PTSA, and they had the opportunity to hear a presentation by Sue Norton of Canton, who is training a puppy named Hudson for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Norton talked about her experience as a volunteer with Leader Dogs and what a difference volunteering for others makes in everyone's lives.

She told the students she must return Hudson to Leader



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Sue Norton talks about raising a puppy for Leader Dogs. Hudson is the second dog Norton, a Canton resident, has raised.

Dogs in May when he is 13 months old.

Asked if it is difficult to give up a dog after caring for it for a year, she said, "As a volunteer puppy raiser, I understand Hudson is not my pet, but my family and I are pleased to share this part of his journey in becoming a Leader Dog."

"Even though this will be a sad day for us, we are satisfied with the thought that he will go on to a life of service, providing independence for

the visually impaired person he will serve and we are grateful to have taken part in that service."

Eighth-grader Stephen Moening was among the students honored. He worked with the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministries in Detroit, an organization that feeds the homeless every Saturday morning. "I learned that I should appreciate everything I have because it could be gone in an instant," he said of his volunteer experience.



During their spring break, Madonna University students Karie Altman, Amanda Bagain, Sean Sciba, Cassie Joiner and Janos Uzonyi lay mulch on a trail cut by Madonna University students in 2009. The trail runs around The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Mississippi.

Madonna students continue Hurricane Katrina cleanup

Students from Madonna University spent their spring break in the bayou, helping to restore and maintain wetlands and coastal areas in Mississippi still recovering from hurricane Katrina.

"It's so incredible, that almost six years after the storm there is so much left to be cleaned," said Veronica Riha, biology professor at Madonna University.

"For the first hour we were on the site and picking up stuff, no one talked. We were stunned. It was very surreal. We were picking up stuffed animals, baby shoes, micro-waves, just everything ... there was a deck in the woods so big we couldn't even move it. It was an eye-opener for the students on just how devastating



Madonna University student Cassie Joiner holds up a stuffed animal found during post-Katrina cleanup efforts in Mississippi. Joiner, and nine other Madonna students, spent spring break in the South, working to restore and rebuild areas hit by Hurricane Katrina.

were only a portion of the group's goals for the week. Madonna University students also worked to clear and to lay mulch on a 1.5-mile path around GCRL, a project they started in 2009.

Officials from GCRL estimate that 10,000 public school children have used the trail for educational tours every year since it was cut.

"Working the trail required teamwork and a lot of physical labor," Uzonyi said. "There were some students who just weren't prepared for this amount of work. However, we all pitched in to give breaks and encouragement when needed. I really believe this was physically the hardest of the work days."

The team also spent time building "water bars" in the area, which help prevent soil erosion during times of heavy rain and flooding. During the evening hours, the students had a chance to listen and meet with local experts, who lectured about aspects of biology and science as they relate to the coast, and to both Katrina and the oil spills.

"This trip really causes the students to think about the relationship between what we do in class and what's going on in the real world. They see just how harsh many of the realities are, especially in areas dealing with manmade or natural disasters," Riha said.

Those who went on the trip learned a lot about the ecosystem in the area, but through all the physical and mental labor, they all agreed the biggest lesson learned came from the people they met.

"No one seemed to be defeated by Katrina. This made me feel even prouder of the work we, as a whole, contributed to the GCRL," Uzonyi said. "I made some really great friends. I felt like we had all grown up together in that short week of volunteer work."

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Madonna sent a team of 10 biology and environmental science students and three advisors to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) in Ocean Springs, Miss. GCRL is a marine and coastal research and education enterprise site that is a unit of the University of Southern Mississippi. Madonna has been working with GCRL since immediately after Katrina in an ongoing effort to lend a hand while exposing its students to the realities and scope of a disaster like Katrina.

"I don't think that any of us were prepared for the mental strain of cleaning up others' belongings," said Janos Uzonyi, a Madonna junior and Warren resident. "Seeing so much debris over such a large area was overwhelming. There were stuffed animals and TVs, a water heater, a jet ski — all of which had been dragged miles from their homes. It was unfathomable. I really felt humbled."

Post-Katrina cleanup efforts

Calling all bug hunters for Rouge spring bug hunt

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Spring Bug Hunt on Saturday April 30. Interested volunteers must pre-register by April 15. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of 4-8 people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river.

The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the MDNRE and Rouge communities.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.



These bug hunters worked on the Tonquish Creek last year.

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Both parties liable for any errors on joint tax return

Q: Dear Rick: My divorce was finalized in February 2009. When it came to filing our 2008 tax return in April 2009, my ex-husband convinced me we should file a joint return because it would save us money in taxes. I figured it was a good thing to do. I just received a letter from the IRS saying that because of mistakes on the return, I owed taxes, interest and penalties. All the additional tax is due to my ex-husband's business and not mine. At this point I have no contact with my ex and I don't know where he is. I contacted the IRS and they said it doesn't matter. They are threatening to garnish my wages if I don't pay. Can the IRS do this and can I fight them on my own?

A: I wish I could give you good news, but I can't. The fact that you signed a joint return makes you liable for any additional tax liability.

When someone signs a joint return, the general rule is that



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

they are fully liable for any additional taxes, penalties or interest. However, as is typical with our tax laws, there are exceptions to the rule. If you can prove to the IRS that the unreported income was your ex-husband's and that you were totally innocent and had no involvement in the additional tax, avoiding liability may be possible. However, this is a difficult burden to prove. There is no doubt you need a professional, someone who is experienced in dealing with the IRS, to assist you in this matter.

Many couples who are separated or divorced have tax issues that are not always addressed. They must be. From the IRS standpoint, if you sign a tax return, you are liable for any additional

taxes, penalties or interest. They don't necessarily have to go after both spouses. They can go after just one. Unless a spouse can prove they are an innocent spouse, there is liability.

In most situations where a divorce or a separation occurs, I recommend filing individual returns. I recognize that there could be an additional tax liability; however, I never want to let the tax tail wag the dog. What I factor into the equation is what additional risk my client is assuming by signing a joint return.

If all the deductions are straightforward and all the income comes from W-2s and 1099s, there certainly is less of a risk associated with filing a joint return. However, before you sign a joint return — in a situation of divorce or separation — seek professional advice from someone who is independent from your spouse.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that if someone prepares taxes profession-

ally, they must be competent to deal with the IRS. That is just not the case. Preparing returns and dealing with the IRS are two different things. When dealing with the IRS, never ignore them and never assume that they are correct.

As a taxpayer, you do have rights. It's just sometimes hard for the average individual to know exactly what those rights are. That is why in most cases, when you get a notice from the IRS, it pays to have someone on your side to protect you.

Good luck!

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

Workshops offer caregiver assistance

Experts agree providing care to an older adult or someone with a disability is challenging. The 10th annual Partners in Family Caregiving Conferences provide the information and resources caregivers need to take care of both themselves and their care recipients. Events will feature informational displays, workshops, giveaways and a variety of professionals to help caregivers find the information and resources they need.

"We're finding the number of older adults needing help is increasing every year" said Christine Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services. "Caretaking requires more than just good intentions, as caregivers are also responsible for providing care to the physical and mental well-being of a recipient."

Local conferences have been scheduled for 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Redford Community Center (12121 Hemingway) in Redford, and 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway) in Canton. Free health and hearing screenings will be provided throughout the conferences. Glucose testing and Cholesterol screenings will be provided for \$4 each.

Conferences are free to attend and are funded by The Senior Alliance and a collaborative between Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Adult Well-Being Services and Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan. Sponsors for the event also include AARP, Humana, United Healthcare, Oakwood and Visiting

Physicians Association.

All events are free; however, those interested in attending are asked to pre-register by calling (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for the conference of their choice. You may also pre-register by visiting www.wayne-metro.org/caregiver.html.

Service professionals will discuss a variety of topics, Alzheimer's/Dementia disease progression, legal issues and alternative living options.

In addition, information on in-home help, adult day care, prescription assistance, handling stress and respite programs will be available. Free refreshments and door prizes will also be provided.

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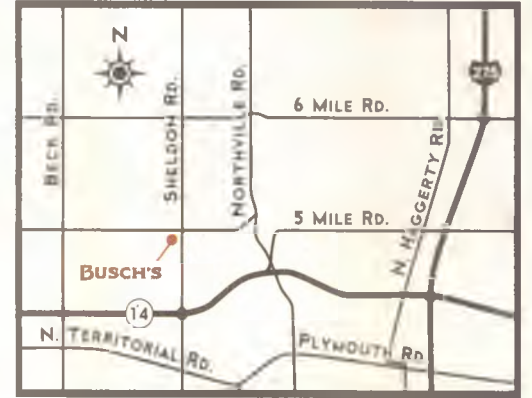
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'Cats want to claw to the top

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a roster full of guys who love to play baseball, Plymouth varsity coach Bryan Boyd can't wait to see how that go-get-'em attitude translates to the diamond.

"The guys have come in, they're working their tails off right now," said Boyd, starting his second season with the Wildcats. "It's a somewhat young team again, but they really seem to be bonding."

"They're going hard day-in and day-out. We have 16 kids that love baseball."

It remains to be seen if Plymouth (18-15 in 2010) can challenge perennial contender Canton, however.

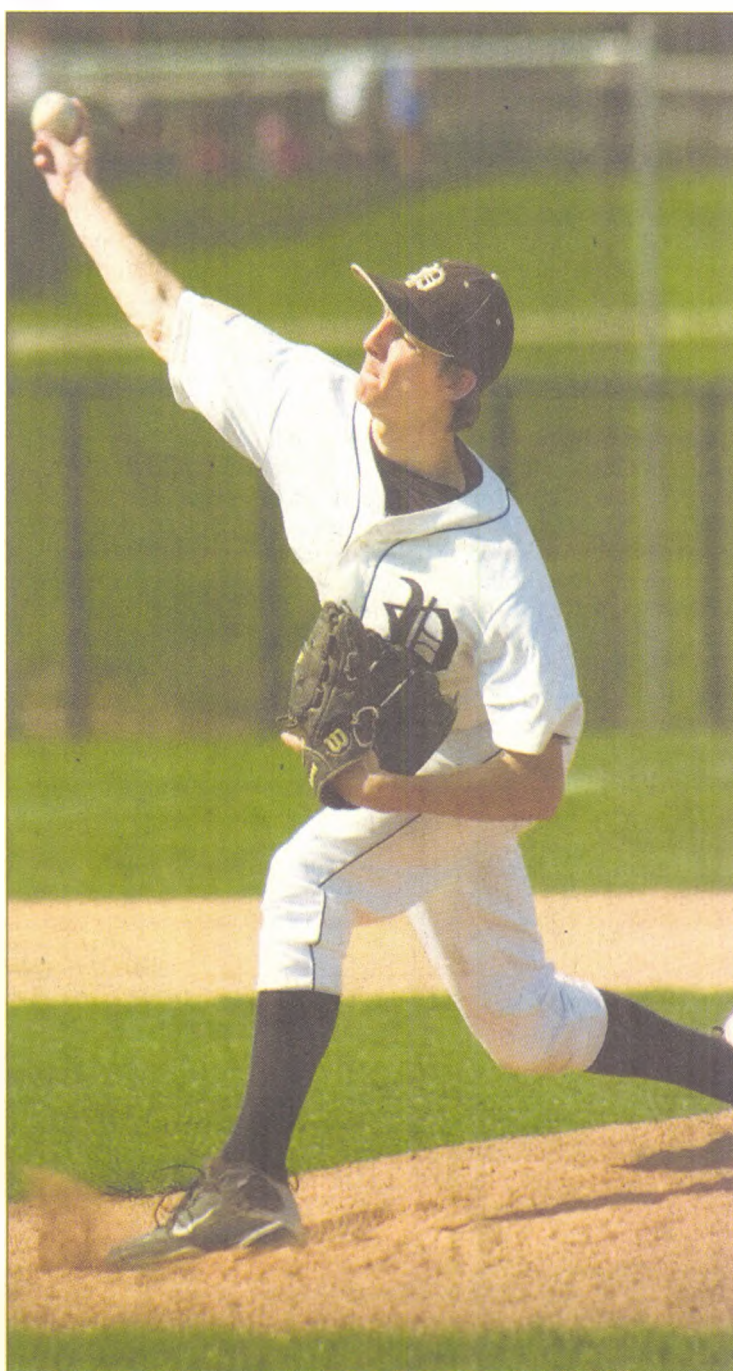
"Canton is still the gold standard," Boyd said. "They have (won) three straight districts, regional champs, quarterfinals last year."

"Mark (Blomshield) does a great job over there. That's what we're aspiring to get to right now."

THAT'S THE QUESTION

Whether the Wildcats can get to the division pinnacle remains to be seen. But the team's unofficial slogan — "How good do we want to be?" — suggests that hard work and

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The top of Plymouth's starting rotation will feature seniors Harrison Michels (above, from a 2010 game) and Mike Nadratowski.

Eagles to bring thump to lineup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PCA could very well stand for "Power Comin' Atcha" this baseball season.

Plymouth Christian Academy head coach Joe Bottorff likes the long-ball potential of his 2011 Eagles as they embark on the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference season.

"In our first outdoor practice, six players cleared the fence and four others hit the wall," Bottorff said.

Senior shortstop Matt Dodson led last year's team in batting average and slugging percentage, so he likely will be one of the fence busters.

Dodson will bat third ahead of cleanup hitter Jon Slater, the team's No. 1 pitcher and All-MIAC first teamer (as was Dodson).

Starting catcher Daniel Slater and first-year center fielder Dillon Rahill also will do some extra-base damage.

"This is his (Rahill's) first year playing baseball," Bottorff said. "But he has a great first step getting to the ball in the outfield and (has) a lot of power."

Daniel Slater, meanwhile, will be PCA's No. 2 pitcher (with an 80 mph fastball) and starting catcher when not on the mound.

"Behind the plate, he shuts down an opponent's running game," the coach said.

Also new to the team is Caleb York, who will play third base and pitch.

"Caleb is a great kid with a lively arm and a lot of power," Bottorff said.

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Rodgers' five goals key Canton romp

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If a team scores 12 goals and its coach still sees plenty room for offensive improvement, that could be a sign that it could be a long season for the opponents of Canton's varsity boys lacrosse squad.

Canton trounced Huron Valley 12-7 Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, sparked by a five-goal performance from senior all-state attacker Matt Rodgers.

Adding three goals and a couple of helpers was sophomore midfielder Tim Popp, while senior midfielder Jordan Smith scored twice.

"Our defense played real well, our goalie (Dan Blanchard) played real well, we cleared the ball real well," Chiefs head coach Kevin Riley said following the season opener. "Offensively, we stumbled a little bit."

"But we'll pick it up, it's our first game and we did pretty good."

Both teams took a while to get going, playing to a 1-1 tie after one quarter.

Huron Valley's Doyle Williams opened the scoring, but Popp evened things up on an assist from midfielder Brandon Grillo.

An outstanding individual effort by Smith broke the tie at 4:02 of the see-saw second



After scoring one of his five goals Thursday, Canton's Matt Rodgers (No. 10) celebrates with teammate Trevor Moore (No. 22).

quarter. Smith took a pass from Rodgers, then carried the ball up the field. He moved in on Titans goalie Chris Reid and flung a shot into the top right corner.

Williams scored again for Huron Valley to make it 2-2 and the teams traded goals

again.

First, Rodgers took a centering feed from Moore and beat Reid, for a 3-2 Canton edge with 7:08 remaining in the half. The Titans tied it up at 8:46 on a goal by Chris Ross

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Salem could be much improved this season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011 Salem boys lacrosse team's mission is splashed prominently on the squad's web site.

Words such as speed, strength, determination and drive are up-front and certainly will be what head coach Eric Hoffman would like to see from the team.

With a number of seniors back for their final kick at the

KLAA can, they undoubtedly will keep those words in mind as they try to improve on what happened in 2010.

Last season, Salem finished a disappointing 3-14 overall and 1-5 in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

Already, the Rocks are one-third of the way toward at least equaling the 2010 mark thanks to Tuesday's 6-2 victory over Howell to improve to 1-1 (the Rocks lost 13-5 to Saline on Monday in the season opener).

"We played a good, complete game and come out

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with a 'W' (against Howell)," Hoffman said.

LEADING THE ATTACK

The Salem attack should be a strength, particularly from the top three scorers from 2010 — midfielder Connor Berlin and attackmen Dylan Hatcher and Garrett Berg, all seniors.

"He's good offensively, defensively, he does it all," Hoffman said about Berlin.

And Hoffman said Hatcher and Berg are players "that we're looking for numbers from this year."

Two other Salem seniors who will be counted on to hit the back of opponents' nets with regularity are Wes Carr and Nicholas Hayes.

Salem's offense could get a boost from junior attackers Mason Amin and Kody Duhl and sophomore attacker Patrick Kretschmer.

Besides Berlin, helping orchestrate that offensive thrust will be solid senior midfielders Brandon Ciciotti, Kyle Stokfisz, Luke Johnson, Andres Ferro, Drew Hisey, Jon Homrich, Max Mills and Nick Troher.

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SIDELINES

Kitchener tops Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers were on the cusp Friday night of closing out their first-round series against the host Kitchener Rangers.

Plymouth took a 3-2 lead just 34 seconds into the third period on forward Robbie Czarnik's second goal of the OHL Western Conference quarterfinal.

But the Rangers netted three unanswered goals and hung on for a 6-4 victory in Game 5 — setting up Saturday night's potential series clincher for the Whalers.

Results from Saturday's game at Compuware Arena will be available at www.hometownlife.com.

Plymouth, now up 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, could not stop Kitchener's Jason Akeson, who scored three times.

Tyler Brown had four assists in a losing cause, while Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi scored at 19:28 of the third period (with Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood pulled for an extra man) to cut the deficit to 5-4.

But Akeson iced the win with an empty netter at 19:55.

Wedgewood and Kitchener goalie Mike Morrison were busy. Wedgewood stopped 41 of 46 shots; Morrison turned aside 39 Plymouth shots.

Plymouth won Game 4 Wednesday at Compuware, rallying for goals late in the third period by James Livingston and Jamie Devane to force overtime.

Stefan Noesen then scored at 13:23 of overtime for the game-winner.

MU baseball sweeps

Madonna University opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball action Wednesday by sweeping visiting Davenport University in a twinbill, 6-0 and 4-1.

The Crusaders, playing in their home opener at Ilitch Ballpark, improved to 16-9 overall and 5-1 in the WHAC.

Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) pitched a complete-game, three-hit shutout in the opener to improve to 4-0. The Dearborn Divine Child grad struck out seven and walked only one.

Alex Charles paced MU's six-hit attack going 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Jeff Bultinck and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) also knocked in runs.

MU took the nightcap as well as lefty Tom Hants (3-2) allowed just four hits in 8½ innings. Hansen walked only two and gave up just one run, while Travis Schuba came on to get the final out and his third save of the year.

MU collected eight hits, with shortstop Mike Gansser going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Bultinck and Drew Adamiec each added two hits, while Victor Barron also had an RBI.

Dan Brown went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Panthers (16-9, 4-2).

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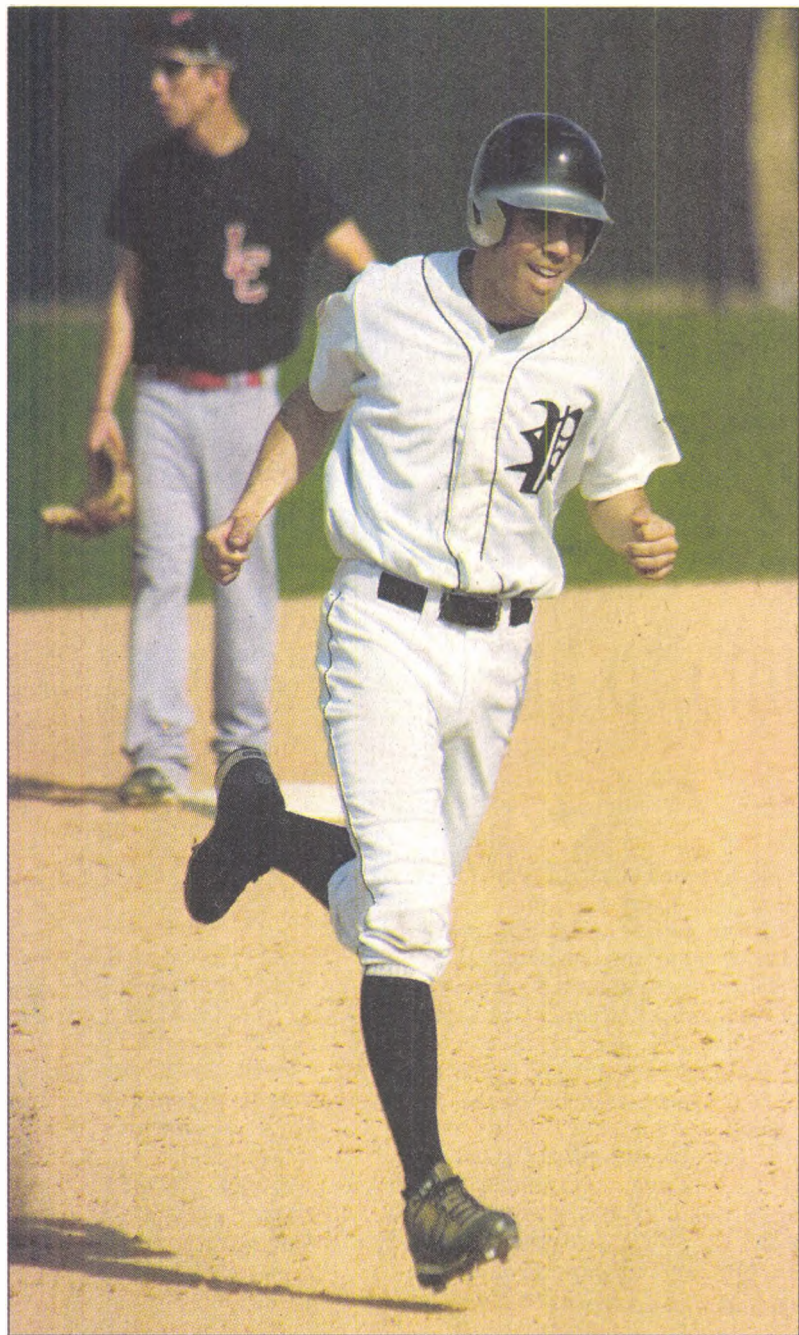
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Circling the bases after hitting a home run last year against Livonia Churchill is Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski, who once again will pitch and play center field in 2011.

WILDCATS

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desire might begin to answer that query. "This team has a chance to be very good," Boyd said. "It'll be up to them."

The first test will be a 4 p.m. home doubleheader Tuesday against Milan. Boyd said he likes his pitching depth, batting lineup and defense entering the schedule.

"We're a lot deeper," he said. "Our pitching is deeper, our lineup is deeper, there's no holes in our lineup."

And his starting outfield of left fielder (and leadoff hitter) Jamarl Eiland, center fielder Mike Nadratowski and right fielder Phil Emminger "might be our biggest strength ... those three can fly."

Boyd sees plenty of offensive potential in Emminger, a converted catcher with a strong arm who hit .434 during the second half of last season.

Nadratowski also can hit, surpassing the .400 mark in 2010, and chew up innings as a left-handed starting pitcher when not in the outfield.

He will be the No. 2 pitcher in Boyd's rotation, behind senior righty Harrison Michels. Nadratowski and Michels are the only returning varsity pitchers for the Wildcats.

"Harrison has a lot of moxie on the mound," the coach said. "Harrison has a positive pitcher's attitude, he really believes he's going to win the battle every single time."

It also helps that Michels has command and good movement on all three of his pitches. "We expect him to hit the ground running and really have a fantastic season."

CAREER QUEST

Nadratowski, meanwhile, needs five wins to reach 14 for his prep career and become Plymouth's all-time win-

Pt. 3: The Salem baseball preview will run in the Thursday, April 7 Observer.

ningest pitcher.

"Mike's in his third year pitching on varsity. He has nine wins over the past two years," Boyd said. "He has a chance to be the all-time leader in wins at Plymouth."

"He throws hard and he has good off-speed stuff."

Boyd said he has a handful of pitchers who have the potential to be successful at the varsity level, giving the Wildcats plenty of depth on the mound.

Junior Justin Thompson so far has the inside track on the No. 3 spot in the rotation. "Justin's done a nice job, he's worked his tail off," Boyd said.

Eiland, a sophomore, also is in the mix. So are juniors Andrew Page and Austin Ebeling.

Junior James Willey probably will be the closer, while southpaw Chad Schroeder could see some innings.

Handling the pitching staff will be junior catcher Rich Guglielmi, a returning starter who will bat cleanup.

"He can mash," Boyd said. "He's going to hit in the four-hole and he's going to protect Mike (Nadratowski)."

Guglielmi has worked tirelessly since last season to hone his defensive skills. But Boyd pointed to another asset he brings to the team — having the perfect personality to be a catcher.

"He does a nice job with the guys, getting to know each of his pitchers," he said. "He's got a really good rapport with all of the guys. That's what we want."

First-year varsity player Brandon Congdon, a junior, will spell Guglielmi.

"We feel he (Congdon) could start on a lot of teams in the area," Boyd said. "He's a very strong defensive catcher."

Boyd said Guglielmi will see some at-

bats at designated hitter, as will several others: "This team is loaded with guys who can DH."

INFIELD STANDOUTS

One of the team's hard-hitting players will be junior first baseman Tyler Goble.

"He's worked hard on his swing and we feel he'll be a 'thunder cat' this year," Boyd said. "He really hits the ball hard."

Goble also is a "fantastic energy guy and a good leader on the field," which is why Boyd moved him from outfield to first base.

Schroeder also will play some first base, bringing power and good defense.

Handling the hot corner will be Michels (on non-pitching days) and varsity newcomer Nick Sandberg, a junior who is solid with the glove.

Michels can swing the bat well, too. "Harrison's got a good stick, he's got some pop," Boyd said.

The Wildcats also have a defensive standout in senior shortstop Ben Wohl, "one of the best defensive shortstops in the area," the coach said.

Wohl will be the anchor of the infield defense, teaming with junior second baseman Johnny Etienne (or sophomore Brendan Swanson).

"Anybody around him (Wohl) is better based on the things that he does" on defense, Boyd said.

Meanwhile, Wohl could provide a bonus with his batting. "He's really put his time in with his swing, he hit in the basement every day this winter," Boyd said.

Etienne was the top hitter on the 2010 Plymouth junior varsity, while versatile Swanson (on the freshman team last year) made the team out of tryouts. "Swanny's a five-tool guy."

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EAGLES

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The second baseman and leadoff hitter will be Daniel Jipping, who could also pitch if needed.

"Daniel comes in with much more experience than your typical freshman and is ready to step right into a starting role," Bottorff said. "Daniel has a strong arm and a lot of power at the plate."

Several players will see innings at first base. They

include sophomore Matt Read and AJ Smith, the latter who will start regularly in right field.

"AJ had a breakout year last year and I am expecting him to build on that this year," Bottorff said.

As for Read, he is showing plenty of promise in batting practice "and I expect him to continue to improve all season."

PLENTY OF VERSATILITY

And Bottorff could use him at third base or the outfield if needed at those positions.

In addition to Rahill and

Smith, the Eagles' outfield often will feature versatile Matt Hagelin in left. According to Bottorff, he could also pencil Hagelin in at second base or shortstop if needed.

The contact hitter probably will bat ninth in the lineup.

"We like to bat Matt ninth as he hits for a high average and has speed," he said. "So we may use him as a second lead-off batter."

"Matt has sneaky power and is an excellent base-runner."

The Eagles' roster also includes juniors Kurtis

McKenzie and Jon Beauchemin, sophomores Trevor Gogola and Drew Cobb and freshmen Jared Cobb, John Lauch and Ben Cockrum.

PCA opens the season at 4 p.m. Thursday at home, against Melvindale Academy.

"The team is very focused and we have outstanding leadership and a ton of experience," Bottorff said. "We finished second in the MIAC Red Division last year and our seniors feel that we have unfinished business there."

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One of Plymouth Christian's heavy hitting returnees is Matt Dodson, shown here from a game in 2010.

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Net appraisal of All-Area cagers: outstanding

FIRST TEAM

Kari Schmitt, Sr., F, Canton: For the second straight season, the Chiefs reached the Final Four and the outstanding all-around play of Schmitt had plenty to do with that.

Schmitt scored 12.4 points per game and contributed 6.5 rebounds per contest, along with three steals and assists.

The All-KLAA South Division selection helped spark Canton to a record of 24-3, including championships in the division, conference, district and regional.

"Kari had an outstanding year," Canton coach Brian Samulski said about the 6-0 senior. "The thing that makes Kari so good is she does everything well. She did everything for us: scored, rebounded, guarded the post or perimeter and she was a great leader."

Kari and twin sister Sara will play Division I women's hockey next year at Ohio State University.

Kayla Bridges, Sr., F, Canton: Another key component of Canton's juggernaut of recent seasons is the 6-0 senior forward.

Bridges was strong in the paint and could knock down outside shots when called upon. She finished with 12.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

"Kayla's ability to score around the rim is outstanding," Samulski said. "She was relentless when it came to offensive rebounding. Kayla also did a great job of guarding opponents' inside players."

Also on the All-KLAA South Division team, Bridges will continue her basketball career at Wayne State University.

She currently is playing for Canton's varsity girls soccer team as a goalkeeper.

Janelle McQueen, Sr., G, Farm. Hills Mercy: The senior guard led the Marlins to an 18-6 record, the Catholic League championship and a Class A regional final.

She averaged 13 points per game, as well as three rebounds, two assists and three steals. McQueen, who is going to Texas Southern University to play basketball, was frequently on the finishing end of the fast break and played a key role in the Mercy defense.

"Janelle really became a complete, consistent player this year," coach Gary Morris said. "She had shown flashes last year, but really took her overall game to another level. She was a better shooter, driver and defender. Janelle was our go-to player on offense, and she was a big part of our tremendously successful season this year."

Chelsea Williams, Sr., PG, Liv. Franklin: The three-year starter and team captain averaged 22 points, eight assists, five steals

2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL FIRST-TEAM

Kari Schmitt, Sr., F, Canton
Kayla Bridges, Sr., F, Canton
Janelle McQueen, Sr., G, Farm. Hills Mercy
Chelsea Williams, Sr., PG, Liv. Franklin
Erica Covile, Jr., G-F, Westland Glenn
Andie Anastos, Soph., PG, Liv. Ladywood

SECOND-TEAM

Jasmine Harris, Jr., G, N. Farmington
Sara Schmitt, Sr., F, Canton
Heidi Schmidt, Sr., G, Salem
Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., F, Liv. Ladywood
Bri'janae Durrough, Fresh., G, Red. Thurston

THIRD-TEAM

Robyn Mack, Jr., G, Canton
Cherish Willis, Jr., G, Farmington
Eman Hubbard, Jr., C, Farm. Harrison
Sam Fischer, Sr., G, Garden City
Kate Watson, Jr., G, Plymouth
Jordan York, Jr., G, Liv. Stevenson

FOURTH-TEAM

Candice Leatherwood, Fr., G, Mercy
Brianna Harris, Sr., G, Ply. Christian
Aaron Howell, Soph., G, Farmington
Andrea Gordon-McClain, Sr., F, Westland Glenn

Amanda Borleo, Sr., F, Liv. Franklin
Molly Knopf, Jr., G, Liv. Stevenson
Melanie Pickert, Sr., G, Canton

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

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Gary Morris, Farm. Hills Mercy

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: CarolAnn Sekauer;
Plymouth: Alex Roberts, Kylie Robb, Alyssa Dillon; Salem: Katelynn Krause, Breanne Beaver; Plymouth Christian: Emily Gerulis, Karen Windle, Bethany Hale, Jenny Malcolm; Farmington: Lida Baur, Tamera Anthony, Raven Williams; Harrison: Marissa Colton, Joslyn Wilcox, Emma Williams, Lisa McFarland; Thurston: Taylor Hunt, Arielle Paris; Redford Union: Jordan Hebrner; Garden City: Carley Shattleroe, Hillarie Werda; Mercy: Alexa Bahoura, Lauren Reinhold, Abbey Lovat, Sarah Benson, Elena Vlachos, LaRae Prater, Sam Bauer; North Farmington: Emily Ancona, Hallee Kamsman, Stevie Jones, Kaitlyn Kendall; Churchill: Erin Menard, Sydney Anderson; Franklin: Jessica Emery; Stevenson: Kristen Balhoun, Charlesann Roy, Monika Rudis; John Glenn: Kaira Barnes, Shakeya Graves; Wayne Memorial: Holland Boertje, Ashley Bland; Ladywood: Alyssa Anastos, Briana Combs; Kiley Gorski; Clarencville: Jenna Burgess, Brittany Tallman; Lutheran Westland: Amanda Terranella, Aldreanna Fikes; Huron Valley Lutheran: Katie Nell.

Covile, an All-KLAA selection, is already a coveted college recruit.

"Eric is a smart and unselfish player," Glenn coach Mark Anderson said. "She can do it all on the court and has a great understanding how to play basketball. She's a quiet leader that gets things done. She led our team in scoring."

Andie Anastos, Soph., PG, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-9 sophomore point guard led the Blazers to a Class A district crown and a share of the Catholic League's Central Division regular season title after averaging 14.3 points, 4.8 rebounds, 4.5 assists and two steals per game.

"In my opinion, she was the best player on the floor in every game she played in and we played an extremely tough schedule," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "Andie is a true 'gamer' as she shine in the biggest games we played in."

Anastos, an all-Catholic League selection, also carries a 3.87 grade-point average.

"Some of the performances she put on throughout the year just left me smiling and saying, 'Wow,'" Coratti added. "Andie's high level of natural talent, coupled with her unrelenting passion to compete and get better, will provide for a very fun couple of years to coach."

SECOND TEAM

Sara Schmitt, Sr., F, Canton: The 5-11 senior provided superb defense and leadership for the Division 1 semifinalist Chiefs.

Schmitt chipped in on offense, with 8.2 points per game. She averaged 5.5 rebounds and 4.3 assists, plus 2.2 steals nightly.

But the All-KLAA South Division choice really was a thorn in the side of opponents' top offensive players, helping Canton keep scores low and thus roll through the schedule and postseason.

"Sara's defense and vision on the floor was huge for us this year," Samulski said. "Sara did a great job of defending some of the state's best players. Her ability to find the open player and get them the ball was terrific."

Schmitt will play D-I women's hockey at Ohio State University with twin sister Kari. Both also were varsity swimmers at Canton.

Heidi Schmidt, Sr., G, Salem: Veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann can't stop praising the sweet-shooting 5-8 guard, and for good reason.

Schmidt tried to jump-start the Rocks in the districts against Plymouth, scoring 11 fourth-quarter points — although her yeoman efforts weren't quite enough.

"She just had a wonderful senior season," Thomann said. "She's just an outstanding ath-

and three blocks per game her senior year en route to All-KLAA honors.

"Chelsea is a real good athlete and can play any one of five positions on the floor," Franklin coach Bob Ostrowski said. "She was used primarily as a point guard this year and started every game. She definitely was our go-to person."

The 5-foot-11 Williams earned first-team all-area honors last year and second-teamer as a sophomore after helping the Patriots to the 2009 Class A state championship game.

Erica Covile, Jr., G-F, Westland Glenn: The 6-foot junior transfer from Detroit Cody paid immediate dividends for the Rockets (19-4), averaging 13 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and three steals per game.



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lete who truly was the leader of our club this year. As the only senior on our club, she really gave us the leadership we needed to be competitive in many of the games we played."

She led the Rocks (9-12) in scoring with an average of 12.3 points, and contributed 5.4 rebounds per game (second on the team).

Schmidt's third year on the Salem varsity and second as a starter was rewarded with selection to the All-KLAA Central Division team.

Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr., F, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-10 senior forward averaged 12.2 points, 7.1 rebounds and 1.7 assists as the Blazers finished 18-6 overall.

"She was a rock of consistency throughout the year with her relentless effort on both ends of the floor," Coratti said of the all-Catholic League pick. "She was asked to play basically every position for us and shine in every role she played — often times shutting down an opposing team's best player. She is the epitome of my ideal basketball player — a high-character kid that has a tireless desire to compete. There was never a player on the floor that played harder than her."

Jasmine Harris, Jr., G, N. Farmington: The 5-foot-10 junior guard averaged 19.1 points and eight rebounds while competing against top competition in the OAA Red Division.

Harris, a three-year varsity player, also averaged 2.2 steals and one block. She has 840 points in her prep career. Harris had a career-high 34 against Pontiac, surpassing her previous best of 29 vs. OAA Blue Division champion Farmington.

"For her to have the season she had statistically, considering most teams knew about her and put their best defender against her, it was a great year for her in our division," coach Tim Carruthers said. "Her role had to change this year with the kids we lost last year. We

looked for her to be more of a scorer and leader, and I think she stepped into those roles nicely."

Bri'janae Durrough, Fr., G, Red. Thurston: The freshman guard played well beyond her years, earning the Eagles' starting point guard duties from Day 1 and not disappointing. She led her team in scoring (15 points per game), assists (7.0) and steals (3.0).

"It took a while for the rest of the team to adjust to having a freshman point guard, but once they did, we went 8-2 at the end of the season," Thurston head coach Marvin Essix said. "She was never fazed by playing against bigger, older girls. The older she gets, the better she'll get."

Joslyn Massey, Jr., F, Westland Glenn: The 6-0 junior forward became eligible midway through the season after transferring from Detroit Renaissance, where she played on the Class A state runner-up team as a sophomore.

Massey wasted little time, averaging 10 points, 13 rebounds, three assists and two blocks per game for the Rockets.

"She joined the team late and started to contribute right away," Anderson said of the All-KLAA choice. "She's very athletic with so much potential. Joslyn works hard every day at making herself into a better player. She loves to defend and rebound."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Gary Morris, Farm. Hills Mercy: The Marlins played well down the stretch, winning seven straight games to claim their

first Catholic League championship since 1983. Mercy defeated Class B state champion Divine Child in the semis and Ladywood in the final. The Marlins were



Gary Morris
Mercy coach

district champs and regional finalists for the fourth time in six years, division champs and league finalists for the second time in five years.

"We've been able to achieve all of this and build a solid program because of many hard-working, coachable players and dedicated parents," Morris said. "I've been fortunate to have an outstanding coaching staff, too."

Dennis Janer (varsity), Bob Uhrin (JV) and Rich Mardeusz (freshman) have been on staff for the seven years Morris has been at Mercy. Varsity assistants Jim Lovat and Nuvette Naami have been with the program four years. Kristin Porubsky and Kaitlyn Mardeusz, both former Mercy players like Naami, joined the staff for the 2010-11 season.

"These coaches are talented and so very committed to our program and players," Morris said.

Dave Browne, Farmington: In his second season at Farmington, Browne guided the Falcons to the OAA Blue Division championship with a 14-0 record. They also set a school record for single-season victories with a 17-4 overall record.

Farmington finished the regular season with an 11-game winning streak.

"I had a good feeling going into the season," Browne said. "I didn't know we were going to be

17-3. That was a result of the girls working hard. It's a great group of girls, and it was great to see their efforts pay off."

"We thought we had a chance to be in (contention for the title). We thought we could be good, but a lot of things needed to go our way. The girls dug in and did a good job. They worked hard in practice and made my job easy."



Dave Browne
Farmington coach



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Figure Skating Level B team took part in the individual state competition held March 26 at the Ann Arbor Ice Arena. Participants included: (front row, from left) Lindsay Magaldi, Danielle Cecil, Rose Vowler, Stephanie Lyle, Allison Morrison and Alexa Macari; (back row, from left) Melanie Elliott, Lauren Taylor, Madison Smith, Alex Feschenko, Amanda Pinko and Allison Schendel.

P-CEP Level B figure skaters solid at states

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Figure Skating Level B team competed last weekend in the state championships held at Ann Arbor Ice Arena.

P-CEP, coached by Barb Miller and Suzi Smith, finished in a tie for fourth place among 15 qualifying teams.

There were many individual highlights from team members, including first-place finishes by Aileen Peer (beginner

test track free skating) and India Johnson (Pre-Silver Solo Dance).

Victoria Massey had an impressive performance. She took second place in the Novice/Senior Showcase and followed up with third place in intermediate test track free skating.

Taking second place in the beginner test track free skating category was Audrey Reding.

In third in the Bronze Solo Dance was Melanie Elliott, with Alex Feschenko finishing fourth in the pre-preliminary test track free skating event.

Allison Schendel took fifth in preliminary test track free skating while Taylor Jaaska and Madison Smith finished with sixth-place finishes.

Jaaska's was in juvenile test track free skating; Smith's was in pre-preliminary test track free skating.

Wildcat baseball clinic

Circle Saturday, April 9, on your calendar if you are a young, aspiring baseball player looking to improve skills for this season and beyond.

The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic is designed to do just that. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment. Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 Plymouth Wildcats players.

Sessions, at the high school's baseball complex (gymnasium if inclement weather) and limited to 100 participants, are slated for 9 a.m. to noon (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (grades 5-8).

Boys and girls currently in grades 1-8 are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per player if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. That fee includes a snack. T-shirts will be available for \$8.

For more information, contact Plymouth varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd at Bryan.Boyd@pccsml.net.

Captain's Corner

If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition, please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season takes place on Sundays at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols.

To register, visit www.coach-jacksonspeed.com; or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org or call

the office at (734) 453-2904.

Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

This year's run, by the way, is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

For more information about the Governor's Council endorsement program, go to www.michiganfitness.org. For more info on the Fathers Day Run, contact cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org.

Salem, Plymouth garner first-ever wins

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(from Corey Roberto) during a manpower advantage.

THREE IN A ROW

But Canton broke it open with a three-goal blitz during the final two minutes before intermission. Huron Valley never could catch the Chiefs the rest of the match.

Rodgers, Smith and Popp scored in succession for a 6-3 halftime lead.

Huron Valley (0-2) changed goalies (to Teddy Jones) to open the third quarter, and the Titans responded with two goals in the opening minute (from Williams and Ross).

Riley, however, switched up his defense at that point and Canton rebounded.

"I moved my defense around," Riley said. "We went to a man-to-man instead of a zone and it worked."

Popp found the back of the net on a sharp-angle shot from the right post at 6:52 of the third. About two minutes later, he set up a goal scored by his older brother, senior midfielder Ben Popp.

The Chiefs (1-0) worked a pretty passing play with less than 90 seconds left in the

quarter to score again and take a 9-6 advantage into the fourth.

Rodgers circled the back of Huron Valley's goal and sent a pass to senior midfielder Trevor Moore stationed at the left of the goal. Moore made no mistake with his shot.

SPECIAL PLAYER

That play by Rodgers epitomized what has made him so special at Canton.

"You're not going to get it away from him once he gets it," Riley said.

Rodgers kept hitting the target in the fourth, scoring all three Canton goals in the quarter.

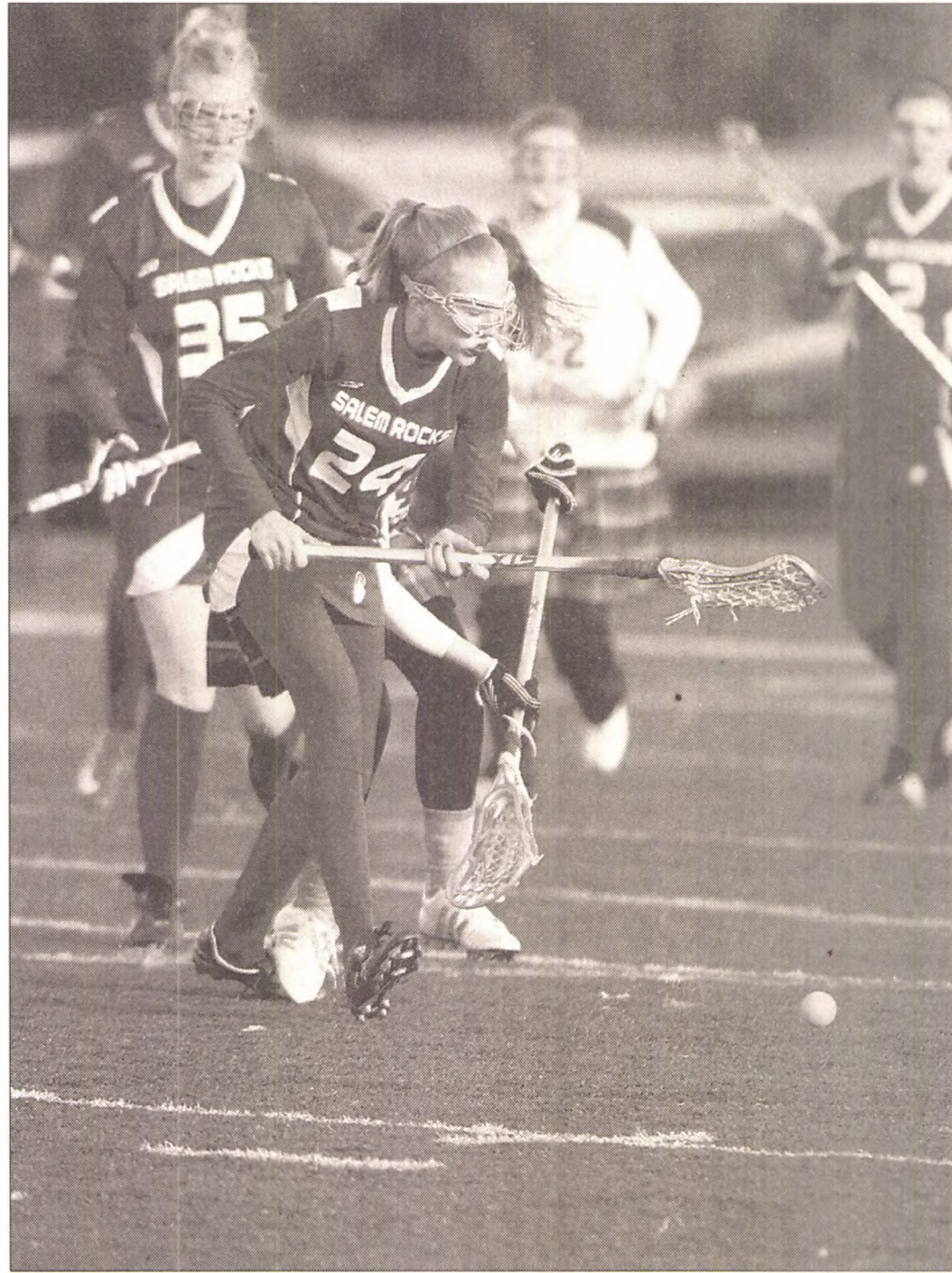
For his fifth of the night (at 7:54), he carried the ball from behind the Huron Valley net, found his way to the left post and stuffed it from close range.

The Chiefs then worked the clock over the final four minutes to close out the victory.

"We didn't throw the ball away that much," Riley said. "We held on to the ball as best we could. We lost a few ground balls, but other than that we did pretty good."

Canton is idle until 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, when Grosse Ile will visit P-CEP.

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Salem's Alexis O'Connor (No. 24) goes for the ball during Wednesday night's game against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Moving in on the action for the Rocks are Jessica Hodge (No. 35) and Alissa Amell (No. 2).

JOHN KEMSKI

1 at the intermission.

PLYMOUTH 14, UNITED FARMINGTON 3:

The first-ever victory for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team Thursday night featured eight goals and two assists from Katie Hill, with two markers each from Taylor Birman and Jill Sparchu.

Chipping in with one goal

each were Sophia Flesch and Haley Swanson. The Wildcats' offense also was bolstered by the play of junior Shannon Lubin (three assists, four draw controls) and Nicole Natelborg (one assist), who tallied seven ground balls and caused seven turnovers.

Plymouth goalkeeper Sarah Messer gave up three goals on

10 shots to post the victory.

"Our team worked hard to pass the ball quickly and played aggressive defense," Plymouth head coach Bob Hill said.

"We are coming together as a team (and) it is great to see the hard work the girls have been putting in coming through in their play."

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the third try, Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team tasted victory for the first time as a solo entity.

The Rocks knocked off host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 9-6 on Wednesday night, improving to 1-2 on the young season.

Salem, Canton and Plymouth are in their first seasons following the splintering of the former Lady Warriors combined team. Plymouth also broke into the win column this week (see below).

According to Salem head coach Dave Medley, his team was determined to bounce back from Tuesday's 13-3 loss at Saline.

"Although it was not something I was happy about," Medley said, "losing at Saline the night before you could see this squad was toughened up."

Salem led at halftime, which Medley did not dismiss as important.

"We were up 5-2 at the half, which allowed this young team some time to play a little prevent (defense) and strategize about getting better as a team," he stressed.

But the Irish came back with two goals to close the gap to 5-4, "pushing us to respond and shortening our relaxation period."

The Rocks hung on, with goalie Meaghan Eldridge solid with five saves (she also picked up two ground balls).

Another player who wreaked havoc on the Irish was Katie Meagher. She collected four ground balls and caused five turnovers.

On the offensive end, Alissa Amell scored three goals, while Breanne Beaver and Lexie O'Connor added two each. Rounding out the scoring with single tallies were Kiersten Valla and Sarah Edgecomb.

Meanwhile, O'Connor and Rose Krasofsky (two goals) provided Salem's scoring Tuesday against Saline, a game where the Rocks fell behind 7-



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Canton sophomore attacker Tim Popp (No. 18) snares the ball despite close attention from Huron Valley's Tyler Shubitowski (No. 24) during Thursday night's boys lacrosse matchup.

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But Hoffman expects solid showings from junior midfielder Nick Giannini and sophomore midfielder Brandon Lee.

"We're looking for him (Lee) to step up," he said. "He should have a big year this year."

Experience is thinner on the defensive side of the field, however.

There only are two senior defenders (Anthony Portelli and Mike Zimmerman) and one senior goalie in Alex Gravlin.

Of course, Portelli is a returning player who was all-state honorable mention in 2010.

"We're going to lean on him this year," Hoffman said. "We have a whole new defense."

Looking to help shore things up will be junior defenders Kody Hutchinson, Chris Contos and Jack Vida. Rounding out

the 'D' will be sophomore Philip Sutfin.

Gravlin has started every game during his four-year Salem career, and Hoffman likes how he's started the season.

"He stepped up real big the first two games for us," said Hoffman, an all-state goalie for Novi in the mid-1990s. "We're hoping for him to keep the ball out of the net this year. So far, he's up for the challenge."

The Rocks also have sophomore goalie Justin Oldani available to team with Gravlin.

The bottom line is that opponents had better not think the 2011 Salem team will be as beatable as last year's was.

"I think we're a much improved lacrosse team," the coach said. "I'm expecting a lot more wins this year. I think we're going to be real competitive in the KLA. If any team looks past us, they're going to learn that they shouldn't have."

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Chiefs bounce back with win over Saline

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS SOCCER

Canton scored in each half and goalkeepers Kayla Bridges and Danielle Schendel were perfect as the Chiefs blanked Saline 2-0 Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

Head coach Jeannine Reddy said playing defending state champion Novi tough Monday (a 3-2 loss) probably sharpened the Chiefs up for the non-conference matchup against the Hornets.

"Losing to the state champs from last year in our first game and coming here, playing and winning," Reddy said. "That (Novi) game didn't do anything. I think it just made them stronger."

Schendel, a junior, preserved the shutout with about one minute remaining.

The Hornets were buzzing around, trying to get on the board, and junior Brittney Brown hammered an indirect

kick that looked to be targeted for the top-left corner.

But Schendel (six saves) jumped up and deflected the ball with her hands.

"We played much better defense (than against Novi)," Reddy said. "Danielle played awesome. Kayla (three saves) played great in the beginning."

Reddy said she stayed with the defensive lineup she switched to during the opener, with freshman Rachel Winters moving from midfield to defense.

"I put Rachel in the back, just for the speed," Reddy said. "She's a little faster."

Canton (1-1-0) opened the scoring in the first half, on a goal from Kaitlyn Murphy. She took a feed from Megan Trapp and found the target.

Then Ally Krause gave the Chiefs some breathing room with about 13 minutes to play. She ripped a 15-yard drive from directly in front of the

Saline goal to make it a 2-0 game.

"Saline is a very physical team," Reddy said. "We're not that type of team, but (we) played well and kept up with how physical they were."

The Chiefs will next host Northville at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 0, ANN ARBOR HURON 0: The visiting Wildcats battled Ann Arbor Huron to a scoreless tie Thursday, behind the second straight shutout posted by senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams and Plymouth's tough defense.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said his team had a number of excellent scoring chances, but could not cash in. He cited Megan Peplinski, McKenzie Hengesh, Alyssa Dillon and Stephanie Dillon as all having "quality scoring chances, but they just couldn't finish."

The Wildcats are now 1-0-1 and will next Northville at 7 p.m. Thursday in a KLA Central tilt.

SALEM 1, WALLED LAKE NORTH-ERN 1: Also playing to a tie Thursday was Salem, which nearly won the game in the final seconds.

"It was a physical, fast-paced game and I thought we played well," Rocks head coach Joe Nora said. "Their keeper made saves on two chances with the ball right on the goal line, the second with five seconds left in the game."

The Knights opened the scoring midway through the first half on a deflection. But Salem (1-0-1) fought back to tie it up with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

Kristina Klusek's corner kick was flicked by Nancy Krutty to Katelynn Krause, who put it home.

Splitting Salem's goalkeeping were Ali Eggenberger and Jamie Hunley.

The Rocks will visit Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Monday in a KLA crossover.

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Kudos for Plymouth gridders

The Division 1 state finalist Plymouth Wildcats varsity football team recently was honored at a Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting. From left are DeAngelo Barrow, board of education secretary Adrienne Davis, Brennen Beyer, head coach Mike Sawchuk, Tony Rhodes, Tyler Goble and Phil Emminger. Not pictured: Kyle Brindza (at Notre Dame).

Many golf programs at Hickory Creek

Young golfers have something for them this spring and summer at Hickory Creek Golf Course just west of Canton in Superior Township.

With classes taught by PGA professional Tami Bealert, there is a long list of available classes for junior golfers to choose from. Some of the offerings are as follows:

Junior classes

• **Juniors (ages 8-17):** The four-week program (Fee \$80) is for 4-8 students with up to two years of golfing experience. They will work on: fundamentals of the golf swing and short game; life skills/etiquette; easy practice drills and fun training tools for each phase of the swing. Schedule: Saturdays 11 a.m. to 12 noon, from April 17 through May 7.

• **3-Day, Mini-Youth Camp:** This program runs for three consecutive half-days for 6-9 students. Juniors will learn golf fundamentals covering all areas of the game, including set up of putting, chipping, pitching and the full swing. Practice drills and teaching tools/aids will be tailored for each student.

Golf rules, etiquette and course management will be applied. The \$95 fee includes a gift bag, and daily snack. One year of golfing experience is required.

Schedule: Ages 8-17, Tuesday, April 19 through Thursday, April 21 from 1-3 p.m.; ages 8-12, Monday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Aug. 17, 9-11 a.m.; ages 13-17, Monday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m.

• **Drop In Clinics (ages 8-17):** The eight-week offering (\$95; drop in rate: \$20) is a one hour clinic for all skill levels. Depending on class size weekly, students will be divided into age groups. Each week, topics will vary, covering all aspects of the game. There will be games and contests. Schedule: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. from June 22 through Aug. 10.

Hickory Creek Golf Course is located at 3625 Napier Road off of Ford Road. Call (734) 731-0238 or send an e-mail to TrainwithTami@yahoo.com.

Also, Bealert said private lessons are available. Go to www.HickoryCreekgolf.com for more information.

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Meaningful gift

Moms bond by giving, receiving breast milk for adopted babies

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Allie and Jenavieve are "sisters," but they are related by breast milk rather than by blood.

Allie's mom, Kathryn Rusak of Farmington Hills, was among the donors who gave breast milk to Jasmine Sovel-Charnesky's adopted daughter, Jenavieve, two years ago.

"In Islamic law, children who share the same breast milk are considered siblings. Even though we aren't Islamic, we consider all of the donors' babies Jenavieve's milk siblings and are very grateful to them, because without them, we wouldn't have the milk," said Sovel-Charnesky, also of Farmington Hills.

She and her husband are now in the process of adopting two children, age 3 and 1, from Ethiopia. They won't need breast milk, but if they adopt an infant in the future, they'll "definitely seek donated breast milk again."

"I know that breast milk is so much better than formula. It is natural and has more health benefits. I didn't want my daughter to miss out on that just because I couldn't produce milk for her."

Sovel-Charnesky found donors through Milkshare.birthingforlife.org, a Web site that educates women about donating and receiving breast milk. It serves as a more personal alternative to milk banks, allowing women to post their needs and share information at an online forum.

One of Sovel-Charnesky's donors led her to Rusak, who had donated twice — a total of 490 ounces of breast milk — to Bronson Mother's Milk Bank in Kalamazoo while she was nursing



Kathryn Rusak of Farmington Hills meets "Claire," a baby she nourished with breast milk.



Kathryn Rusak of Farmington Hills says donating breast milk is the most meaningful donation she has ever made. Here, the bagged milk awaits shipping.

DONATED BREAST MILK

Jasmine Sovel-Charnesky's advice for recipients: Trust your instincts. "We didn't ask (the donor) to get tested or anything. She wasn't asking for compensation and we went to her house and met her and her daughter. If I had felt suspicious about anything, I wouldn't have given the milk to Jenavieve."

Kathryn Rusak's advice to donors: Do your homework. Visit online sites and decide if you prefer a milk bank or more personal experience. Be honest about your diet, lifestyle habits, health and medication. Rusak is willing to answer questions from other potential donors at karusak@hotmail.com

Kate Dunham's experience: "I learned that there are so many deserving families and babies out there that need breast milk. And that you don't have to donate to a milk bank to help them. In fact, I think the way I donated is better. I would never want a family to have to pay thousands of dollars for breast milk when there are people like myself and Katie (Rusak) out there to help them. We just need to get more education out there to new mothers."

Helpful Web sites: Eats on Feets Facebook page; Milkshare.birthingforlife.org; thebump.com (pregnancy, new moms); hmbana.org (Human Milk Banking Association of North America); bronsonhealth.com

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Bugs offer clues about river water quality

Registration deadline for Friends of the Rouge's Spring Bug Hunt is Friday, April 15.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that enlists the help of local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. Volunteers who register for the hunt will look for bugs in samples taken from the river on Saturday, April 30. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's

Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of 4-8 individuals and will travel to two sites along the Rouge. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment and Rouge communities.

It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Restaurant helps hunger initiatives

"Las Palapas Authentic Mexican Restaurant," one of Livonia's newest eateries, will donate half of its net proceeds from food and beverage sales on Tuesday, April 5 to United Way for Southeastern Michigan's food programs.

"The community has shown us tremendous support in the weeks since we opened," stated proprietor Cesar Ochoa. "This is a family business, and we serve food to patrons as if they were members of our own family. We also know we have a responsibility to support people in the community who are struggling to get enough food. With this fundraiser, we are eager to support United Way's food work."

The restaurant, which opened in February, serves authentic Mexican cuisine, including dishes made from Ochoa family recipes. The fundraiser will include prizes, live music and other specials. "Las Palapas" is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is located at 33308 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 762-7003.

Jump and raise autism awareness

Pump It Up of Canton will offer two special jump programs April 7 to raise awareness of autism.

Sensory Jump Time, developed in conjunction with Autism Speaks, will run from 3-5 p.m. for children with autism and their families.

The Great Open Jump, designed to raise money for Autism Speaks, will run from 6-9 p.m., and give families a chance to play on giant, inflatable structures while donating to a good cause.

During Sensory Jump Time, Pump It Up's trained staff will lead games that have been deemed appropriate for children with autism. The facility's lights, music and procedures will be altered to provide the most safe and fun sensory environment for guests on the spectrum. The debut event is free to children with autism and their families.

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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.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971
 The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961
 50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961
 50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971
 The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961
 50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

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

Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67
 A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961
 Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961
 Holding a 50th class reunion on Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm.rr.com.

Class of 1981
 30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit <http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81> for more details.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1966
 45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

Rosary High School Class of 1966
 Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffitoo@aol.com

Southfield High School Class of 1981
 The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmkt.com.

Wayne High Schools All Classes
 Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet for alumni of Wayne High School and Wayne Memorial High School, 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The class of 1961 will be honored. Tickets are \$29 before May 1 and \$34 after. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767. The Alumni Association's annual meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Wayne Cafe, 3709 Mero Mall Street, Wayne. Call (734) 729-6023 before March 30. www.waynehighalumni.com

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APRIL 3-6

Eggstravaganza

Time/Date: 6:30-8:15 p.m.
Location: In the fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: Eggstravaganza features stories, crafts, games, and snacks
Contact: (734) 721-4801

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m. April 3
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Lois B. Robbins, author of "Lawn Wars: The Struggle for a New Lawn Ethic," will talk about living more harmoniously with the natural world. Robbins chairs North Oakland's Headwaters Preservation Committee in Oakland County. Discussion will follow her

presentation
Contact: (248) 359-4488

Lenten program

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner with program following, April 6
Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: Performances by Wayne-Westland and Brighton UMC choirs. The church provides the meat for the dinner and participants bring a dish to pass, along with their own table service
Contact: (734) 721-4801

Lenten program

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 6 and April 13
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: David J. Conrad presents the series. Each session reflects on passage's from John's Gospel. Themes are "The Man Born Blind" on April 6 and "The Restoration of Lazarus" on April 13. A light reception is held after each session
Contact: Don Esler, St. Aidan Education Commission, at (248) 477-3362

Vespers

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 3
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) presents the fourth service in its 2011 series of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the service.
Contact: Robert A. Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net.

APRIL 7-13

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 10
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes; French toast; ham; sausage; scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., April 9 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., April 23

Location: DCON Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

Learning

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 7
Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, at 25301 Halsted, Farmington
Details: Free programs include "Drumming for Healing" with Sandy Mabery; "Implementing Sustainability Projects in Local Churches," with Brianna Sprague; and "Action Science - A Rational Approach to Improved Communication," with the Rev. Alexander Riegel. Refreshments served at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested.
Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Lenten program

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner with program following, April 13
Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: Performance by

Celebration Singers from New Beginnings UMC. The church provides the meat for the dinner and participants bring a dish to pass, along with their own table service
Contact: (734) 721-4801

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 8 and 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 9
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia
Details: \$2 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 464-0211

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, April 8 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 9

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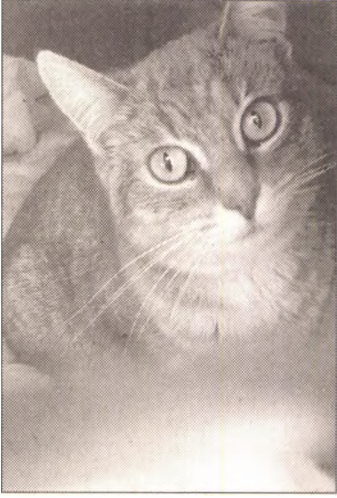
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Guardian Angel Animal Rescue nursed this cat back to health after her leg was caught in a snare trap and subsequently amputated. She's ready for adoption.



Volunteers at Guardian Angel Animal Rescue in Westland have helped "Bear" through a sad start in life. He's now ready for adoption.

Rescue features special needs cat, puppy for local adoption

BY SHARON DARGAY
D&E STAFF WRITER

PETS OF THE WEEK

Prayers and lots of TLC helped Baby Girl and Bear overcome life-threatening injuries to become the featured adoptable animals this week from Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) in Westland.

Baby Girl was caught in a snare trap and Sandra Mezza, president of GAAR, suspects she suffered for a week before a neighbor alerted them. The neighbor told GAAR that the cat had roamed her Commerce Township neighborhood and lived outside for about two years.

"One of the residents did not want her around anymore so they sent a trap, a snare. She was able to wiggle her way out of it before they could get to her. By the time we were called it was too late — the leg was infected and damaged beyond repair so we had to have it amputated," Mezza said, noting that Jeffrey Vet in Livonia performed the surgery. "She was so frightened and in so much pain. I can't imagine how horrible that was for her."

Mezza said the cat is learning to walk on three legs and is doing well. She uses a litter box with no problems.

"She is so loving and purrs the loudest when you are rubbing her tummy. She is looking for a family to love her and show her what it is like to be a spoiled indoor princess kitty."

Bear was only 3 weeks old when GAAR rescued him. He had a hole in his stomach and his outlook was grim, but vet tech Joan Hawkins and volunteer Brittany Shute nursed him back to health and now, at 8 weeks, he is ready for adoption.

Mezza said Bear came from a Detroit home, where his mother delivered a litter of puppies in a backyard doghouse.

"The mom had chewed the belly cord off too close to the skin of the tummy and it became infected, the man (owner) started pouring straight peroxide on the injury, and the peroxide ate right through the skin so you could see his insides,"

Mezza said. "When the man realized that this puppy was going to die — at this time the pup was only 3 weeks old and fit into the palm of my hand — the man somehow found our number and told us if we did not come get him asap, he would kill the puppy."

GAAR works with a family in Detroit that rescues pets from some of the worst circumstances in the city. The family retrieved Bear for Mezza's organization and tried to convince the owner to give up the mom and her puppies.

Mezza said he declined "because that was how he made his living, on selling the puppies."

"We did leave our number with him just in case."

Bear, whose body temperature was so low that Mezza didn't think he'd survive, now is up to date on his baby vaccines and is micro-chipped.

"He is a German Shepherd and is going to be a big boy."

Potential adopters can make an appointment to meet Baby Girl or Bear by calling (734) 516-2171, e-mailing to info@gaarmichigan.org or visiting www.gaarmichigan.org.

Cat show, animal welfare brunch planned

ALL ABOUT CATS

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) will hold an all breed, specialty and household pet cat show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9-10, at the Allen Park Community Center, 15800 White Street Allen Park.

The show will feature two days of judged competition. Visitors also will get a chance to ask exhibitors and breeders questions about their cats and they'll see cats close up, including Persians, Maine Coons, Orientals, Birman, Tonkinese, Ragdolls, Siamese, Bombays and more.

The show is sponsored by the Just Cat-In-Around Cat Fanciers, a local non-profit cat club. Internationally qualified CFA judges will evaluate the cats.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children, 6-12 and free for children, 5 and under. Parking is free.

For more information visit www.cfa.org or e-mail to cihawley@com-cast.net or hodoss@aol.com.

BOW WOW BRUNCH

Eight of metro Detroit's prominent community members have volunteered to be in the "doghouse," to raise funds for the Michigan Humane Society (MHS). Each will try to raise \$5,000 in donations to get out of the "dog house" and earn the title "Top Dog" at MHS's upcoming Bow Wow Brunch, April 10 at the Dearborn Inn.

Participants include Patrick Eaves, Detroit Red Wings right wing; Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County executive; Carol Hutchins, University of Michigan softball coach; Jean Jennings, editor-in-chief and president of *Automobile Magazine*; Peter Karmanos, Compuware chairman and CEO; Bob Lutz, former vice chairman, General Motors; James Peabody, a physician with Henry Ford Health Systems; and Jay Towers, morning show host on 100.3 WNIC and weekend anchor on Fox 2 Detroit.

Donations are accepted through their fundraising pages at www.michiganhumane.org.



MHS' 22nd annual Bow Wow Brunch begins at 11:30 a.m. on April 10 with a champagne reception, silent auction, and the opportunity to mingle with adoptable animals. A gourmet brunch and live auction will follow. The live auction will feature a variety of exclusive items, including a trip to Chicago; a Detroit Tigers package that includes 4 tickets, a chance to take batting practice and throw the first pitch out at Comerica Park; Breakfast with the Giraffes at the Detroit Zoo and more.

Tickets to the Bow Wow Brunch begin at \$200 and seating is limited. To reserve tickets, call (866) MHUMANE, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday or buy tickets online at www.michiganhumane.org.

Proceeds from this year's Bow Wow Brunch will assist MHS in finding homes for all adoptable animals, furthering innovative community outreach efforts, and supporting critical sterilization programs.

HSHV EARNS KUDOS

The Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) was honored for its innovative animal welfare programs and its efforts to reduce euthanasia of homeless animals, at the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance conference, "Getting to the Goal," Friday, March 25 in Ann Arbor. HSHV serves Washtenaw County, Plymouth and Canton.

Representatives from the organization joined staff and volunteers from other animal shelters and rescues from around the state at the event, which included workshops on a variety of animal welfare topics.

Exhibit focuses on artwork showing Michigan's beauty

See a new exhibit, meet the artists and attend an arts fundraiser this week at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The fun begins Monday, April 4, with the Council's open exhibition, Pure Art Michigan, which drew almost 100 submissions from approximately 50 artists from metro Detroit.

The Council invited artists to submit work that highlights the unique beauty of the state. It received photography, oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, colored pencil art, mixed media and wood block prints. Themes ranged from recognizable Michigan landmarks to more personal perceptions of the state's beauty around us.

Most of the pieces will be for sale.

A reception for the artists is planned from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Refreshments will be served and visitors can vote for their favorite piece to receive the People's Choice Award, which will be announced at the end of the month.

The Council's annual gala reception, "Its Arts - Pure &



"Da Yooper Mobile," an infrared digital photo by Allen Brooks, is on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Simple," runs 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 8. In addition to viewing the "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit, visitors

will enjoy cocktails and desserts from the PCEP culinary program. Local musicians will perform, and items from

Plymouth-area merchants and artists will be available through raffles, door prizes and auctions. Potential bid-

ders may view auction items at www.plymoutharts.com. The highlight of the evening will be the raffle of a new iPad valued at more than \$800. Guests also may enter to win a painting by PCAC artist and instructor Pam Grossmann, or purchase limited, one-of-a-kind pottery plates by PCAC artist and instructor Jeff Burda.

The PCAC hopes to raise \$20,000 to continue its community art programs, such as Music in the Park, the Art Volunteer Program in conjunction with Plymouth Schools, Saturdays@the Penn, art classes and summer art camps, children's theater, concerts, art exhibits and more. Admission cost is a free-will donation of any amount. To RSVP, donate or sponsor the event, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to amy@plymoutharts.com by April 5.

The "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit runs through April 28. It's open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-4681 for more information.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary Bieske has won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.



Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

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

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to

call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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2012 WEDDING PLANNED



Rogg-Ramas

Brian and Erin Rogg of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rachael Rogg to Kevin Ramas, son of Linda and Tim Ramas of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 2009 Michigan State University graduate with a degree in advertising. She works as a business development representative doing sales and marketing.

Her fiancé is a 2008 Michigan State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in finance. He works as a law clerk and is scheduled to graduate from Wayne State University Law School next month.

The couple met more than three years ago inside the MSU library.

A February 2012 wedding is planned at The Townsend in Birmingham.



Geverink-Miller

OCTOBER WEDDING

Laura Christine Geverink and Lee Henry Miller were married Oct. 2, 2010 at St. John's Chapel, in Plymouth. Deacon Ric Misiak officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Todd and Diane Geverink of Livonia, is a speech therapist at Children's Therapy Corner, in Midland.

The groom, son of Kimberly Miller of Lansing and Paul Kennon of Holt, is a graduate student in recreation and administration at Central Michigan University. He also is employed at Greater Midland Community Center.

Emily Ketterer served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Erin Welch, Jackie Coch, Sarah Mathews, Lenore Bank, and Natalie Bank.

Best man was Nick Dunkle. His attendants were Brian Psenski, Scott Pocan, and Jeff Egeland.

Ushers were John Geverink and Scott Geverink.

A reception was held at the Italian American Club. The couple plans a honeymoon to Jamaica this spring.

They plan to make their home in Midland.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED



Auld-Carignan

Debby Auld of Clio, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Sarah Auld, to Anthony Carignan, son of Dan and Daisy Carignan of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan-Flint and Central Michigan University. She is a physician assistant for Independent Emergency Physicians, P.C. in Southfield.

The groom is a graduate of Schoolcraft Community College and is a public safety officer for Oak Park as well as a member of Oak Park's Special Response Team.

An October 2011 wedding is planned.

MATTHEW ARRIVES

Matthew Earle Layman was born March 4, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He joins his parents, Timothy and Michelle Layman and brother Benjamin, 2, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Fred and Catharine Layman of Northville and William and Marjory Sherburn of Ludington.

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• 4-7 p.m. all Fridays of Lent, at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton, west of Inkster Road and south of Ford Road. Fish may be ordered fried or baked. Dinners cost from \$5.25-\$8. Dessert and pop also are available. (734) 425-6720

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• 4:30-5 p.m. is senior early bird; 5-7 p.m. is regular serving time, every Friday before Good Friday, at St. Genevieve Church, 28933 Jamison Ave. All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish dinners. Prices are \$6 for the senior early bird; \$10 for weekly specials; \$8 for all-you-can-eat fish for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$5 for children, 12 and under. A la carte items available. (734) 425-4420

• 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays of Lent except for Good Friday at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard. All-you-can-eat fried or baked fish dinners. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for

seniors and take-out orders, and \$4 for kids, 3-11. Children under 3 eat for free. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniamichael.org.

REDFORD

• 4-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, corner of Six Mile and Beech Road. Seven different dinners ranging from \$4 for macaroni and cheese to \$8.50 for shrimp. A la carte menu, side orders and beverages are available. (313) 534-9000

• 4-7 p.m. or until dinners run out, every Friday during Lent, at St. Robert Bellarmine, located at W. Chicago Road and Inkster Road. All-you-can eat baked or fried fish dinners cost \$8. Seniors, 60 and older pay

\$7 and children under 12 pay \$4. Weekly specials are \$10. A la carte items available. Carry-out dinners don't include a beverage. (313) 937-1655

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THELMA J. deMONTIGNY

Age 77, of Redford Twp. March 31, 2011. Beloved wife of Phillip L. Dearest mother of Jan deMontigny, Phillip Mark (Cindy) deMontigny & Herald Joseph deMontigny. Loving grandma of four & great-grandma of three. Funeral service Tuesday 11:30 am at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile (btw Beech Daly & Telegraph), Redford Twp. (313)535-3030. Visiting Monday 3pm until 8pm.



JOHN H. HAGEMAN M.D.

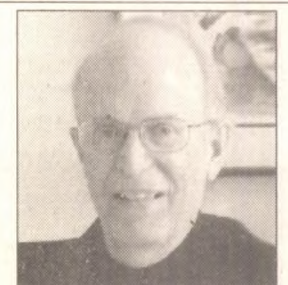
Of Toledo, Ohio, passed into God's hands March 30, 2011. He cared deeply for his wife and family, his patients, his church, community and his profession. Dr. Hageman was born January 25, 1935 in Gloversville, NY to Nancy Ramona (Downer) and Dr. Herbert Hageman. He graduated from Gloversville High School, and received his BA at Rochester University majoring in chemistry. Dr. Hageman went on to earn his MS in Physical Chemistry and his MD at Yale University, New Haven, CT in 1962. From 1962 to 1968, he completed a general surgery residency and cardiovascular fellowship at Yale-New Haven Community Hospital. During this time, Dr. Hageman practiced at the Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti for a three month period. The people of Haiti and the hospital remained very special to him throughout his professional life. In 1968 Dr. Hageman completed a Peripheral Vascular Surgery Clinical Fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. For the next 18 years, he served as a member of the Vascular Surgery Division in the Department of Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital. In 1984, he accepted a position at the Medical College of Ohio (now known as The University of Toledo College of Medicine) as Chief of Peripheral Vascular Surgery in the Department of Surgery. In 2003, he became a partner in Gorman, Afridi, and Hageman, Inc. where he continued to practice until his retirement at the age of 73 years. For over 40 years, Dr. Hageman has been an influence in the practice, education and advancement of Vascular Surgery. A caring physician, Dr. Hageman emphasized the value and respect of each human being to medical students, medical residents and vascular surgery fellows. A lifelong learner and teacher, he also mentored high school and college students in their pursuit of health care careers. Dr. Hageman dedicated his life to taking care of people both professionally and personally. His was a spirit of selfless service. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, friend and physician who will be missed greatly. Dr. Hageman was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Margaret L. Hageman and his former wife, Suzanne Hageman (Volgyesi). Dr. Hageman is survived by his loving wife, Dr. Patricia Donahue; his four daughters, Margaret Petrovich (Edward), Dr. Martha Hageman (Dr. Donald Kirk), Diane Wickcliff (Richard), Dr. Kimberly Hageman (David Felcan); eight grandchildren, sister Nancy Ullom (James) and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Dr. Hageman will be held on Tuesday April 5, 2011 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, The Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with services. Please view and sign the on-line guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Hospital Albert Schweitzer, PO Box 81046 Pittsburgh, PA 15217; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo OH 43614 or charity of choice.



IVA JUNE MYNATT

Age 90, of Redford, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Services will be held 11 AM Monday, April 4, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd. with Rev. Dale Swihart officiating. Interment will be held at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Visitation will be held 2-9 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. Mrs. Mynatt was born June 25, 1920 in Detroit the daughter of William and Martha Elizabeth (McGarity) Havens. She married Robert O. Mynatt in 1942 and he preceded her in death in 2001. Mrs. Mynatt was a Girl Scout Leader for many years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, playing cards and fishing. Mrs. Mynatt was very close with her friends and was the caretaker of her family. Surviving are: daughter, Jacqueline L. (Lawrence) Arrol of Fenton; two grandsons, Lawrence (Melissa) Arrol, Jr. and Matthew (Brandy) Arrol; four great-grandchildren, Brynna, Jackson, Sydney and Lauryn Arrol; niece, Linda Wilson; "adopted" daughter, Jade Smith. Her brother, William Havens, also preceded her in death. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page at: www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



RICHARD C. WELLS

Age 68, of West Bloomfield, passed away on March 19, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Lauren and Myra Wells. Richard graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He would become a marketing manager for I.B.M. Richard became an accomplished author and was able to have four of his books published. An avid U of M football fan and golfer. His greatest love in life was his family. Survived by his loving wife Joan (Briegel) of 46 years. Together they were blessed with two loving children: David Wells and his wife Mary Campbell and Anne Steinhauer and her husband Matthew. Proud "Grampa Nutt" of Eric and Mia. A memorial reception will be held at the Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Rd, Commerce Twp, MI 48382 on Sunday, April 10, 2011. There will be an open house from 1:00pm - 5:00pm, with a service at 3:00pm. Family and friends are invited to attend any part of the afternoon. Memorials may be made to the Special Days Camp 2232 S. Main St., Suite 161 Ann Arbor, MI 48103. www.specialdays.org or Forgotten Harvest 21800 Greenfield Rd. Oak Park, MI 48237. www.forgottenharvest.org Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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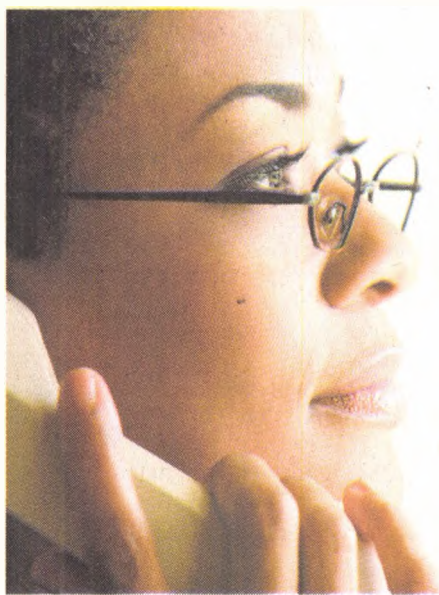
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E-mail alerts notify family of patient's mood changes

A new program at the University of Michigan aims to help patients with depression manage their symptoms by making a caring friend or family member a part of their treatment.

Patients enroll with a partner — a best friend, grown child or any trusted person from outside of the home. Each week, after the patient completes a short, automated telephone assessment, the partner receives an e-mail with updates about how the patient is doing. It includes specific suggestions for how the partner can help.

If the patient is feeling down or not taking medication regularly, the partner can encourage them to stick to their treatment plan. Patients and partners are encouraged to establish a routine and talk for 10-15 minutes on the same day each week. Spouses are allowed to be partners, but it's

discouraged because they're often already involved in the patient's care.

"The program gives patients an opportunity to talk about feelings that they wouldn't have otherwise shared," says John D. Piette, professor of internal medicine at the U-M Medical School. "It gives the partners an opportunity to show the patient that someone does care about them and is paying attention to how they're doing."

In addition to keeping their partner updated, the automated system gives patients immediate feedback about changes in their depressive symptoms, enabling them to access additional support tools.

If a patient reports an urgent health problem, their doctor also is notified.

Initial results have been positive, with a strong majority of patients reporting improve-

ment in managing their depression symptoms, taking their medication and staying active, says Piette, who is also a senior research scientist with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. Patients also reported the program had strengthened their relationship with their partner.

The CarePartner Program is an initiative by the Quality Improvement for Complex Chronic Conditions group, which is directed by Piette and supported by the VA and U-M. The group's mission is to improve health outcomes and lower costs by finding ways technology can be used to help patients self-manage chronic diseases. The group's other programs have addressed management of diabetes, heart failure and cancer.

Potential patients can call Liz Kaselitz at (734) 845-3673 or e-mail emaccorm@med.umich.edu.

NEW FACES

Dan Cornwell, KC Crain and Jay Farner are new members of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's Board of Directors and Buzz Thomas has been appointed to the Karmanos Cancer Center's Board of Directors.

Each are serving a three-year term to help support the ongoing work and mission of Karmanos. They'll provide strategic direction to help move the organization toward becoming one of the nation's top 10 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers.

Cornwell is president of Cambridge Consulting Group, one of Michigan's largest independently owned insurance agencies in Michigan. A graduate of Walsh College of Accounting and Business Administration with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance, Cornwell is a long-standing member of the Karmanos Cancer Institutes' Partners Group and recently completed his second year commitment as executive co-chair for Partners.

Crain is the vice president of Crain Communications, Inc. and a graduate of Denison University, where he earned a



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Bachelors of Art degree in communications. He also mentors students through the partner program of Cornerstone Schools, serves on the steering committee of the Detroit Historical Society, and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization.

Farmer is president and chief marketing officer of Quicken Loans. He also lends support to Bizdom U, serving on the entrepreneurial boot camp's appropriations board which determines funding for proposed startup businesses located within the city of Detroit. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University.

Thomas served eight years in the State Senate and six years in the House of Representatives and co-chaired the 2008 Michigan campaign for President Barack Obama. He is

president of the Thomas Group Consulting, offering public relations, strategic planning,

Male Urinary Incontinence: An Embarrassing Problem (No Longer)

Springtime has many men thinking about golf. Consistent errant golf shots on the course may not be the only reason some men hang up the clubs. Many men may silently experience the frustration and embarrassment of leaking urine upon exertion with simple activities such as laughing, coughing, walking, swinging a golf club, etc.

The inability to control urine is a common problem affecting many men in America. When looking specifically at men over 60, 17% reported having an incontinence episode. There are many potential causes of incontinence in men but most stem from the gland associated with the male reproductive system—the prostate. As many as 30% of men who have undergone treatments for prostate cancer report some incontinence.

The positive news—male urinary incontinence is a treatable problem. Although pads to collect urine are an option, some medications or a minimally-invasive procedure can provide a permanent resolution to most individual's problems.

Now's the time to seek the answers and treatment you need. Believe it or not, an active summer is right around the corner!

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The Michigan Bariatric Institute presents an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon, will make presentations. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) WHY WEIGHT.

Teens and drugs

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part

workshop series, will be presented in two parts next month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part one, "What To Know," runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 5. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two, "What To Do," runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 12. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. The programs are free and open to the public. (734) 973-7892; www.teensusingdrugs.org

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Meet Evangeline Pescasio. It's her job to give nursing staff the tools they need to provide quality care. As In-Service Director, she trains RNs and Certified Nursing Assistants by presenting educational sessions 6 to 10 times a month in small groups. CNAs require 12 hours annually of in-service training.

"I talk about attitude and sensitivity, compassionate care and how to motivate staff to be exceptional in our care," said Pescasio, a Registered Nurse. "It's very important to give proper care. Employees need to be trained. Knowledge is not enough. We have to be conscientious, dedicated, diligent and always willing to learn, and to help others." Pescasio invites dietitians, physical, occupational and speech therapists, physicians, and psychologists to share the latest information.

Much has changed since she became a nurse in 1992. Today, more than ever, infection control, safety and fall prevention, abuse, communication and confidentiality make the list of important training in the facility. "I believe in continuing learning," said Pescasio. "Nursing changes based on research."

"...I talk about attitude and sensitivity... how to motivate staff to be exceptional in our care..."

Before coming to Four Seasons Pescasio worked as an RN for transplant and the surgical medical floor at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Her manager called her an ambassador for safety at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Everyone called her 'Angel' for a reason.

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15 Jobs That Pay Well, No Degree Required

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder.com Writer

Conventional wisdom states that college-educated workers earn higher salaries because their jobs require more education and advanced skills. In addition, fewer workers have college degrees, so they are harder to find in relation to workers without degrees. Indeed, according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data, 19 percent of Americans hold a bachelor's degree, while approximately 31 percent have a high school diploma.

Census data also shows that the mean income for a college graduate is \$58,613, a significant difference from the \$31,283 mean income for a high school graduate. You might reason, then, that to bring home a sizeable paycheck, you need to go to college. Although that's often true, there are exceptions. Many jobs pay workers well because their daily tasks are dangerous, difficult or extremely specialized. Experience also factors into the equation because many employers value years of experience more than their years of education. These jobs not requiring a degree aren't necessarily easy to perform nor they easy to land.

That's not to say you shouldn't earn a college or graduate degree if you want. However, if college isn't the right option for you or if it's not a plausible option in the

short-term, consider these 15 professions that don't require a college degree but pay well:

- 1. Aides supervisor \$63,231*.** Aides supervisors supervise home-health aides, which involves setting their work schedules and monitoring their performance to ensure quality care for patients.
- 2. Air traffic controller \$139,314.** In order to ensure the safety of all flights, air traffic controllers monitor planes coming to and leave from an airport so that there are no collisions. They also monitor conditions to keep flights free of delays.
- 3. Assembly Supervisor \$66,034.** In assembling and manufacturing plants, these supervisors oversee the flow of production work. Depending on the industry, assembly workers can produce anything from large mechanical and aviation components to small, technology devices.
- 4. Cable supervisor \$76,739.** Cable supervisors monitor workers who install, maintain and repair cables. Because these cables can be buried underground or overhead on telephone poles the process can be dangerous for workers and difficult to perform.
- 5. Chemical supervisor \$73,955.** Chemical supervisors oversee workers who make chemical products, a careful process that involves handling dangerous substances and following strict safety guidelines.



- 6. Construction equipment operator \$53,543.** Construction equipment operators are in charge of the large-scale tools and equipment used on construction sites. They are also responsible for inspecting the equipment for safety and performance issues when necessary.
- 7. Credit and collection supervisor \$66,847.** Credit and collection workers calculate credit risks and collections information for

consumers who apply for loans. Their supervisors monitor their performance and sometimes review client credit history to grant or deny extensions of credit.

- 8. Data control supervisor \$66,554.** Data control supervisors oversee the daily operations of data entry workers and are responsible for the completion and accuracy of their work.
- 9. Electrical repairer \$58,960.** Electrical repairers disassemble and fix problematic electrical equipment and any related components. Depending on the particular job, the equipment can range from small mechanisms to large technological systems.
- 10. Elevator repair worker \$67,538** Elevator repair workers performance routine maintenance on elevators and escalators and also respond to any reported problems.
- 11. Home care aide supervisor \$69,061.** Home care aides visit homebound patients in order to

- assist with daily activities and some rehabilitation exercises. The supervisor ensures that all patients are being taken care of properly by their aides according to legal regulations and quality standards.
- 12. Illustrator \$60,060.** Illustrators work in advertisement agencies or as freelancers to design fonts and images for a variety of media, from websites to print campaigns and video.
- 13. Lead carpenter \$73,055.** Lead carpenters act as the head for carpentry workers on a project in order to keep the project on time and meet quality standards.
- 14. Payroll supervisor \$72,951.** Payroll supervisors oversee the process of calculating compensation based on workers' hours, reviewing timecards, distributing pay and adhering to government regulations for payroll.
- 15. Real estate broker \$79,494.** Real estate brokers maintain their own real estate businesses that help home buyers look for houses or condominiums. They research neighborhoods, find available homes, and assist buyers through the financial and legal aspects of the purchase process.

*Salary data based on figures from CBSalary.com.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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- Assist Basketball Blocking
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- Penalty Players Points
- Shot Team Traveling

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Word Search

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