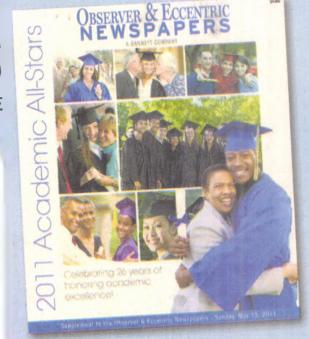
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PIPELINE

School board honor

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President John Jackson recently earned the Award of Distinction from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Previously, he earned the Certified Board Member Designation and Award of Merit.

Jackson was one of 23
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more effective school leaders by demonstrating their commitment to student achievement and their own continuous improvement. Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

"School districts are under exceptional pressure to be innovative and to reinvent the way we deliver education. In this environment, it's more important than ever that our school leaders are informed and have the most up-to-date information available," said MASB Executive Director Kathy Hayes. "Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for Michigan's school children."

Movie screening

State Sen. Patrick
Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts
a free public screening of
the education documentary
"Waiting for Superman,"
7 p.m. Monday, May 16, at
the Flat Rock Community
Center, 1 Maguire in Flat
Rock. Immediately following
the screening will be a panel
discussion focused on the
issues raised in the film.

The evening's panelists include Colbeck and Senate Education Committee members Hoon-Yung Hoopgood, D-Taylor, Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park and former senator and Education Committee chair Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland.

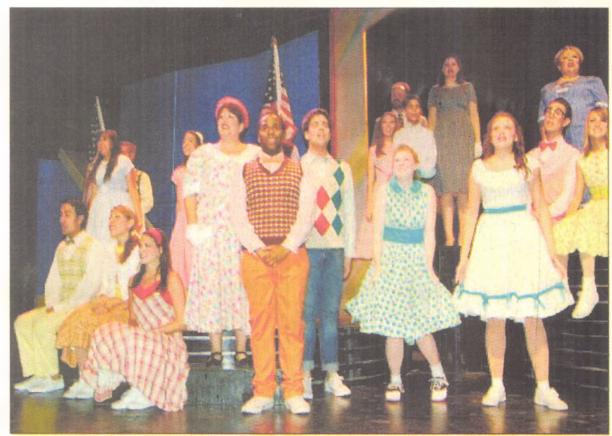
The documentary has won critical acclaim from film critics, the media and members of the education community.

Jazz @ the Elks

The next Jazz @ The Elks concert will be 7-10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road (just west of Haggerty) in Plymouth.

This month, the Elks are featuring Ron Kischuck on trombone, Judie Cochill on vocals, Marion Hayden on bass and Gary Schunk on keyboard. There is a \$5 donation with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www. plymouthelks1789.com.



Former Plymouth Township resident, whose parents still live in town, will spend the summer performing at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Mich. This will be Chizek's third summer working at The Barn, one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country.

'Barn' storming

Gig gives local actor chance to live out dreams

BY JILL HALPIN CORRESPONDENT

Katrina Chizek, bitten by the acting bug when she first hit the stage 15 years ago in a local production of *Les Miserables*, has never looked back.

"It was my first big show and I realized how much I liked it," Chizek said of her performance with the Whistle Stop Players, a performing arts group from the Plymouth Community Arts Council. After touring local schools to perform, "I knew this was what I wanted to do," she said.

Chizek, a former Plymouth
Township resident now living
outside Los Angeles, was in town
this week to visit her parents,
Phillip and Kathleen Chizek. This
month, she heads west where she
will spend the summer performing
at The Barn Theatre in Augusta,
Mich. This will be Chizek's third
summer working at The Barn, one
of the oldest professional summer
stock theater companies in the

According to Chizek, working all summer long at The Barn is a tremendous opportunity for aspiring performers. The Barn is renowned in the acting community, turning out a wide variety of television and movie actors, Chizek said. As a third-year apprentice at The Barn, she will sing, dance and act in eight



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plays as well as work in the techni-

cal production department.

"We (apprentice actors) do everything, from set production to costumes design to performing. I even learned how to weld," Chizek said. Actors must audition for a position at The Barn, but once accepted they are eligible to begin earning points toward their Actors Equity card and become a member of the Actors Equity Association. The AEA is the labor union that represents actors and stage managers.

Barn a stepping stone for screen stars, A5.

After this summer season, Chizek will be eligible for her card.

Obtaining her Actors Equity card is somewhat of a milestone for Chizek.

THE RIGHT STEPS

"It means I'm taking the right steps, following the right path," she said. Although apprentices work long and hard hours, "so many people who have been through The Barn have made it big," that it makes it worth the effort, she said. The Barn also provides an opportunity to work closely with Broadway actors and directors, attracting former apprentice actors who often visit throughout the summer. Barn alumni include Jennifer Garner and Lauren Graham. Working closely with professionals has only reinforced Chizek's desire for the

spotlight.

"It just means so much to work with people who have already made it in the business and to develop a

connection with them," she said.
Chizek recalls a Barn performance of the award-wining rock opera, *Rent*, which was written by former Barn apprentice Jonathan Larson. Larson won both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for the powerful show, which deals with

Please see ACTOR, A5

New chief's first charge: fill openings

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the first challenges Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustees want their new interim superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes to tackle is the filling of key positions being vacated by retirements among the district's leadership team.

Mike Bender didn't make that job any easier this week.

Bender, the district's director of secondary education, announced he's leaving to accept a position as assistant superintendent for instructional services for Utica Community Schools. The job is a step up in terms of career positioning and in terms of district size. Utica is the state's second-largest district, ahead of

"Plymouth-Canton has been an absolutely wonderful district ... I've been proud to serve alongside so many wonderful teachers, staff and administrators," Bender said. "Utica provides a great opportunity for advancement. It's a great district, and the opportunity to provide leadership in Utica is very attractive."

Plymouth-Canton.

Bender's departure leaves Hughes with several pairs of shoes to fill:

• Deputy Superintendent
Ken Jacobs is scheduled to
retire shortly after the 201112 school year begins. He
took advantage of the state's retirement plan,
offered last year, that allows potential retirees
to factor their retirement with a 1.6-percent

multiplier rather than 1.5 percent.

• Assistant Superintendent for
Instructional Services Dr. Cindy Swift who,
like Jacobs, took the retirement incentive.
Also like Jacobs, she filed for a one-year
extension, which means she must retire by
Sept. 1. She could opt to withdraw her retirement and work another year, but, according
to state officials, she'd have to give up the
extra percentage point on her retirement.

• Director of Student Services Bob Hayes retired in December, and was replaced by former Tonda Elementary Principal Kurt Tyszkewicz on an interim basis. Hughes will have to decide whether to leave Tyszkewicz—like Hughes, he was an applicant for the interim superintendent job—in place permanently.

• Director of Elementary Education George Belvitch is scheduled to retire when this school year ends.

• The district will also lose four principals:

Please see **OPENINGS**, **A3**

Free Senior Expo set for Tuesday

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, for the Observer Eccentric annual Spring Senior Expo.

OSE Web Editor Larry
Ruehlen will be on hand to
answer web-based questions
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be and Larry is the guy to

show you how to get started.
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Photojournalist John Heider will be on hand to shoot a video montage of seniors at the event. Stop by the OSE exhibit booth for more information.

Tuesday's event features more than 60 exhibitors, speakers, programs and demonstrations. Learn a lot then have some fun playing the Senior Feud. The Entertainment Network of Southfield will host this version of Senior Feud (a fun spoof of the original show

Family Feud). This realistic, high-tech game show system has it all — questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes.

Throughout the expo, The Entertainment Network will have fun-filled activities available every hour, including name that tune, TV trivia and more. Come play and win.

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Local seniors flocked to last year's Senior Expo held at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia.



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Top volunteers

Date/Time: Through Friday, May 20 **Location**: Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

Details: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is still looking for nominations from local groups for their Volunteers of the Year, All of the Volunteers of the Year will be recognized at the Showcase Plymouth/Taste of Plymouth event being hosted May 23 at the Inn at St. John's.

Contact: Wes Graff, (734) 453-1540

Veterans car wash Date/Time: Sunday, May 15, 9'a.m.

to 4 p.m. **Location**: Main Street Auto Wash, 1191 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 sponsor their annual car wash, with owner Phil Pursell providing the day's proceeds to the veterans. No coupons or credit cards will be taken by the veterans. Money raised will help veterans and the chapter's local projects.

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Preschool open house Date/Time: Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. Location: Plymouth Salvation Army

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Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road **Details**: The Salvation Army offers its Tiny Tots Preschool for ages 3 to 5. Come and meet the teachers and see the classroom. To register for

the fall's classes, bring \$35 for the

registration fee. Contact: Call Sheila Johnson at the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464. More information is also available online at www.misalplymouth.org.

Scrapbooking event Date/Time: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main (south of Ann Arbor Road) Details: Scrapbookers and cardmakers are invited to a 12-hour National Scrapbook Day workshop. Scrapbookers can choose between a full day or half day. The cost is \$40 for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., or \$25 for a half day. In addition to getting scrapbooking time, meals, and goody bags, attendees will be helping to support the Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program. Contact: Cassie Hull by May 16 at

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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

Farm exhibit Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through November **Location**: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton **Details:** Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose

Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education. Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088. Library friends

Date/Time: Monday, May 23, 11:30

Location: Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Details: The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is \$25. The featured speaker will be Wall Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, The Girls from Ames, and The Last Lecture, as well as Highest Duty. a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon. Contact: Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and

Northville Public Libraries. No tick-

ets will be available at the door.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sheldon Center is expected to close this week as work begins on the longawaited improvement project.

Sheldon Center set to close for work

Beginning next week, weather permitting, Sheldon Center Road will be closed between Amy Lane and the Canton Center/Sheldon Center intersection as crews begin work on the highly anticipated Sheldon Center Road Reconstruction

In addition to the Sheldon Center closure, Charrington Drive will be closed in both directions at Sheldon Center.

The reconstruction of Sheldon Center is a largescale project that may take two years to complete. Construction on this project includes widening Canton Center Road to five lanes from Warren Road to where Canton Center Road splits and turns to the northwest; reconstructing and widening Sheldon Center Road to five lanes from Canton Center Road to Joy Road; and reconstructing the Sheldon Road connector to three lanes from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road.

Canton Township officials are urging drivers to drive safely through the construction area and follow all posted detours. For up-to-date information on construction projects going on in Canton follow facebook.com/cantonmsd, twitter.com/cantonmsd or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Council hosts senior fitness day

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging, partnering with the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation, hosts the annual "National Senior

Health and Fitness Day Expo." The event takes place 10 a.m.

to noon Wednesday, May 25, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Admission to the expo is free. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, ext. 236.

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Commissioners focus on education, opt not to see re-election

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Their focus on public education has prompted decisions by two Plymouth City Commission members to not seek re-election in this year's commission race.

Commissioners John Barrett and David Workman, who will continue to serve until after the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election, both say they want to devote more time to education issues, which have been receiving increasing attention as district officials across the state manage budget cuts while trying to implement school reforms that supporters say are designed to cut costs and improve outcomes.

Workman is in his second four-year term on the commission, having been first elected in 2003. Barrett was elected to a two-year term in 2009.

SCHOOL BOARD BID

Barrett, who spent a more than 40-year career as an educator and retired in 2009 after 11 years as the principal at Farmington High School, said he's entered this year's race for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Barrett is the City
Commission's liaison to the
school board — a role he pioneered — and said a district
workshop last summer, in
which participants discussed
their vision for the district's
future, motivated him to get
re-involved in education.

In addition, several people, some he'd known previously and others he'd met through the workshop, urged him to seek a spot on the school board, Barrett said.



Workman

"I sort of got fired up again to get back into the education circle," he said.

Barrett said he's enjoyed his time on the commission. "It was a very interesting two years. Gave me some great insight into how the city operates," he said.

He added he's pleased to see city officials dealing with budget issues, in a time of falling revenue, "in a sensible and controlled way," something he said started before his time on the commission. He said the commission has a good handle on controlling spending and maintaining the right mix to keep Plymouth "dynamic."

"It's not like there's a batch of leftover issues," he said.

Workman is an elementary school teacher in the Farmington Public Schools and currently the full-time president of the Farmington Education Association, the union that represents some 815 teachers and other instructional personnel in the district.

He said ongoing contract negotiations, district budget constraints and a "barrage" of state legislation directed at school districts and their employees is demanding more of his attention in the Farmington district and that he fears he wouldn't be "doing justice" to both roles should he win a third City Commission term

a third City Commission term.
"I'm not going anywhere. I

just need to be able to focus on this other barrage," Workman said.

TEAM EFFORT PRAISED

Workman said he came to the commission with the goal of building a strong team of "good neighbors" who would work for the benefit of the city despite differences. That goal, he said, has been accomplished.

"Quite honestly, I'm not sure there's been a better group of people, working together for a common interest, ever, at least in the short term," Workman said. "I may have a biased view."

Barrett agreed. "They were great people to work with, and I'll still be working with them for a few months," he said.

Workman counted the city's role in the construction of the Sheldon Road underpass and the city's bonding program

for the ongoing replacement and repair of local streets as among the big successes dur-

ing his commission tenure.

Like Barrett, Workman

praised city officials' efforts,

over several years, in control-

ling costs.

"I'd love to take credit for that, but that's the city management and the workers here.
... It is part of a team that made that happen," he said.

In the City Commission race are incumbents Ed Hingelberg and Michael Wright, plus newcomers Megan Dooley, Oliver Wolcott and Diane Bogenrieder. The top four vote-getters in the November election will win commission spots, with the top three getting four-year terms and the fourth-place finisher getting a two-year term.

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• Westland Senior Resources Center (the Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, pickup at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center,
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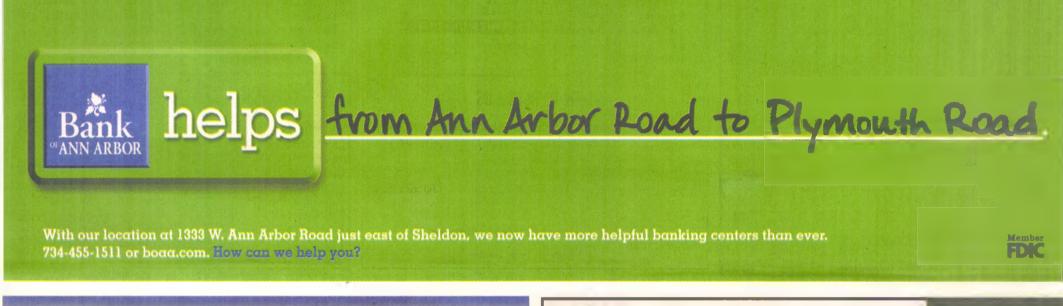
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Allen Elementary School's Marcia Moore; Sue Kelty of Bird Elementary; Amy Potts of East Middle School; and Lynn Haire of Miller Elementary

Lynn Haire of Miller Elementary.
Hughes said he'll decide how to fill
the jobs after talking with staff and
school board members.

"The first thing I need to know is which jobs the board wants me to fill permanently and which ones would be more of an interim basis, to give the new (permanent) superintendent a chance to choose his own people," Hughes said. "I'll talk to the staff and the board, to see perhaps if there are people being groomed for those kinds of leadership positions."

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Writer shares love of poetry with students

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH CORRESPONDENT

"Follow your dreams!" Brod Bagert demands of his audi-

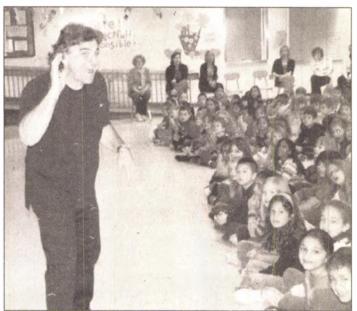
The award-winning author speaks from experience. After a 21-year law career and service in public office, Bagert pursued his childhood dream of being a professional poet.

His message was well received at Dodson Elementary School in Canton during a recent visit where he shared his love of poetry. The students were thrilled by Bagert's action-packed interactive performance, as well as an evening of family fun.

Bagert grew up in New Orleans, where he currently lives with his wife, Debby, and their four children. One day, his daughter needed a poem to recite for an elocution contest. She wanted to act out the poem and make everyone laugh. They searched popular children's poetry, but couldn't find many in the voice of a child. This gap in poetry caused him to write the poem for her and this proved to be a pivotal time in his life because it led to his new career as a poet.

If Only I Could Fly is
Bagert's first published book of
poetry. He self-published it in
1984, after friends and family
wanted his poems. The book
took off and he began speaking at conferences. It gradually
started taking over his life and
he became a full time poet.

Bagert has published 10



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Brod Bagert performs a poem for the all-school assembly at Dodson Elementary.

books of poetry for children and two for young adults, including *Giant Children* and *Hormone Jungle: Coming of Age in Middle School.* He co-authored an educational series, Poet and the Professor Poems for Building Reading Skills, with well-known fluency expert, Timothy V. Rasinski, Ph.D. Bagert also published five books for adults, including Steel Cables, a book of love poems.

When Bagert writes for specific audiences, he creates a character, gives him a name and personality and adds in dramatic elements. He focuses on what's going on in the character's life, patterns of voice and speech, specific sounds, vocabulary and habits.

This is similar to what a playwright or novelist does. By the character's actions, the reader concludes what the feelings are about.

"This makes it metaphorically universal," Bagert said.
"The character pursues a goal or experiences a conflict and expresses emotion. The moment the reader identifies with the character, the poem is not about somebody else. It becomes about the reader."

During his performances, Bagert draws his energy from his audience. He is quite animated, and even plays the harmonica. When he recites his poems, he is passionate and gets the students excited about poetry, too. He is a firm believer that, "Oral recitation can be the foundation of a successful curriculum ... and reciting poetry becomes the opportunity to do that."

In fact, his poems are written with the intention of being read aloud and acted out. He encourages students to find a poem they like.

Bagert believes there is a lot of bad poetry out there, but that should not discourage someone from finding one they like.

"You might have to go through 100 poems before you find one, then memorize it and make it part of yourself and you have a treasure inside yourself," he said. "After you find a dozen poems that you like and you've memorized them over a period of 10 years, you've got a vast wealth that keeps giving to you every day because you'll hear the lines of poems as you live your life and that's what it's like to be a poetry lover."

While Bagert's style is unique, he's been influenced by writers such as Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, Shakespeare (for his sense of humor) and Robert Frost (for central metaphors). Robert Burns' work taught him about central metaphors in transactions between two characters and Emily Dickenson taught him how words can be quiet and powerful at the same time. He greatly admires Jose Martí, as a writer and a Cuban national hero, "who was passionate, had heart and intel-

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Activities for Early Childhood's Book Land revolved around activities and games based on a favorite book.

Book Land promotes childhood literacy

Staffers at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Development hosted the second annual Book Land preschool literacy event, the latest event in the effort to promote literacy among youngsters.

The event took place at Hulsing Elementary School, which houses four preschool classrooms. Each room conducted activities and games based on a favorite book: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Preschool children also enjoyed face painting, pictures with Clifford the Big Red Dog, winning a preschool book from the Book Walk, and a finale presented by a special friend from the Canton Public Library. Parents could shop at the Scholastic Book Fair and buy raffle tickets for four themed gift baskets and a handmade quilt.

Proceeds from the raffle went toward tuition assistance for preschoolers who might otherwise not be able to attend preschool in the 2011-12 school year.

- "The evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended," said Early Childhood Development staffer Lori Haneline.

For information on preschool, call the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the website at web.pccs.k12. mi.us/earlychildhood.

Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

Twenty seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade in fall 2011. Limited Registration window: May 9 - May 23, 2011

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This program is geared toward academically talented students

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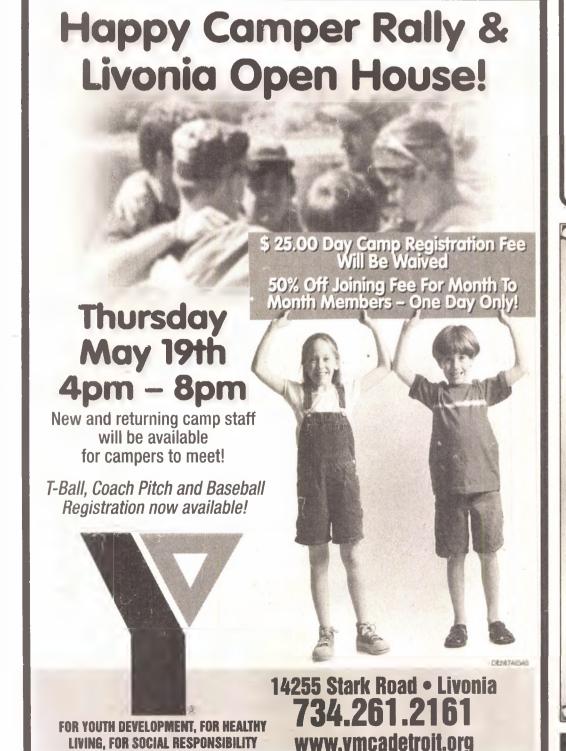
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Former coach bound for trial on child porn charges

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a brief preliminary hearing during which prosecutors offered only one witness and the defense gave away nothing as to what a defense might look like, 64-year-old Stephen Nyquist was bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he kept child pornography on his home computer and distributed it on the Internet.

Nyquist, a Canton resident and former Plymouth High School girls lacrosse coach, is charged with six counts of using his computer to communicate with another to commit a crime, which carries a 10-year term upon conviction; three counts of distributing child sexually abusive material, a seven-year felony; and three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material; a four-year felony.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Keisha Glenn presented just one witness - Wayne County Sheriff Sgt. William Liczbinski, who is attached to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Liczbinski testified he was contacted in March by an investigator in Wisconsin who, undercover as a 14-year-old girl on the Internet, received "pornographic images" from someone using the screen name "High48126."

Tracing the IP address for the computer activity led Liczbinski to Nyquist's Canton Township home. Upon executing a search warrant, Liczbinski testified, he showed Nyquist many of the images that had been sent to the Wisconsin investigator. Nyquist identified several of those images as images he possessed on one of several computer thumb-drives that were ventually taken as evidence, the officer testified.

ne officer testified.

According to Liczbinski,

all of the images were traded between sources in Internet "private" chat rooms. The Wisconsin investigator, after receiving some of the images from Nyquist, ran them through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and several of them were identified as being photographs of "known victims" of child sexual exploitation, Liczbinski testified.

Liczbinski testified he found more than 350 images on one thumb drive.

"They all appeared to be pornographic images of children participating in real or simulated sexual activity or (photographs) exposing genitals," said Liczbinski, who has been part of the task force for two years.

On cross examination,
Nyquist's attorney, John
McWilliams, got Liczbinski
to acknowledge that Nyquist
appeared in none of the photos. There was also no evidence, Liczbinski testified
under cross examination,
that Nyquist and participated in the taking of any of the
confiscated photos or videos.

The only real point of contention during the hearing came when 35th District Court Judge James Plakas asked about bond conditions. Nyquist posted \$5,000 (10 percent of a \$50,000 bond) after his March 17 arraignment. Glenn wanted the bond increased to \$500,000 (10 percent).

"The defendant has positioned himself to be around children," Glenn told Plakas. "He sent those images to what he believed was a 14-year-old girl. It's not an appropriate bail."

Plakas declined to increase it, though he did add a condition that Nyquist not come within 100 yards of any school or day care center.

Nyquist is due in Wayne County Circuit Court for arraignment May 27.

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ACTOR FROM PAGE A1

both AIDS and drug addiction among struggling performers. After the show, a slide show featuring Larson's work at The Barn from the 1980s was shown. "It was just so fantastic, so powerful for everyone," Chizek said.

Acting is not Chizek's only. passion. She is also a singer who has performed on stage with the Fullerton Civic Opera in Orange County, Calif. Chizek is currently working with Grammy Award-winning producer Bob Cutarella to produce a pop-rock CD on the way and three singles on I-Tunes including a cover of Blondie's Call Me, and the original Good Enough.

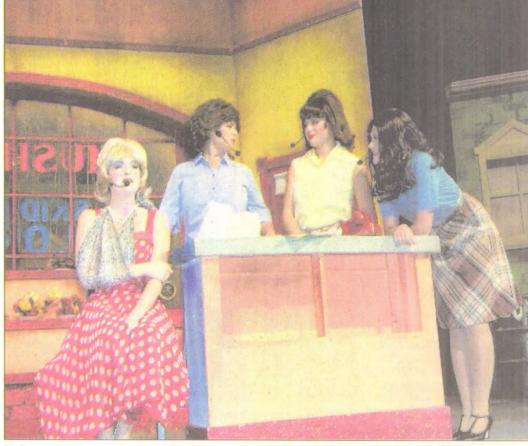
PASSION FOR SINGING

Chizek said singing is her first passion and she is grateful for the opportunity to work with a legitimate music producer. "It's been cool to work with someone who has had success in this business," she said.

In fact, Chizek's first "big break" came because of her strong voice, said her mother, Kathleen.

"Katrina was in the fourth grade, performing with a school group at Farrand Elementary," when a classmate's aunt with ties to the New York Repertory Orchestra approached them, Kathleen Chizek said, impressed with Katrina's strong voice.

"She said that Katrina had a gift and encouraged us to get training," she said. Katrina



Katrina Chizek has appeared in a variety of productions at The Barn, including 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

began vocal training with a local voice coach, and then joined local performing groups such as Plymouth Community Arts Council's Whistle Stop Players.

Jennifer Tobin, arts coordinator for Canton Township and former executive director and youth theatre director with PCAC, remembers working with Chizek.

"I always say that there are kids who have it and kids who want it. And then there are the kids who both have it AND want it, and those are the ones that make it. Katrina obviously has it," said Tobin. "She is just a little fireball of energy and talent."

A 2005 Salem High School graduate, Chizek headed to California after graduation, noting, "I knew I had to either go to New York or California" to reach her goal of performing on stage.

Chizek earned a bachelor's degree from California State University-Fullerton in 2010 and was able to take part in local theater productions around the Los Angeles area

while attending school. She credits Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir teacher Jennifer Kopp with providing encouragement but noted that her passion for performing has been her driving force.

"My teachers all pushed me but I am really self-driven," Chizek said. Although her ultimate goal is Broadway, she is just anxious to make a name for herself in the performing

"I just want to be successful and do what I love: theater," she said.

Barn a stepping stone for screen stars

Celebrating its 65th season this year, the Barn Theatre is one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country. Each summer, the Barn opens for a 16-week season producing award-plays and musicals featuring a cast of performing apprentice actors. Located in Augusta, Mich., just two hours west of the Plymouth/Canton area, the Barn has been a longtime

training ground for both Hollywood and Broadway stars, drawing patrons from both the Detroit and Chicago areas.

Founded in 1946 by Obie Award-winning actor Jack Ragotzy and his actress-wife Betty, the Barn has been a career stop for a wide variety of Broadway, television and movie professionals. Barn performers have included actors Jennifer Garner, Dana Delany, Lauren Graham, James B. Sikking and Tom Wopat from the Dukes of Hazzard as well as daytime television stars Kim Zimmer and Robert Newman from long-running soap opera "The Guiding Light."

The Barn's 2011 season begins May 31 and runs through Sept. 4. The opening production, "The Great Big Bar Show," is a musical revue featuring songs from past productions. Eight different productions are scheduled for the summer season including Escanaba in Love, Man of La Mancha, Chicago, A Streetcar Named Desire, Cinderella and Sunset Boulevard. Ticket prices range from \$20 -\$34 per show.

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Tickets are available at the Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Art Center, Magnolia's and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce in downtown Plymouth and

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symphony office, (734) 451-2112. The Symphony Home Tour, sponsored by the Michigan Philharmonic, includes this Burr Ridge home.

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Band Boosters strike winning tune in bank's cash giveaway Interscholastic Forensic

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Band Boosters have landed a \$10,000 prize by placing first in a local bank's Web-based fundraiser.

The Boosters racked up 3,962 online votes during the second and final round of Sweet 15, which the Bank of Ann Arbor launched in March to mark its 15th anniversary.

"The last couple days, we kept sending out notes to our kids and the Boosters," reminding them to vote, said Erin Babcock, president of the fund-raising and support organization for the marching band made up of Plymouth Canton Educational Park students. "Everybody just pulled together."

The Boosters had over 300 more votes than the secondplace finisher, the Michigan

Association. Voting in the second round ended at 10:15 p.m. Thursday.

Votes, limited to one a day per computer, were cast though Bank of Ann Arbor page on Facebook. The first round of the competition, which ended in April, narrowed a list of about 400 nonprofits to 15, and all 15 groups that made it to the second round will share in the \$75,000 the bank put up for the competition.

The top five groups will take away \$10,000 each. The Boosters have earmarked their winnings for the marching band's trip to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City this fall.

The contest brought the bank, which has a branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, a lot of attention.

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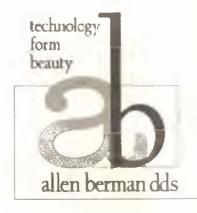
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Revised plans for downtown building win planners' OK

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some architectural details have yet to be worked out, but plans for a new commercial building at the corner of Ann **Arbor Trail and Main Street** were given the green light by the Plymouth Planning Commission on Wednesday.

Developers Omar Hamdan and Ed Dombrowski, who owns the site with his wife, Patricia, say they want to get the 789 Building, named for its address on Ann Arbor Trail, built this summer. They had earlier won approval from a divided Planning Commission for a three-story building, despite opposition by the owners of many downtown businesses, but have scaled back their plans, which now call for a two-story building, with the second floor housing a restaurant with open-air terrace seating.

The developers say they would lease space for retail, restaurant or office use, or a combination of those. The city's Historic District Commission, which has a special meeting Wednesday, must still sign off on some minor changes in the building's appearance that its members requested.

In addition, the City Commission needs to take up the developers' petition to make a cash payment, of \$10,000 per space, in exchange for a waiver of the 16 parking spaces the proposed building requires. The plan as approved includes no on-site parking.

The Planning Commission's vote in favor of revised plans was 5-1, with Commissioner Jim Mulhern

casting the only no vote. Mulhern said he wanted to see completely finished plans before voting for them.

"I'm not going to vote to approve anything that isn't representative of what the exact finished product is," Mulhern said.

That prompted Hamdan to express frustration with the approval process, which dates back to planning and **Historic District Commission** meetings last fall.

"Time is of the essence," said Hamdan, who also threatened to "go ahead and go with the three-story building." Commissioners, however, assured him they would schedule a special meeting if needed. Their Wednesday approval, however, means there will be no such meeting.

Commissioner Keith MacDonald, who in March voted against plans for a three-story building, said he liked the revisions. "I appreciate the lesser intensity," he said.

The only citizen comment on the plan came from William Saxton of Saxton's Garden Center, a block east of the site. Saxton expressed concern that the building, without on-site parking, will put an extra burden on downtown parking.

"When is the city going to get off dead center and provide the parking that's needed in this downtown area?" Saxton said. He added that new construction without parking is "just an extra imposition on the people that provide it," as does Saxton's.

The corner slated for the 789 Building had been the site of a long-vacant gas station that was demolished early this year.

Plan wisely to help fund grandkids' college costs

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I decided to move into a senior community. We sold our home and paid the fee for the senior community. After all is said and done, including furnishing our new place, we have about \$120,000 left. Our Social Security will cover monthly fees and I figure we may need, at most, a couple of hundred dollars a month to cover some additional expenses. I would like to use some of the excess money (about \$20,000) for my grandchildren's college education. I have three grandchildren, ages 5, 7, and 8 years old. I want to use the rest of the money to cover any shortfall. I do have some other investments for long-term growth. Any ideas on how I can invest this money? I want to be conservative with the

A: Congratulations on selling your home, particularly in this market.

In reviewing your situation, I will start with the money that you wish to allocate for your grandchildren's college education. My recommendation is to take the \$20,000 and open a Michigan Education Savings Plan for each of the grandchildren (www.misaves.com).

The MESP is a great way to save for a college education. Not only is it an easy way to save, there are also some major advantages, such as the fact that the money accumulates and can be withdrawn taxfree as long as the money is used for a qualified education expense. Basically, qualified education expense is just about anything that relates to post high school education. One of the beauties of the MESP is the money doesn't have to be used for a Michigan college. It can be used for basically any public or private institution in the country. One of the other benefits is that you can deduct a portion of your contribution from your Michigan Income Tax Return.

Considering the ages of your grandchildren and the fact



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costs continue to rise, I recommend that you select the age-based portfolio. This is a diversi-Money Matters fied portfolio geared for some growth

in the portfo-

In regard to the older grandchildren, you may wish to show them what you're doing and take this opportunity to teach them about money. They should know that their grandparents are sacrificing so they can get a good college education.

With the approximate \$100,000 remaining, I recommend \$7,000 into your bank account to cover your additional income needs. This

money should last you close to two years. This will allow other monies that you have to reinvest and grow.

I recommend dividing the other \$50,000 equally through the following Vanguard Funds: 1. Vanguard U.S. Treasury

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3. Vanguard Wellesley Income My recommendation for these funds is to let everything reinvest and grow. Once the initial \$7,000 in your bank account is exhausted, withdraw equally from these three

With the remaining money - considering your desire to be conservative and the fact that you will not need this money for a number of years - my recommendation is to consider a fixed annuity. It is

funds to replenish that money.

guaranteed and insured, and all the money would grow on a tax-deferred basis. You would only pay taxes when you with-

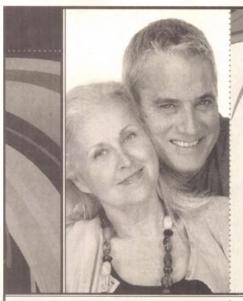
draw the money. Not all fixed annuities are the same. The ones I recommend are no-load and not stuffed with excessive fees. The individual I generally rec-

ommend for fixed annuities is

Jim Hutton (800-870-4444). I am frequently asked about senior communities and

whether I recommend them. It's sort of like mutual funds. Some mutual funds are good, some are not so good. The same could be said about senior communities.

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







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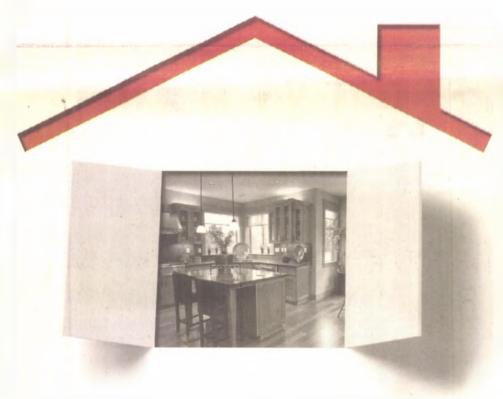
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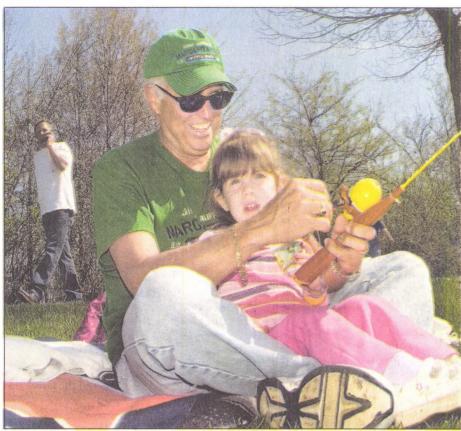




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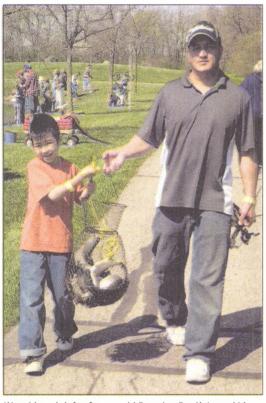
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Jay Young and 4-year-old granddaughter Lily Lombardo untangle their line.



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Local man looks for information about open heart surgery in 1950

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Doctors have told David Hatty he has the heart of a 25year-old and that's with having several heart attacks, triple bypass surgery and even an operation to place stents in his veins. But the most important heart operation he had came when he was 11 years old.

In the fall of 1950, doctors at Children's Hospital in Boston successfully performed open heart surgery, repairing his aorta which was too small to adequately pump blood. Had the surgery not been done, Hatty said he most likely would not have lived much beyond age 20.

"My mom told me the doctors told her it hadn't been done before, but they knew what to do," said the Westland resident. "Back then you had blind faith in doctors. They would make everything good — get this operation, it'll take care of the problem and you'll be well. I was a guinea pig."

Now age 72, David Hatty is telling his story, urged on by his son, Daniel, who is scouting the Internet to see if there is information about the remarkable operation, spurred on by a Detroit Medical Center ad that talks about the birth of open heart surgery at Harper University Hospital in 1952.

"I did a search online and thought I saw 1948, then I saw first ever successful one was in 1952, but my dad's was in 1950," said Daniel Hatty. "Grandma didn't want all the notoriety."

"Her comment was to let someone else get the credit, she was a little shy," added David's wife Mary, who has faxed paperwork to the hospital, including the medical record number on the card which lists appointments in September and October 1950, in hopes of getting informa-



Mary Hatty laughs at her husband David, who wants to see if "warranty is up" on open heart surgery he had Children's Hospital of Boston in 1950.

they returned to Detroit by

about what was happening.

When he got to Boston, he

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his leg. What he remembers

He really didn't know much

tion about the surgery.

"We want to see if the warranty is up," said David Hatty, adding that "Mom didn't want anything."

PAIN IN THE LEG

David Hatty's brush with medical history started when he was age 9. The youngster had a pain in his leg and his mother took him to the pediatrician. While examining his entire body, the doctor discovered the problem with his aorta. When he was 11, his father drove him and his mother to Boston where doctors performed the operation free of charge.

"I didn't know what was going on," said Hatty. "From what I learned later on my heart wasn't pumping enough blood and I suspect between age 14 and 20 I would have been dead. I had the pain for a year and a half and it then it was gone."

David Hatty's father returned to Detroit to work. A baby sitter was found to take care of his four siblings while he and his mother stayed with relatives in Brookline, Mass. He was hospitalized for a month and then spent another two months recovering before

anything like that," David Hatty said. "I was leaving the Army and they we're checking me out. They said they didn't think I'd be accepted. I said that was fine because I was getting out."

room, he'd say 'I've never seen

And then there was the fact that he had to see a pediatrician until he was 18 years old.

It goes without saying that the operation was a success. He played football in high school - the doctor told him his scar looked like a zipper - and has been an assistant coach with CYO programs at schools like St. Michael's in Livonia where the eighthgrade team won 10 championships, and St. William of Walled Lake. He also coached women's softball for 20 years and has been walking fourfive miles a day for a similar amount of time.

"It hasn't stopped me from doing things," he said. "They took me in the Army, so it must have been successful."

The Hattys hope to find out more from the Boston hospital. In the meantime, they celebrate its success

"I'm not sure what led my parents to believe in this," said David Hatty. "It all started with a pain in the leg. It's a miracle. If my mother had been scared to have me have the heart surgery, today may be a lot different.'

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Gladys Gotts, who turned 106 on May 4, was born in 1905, when Teddy Roosevelt was president and there were just 45 states in the U.S.

Longtime Canton resident marks her 106th birthday

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Gladys Kincaid Gotts, a longtime Canton Township resident who lived on an 80acre farm before the area was densely populated, gathered with family members and friends to mark her 106th birthday on May 4.

Mrs. Gotts was born in 1905 in Silverwood, Mich., to Herman and Ethel Kincaid. The family moved to the Ypsilanti area when she was a teenager, and she and a girlfriend drove a horse and buggy to high school, stabling the horse in a barn behind the

She married Percy Gotts in 1923, and they raised three daughters, Dorothy Richards

of Canton, Joyce Gyde, who lives in Texas, and the late Betty DeKarske, who died in

Gladys and Percy Gotts were married for about 30 years, and he farmed on their property, which Mrs. Gotts sold to what is now Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery after her husband's death. Mrs. Gotts continued to live in their

house until the 1970s. She worked as a secretary at Ford Motor Co. in the 1950s and 1960s, retiring in 1967.

Mrs. Gotts, who now lives at the Superior Woods Healthcare Center in Washtenaw County, has five grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

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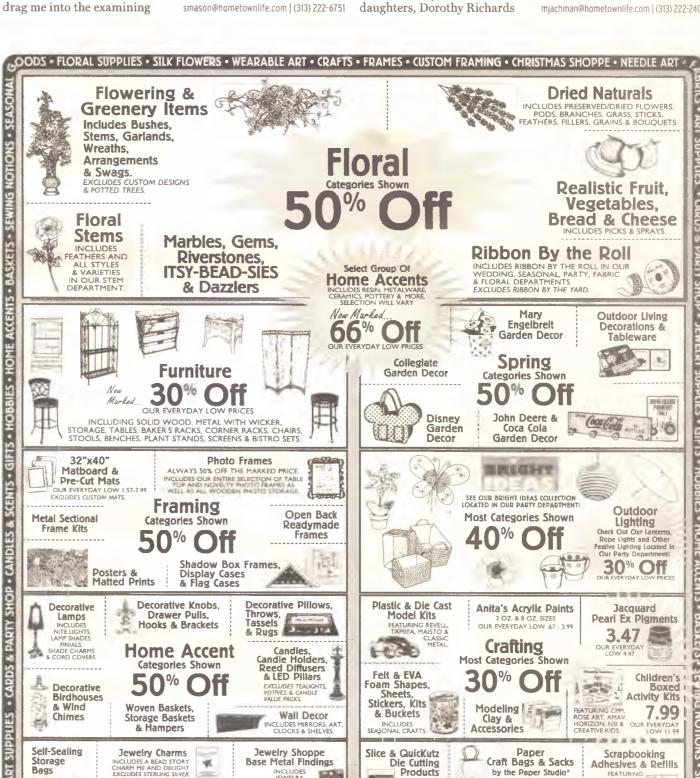
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Hills couple will visit their school in Africa, gifts in hand

BY STACY JENKINS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Like a tapestry of goodwill, things are coming together, piece by piece, for Paul and Nancy Berrigan.

The Farmington Hills couple, who has opened a secondary school in Chelekura, a remote area in the east African nation of Uganda, about four hours east of the country's capital, Kampala, will return there in June, bearing gifts.

About 2,000 of them. The gifts are colorful, cotton, handmade dresses for the girls of Chelekura.

"Each one is cuter than the next," said Nancy Berrigan, who was contacted by Joan Mountford of Canton, after reading an article in the Observer about the John Paul School built by the Berrigans.

Mountford sews the dresses and gives them to the Berrigans. She came up with the idea of sewing the dresses out of fabric or pillow cases, when she saw the Little Dresses for Africa nonprofit set up at the Summit in Canton. She knew, from reading the newspaper story, that the Berrigans would return to Africa, so she contacted them to see if they'd be interested in taking some dresses.

Nancy Berrigan, of course, said they would love to take dresses for the girls.

"It's exciting," she said. "I just can't wait to see their faces."

Mountford and Nancy Berrigan have become fast friends, and Berrigan has collected fabric from her church, St. Fabian Catholic Church, for Mountford to continue creating the adorable dresses.

Mountford, who has made about 70 so far, is happy to do it.

"I'm just really having a good time," said Mountford. "I try to make one a day, but



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul and Nancy Berrigan sort through the colorful, handmade dresses they will take with them to Africa.

sometimes I can make five in a day." She pictures the girls enjoying the dresses.

"I know some little child is going to really enjoy it and appreciate it for at least a year," she said, noting that's how long, or longer, they'll wear the dresses. "A lot of the kids have nothing else — no nightgowns, no change of clothes.

She purposely makes each dress unique — and that's for

"Every one has been different," she said. "So they all can feel individual and important."

The Berrigans are also taking dresses that were made for the Little Dresses for Africa organization, which has people volunteering to sew from all 50 states and around the world.

The organization was started by Rachel O'Neill after visiting Africa.

"When she saw all these little girls, she said, 'I'm going to get you a dress," said Berrigan, noting the O'Neill didn't know how to sew, so she came up with the idea to start the sewing network that's based in Brownstown. For more information about Little Dresses for Africa, visit www. littledressesforafrica.org.

PROGRESS

The Berrigans are excited that their trip to Uganda will include their daughter, Kathleen, her friend and another friend of the family.

They will also mark a very special occasion while they're there — the dedication of the new Science and Learning Center, with a physics lab, a biology lab and a chemistry lab. The building will also have a library, a study hall and a computer lab. The Berrigans are hoping for donations of solar panels on the building, since there's no electricity. They're also in need of furniture for the building.

Their needs are endless," said Paul Berrigan.

Yet, the school keeps growing. It's up to 149 students now, 61 of whom are female boarding students.

"Each new success brings a new challenge," said Paul Berrigan, noting that they hope to build staff housing so they can retain top quality teachers. He said they've already started a bonus incentive for teachers, to keep them at the school. Their goal is to make it a premier school, focused on science. They offer 40 scholarships per year, including those for the top male and top female student.

"We want it to be a quality school to get a good education and that's why they come," said Paul Berrigan.

It's only \$100 to sponsor a student; \$200 to sponsor a boarding student and \$1,500 to sponsor a teacher.

The John Paul School which is named after Paul and Nancy's father's first names — has become the center point of the rural community and it

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- · E-mail Paul Berrigan at birdwatcher@earthlink.net for more information.

seems to be attracting more people to the area.

The first school in Chelekura was the shade from a large tree. The second school was under a hut made from tree limbs and a thatched roof, with no walls. The third location for the school was inside a crumbling old church, after a new one was built.

The Berrigans, who try to visit once a year, are excited to

"We're really happy with the progress," said Nancy Berrigan. "We're excited to see how things have grown and changed."

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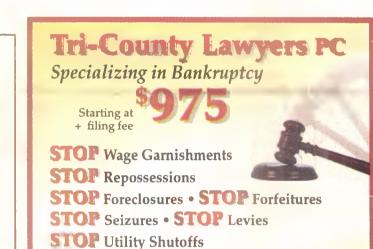
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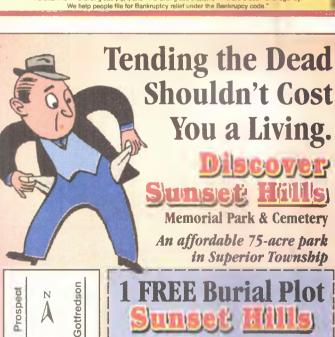


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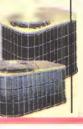
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Seeking 'Salvation' - Corps remains key part of retiree's lifestyle

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salvation Army may not be in George Aren's blood, but it's certainly in his bloodline.

The 76-year-old Aren, a Livonia resident who recently retired after what he calls a 76-year career serving the Salvation Army, was basically born into service, born to a father who was a member of the Church of England, a mother who was in the Army and grandparents who had served, as well.

So it's no surprise Aren became the patriarch of what might be referred to as the "family business," a father who led two of his four children into the same sort of service.

"It's all we knew when I was a kid," said Aren, who started at the Temple Corps, located at Grand River and West Chicago in Detroit. "The Salvation Army becomes your way of life. It's not just a church, it's a lifestyle."

A SANCTUARY

It's been George Aren's lifestyle virtually his whole life. He grew up in what he calls a working-class neighborhood and attended church at the Temple Corps. He actually ran the community center as a 16year-old. Through high school, it was his sanctuary, a place he and his friends escaped for hour after hour of basketball or floor hockey.

He went on to own his own business — Telway Towing in Redford — for 38 years. He volunteered for the Salvation Army from 1987 through 2000. But it was the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255 at Detroit Metro Airport that put its stamp on what Aren would do with his latter years.

"That was my introduction to disaster services," said Aren, who would go on to become the chief of disaster services. "I had a friend serving as corps commander who was trying to get me to volunteer for disaster services. He called me on a Friday, then



George Aren, who retired as director of disaster services for the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan region, has been followed into Army service by his son, Maj. John Aren, and his daughter Laurie, who is director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

called again Sunday to say the plane had crashed.

The Salvation Army turned the disaster services position into a part-time job, with Aren manning it. Then came Sept. 11, 2001. After the Salvation Army responded to the disaster in New York, Aren's job was turned into a full-time job, one he kept until he retired April 1.

DISASTER RELIEF

While dealing with a variety of disasters — from the plane crash at Metro Airport to fires and other disasters — Aren has met a variety of people. For instance, he met the firefighter who walked out of the crash debris at Metro with Flight 255's only survivor (153 people died that day), 4-yearold Cecelia Cichan.

"It's necessary work," Aren said of the disaster services job. "First responders and victims (on-scene) are despondent, they're very much upset. There's a saying that if you can get those people to eat or drink something, it alleviates that."

Aren's children heard all the



Laurie Aren of Westland, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, at a presentation she made to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

stories over all the years. It's had an effect on at least two of them. His son, John, is a major who, with wife Julie (also a major and a third-generation officer herself), runs the Romulus Adult Rehabilitation Center and manages the assets of seven different thrift stores, including the newest one in

Canton.

He said it's no surprise he got involved, given his upbringing.

"My parents took us to the corps three times a week," John Aren recalled. "From that, and from being part of study groups, we got good training in understanding



George Aren of Livonia (center) is flanked by his successor as director disaster services Chuck McDougall and his son, Maj. John Aren.

what the Bible says."

Like most corps officers serving the Salvation Army, John and Julie Aren, who now live in Westland, have lived a transient lifestyle. They've served in places like Minneapolis, Minn.; Alpena and Monroe, Mich.; Des Moines, Iowa; Grand Rapids and now Romulus.

ON THE MOVE

In fact, the Westland Arens are moving again; the biggest piece of John's ministry, the Adult Rehab Center in Romulus, has changed its mission and the Arens will move to the Chicago area in June.

While he thought about not doing it - John's background is in systems engineering, Julie is a registered nurse John said his beginnings in the Brightmoor Corps solidified the choice.

"Starting at such an intense level, and calling on God to meet it ... the two connected and put is in the middle," John said. "That was thrilling and helped us understand that's what we were supposed to do with the rest of our lives. We'd found our calling."

Not all of the Aren children felt the calling. Son Mark works at Telway Towing (George's former company), son Jim teaches specialneeds students and daughter

Jennifer is a social worker who specializes in foster care and adoption.

It wasn't exactly a call-

ing for his other daughter, Laurie Aren, either. Sure, for the last few years she has served as director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, but the Westland resident had an extensive career in the health care industry before that.

She spent more than 13 years at Henry Ford Hospital and also did bereavement work for Arbor Hospice before landing in Plymouth. She isn't surprised she gravitated to the Salvation Army.

"All of my family are there," Laurie said. "I don't know if it was an 'attraction,' it was just always there. It's such a way of life; 95 percent of our friendships are in the Army. You don't know anything else."

George Aren doesn't figure to be out of the Salvation Army way of life any time soon. He had his wife, Dorothy, still worship at the Dearborn Heights Corps. It's been a way of life for 76 years, so why change now?

"The people I've met ... I've made some good friends,' Aren added. "You have all the stories ... it's amazing."

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SECTION B

SPORTS

SUNDAY, May 15, 2011





FROM GARAGE TO GREEN HOME COMMUNITY LIFE, B5

KLAA TRACK MEET

Canton boys 2nd to Novi

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marsha Reid has had plenty of success recently coaching the Novi girls track and field team.

And now that Reid is doing double duty, that success has translated over to the boys side as the Wildcats repeated as KLAA Kensington Conference champions Friday at Livonia Churchill.

Novi finished a team-best 140 points with Livonia Stevenson and Canton finishing second and third with 104 and 80.5 points, respectively. See complete team standings and results.

Novi was led by double winner Joe Schubring, a senior who swept the 1,600and 3,200-meter runs in 4:25.29 (meet record) and 10:00.17, respectively.

Novi's other individual winner was Derek Kim in the 110 hurdles (15.17). The Wildcats also captured the 4 x 100 relay in 44.06.

"We had some key graduations last year on the boys side," said Reid, who has also coached the Novi girls for 10 seasons. "We weren't sure what to expect. And here we are with a conference championship and the (Central) division championship. It's been a harder fight this year for the boys than the girls, but it's a nice thing."

Novi was coming off a 72.5-64.5 dual meet victory over Stevenson to determine the KLAA Central Division champion.

"My assessment today is that it was an overall great team effort," Reid said. "I think that's kind of been the key to our success all year. When we've needed to, we've had athletes step up and done everything they could for the team. They've sacrificed whatever they've done as an individual and gone out and done it for the team. I can't stress that more than what happened here today and what happened on Tuesday (72.5-64.5 dual meet win over Stevenson)."

After finishing fourth in last Saturday's Observerland Relays, Stevenson broke the 100-point barrier at the conference meet.

"We did real well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Obviously, we had a lot more kids set personal bests in a number of events and won three of four relays – we're real happy with. We had a freshman (Danny

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SIDELINES

Canton best at Massey

Last year's annual softball game between Canton and Salem at Don Massey Field in Plymouth went 14 innings with the Rocks eking out a 2-1 victory.

This year's wasn't as dramatic as the Chiefs won 4-0. Winning pitcher Alyssa Boucher helped her own cause, going 2-for-3 at the plate, knocking in a run.

Chipping in with two hits each for the Chiefs (20-2) were Kaitlyn Mattson (double) and Lauren Leskovitz (triple, two RBI).

Salem's record dipped to 5-7 overall.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, the Chiefs took both ends of a double-header against Livonia Franklin, 10-2 and 13-3

Boucher scattered seven hits over seven innings to win the opener.

In the nightcap, Canton hurler Hannah Warren scattered seven hits and struck out four in going the distance

Huge win for 'Cats

A deflection goal proved to be the difference Thursday as host Plymouth downed Livonia Churchill, 1-0, in a key girls soccer battle for first place in the KLAA's South Division.

The loss ended Churchill's unbeaten streak at seven game as the Chargers fall to 6-4-2 overall and 5-2-1 in the division.

Plymouth is 7-2-3 overall and 5-1-2 in the KLAA South, but now is one point behind division leader Canton (6-2, 18

"We just can't stand prosperity," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I think we can out and played scared. We did not play well as a team

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During a recent softball game, Salem junior Alyssa Meagher launches another pitch toward the plate — now 43 feet away from the circle. Ready at third base is Elliott Mitchem.

CIRCLE CHANGE

Softball pitchers, coaches adjusting to 43-foot distance

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How big a deal is the MHSAA edict to add three feet to the distance from the pitcher's circle to home plate?

Not so much, according to several softball coaches and pitchers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park asked about the mandate to move the mound from 40 to 43 feet away from their tar-

But make no mistake, the 2011 prep season is one of adjustment — for varsity, junior varsity and

freshman pitchers.

"You just have to give a little more *oomph* when you push off," Salem pitcher Alyssa Meagher said. "But it's not that difficult." With a little extra space and

time, however, batters are better able to time fastballs or lay off breaking pitches. They also have more of a head start toward first base if they lay down a good bunt.

"I'm going to assume it's going to happen more," Canton pitcher Alyssa Boucher said. "Because there's three feet now where it's going to take me longer to get to the ball."

IN SYNC

The change helps prep players with hopes of playing college softball to gain experience throwing the ball 43 feet, which is what the distance is at the collegiate level. Travel teams also go by the 43-foot distance.

"A lot of girls at the varsity level, their dream is to play college softball," Plymouth varsity coach Val Canfield said. "And that's the way they'll be ready for it."

The change will help girls gear up for college softball, but Salem

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Indiana Tech_inks Allard to play women's lax

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton senior Lauren Allard will be continuing the impressive trend of girls lacrosse players from the Park moving on to play at Indiana Tech University.

On May 6, Allard officially signed her scholarship offer from Indiana Tech, with Warriors' women's lacrosse coach Ed Karasek and wife Diana on hand.

"Having coach Karasek drive two and a half hours here and back for the signing of my scholarship was an honor," Allard said. "He had to head right back to Indiana Tech after our game because (Karasek's team) was having their banquet the next day."

Also at the signing were her parents, Steve and Amy, and Salem varsity coach Dave Medley — her former coach with the PCS United Lady Warriors (which folded after 2010 to launch separate teams for Canton, Plymouth and Solom)

Of course Chiefs head coach Dave Bower and the rest of the Canton squad helped Lauren celebrate her big day.

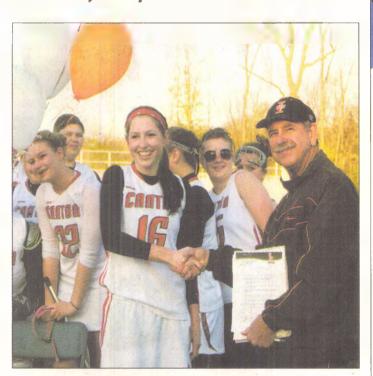
And having them there meant a lot to her.

"My Canton lacrosse team has been very supportive of this opportunity I have been given," Allard said. "I think that this encourages my teammates to work hard and this opportunity can be theirs as well."

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Bower said Allard's work ethic, sportsmanship and strong competitive edge are reasons why she should suc-

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Canton senior Lauren Allard (No. 16) is congratulated by her future coach — Indiana Tech University's Ed Karasek — after she officially signed to play college lacrosse for the Warriors.



Who: Joshua Allen, senior co-

captain of Plymouth Christian

Academy varsity track and field

JOSHUA ALLEN



Miscellany: The 17-year-old shot put and discus thrower carries a 3.1 grade-point average and was also captain of PCA's football team. His parents are Patricia and Todd Allen. He is hopeful of setting a new school record in the shot put and has his

and lodd Allen. He is hopeful of setting a new school record in the shot put and has his sights set on going to the state finals. Allen was accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to exhibit leadership and set a good example for the rest

of the athletes on your team." **Leadership style:** "I lead by setting a good example for the others to follow. I also make sure to hold my tongue so I don't say something I'd regret." **Why him?** "They picked me

because I showed leadership to the other throwers and I have been on the team for a long time."

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Plymouth sweeps past John Glenn

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Plymouth senior pitcher Mike Nadratowski threw a complete game, not allowing an earned run, as the Wildcats defeated Westland John Glenn 8-5 in the opener of Wednesday's twinbill.

Supporting Nadratowski with three runs was Ben Wohl, while Chad Schroeder chipped in with two hits.

A five-run first, courtesy of two John Glenn errors, set the tone.

Nadratowski carried a nohitter until there were two outs in the seventh, when Caleb

Clenney doubled. In Game 2, the Wildcats mercied the Rockets 11-0 in a five-inning KLAA South Division contest.

Justin Thompson threw a two-hitter over five innings. He did not allow a walk and struck out two.

Nadratowski had a 2-run double, while John Etienne scored three runs. Wohl also doubled and scored twice.

With the wins, Plymouth improved to 13-8 overall and 8-5 in the KLAA South.

CANTON 13-14, FRANKLIN 3-0: KLAA South Division co-leader Canton (18-3, 11-2) collected a total of 32 hits in Wednesday's double-header sweep of host Livonia Franklin (11-

Canton won the opener in five innings, 13-3, as Ryan Bazner had a solo homer and RBI double.

Chris Perkovich went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer, while Braden Price added two triples and scored a run.

Mike Stafford pitched the first four innings to earn the vic-

Madonna boys hoops

PREP BASEBALL

tory, while Franklin starter Brent Marzion gave up 11 earned runs in 4.2 innings

Dan Muller doubled and scored a run for the Patriots.

Canton also won the second game, 14-0, as Bazner pitched a perfect game through four innings before Muller broke up the bid with a lead-off single in the fifth for Franklin's lone hit.

Bazner struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Seth Tschetter went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Price went 2-for-3, including a 3-run homer.

PCA 14-12, LUTHERAN SOUTH 3-2: The Plymouth Christian varsity baseball team swept a pair from Lutheran South in Newport.

The big story of the day was Matt Hagelin. In 10 plate appearances, he went 4-for-4, drew five walks, laid down a sacrifice bunt, scored four runs, stole five bases and drove in

Daniel Jipping went the distance in the opener, striking out

Besides Hagelin's 4-for-4 and seven RBI, Matt Dodson and John Slater each singled and doubled.

Also tallying hits were Dillon Rahill, John Beauchemin, Matt Read and Jared Cobb. Daniel Slater walked three times and

was hit by a pitch. Game 2 was more of the same, with John Slater pitching all six innings, allowing just two hits and smacking two doubles himself.

Daniel Slater (single, two walks), Jipping (double, walk), Read (single) and AJ Smith (single) helped the cause.



Wednesday was Senior Night for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team. From left are Jill Sparschu, Cindy Bradford, Sophia Flesch, Taylor Martin, Taylor Birman, Lauren Manner, Megan Birdwell and Rhianna Fleischer.

Seniors have big night for Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Wednesday was "Senior Night" in more ways than one for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team.

Six senior players scored as the Wildcats rolled to a 15-6 victory over Salem.

Leading the way with three goals each for Plymouth (8-6 overall) were seniors Taylor Birman and Megan Birdwell. Also finding the back of the Salem net were seniors Jill Sparschu (two goals), Sophia Flesch, Cindy Bradford and Rhianna Fleischer.

Junior attacker Katie Hill paced the Wildcats with four goals.

For Salem (3-11 overall), goal scorers included Rose Krasofsky (two goals), Breanne Beaver, Jenna Carter, Kiersten Vala and Shannon Fitzpatrick.

"It was a great game against our cross-campus rivals, Plymouth head coach Bob Hill said. "The coach of the Salem girls lacrosse team, Dave Medley, started the lacrosse program six years ago.

"All of the players on campus owe a great deal to him and his dedication."

The Wildcats only led 6-4



Salem's Kiersten Vala (No. 15, left) keeps a half-step ahead of her Plymouth pursuer, Jordyn Burdick (right), during Wednesday's varsity girls lacrosse match.

at halftime, giving the young Rocks reason to be optimistic about an upset victory.

'I felt grateful to be that close at the half and was starting to believe we could pull the upset," Salem coach Dave Medley said. "... but with (Plymouth) seniors doing what seniors are supposed to do, they came alive in the second half and (gradually) erased that thought from my mind."

Medley coached the Plymouth seniors during his stint at the helm of the former combined Lady Warriors squad (this is the first year all three high schools have fielded their own teams).

"In a strange way, I was honored by watching how well some of the seniors for Plymouth were playing," he

Meanwhile, Medley praised his young players for their effort. "I can't help but to feel positive as all our scores were by first-year players."

Plymouth followed that win up on Thursday with a 14-5 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Katie Hill scored seven goals with Swanson registering a pair. Other goals were notched by Birman, Shannon Lubin, Amanda Kne, Sam Arsenault and Bradford.

Making six stops with a strong performance was Plymouth sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Messer.

Future Stars baseball

should bring water and a lunch.

The Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls in current grades 2-8 will be 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road. The cost is \$60 and you must be registered by June 24.

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the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

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For more information, call Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or e-mail mfournie2@livoniapublic-

Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 (boys) and July 18-21 (girls) at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

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Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

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BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 159 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 161 May 10 at Whispering Willows G.C. Plymouth scorers: Kyle Rodes, 38; Josh Heinze and Justin Bauer, 40 each; C.J.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-0

Wayne scorers: Zach Williamson, 40;

Dual match records: Canton, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA

ceed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Allard also is an excellent student (3.9 grade-point average) and will study energy engineering at Indiana Tech.

"It's really satisfying seeing her get this chance to continue playing lacrosse at the collegiate level," Bower said. "She is welldeserving of this honor and I have every confidence she will have a lot of success."

Medley said he knew from the day

Allard arrived as a freshman, "I could tell this girl was something special. One of the most polite, humble and respectful players I've ever coached. She's very deserving of this scholarship."

The 5-9 midfielder will be the third player from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to receive a scholarship to play lacrosse at Indiana Tech.

The first two were Allard's teammates with PCS United, Canton's Chelsea Olson and Plymouth's Nicole Rottell. Both graduated from high school in 2009.

Speaking of Olson, she'll be playing this summer in Germany and the Czech Republic with the USA Women's Lacrosse

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

Thompson, 41; Ryan Rieckhoff, 43; Craig

Churchill scorers: Andrew Ioanou, 36 (medalist); Chris Theile, 40; Eric Hill, 42; Nick Proben, 43; Ben Proben and Cory Dare,

overall, 5-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South.

CANTON 173 WAYNE MEMORIAL 184 May 9 at Gateway G.C.

Canton scorers: Frank Parzynski, 39 (medalist); Josh Maxam, 41; Marty Peck, 44; Alex Champagne, 49; Brandon Laabs, 50; Justin Logal R.2.

Jarret Williams, 46; Corey Robbins, 47; Austin St. Peter, 51; Shane Schooley, 54; Dylan Dotter, 73.

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Whalers focus on offense at draft

With eight defensemen and two goaltenders set to return next season, the Plymouth Whalers used Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection to stock up on young forwards.

The Whalers used their 11th-round pick to nab 6-foot-2, 205-pound left wing Mitchell Dempsey, who had 38 goals, 34 assists and 76 penalty minutes in 55 games for the Cambridge Hawks. Dempsey is described as a power forward by Plymouth general manager/coach Mike Vellucci.

According to Phoenix Coyotes scout Jeff Twohey, the new Whaler is "tailormade for a Mike Vellucci-type team. Mitchell's a big winger who plays hard. Not only is there some size and competitiveness, but he also has the ability to score goals."

With their second round pick (33rd overall) the Whalers selected left wing Matthew Mistele, who scored 43 goals with 34 assists for 77 points and 50 PIM's in 60 games last season for the Whitby Wildcats.

"The Whitby Wildcats have a long history of developing players," Twohey said. "Typically, Whitby's players come into the league ready to play. Matthew's another good fit for the Whalers. Mike Vellucci likes competitive players."

THEY FIT THE MOLD

Plymouth assistant general manager Brian Sommariva gave his assessment of the early rounds of the Whalers draft. "We think with Mitchell Dempsey,

we've got a real good player with size and skill," Sommariva said. "We think he'll project real well. He's a prototypical Plymouth Whaler — he can skate, he's got a nasty side and he can score, too. So we're excited about him.

"Matthew Mistele is a real good goal scorer. People around the league are already texting Mike (Vellucci) saying what a great pick that was in the second round. Without putting any pressure on him, we're real excited to see how he

Plymouth had to wait until the fifth round (88th overall) to select right wing Connor Chatham, who scored two goals in 12 games in a season cut short by surgery in the Tier I Elite Hockey League.

According to Central Scouting, Chatham is big and physical but an above-average skater with good offensive

Chatham has reportedly committed to play for the National Team Development Program in 2011-12.

Five picks later, Plymouth continued to draft forwards as left wing Dylan Mascarin was selected from the Thunder Bay Kings. Mascarin scored 21 goals and 53 assists for 74 points and 120 PIM's in 56 games for the Kings last season.

BLUELINE HELP

The Whalers took their first defense-

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man in the draft in the seventh round (133rd) overall, going to North Carolina to select 6-foot-3, 180-pound defenseman Charlie Pelnik from the Carolina Hurricanes U-16 team.

Although several Plymouth alums are playing in the Carolina Hurricanes system, Pelnik is the first member of the Hurricanes' youth program to be selected by the Whalers. Early in the eighth round (144th over-

all), the Whalers went back to offense with the selection of left wing Danny Vanderwiel, who scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 87 PIM's in 33 games for the Team Illinois U-16's last

With their own eighth round pick (153rd overall), Plymouth selected defenseman Chris Lindner from the London Knights Gold team. Lindner scored three goals with 17 assists for 20 points and 16 PIM in 50 games last season.

Plymouth historically has found value in the late rounds of the draft.

"A lot of teams say after the eighth round or so, the draft's done," Sommariva said. "We don't feel that way. We'll keep working late into the draft. The picks in the late rounds aren't wasted. The slots late in the draft could get us players that are just as valuable as the higher selec-

"We'll continue to work our lists and have discussions about players who can



Delivering a 43-foot pitch Monday against Livonia Stevenson is Plymouth senior Lauren Smith.

varsity coach Bonnie Southerland stressed that it will be more of a test for girls to play at the high school level for various reasons.

"I think it will make the game more challenging, it will be more of a hitter's game," Southerland said. "There will be more bunting, slapping. ... and speed will also factor in both on offense and

"If you cannot move fast on the corners you won't be getting those runners out as often.

According to Canton varsity coach Jim Arnold, the change will lead to subtle changes in how the game is played. But it won't take long for players to adjust.

"It's going to change the game a little bit, as far as bunting and that sort of thing," Arnold said. "But our pitchers are ready to go. They've been practicing all winter long at the 43-feet, they're in good shape."

To that end, they had to build up their strength and endurance and retrain in order to throw the ball three more feet than they had been

"Most summer ball tournaments are actually at 43 feet," Boucher said. "So that helped prepare me for the high school level.

"But I did have to do some outside training like at home, where I would have to run a little bit more, do a little more leg work to help me get that extra three feet."

When this season began, the longer distance was an issue with Boucher. "But right now, it feels like nothing."

TWO-SIDED COIN

For hurlers who like to throw breaking stuff to fool batters, the 43-foot distance is a plus — as long as they have good control of their pitches, of course.

"I'm more of a movement pitch-

er," Boucher noted. "So it (going to 43 feet) gives me that three feet to give that extra one inch or two inches on my drop.'

Arnold said his pitchers (Boucher and Hannah Warren) "have breaking balls that break pretty good. (With) the 43 feet they'll break even more, which I

am happy about." The flip side is the additional fraction of a second batters have to time the pitch and hit it.

"It opens up the game a lot more offensively," Canfield said. "If you're facing a faster pitcher it's more time to open up on the ball."

Although the change was inevitable and understandable, Southerland cited one down side

"If you are not deep in pitching you will not be able to thrive," she said. "Those teams and schools with low numbers and small teams will suffer the most."

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Park teams run hard, but can't catch Novi

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Novi dominated the KLAA conference girls track and field meet Friday at Livonia Churchill.

But coaches from other teams still thought their squads competed well during the course of the hot, muggy afternoon - and they won't have to worry about the Wildcats at this Friday's Division 1 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Novi totaled 132 points to easily outpace the competition and win the Kensington Conference title.

Finishing second with 81 points was Livonia Churchill, followed by third-place Livonia Franklin (74). Both Westland John Glenn and Plymouth tied for fourth with 73 points.

"It's a really good conference, a very competitive conference this year," Churchill head coach Pat Daugherty said. "And Novi is by far the king and the queen of the conference, if you want to call it that."

Daugherty and other coaches said the weather did impact the stamina of athletes competing in multiple events.

"You could tell," the Churchill said. "I had a couple girls in the four-by-four who had already run three races and they didn't run their best time in the fourby-four because of the amount of races and definitely from the heat and humidity.

"But everybody else is going through the same thing. I was hoping for a little bit more out of our team, but Novi clearly is the superior team today."

Daugherty said standouts from his team included Emily Norscia (first, discus, 106 feet, 7 inches) and Mahogany Miller (first in the shot put with a meet-record 36-0.25). Both were personal bests.

Churchill's second-place 3,200-meter relay team (9:53.22) and third-place 800 relay team (1:47.25) were other pluses, he added.

TOO MUCH DEPTH

Novi's excellent depth certainly played a factor in the first-place finish.

"I'm very fortunate to have a good group of core girls that are a good group of sprinters, (a) good group of hurdlers," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "We're able to take that and add that to some solid distance performances and field events. "All you need is a little bit of

every event to kind of push it out there and everything." Sparking Novi were Kelly

McCloskey and Jasmine Ward, who each set conference meet records. McCloskey set hers in the

100 hurdles with a mark of 15.42, while Ward captured the 200 dash with a record time of 25.55.

The Patriots trailed John Glenn for much of the day, but grabbed third place after the final field events were tabulated.

Franklin long jumper Pia Klein, a German exchange student, had a lot to do with that, she set a new meet record with a distance of 17 feet, 2.75 inches

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Klein also captured the high jump, while Franklin teammates Megan McPherson (first, 3,200 run), Meghan Lark (second, pole vault) and Kelly O'Brien (third, 100 hurdles) also scored key points.

"I am very proud of how we finished today," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We lost some close dual meets during the season, but to finish third in the KLAA meet is a great accomplishment by our girls."

As for the Rockets, who won the KLAA South Division with a 4-0-1 record, they scored in a lot of events and largely overcame having some key members of relays on the sidelines.

"Our relays were a little banged up today, but they still ran pretty well," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "If we do what we did today, but keep everybody healthy, then we'll be in good shape."

John Glenn scored 2-3 in both throwing events and other solid efforts were turned in by Joslyn Massey (third, long jump, 16-6.25), Kirsten Smith (fourth, 100 hurdles, 16.32) and Kayla Jones (third, 200 dash,

MIGHTY MADI

Plymouth also had several big performances. Madi Lewis took first in the 400 dash (58.61) and anchored the victorious 1,600 relay team.

Lewis put it in overdrive in the final stretch to help the Wildcats edge Novi (4:08.84 to 4:09.53).

After the race relay, teammates Rachael Hille, Jada Woody and Becka Knox rushed to Lewis for a celebratory group

"Novi's a great, great team and they're pretty deep," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "They had a pretty good lead going in to the last leg, and honestly I didn't know if Madi was going to be able to run it

"But I told her today, she closes like no girl I've ever seen. Her ability to close in on people in the back half of races, whether it's a short sprint or the 400, is amazing.

Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich won the 1,600-meter run with time of 5:13.17, which is a new record for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams

Kavulich also was part of the victorious 3,200-meter relay with Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp and Kathryn Binsfeld (9:48.68).

"The 4-by-8 went 9:48, so we're right on track where we wanted to be with the state qualifying time of 9:50," Salem coach Dale Maskill said. "So next week (May 20) at regionals, they should feel really comfortable.

"We basically use today like a regional practice. Everything we're doing today is pretty much the same that we're going to do next Friday at regionals.'

The highlight for eighthplace Canton (36 points) was a first by Jordan Clark in the 100 dash (12.53).•

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET** May 13 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 132 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 81; 3. Livonia Franklin, 74; 4. (tie) Westland John Glenn, 73; 4. Plymouth, 73; 6. Northville, 65; 7. Salem, 40; 8. Canton, 36; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 34; 10. South Lyon, 23; 11. Wayne Memorial, 17; 12.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 36 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 33-4; 3. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 33-5; 4. Solana Gillis (SLE), 32-11; 5. Rachel Staudt (Novj), 32-5.5; 6. Tione Johnson (P), 31-1; 7. Bailey Hart (WM), 30-09; 8. Chelsey

Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 106-7; 2. Kayla Branton (LS), 106-7; 3. Rhiannon Pavlinac (SLE), 106-0; 4. Jessica Fredericks (SL), 105-1; 5. Alexandra Moynes (N'ville), 100-9; 6. Wright (WJG), 97-10; 7. Megan Ling (LC), 95-4; 8. Rebekah Hendrian (Salem), High jump: 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-3; 2. Kerri McMahan (Novi), 5-2; 3. Moynes (N'ville),

5-2; 4. Senciair McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 5. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-11; 6. (tie) Abby Downs (Novi), Brady Covert (SL) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9 each.

Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 17-2.75; 2. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 17-01; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-6.25; 4. Becka Knox (P), 16-4.25; 5. Jordan Clark (Canton), 16-0.25; 6. Leah Heinzelman

(NoVI), Brady Lovert (SL) and laylor Recknort (17, 4-9 each).

Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 17-2.75; 2. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 17-01; 3. Massey (WJG), 16-6.25; 4. Becka Knox (P), 16-4.25; 5. Jordan Clark (Canton), 16-0.25; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-3.5; 7. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 14-10.25; 8. Alex Kitz (LS), 14-6.25.

Pole vault: 1. Kitz (LS), 10-03; 2. Meghan Lark (LF), 10-0; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9-9; 4. Emily Lang (Canton), 9-9; 5. Megan Paruta (S), 9-03; 6. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 9-3; Mirand Spencer (SL), 9-0; 8. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 8-9.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 15.47; 2. Abby Downs (Novi), 16.1; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16.2; 3. Lyndsay Tyler (SL), 16.8; 5. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16.23; 6. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16.81; 7. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.82; 8. Lina Davis (Novi), 17.1, 300 hurdles: 1. McClosekey (Novi), 45.94; 2. Klein (LF), 47.56; 3. Molly Jarvis (LC), 47.95; 4. Davis (Novi), 48.04; 5. O'Brien (LF), 49.58; 6. Smith (WJG), 49.61; 7. Phillips (WJG), 50.81; 8. Marykay Brzezinski (N'ville), 51.67.

100 dash: 1. Clark (Canton), 12.53; 2. Madi Lewis (P), 12.6; 3. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.92; 4. Janee Hood (Novi), 13.0; 5. E'aisha Guster (WJG), 13.15; 6. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.18; 7. Alexa Abbott (N'ville), 13.21; 8. Khyli Ray (Salem), 13.21; 200: 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 25.55; 2. Lewis (P), 25.97; 3. Kayla Jones (WJG), 26.87; 4. Abbott (N'ville), 26.97; 5. Brzezinski (N'ville), 27.17; 6. Heinzelman (LC), 27.19; 7. Meah Long (WM), 27.72; 8. Rheanna Allen (WJG).

400: 1. Lewis (P), 58.6 (meet record); 2. Gina McNamara (N'ville), 1:00.11; 3. McMahan (Novi), 1:00.37; 4. Stephanp Brown (WJG), 1:01.44; 5. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:01.79; 6. Solana Gillis (SLE), 1:02.81; 7. Alison Timberlake (LS), 1:04.33; 8. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.36. 800: 1. McNamara (N'ville), 2:22.31; 2. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:23.83; 3. Rachael Hille (P), 2:26.09; 4. Brown (WJG), 2:26.11; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:27.72; 6. Taleen Shahrigian (N'ville), 2:28.05; 7. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:28.64. 1,600: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:31

1.600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Hille, Jada Woody, Becka Knox, Lewis), 4:08.84: 2. Novi

4:09.53; 3. Northville, 4:14.42; 4. Churchill, 4:15.27; 5. Salem, 4:17.9; 6. Stevenson, 4:18.7; 7. John Glenn, 4:18.71; 8. South Lyon, 4:19.62. **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binsfield, Kavulich), 9:48.68; 2. Churchill, 9:53.22; 3. Plymouth, 9:53.54; 4. Northville, 9:55.79; 5. Stevenson, 10:15.46; 6. Canton, 10:23.7; 8. Novi, 10:30.23; 8. Franklin, 10:55.06.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 62

May 10 at Salem
Shot put: 1. Moynes (N), 28 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Danielle Davis (N), 27-0; 3. Pogany Discus: 1. Rebekah Hendrian (S), 93-8; 2. Moynes (N), 88-9.5; 3. Dana Blankenship High jump: 1. Roach (N), 4-11; Moynes (N), 4-7; 3. Smither (N), 4-7.

Long jump: 1. Brzezinski (N), 15-6.75; 2. Kristina Klusek (S), 14-11.25; 3. Drury (N), Pole vault: 1. Megan Paruta (S), 9-0; 2. Ade Jepperson (S), 8-6; 3. Meghan (N), 8-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Paruta (S), 17.4 seconds; 2. Brzezinski (N), 18.0; 3. Sarah

300 hurdles: 1. Brzezinski (N), 49.5; 2. Paruta (S), 51.5; 3. Malloy (N), 52.7. 100 dash: 1. Khyli Ray (S), 12.8; 2. Abbott (N), 13.1; 3. Breanna Frye (S), 13.3. 200: 1. Ray (S), 26.2; 2. Brzezinski (N), 26.4; 3. Abbott (N), 26.6. 400: 1. McNamara (N), 1:01.4; 2. Adrianna Beltran (S), 1:01.6; 3. Kathryn Binsfeld (S),

800: 1. Kayla Kavulich (S), 2:21.2; 2. McNamara (N), 2:26.2; 3. Giacomini (N), 2:33.3. 1,600: 1. Kavulich (S), 5:38.3; 2. Vandervoort (N), 5:42.1; 3. Dunne (N), 5:56.3. 3,200: 1. Zimmer (N), 11:58.7; 2. N. Mosteller (N), 12:13.1; 3. Alejandra Beltran (S),

400 relay: 1. Salem, 53.2; 2. Northville, 53.8; 800 relay: 1. Salem, 1:53.0; 2. Northville, 1:56.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:13.1; 2. Northville, 4:18.1; 3,200 relay: 1. Salem, 9:58.4; 2. Northville, 10:11.7.

Dual meet records: Salem, 4:1-0 overall (clinched spot in KLAA meet with second-

place finish); Northville, 2-2-0 overall WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68.5 PLYMOUTH 68.5

May 10 at Plymouth Shot put: 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 32 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 31-4; 3. Tione Johnson (P), 30-5.5. Discus: 1. C. Wright (WJG), 101-8; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 101-3; 3. Alexis Mikonczyk

High jump: 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 4-10; 2. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-9; 3. Kirsten Long jump: 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 16-11; 2. Becka Knox (P), 16-5.75; 3. Massev (WJG).

Pole vault: 1. Jane McCurry (P), 9-8; 2. Rieckhoff (P), 8-6; 3. (tie) Audra Flores (WJG) 100-meter hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 16.5; 2. Talour Phillips (WJG), 16.9; 3. Natalie

300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 49.7; 2. Phillips (WJG), 51.3; 3. Jenna Hamed (P), 51.6. 100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis (P), 12.0; 2. E'iasha Guster (WJG), 12.5; 3. Scott (WJG), 12.8. 200: 1. Lewis (P), 25.6; 2. Scott (WJG), 26.7; 3. Rheanna Allen (WJG), 27.2. 400: 1. Lewis (P), 59.9; 2. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:02.8; 3. Knox (P), 1:05.2. 800: 1. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:30.4; 2. Brown (WJG), 2:35.6; 3. Lydia Plencner (P),

1,600: 1. Traitses (P), 5:35.3; 2. Brianna Lax (P), 5:37.2; 3. Abbey Wright (WJG), 5:45.1. 3,200: 1. Lax (P), 12:08.6; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 12:41.5; 3. A. Wright (WJG), 12:45.6. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Kaira Barnes, Allen, Kayla Jones), 51.6; 2. Plymouth, 56.2; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Guster, Jones, Brown, Scott), 1:48.8; 2. Plymouth, 1:54.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:08.9; 2. John Glenn, 4:14.7; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:19.8; 2. John Glenn, 14:06.5.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4 0-1 overall, 4-0-1 KLAA South Division (clinched title); Plymouth 3-1-1 overall, 3-1-1 KLAA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 73 CANTON 64 May 10 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Nicole Price (LF), 31 feet, 10 inches; 2. Ashley Gruden (LF), 30-3; 3. Grace Discus: 1. Price (LF), 85-11; 2. Gruden (LF), 30-3; 5. Kaylie Lobb (C), 77-4 High jump: 1. Pia Klein (LF), 5-4; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-2; 3. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0. Long jump: 1. Klein (LF), 16-6; 2. Natalie Modes (LFO, 14-2.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C),

Pole vault: 1. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-6; 2. Sheila McKinley (LF), 7-0; 3. Bridget Alaniva 100-meter hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 16.0; 2. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.9; 3. Gabby Williams 300 hurdles: 1. Klein (LF), 47.5 (breaks school record of 47.6 set by Senneca Scott,

2009); 2. O'Brien (LF), 43; 3. Williams (C), 52.5. 100 dash: 1. Lipa (C), 13.2; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 13.3; 3. Elena Valetti (C), 13.3. 200: 1, Lipa (C), 27.1; 2. Piwowar (C), 27.9; 3. Valetti (C), 28.0. 400: 1. Rachel Martin (C), 1:05.2; 2. Alaniva (C), 1:08.0; 3. Olivia Carter (LF), 1:08.6.

800: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:30.5; 2. Katie Grimes (C), 2:37.0; 3. Megan Wickens 1,600: 1. McPherson (LF), 5:23.7; 2. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:29.0; 3. Chelsea Smith (C),

3,200: 1. Kubicki (C), 11:40.7; 2. Jessica Siegler (C), 12:51.0; 3. Wickens (LF), 12:51.4.
400 relay: 1. Canton, 51.9; 2. Franklin, 52.4; 800 relay: 1. Canton (1:52.5; 2. Franklin, 1:52.8; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:24.1; 2. Franklin, 4:47.3; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Anna Snider, Wickens, Kelly Walblay, McPherson), 10:22.2; 2. Canton, 10:30.8. Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-4

Pocalujka) place (sixth) in the discus. He threw a 127-2 - his personal best ever. He threw well in the shot, too, - 41-4.5 - even though he didn't place.'

Stevenson captured threeof-four relay events with senior Matt Williams and Zaid Shareef figuring in each of the three first places.

The team of Adam Duncan, Shareef, Williams and Kenning Britchford took the 4 x 200 (1:31.14), while the quartet of Williams, Shareef, Adam Chludzinski and Matt Garon captured the 4 x 400 (3:29.87). Stevenson's 3,200 relay team

of Williams, Urso, Shareef and

Chludzinski were also victorious

in a meet record 8:13.05. "We placed multiple kids in multiple events," Shaw said. "Novi just has a lot. Overall, we can't be disappointed in anything. I thought we had a chance to do something if we scored 100 points, but still couldn't get it done. But I don't think we could have done anything better. We gave it the best shot that we

Meanwhile, Canton coach

Bob Richardson hopes to parlay his team's third-place conference showing into another good performance next Friday at the regional.

"We had a lot of P.R.'s and we hope to come around even more at the regional," Richardson said. "I liked our balanced scoring. We scored in all five field events and in all four relays.

"We had a conference champ in the 100 meters (11.19 by Ryan Jones) and in the long jump (21-0.5 by Nick Alaniva). (Kevin) Buford also had a big day in the relays as did Jones.

"If we scored in a lot of events, it could be interesting. By doing well today it should help our kids' focus. It could be an interesting regional." Salem's Dan Martin swept the

200- and 400 dashes with times of 22.62 and 49.23 (meet record). Other individual winners included Adam Clay (Franklin), shot put (53-6); Trevor VanAsselt (South Lyon), discus (140-0); Al Myers (Northville), high jump (6-5); Carl Rayford (Churchill), pole vault (12-11); Ed Clifton (Northville), 800 (1:57.88); and

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Jose Amado (Salem), 300 hurdles

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET** May 13 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 140 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 104; 3. Canton, 80.5; 4. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill, 57 each; 6. Salem, 52: Northville, 48; 8. South Lyon, 43; 9. Westland John Glenn, 36; 10. Plymouth, 32; 11. South Lyon East, 7; 8 Wayne Memorial, 6.5

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 53 feet, 6 inches; 2. Jon Aneed (LS), 49-6; 3. Jay Woolfork (LF), 48-6; 4. Blake Padgett (LC), 47-11.5; 5. Dan Carrigan (Salem), 43-11.5; 6. Barry Banks (WM), 43-9; 7. Alex Marsh (Canton), 42-10; 8. Kevin Pasquale (Novi), 42-10.

Discus: 1. Trevor VanAsselt (SL), 140-0; 2. Ryan Hall (LC), 138-8; 3. Aneed (LS), 135-9; 4. Woolfork (LF), 132-7; 6. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 127-2; 6. Paulin Chateau (LC), 125-9; 7. Ben Poirier (Canton), 120-5; 8 Dan Carrigan (Salem), 118-7.

High jump: 1. Al Myers (N'ville), 6-5; 2. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 6-4; 3. Derek Cingel (Novi), 6-1; 4. Jake Sexton (SL), 6-0; 5. Anthony Johnson (WJG), 6-0; 6. Matt Schacht (Canton), 5-1; 7. Scott Brewer (LS), 5-9; 8. Nick Dyer (SL), 5-9.

Long jump: Nick Alaniva (Canton), 21-0.5; 2.

Connor Daly (Novi), 20-0.25; 3. Alex Lambi (SLE), 19-11.25; 4. Angelo D'Orazio (LS), 19-8; 5. Nick Podulka (LS), 199-3.25; 6. Ali Tah (Novi), 19-2.25; 7. Joe Remstad (SL), 18-9.5; 8. Andy Bihn (P), 18-8.

Pole vault: 1. Carl Rayford (LC), 12-11; 2. Alaniva (Canton), 12-8; 3. Bihn (P), 12-8; 4. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 12-5; 5. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-1; 6. Andrew Willmer (Salem), 11-1; 7. Alex Ryktarsyk (LC), 11-11; 8. Brent 110-meter hurdles: 1. Derek Kim (Novi), 15.17: 2

Lance Lilla (Novi), 15.55; 3. Jose Amado (Salem), 15.74; 4. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 15.86; 5. Davanta Beal-Greer (Novi), 16.04; 6. Tom Brokaw (LF), 16.17; 7. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.86; 8. Dion Walker (Salem), 16.88. 300 hurdles: 1. Jose Amado (Salem), 41.32; 2.

Lilla (Novi), 41.5; 3. Rico Cole (WJG), 41.74; 4. Jeremy Kozler (LS), 43.26; 5. Joe Mims (LS), 43.29; 6. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 43.8; 7. Charles May (N'ville), 43.8; 8. Andrew Schanne (N'ville), 43.95. 100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.19; 2. DeAndre Fordham-Johns (Novi), 11.36; 3. Ryan Hurt

(LF), 11.45; 4. Stefon Anthony (WJG), 11.56; 5. Cole (WJG), 11.67; 6. Jordan Love (Novi), 11.73; 7. William Askew II, 11.74; 8. Joel Shekell (SL), 11.95. 200; 1. Dan Martin (Salem), 22.62; 2. Mike Jocz (Novi), 22.72; 3. Kim (Novi), 22.9; 4. Kevin Buford (Canton), 23.07; 5. Thomas Crawford (Salem), 23.26;

6. lan Herman (SL), 23.28; 7. Askew II (P), 23.63; 8. Adam Wheeler (LS), 23.93. 400: 1. Martin (Salem), 49.23 (meet record); 2. Buford (Canton), 51.18; 3. Zaid Shareef (LS), 52.15; 4. Audi Bolden (Novi), 52.66; 5. Ryan Flanagan (N'ville),

52.66; 6. Joe Remstad (SL), 53.41; 7. Dane Foster (WJG), 53.48; 8. Dan Adsit (Salem), 53.82. 800: 1. Ed Clifton (N'ville), 1:57.88 (meet record); 2. Matt Williams (LS), 2:00.42; 3. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:01.66; 4. Dave Koponen (LS), 2:01.81; 5. Zach Masserant (Novi), 2:01.99; 6. Adam Chludzinski (LS), 2:02.25; 7. Tyler Winningham (Canton), 2:02.89; 8.

Evan Johnson (P), 2:04.81 1,600: 1. Joe Schubring (Novi), 4:25.29 (meet record); 2. Thomas Windle (LC), 4:28.17; 3. Brett Giampa (Novi), 4:30.87; 4. Joe Urso (LS), 4:31.5; 5. Jacob Colley (LS), 4:38.74; 6. Chludzinski (LS), 4:38.77; 7. Blake Yard (SL), 4:39.07; 8. Bradon Conley (Canton),

3.200: 1. Schubring (Novi), 10:00 17: 2. Chad Cini (N'ville), 10:02.29; 3. Windle (LC), 10:03.3; 4. Giampa (Novi), 10:04.76; 5. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:05.38; 6. Austin Jones (LF), 10:06.49; 7. Yard (SL), 10:08.31; 8. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:18.34.

400 relay: 1. Novi, 44.06; 2. Canton, 44.71; 3. John Glenn, 44.83; 4. Stevenson, 44.84; 5. Franklin, 45.1; 6. South Lyon, 45.56; 7. Salem, 46.48; 8. Churchill, 46.95.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Kenning Britchford, Williams, Shareef, Adam Duncan), 1:31.14; 2. Novi, 1:31.75; 3. Franklin, 1:32.2; 4. South Lyon, 1:35.32; 5. (tie) Canton and Wayne, 1:37.71 each; 7. Northville, 1:38.48; 8. Churchill, 1:39.86. 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Williams, Chludzinski, Matt Garon), 3:29.87; 2. Canton, 3:29.98; 3. South Lyon, 3:33.75; 4. Northville, 3:34.45; 5. Novi, 3:35.02; 6. John Glenn, 3:36.72; 7. Plymouth, 3:38.83; 8.

(41.32).

3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Williams, Chludzinski, Urso, Shareef), 8:13.05 (meet record); 2. Plymouth, 8:15.02; 3. Northville, 8:19.88; 4. Novi, 8:22.94; 5. Churchill, 8;22.97; 6. Franklin, 8:26.75; 7. Canton,

8:31.98; 8. John Glenn, 8:42.83. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 PLYMOUTH 66 May 10 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Cameron Orr (WJG), 36 feet, 7 inches; 2. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 34-5; 3. Brandon Ogdon (WJG), 34-4 Discus: 1. A. Orr (JWG), 109-0; 2. Ogdon (WJG), 107-

High jump: 1. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 5-8; 2. Deonte Austin (WJG), 5-6; 3. Dane Foster (WJG), 5-6. Long Jump: 1. Maxwell (WJG), 19-1.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 18-7.5; 3. Austin (WJG), 18-75. **Pole vault:** 1. Bihn (P), 12-6; 2. Brenton Zuzo (P),

12-0; 3. Teasdale (P), 10-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1 Maxwell (W.IG) 15.4 seconds; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.7; 3. Doug Deykes

300 hurdles: 1. Deykes (P), 42.1; 2. Rico Cole (WJG), 24.7; 3. Maxwell (WJG), 44.7. 100 dash: 1. Stefon Anthony (WJG), 11.1; 2. William

Askew (I (P), 11.3; 3. Cole (WJG), 11.5. **200:** 1. Askew (P), 22.9; 2. Marcus Beeman (WJG), 24.7; 3. C. Orr (WJG), 24.8.

400: 1. Foster (WJG), 52.6; 2. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.4; 3. Stephen Balaze (P), 54.1. **800:** 1. Evan Johnson (P), 2:05.8; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 2:07.3; 3. Balaze (P), 2:09.0

1,600: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 4:45.4; 2. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:46.4; 3. Nick Eiben (P), 4:49.9 **3,200:** 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:22.5; 2. Liam Cardenas (P), 10:43.9; 3. Dalton (P), 10:44.4.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn, 45.8; 2. Plymouth, 49.5; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn, 1:35.0; 2. Plymouth, 1:36.7; 1600 relay: 1. John Glenn, 3:36.1; 2. Plymouth, 3:36.9; 3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Rogowski,

Balaze, Noble), 8:38.4; 2. John Glenn, 8:42.7.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 1-4 overall., 1-4 KLAA LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69.66

CANTON 67.33 May 10 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 53 feet, 9 inches;
2. Jay Woolfork (LF), 47-0; 3. Alex Marsh (C), 42-6
Discus: 1. Ben Poirier (C), 120-2.5; 2. Woolfork

3. Clay (LF), 115-High jump: 1. Zach Smilo (C), 5-8; 2. Matt Schacht (C), 5-8; 3. (tie) Hunter Sterling (LF), Tom Brokaw (LF) and Jamal Dixon (C), 5-3 each.

Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-9.5; 2. Brett Gutowski (LF), 18-11.5; 3. Jon Girvan (LF), 17-8.75. Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 12-6; 2. Chadd Chisholm (LF), 11-6; 3. Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 10-6. 110 hurdles: 1. Brokaw (LF), 16.05; 2. Chisholm (LF), 18.27; 3. Mitch Pepper (C), 18.81.

300 hurdles: 1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 44.23; 2. Brokaw (LF), 45.49; 3. Kurt Kowalski (C), 46.62. 100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.13; 2. Ryan Hurt (LF), 11.33; 3. Kevin Buford (C), 11.39. 200: 1. Buford (C), 23.16; 2. Woolfork (LF), 23.28; 3. Jones (C), 23.43. **400:** 1. Buford (C), 52.05; 2. Schacht (C), 52.7; 3. Gutowski (LF), 53.21.

800: 1. Dave Koponen (LF), 2:07.85; 2. Tyler Winningham (C), 2:08.17; 3. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:08.73.

2:08.73.

1,600: 1. Austin Jones (LF), 4:41.55; 2. Bradon Conley (C), 4:50.68; 3. Danny Koponen (LF), 4:54.1.

3,200: 1. Jones (LF), 10:21.37; 2. Jeff Molchan (C), 10:34.12; 3. Conley (C), 10:42.47.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Scott Piwowar, Alaniva, Colby Morris, Jones), 44.67; 2. Franklin, 46.0; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Alex Perelli, Woolfork, Gutowski, Hurt), 1:31.94; 2. Canton, 1:32.39; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Schacht, Sapan Patel, Winningham, Piwowar), 3:40.33; 2. Franklin, 3:48.59; 3:200

Piwowar), 3:40.33; 2. Franklin, 3:48.59; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Crechiolo, Dave Koponen, Gabe Edwards, Bobby Wilson), 8:31.54; 2. Canton, 8:37.6 **Dual meet records:** Franklin, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAA South Division (clinched title); Canton, 6-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA South.

and it was a poor performance by us tonight. We haven't trained or played well since the Canton game (1-0 win on May 5). This was a tough lesson for us and we hope it carries some weight in the state

"We started the first half with more players on the attack. We went back to our original system and they (Plymouth) ended up scoring a goal. Kaylie Secord (Churchill's goalkeeper) got a hand on it, but it was deflected. She was our best player tonight."

Shutout for Rocks

Visiting Salem had a field day Thursday, romping to a 6-0 victory over South Lyon to improve to 6-5-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

A lot of players got in on the act for the Rocks.

In the first half, a nice pass from Katelynn Krause set up Emma Tardiff for the opening

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Lily Burnstein made it 2-0 before halftime, one-touching a blast off the far post. Emily Barfuss assisted.

Barfuss also set up Jenna Coon to kick off the second-half scoring and Krause drove a shot home (from Mackenzie Rogers) to open up a 4-0 edge.

Rounding out the offense were goals by Kristina Klusek and Victoria Kaye - both assisted by Nancy Krutty.

Ali Eggenberger earned the shutout, making five saves.

"We played a sound game," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "Early balls to our center-mids, good distribution out wide and some quality finishes."

PCA kickers prevail

Freshman Katelynn Bartell scored two goals and goalkeeper Brianna Harris stopped 10 of 11 shots Thursday as Plymouth Christian earned a 4-1 win over Oakland Christian.

Other goal scorers for PCA were Emily Gerulis and Rachel Zandee.

Fundraiser on menu

Canton High School alum Chelsea Olson, who is a lacrosse player finishing her sophomore year at Indiana Tech University, has been invited to play this summer with the USA Women's Lacrosse Team in Germany and the Czech Republic.

But Olson is hoping to defray some of those travel costs and a local restaurant is ready to help her do that.

On Tuesday, May 17, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton is hosting a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Rose's Rich Constantino said anybody who comes in May 17 who mentions Chelsea Olson, or even brings a clipping of this Observer article, will receive 15 percent off the total bill (not including taxes).

"They're customers that come in and they wanted to keep it (fundraiser) local," said Constantino about the Olsons. "We do a lot of things, like donate food, to help out the (prep) sports teams."

Rose's Restaurant & Lounge is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 981-9904.

Golf for Canton football

Here's a way to combine helping out the Canton High School football program with enjoying a day of golf.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Come out to Salem Hills Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 6, for the annual golf outing/ football fundraiser. Cost is \$100 per golfer. It will be a four-man scramble format. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, free range balls, lunch at the turn, a barbecue chicken and rib dinner, numerous contests and prizes.

For more information and a printable registration form, please go to www.cantonfootball.com. You can also call Lina Williams at (248) 240-1125 or Julie Baechler at (734) 645-7777

Canton grid camps

That's not all of the news about Canton football. The Chiefs will be hosting three grid camps this summer.

The first one is for players going into grades seven-nine this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. on June 20 and 5-8 p.m. on June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades three-six will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon June 27-30, Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www. CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held from June 27 through June 29.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go from 5-to-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate from 7-to-9

Please go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

CYO volleyball signups

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season. Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eli-

gible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann. Practices begin the second week of August

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From garage to green home



Here's a glimpse of Don Soenen in his souped up garage. See more of his cars and collectibles during the Michigan Philharmonic Spring Home Tour, May 21-

Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic home tour returns

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Don Soenen occasionally likes to "get away from it all" by spending time in his garage.

When he does, changing motor oil, tuning up the lawn mower, tinkering at a workbench and other garage-worthy tasks are the last things on his mind.

Instead he turns on the flat screen television, relaxes in a lounge chair, drinks from his soda bar or takes in his favorite

collectibles. The Plymouth Township businessman, who races retired NASCAR vehicles, stores both racing and collectible cars, along with pint-sized models in a

garage addition. The 50- by 50-feet space is decorated with auto, gas station, racing and personal memorabillia and awards. With its jukebox, soda bar, television screen, restored gas pumps, vintage working telephone, parking meters, drive-in speakers, traffic light and more, it's a stunning combination of entertainment room, "man cave," and museum. You won't find any scuff marks — much less motor oil — on the

'It's pretty much my spot, although we do parties in here," said Soenen, who is board president of the Michigan Philharmonic. "We've had a number of symphony functions in here. I enjoy having people come

custom checkerboard floor.

in and sharing it. There is no point in having the door locked on this place every day."

PLANNING AHEAD

When Jeanette Sullivan, a member of Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic, saw the garage a few years ago, she kept it in mind for the symphony's annual home tour, which has been on hiatus for a few years.

"If we ever have a home tour again, this has to be shared," she told Soenen and his wife, Colleen.

The garage is one of six stops on the newly resurrected event, which runs May 21-22.

"This is a different type of home tour that I'm hoping will appeal to a broad audience. The men will love it; the women will love it," Sullivan said. "We have a little something for every one.'

The other stops on the tour include:

 An in-town two-story duplex that has been turned into a single-family home with handmade furniture and accessories throughout

• A 170-year-old Greek Revival-style house

• A custom-designed house that includes an eclectic mix of antiques and contemporary furnishings

 An elegant home with stunning light fixtures throughout, granite kitchen table and more

• A home, equipped with geo thermal system that heats the living space, including an indoor



Don Soenen bought this #26 Quaker State Winston Cup Car two hours after he saw it in Daytona.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

Many of the homeowners have remodeled or redecorated their houses themselves. That includes Soenen's garage.

"I hung every plaque, every shelf, I laid the floor. The only thing I didn't do was put the mural up," said, Soenen, referring to the Minnesota farm and gas station scene that covers one wall. "But everything else I did and I did it in a relatively short time, over six or seven weeks.

When the Soenens built their home 23 years ago - their fourth in the Plymouth area — they included two attached garages with space for seven cars.

The space quickly filled as Soenen, who took race driving classes in 1998, began buying retired NASCAR vehicles and taking them for 140- to 200-mph

spins around tracks throughout the country. He races in approximately 45-50 events, ranging from 30 minutes to four hours each, per year.

SOUPED UP GARAGE

Soenen built the new garage extension, matching brick and

shingles, four years ago.

"While I was at it, I thought it would be interesting to put out a gas station facade," he said, pointing to the refurbished 1950s gas pump, air device, oil containers and neon signs outside the build-

The former Ford engineer, who now owns companies in Michigan and California, stores motorcycles and cars inside the garage, along with hundreds of trophies and medals. The cars include a 207 Shelby GT500 Mustang, 2006 Ford GT, sporty two-seat Plymouth Prowler, retired NASCAR racers and a 1965 Shelby Cobra.

Soenen will be on hand during the home tour to answer questions about the cars, motorcycles, and the garage decor, including the wall mural that depicts his late father and father-in-law inside the vintage gas station.



A soda bar with Coca Cola memorabilia are among the items, including auto art, car models, life-sized sculptures of the "Blues Brothers," a juke box, flat screen television, and wall mural that make Don Soenen's garage so much more than a place merely to park cars.

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

The Michigan Philharmonic – formerly the Plymouth Symphony – will be busy this summer. • 6-7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Liberty Fest, in the Heritage Park amphitheater, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free admission

• 8-9 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno, Milford, Free concert with \$5 per vehicle park entry permit.

• 7:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 2, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth with "An American Salute" pops concert. Free admission

• 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The concert is a part of Fairy Tale Day festivities at the mansion. See www.fordhouse.org for advance ticket purchase.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. General admission to the Concours is \$25; VIP tickets are \$125. Visit concour-

SPRING HOME TOUR

What: Visit five houses and one garage and help support the Michigan

When: Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 22 Admission: Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Michigan Philharmonic office at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; Home Sweet Home, 852 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Magnolia, 551 Forest, Plymouth; Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road, Canton; Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, Northville; Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; and online at www.michiganphilharmonic.org Contact: (734) 451-2112

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BACK PAIN-NO CAUSE FOUND

The rule in back pain is to wait at least 4 weeks before undertaking an intense back pain clears within that time.

However, that wait-and-see approach has limits. In some instances the pain is so intense the individual is incapacitated; telling that person to go home and live with pain for a month is unreasonable. Also, physicians are unwilling to let evaluation of back pain in the elderly wait for 4 or more weeks. The possibility of allowing an osteoporotic fracture or a metastatic cancer to go untreated is too serious to wave off for a month or more.

The assessment of back pain in the elderly requires an examination to localize the source of the pain and where it moves. This information allows the physician to x-ray the part of the back likely to be the source of the pain. If the x-ray does not show changes of an osteoporotic fracture or bone changes or destruction that characterizes a cancer, the physician can turn his attention to giving the patient pain relief. The usual medicine is Vicodin and the common waiting period is 4 What the patient gains in return for delay in diagnosis is peace of mind. What

concerns both patient and physician is that their pain represents a profound event such as a cancer. Once relieved of that worry, the individual is more willing to carry on with the pain for the 4 week observation period. The physician is able to work

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Some new products to check

BORA CLAMP EDGE Affinity Tool Works, LLC right here in Troy recently introduced the Bora Clamp Edge.

Honestly, I thought it was going to be just another gimmick tool that I'd never use. Wrong!

The Bora Clamp Edge is a quick guide tool that pro-



Lon Grossman

vides a perfectly straight and secure straightedge for accurate cuts through all kinds and types of wood. You can use it with circular saws, jigsaws,

routers and biscuit jointers as well as with other tools or just as an accu-

rate guide to scribe. The company manufactures three sizes of clamps to handle a complete variety of woodworking projects. The small, 24-inch model is commonly used as a fence on table saws, router tables and small cutting projects. The 36-inch clamp edge is perfect for remodeling jobs such as trimming doors and cabinets.

They also make a 50-inch clamp edge, which is the one I've been testing. It's designed for 48-inch cuts. The design, engineering, integrated clamps and ease of use are all impressive.

The Bora Clamp has ergonomic handles, easy and simple lever locking mechanisms, unique swivel clamps (which also permits the user to do some slight angle cuts) and was designed for professionals, handymen and homeowners in mind.

The clamps are made from aircraft grade extruded aluminum and come with a lifetime warranty.

Affinity Tools also has an enviable line of pistol grip clamps, multi-angle adjustable squares and an angle master miter duplicator.

If you or someone you know works with wood, check out Bora Tools at the following websites: Woodcraft (www. woodcraft.com); Rockler (www.rockler.com); Sears (www.sears.com); Lowe's (www.lowes.com - Madison Heights store only); Performance Tool Center in Waterford (www.performancetoolcenter.com).

SPORT BRELLA CHAIR

Now that great weather is almost upon us, I'm sure everyone, including myself is looking to the outdoors as well as outdoor projects and events.

I recently came across the Sport Brella Chair. It is a unique, new portable garden and patio chair. Yes, we've all seen portable outdoor fold-up chairs. People take them from their patios to the Woodward Dream Cruise, beaches, parks and concerts.

What makes the Sport Brella Chair unlike other foldout sport chairs is that it has an attached, 360-degree swivel umbrella, which can be moved from side to side, and can be swiveled at three different points with the push of a button. The umbrella opens

out to 46-inches, which provides complete coverage from the sun and wind at any conceivable angle.

The lightweight Sport Brella Chair also has a built-in cup holder, bottle opener and even a zippered pouch for personal items. The chair easily folds up and fits into a compact carry bag that has a comfortable carry strap.

The M.S.R.P. is \$39.99 and is available at www.sportbrella.com. I recently found it at Costco for \$35.00.

WHISPERSENSE VENTILATION **FANS**

Panasonic recently introduced its new Whisper Sense Ventilation Fans at the 2011 kitchen and bath industry show in Las Vegas.

Panasonic claims the WhisperSense bathroom exhaust fans are the only vent fans on the market to incorporate dual-motion and humidity sensors. That makes perfect sense, since the fan will only operate when necessary. The motion sensor has a delay shut-off timer that activates when a person enters the bathroom and automatically shuts the fan off 20 minutes after the occupant has left.

If the tub or shower is used, the built-in humidity sensor overrides the delay timer and continues to exhaust moisture until the humidity is back down to a pre-set level.

All that is well and good, but my favorite feature is the noise level. It has an incredibly quiet level, as low as 0.3-sone. Onesone is the sound of a quiet refrigerator operating at night.

The 0.3 would be the quietest ceiling mounted fan I have experienced.

Panasonic WhisperSense ventilation fans have an average suggested retail price from \$289 to \$412 depending on the model (some have lights) and are available at Panasonic dealers and wholesalers. Check out the WhisperSense fans when they come out in June of 2011 at www.panasonic.com/ ventedfans.

Q: While a rolling stone may gather no moss, our shaded, shingle roof is. What do people do if their roof

is susceptible to fungus or moss? A: You don't have to raise the roof to correct it. For all types of roofs there is a product called "Shingle-Shield" from Chicago Metallic. It is a maintenance-free roof moss/fungus protector. It is easily installed along the ridgeline and releases zinc oxide. The manufacturer claims it will last the life of the roof. Chemicals such as zinc oxide or chloride in metals are carried down the roof when it rains. These chemicals discourage the growth of moss. Also trim any overhanging trees and keep the roof clear of leaves and debris. With a cedar shake roof, remove as much of the moss between the shakes as possible. Use a piece of wire, then hose off the tiles.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his website www.technihouse.com.



Outstanding leader

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized Jean Fitzpatrick of Canton for her dedication to Girl Scouting. Fitzpatrick is trained in wilderness first aid and has taken her troop on countless camping trips. Her nominator stated, "Jean is a firm believer in the 'girl-run' troop system and goes to great lengths to achieve the right balance between girl and adult leadership responsibilities." In addition to her troop duties, she serves as the registrar for Girl Scout Cadettes. Seniors and Ambassadors in Plymouth/Canton. To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.

Classes, tips improve motorcycle safety

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month — a perfect time to sign up for one of Schoolcraft College's motorcycle safety classes.

Registration is ongoing and classes run through September.

The classes are taught by professional, certified instructors who are passionate about riding and rider safety. There are a variety of motorcycle safety trainings to choose from including the Basic Rider Course, the Three-Wheel Basic Rider Course, and the Performance Based Course tor people looking to get their motorcycle endorsement to the Advanced Rider Course.

"Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is our primary goal, and with winter behind us, motorcycles are back on the roads. Drivers of all vehicles need to be extra alert," stated Jennifer Bodurka, programming coordinator. "Motorcycles are some of the smallest vehicles on the road so folks in other vehicles need to really look out for them — and to take extra care and share the road."

In addition to the motorcycle safety classes, Schoolcraft College promotes motorcycle safety by offering these tips to drivers:

· Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on

the roadway. Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width — never try to share a

 Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.

· Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

· Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle. Motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn

before you proceed. Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to other vehicles pose major hazards to motor-

· Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when following a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program go to www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/ motorcycle or call (734) 462-

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in

Appraisal night will benefit scholarships

Dust off that family heirloom you've stashed in the attic and head to the Appraisal Fair at 7 p.m. May 23 at the Alexander Blue House in the Greenmead Historical Park, in Livonia.

Zonta Club of NW Wayne County is sponsoring the event. Doug Dalton, a cer-

tified appraiser of fine art and antiques will appraise items for \$10 each, with a limit of two items per person.

Funds raised will help support Zonta Club's scholarship fund. Call Barb at (734) 464-0450 for more information.

Zonta International is a Women's

Organization of professional and executives working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The organization, founded in 1919 in New York, has 1,200 clubs in 67 countries with more than 33,000 members. www.zonta.org.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.

CATERPILLARS OF MICHIGAN

An expert lepidopterist describes the larvae that will become beautiful butterflies at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. A book signing will take place with SEMBA president Brenda Dziedzic just before the meeting. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www. sembabutterfly.com.

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BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of

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the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants, flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.

GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www. annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person: contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the website.

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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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Essay contest calls for float design ideas

Michigan high school students can submit ideas for Art Van Furniture's new float in this year's annual America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

The furniture company encourages students in grades 9-12 to research the company's values and mission and then develop a Parade float concept based on the company's messaging. The float should creatively show how the messaging relates to America's Thanksgiving Parade and the spirit of the partnership between Art Van Furniture and the Parade Company.

"Art Van's commitment to The Parade Company dates back to 1990 when the Parade was in danger of being canceled and Art quickly decided to make a contribution to keep the parade afloat," stated Tony Michaels, president and CEO, The Parade Company. "Since then they have commissioned several floats, balloons, props and donated more than \$2 million to The Parade Company."

There will be one grand prize winner selected from all of the entries who will receive a \$2,500 financial scholarship.

Their school's Art or English Department also will receive a \$2,500 donation. Both the scholarship and donation are compliments of Art Van Furniture.

The student's winning submission also may be incorporated into Art Van Furniture's new float design. The winning student also will receive Parade Company and Art

Van Furniture merchandise, a meet and greet with Art Van Elslander and six Parade Preview Party tickets for Wednesday, October 19.

Students must submit a float concept in essay form in 250 words or less. Submissions should be typed, single-spaced with one-inch margins and include the student's name and school on the essay. Entries should be submitted online at www.theparade.org or by mail. Mailed entries must include a completed application form and should be sent to: Art Van Furniture Float Concept Contest, c/o The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A, Detroit, MI 48211. All applications must be received by Monday, May 30.

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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 wolonl@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. 50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

Class of 1971

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971

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

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the

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 Ivanerian@ 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 mackenziel962@gmail.

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 Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.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/ bentlev81 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.

Redford Union Class of 1971

6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHS71@yahoo.com

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High School Class of 1951

A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; filocke@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1971

6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, email to barkerwa@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@streetmktg.com

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1976

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or email to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

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MAY 15-18

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 15 **Location**: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland **Details**: All you can eat French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10 Contact: (734) 425-4421

Living rosary

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details**: An individual or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads that prayer. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of the Virgin Mary, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m.-7

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 **Widowed Friends**

Time/Date: Check in by 2:15 p.m., Mass starts at 2:30 p.m. May 15 Location: St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: The group sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women; refreshments and social time after Mass

Contact: Call Pat (734) 895-6246 MAY 19-25

Garage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 21

Location: Clarencyille United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, near Eight Mile, Livonia **Details**: Garage sale and baked Contact: (248) 474-3444 or e-mail

to clarencevilleumc@att.net

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Gospel Mass Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth **Details**: Resounding Art in a Sacred Space, concert series presents Robert Ray's "Gospel" Mass." Admission is a \$10 donation per person and \$25 donation per families

Contact: www.stjohnsplymouth.org or (734) 453-0190

Lunch and Learn

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m., Friday, May

Location: Udipi, 29210 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills Details: Rabbi Joel Roth will present "Seeking the Reasons for Mitzvot: Pros and Cons" over lunch at the kosher-certified vegetarian restaurant. Cost for the lunch and learn is \$10 per person, payable to Udipi at the door on the day of the event. It will include Udipi's daily vegetarian lunch buffet and a cold beverage. RSVP by May 19. Presented by Congregation Beth

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@

Mass of anointing

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21 Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details**: This Mass will incorporate the rituals of the Sacrament of the Sick, which Catholic doctrine teaches offers spiritual strength and healing to those who are aged, or seriously or chronically ill, be that physical, emotional, or spiritual Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

Rummage sale Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20, and 9 a.m.-noon, May 21

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Clothing, toys, household and more. No admission charge;

May 20 is half price sale and May 21 is \$5 plastic bag sale Contact: (248) 478-7272

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 21

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, one block south of Warren, five blocks south of Greenfield, Dearborn

Details: Clothes, shoes, linens, toys, sporting goods, household items. \$1 bag sale on Saturday Contact: (734) 855-4477

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the back door of the church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, May 16-18. Bag sale Saturday, May 21 Contact: (248) 626-7906 or e-mail

to iudvalass@mi.rr.com

MAY 26-JUNE 1

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive,

Details: Participants may choose 1 of the 2 sessions. Resume review and writing tips, mock interviews, interviewing etiquette, job search tips and strategies and many other topics to assist in a job search or

Contact: (734) 404-2480

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 28

Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

will be open

Career workshop

Time/Date: Session 1 is 10 a.m.noon and session 2 is 1-3 p.m., both on May 26

career change

Location: Canton Christian

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need. Food pantry also

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Aug. 24; preview class, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300

Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, participants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt

Contact: (248) 474-3444 or search on www.daveramsev.com

Widowed Friends Time/Date: 6 p.m., Saturday, May

Location: Macaroni Grill, 393007 Seven Mile, Livonia **Details**: The peer group meets

for dinner. Order from the menu, separate checks provided. Seafood, Italian and American dishes. Make new friends in a safe setting. Aimed at widows and widowers, age 55 and younger

Contact: RSVP to Phil at (248) 684-3433 orywfriends@gmail.com

JUNE 2-8

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2 **Location**: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Driv, Catnon **Details**: Bring resumes and dress

to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot Contact: (734) 404-2480

Spring Bazaar Time/Date: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Saturday, June 4 Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild Contact: (734) 464-0476

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414

Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh

roads, Livonia **Details**: Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church **Time/Date**: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

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

Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville **Contact**: (734) 846-4615 Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto **Time/Date**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly,

Redford **Details**: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second

Wednesday Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley

and Haggerty **Details**: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children)

for those in need Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Food Bank

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

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnExt. Both programs run through May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at

mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext Contact: Rebekah Creeden.at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643

for MOPS details **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where, moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084

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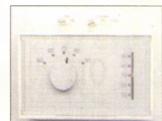
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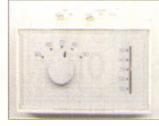
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Memorial service set for former pastor

hold a memorial service for its Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. William F. Whitledge at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 22.

Whitledge, who served as senior pastor at St. Paul's for 27 years beginning in 1961, died May 3 in Hudson, Fla, where he recently served as a parish associate at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. He took the position after his retirement from St. Paul's.

While in Livonia, he was known as a caring

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will and dedicated shepherd of his flock. He also kept busy throughout the community and the Presbytery of Detroit. He was admired for his inspiring preaching, his organizational skills and his sharp sense of humor.

The memorial service will be followed by a cookie and punch reception.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470. St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road.

METROPARK CALENDAR

General: 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

KENSINGTON

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Nature Center

Heron Watch: Sunday, May 15, 1-4 p.m. It's spring and the herons are back on the rookery. Spotting scopes will be out so that you can get a better

Heron Days: Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, noon-4 p.m. Stop by to purchase books, and native trees and shrubs; look at live insect exhibits; view the heron rookery from the boardwalk and laugh at Rosco the Clown's shows.

Heron Watch: Saturday, May 28, 1-4 p.m. It's spring and the herons are back on the rookery. Spotting scopes will be out so that you can get a better

Exploring Pond Life: Sunday, May 29, 2-4 p.m. Join an interpreter and meet some of the pond's unique animals. Preregistration required.

Reptiles in the Lobby: Monday, May 30, 2-4 p.m. Meet some of the critters that make Kensington Nature Center their home. Registration is not required.

Farm Center

Women's Kayak & Geocache: Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Go on a scavenger hunt in a kayak on the Huron River using a GPS device to plot your course and locate your treasure while learning a new skill. Fee: \$30 per person, Preregistration is required by contacting Heavner Canoe online at heavnercanoe.com or at 248.685.2379. All equipment will be provided.

Family Fun Tri-Athletes: Sunday, May 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Plan a father/son or daughter day beginning with a hayride followed by a hike and then a canoe ride on the Huron River. Wrap up the day with lunch at the farm. Fee: \$30 per person. Preregistration is required by contacting Heavner Canoe online at heavnercanoe.com or at 248.685.2379. All equipment will be provided.

INDIAN SPRINGS

Note: For more information for registration, call Indian Springs at (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192. The golf course number is (248) 625-7870. Discovery Center number is (248) 625-6640. Summer park hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. A metropark vehicle entry permit is required.

Environmental Discovery Center

Bears and Webelo Scouts - Space Badge: Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Scouts will learn why the moon changes shape over time, learn to read their own star map for spring, print the spring constellations on their t-shirt and go stargazing in a "planetarium." Please bring a white or light color t-shirt. Fee \$4 per scout. Preregistration required.

Inspect Insects Spring Edition: Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m. Out in the wild and inside your home there are countless insects crawling, climbing, flying and scurrying about. Explore the busy world of insects as we capture and examine these fascinating creatures. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required. Boy Scouts - Bird Study Merit Badge: Part I, Saturday May 21, 8 a.m. and Part II Sunday, May 22, 8 a.m. (2-day event), Environmental Discovery Center. The Haudenosaunee people believe that the birds were given the sacred task of finding

their unique place in the landscape and learning its song. By singing that song, they would lift the minds of the human family. Whether it's for pure enjoyment or to gain a greater understanding of ecology, our study of birds will definitely expand your mind, deepen your understanding of nature, and change the way you look at these magnificent creatures. Scouts will complete all of the requirements for their Bird Study Merit Badge over the course of this two-day workshop led by a certified merit badge counselor. Scouts should bring a pair of binoculars if at all possible. Fee \$16 per scout. Preregistration required.

Woodland Hike with Discovery Backpacks:

Saturday, May 28, 1 p.m. Join a park naturalist to explore the woodlands. Each group will use the tools contained in one of our "discovery backpacks" on this fun, family-friendly hike. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Tot Time: June Bugs: Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. Go on an insect hunt! We will introduce our six-legged friends and make one to take home. For ages 2-5. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required. Microscope Madness: Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m. Discover the world of the unseen as we collect. view and learn about microscopic life with the aid of microscopes and computers. For ages 8 and up.

Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required. Salute to America - Colonial Paper Crafts: Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m. Celebrate being an American with some fun patriotic crafts. Make a traditional American wind vane, a stars 'n' stripes

decorative ball and other fun stuff. While crafting, learn a bit about the significance of these items in our American history. For children in the first grade and up (will need parent's help). Preregistration required.

Frog Catchin' Fun: Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m. Who doesn't love a frog's big, bulging eyes and smooth, slippery skin? We'll venture out to the park wetlands, learn to identify frogs by their calls, and try our hand at sneaking up on some of these fantastic amphibians. For ages 6 and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

No Child Left Inside Week: GPS Picnic: Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. Learn about latitude and longitude to see how GPS works, and then use a GPS unit to find practice geocaches hidden in the park. For children in the second grade and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

'Water Quality CSI' Day Camp: Monday, June 20 - Wednesday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Become a guest researcher during this three-day camp where you investigate what contaminants might be lurking in our natural waters. You will sample for metals, bacteria and natural contaminants. right beside researchers from Lake Superior State University. Get out into nature to collect your samples, perform DNA analyses right on site, and learn to interpret the results so you can share what you discover with others. If you have ever considered a career in science, this is an experience you can't afford to miss! Open to teens entering grades 9-12. Fee \$110 per teen. Preregistration required.

June Stars in the Planetarium: Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m. Join a interpreter for story-telling of ancient sky legends, get a peek at the planets and learn how to find your way around the constellations of the summer sky in our Cubex planetarium. Bring a white or light-colored T-shirt and decorate it with the summer constellations. For children in the second grade and up. Fee \$4 per person. Preregistration required.

Scientist for a Day - Day Camp: Tuesday, June 28-Friday, July 1, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Become a modernday explorer! Campers will become a different type of scientist each of the four days, trying experiments, making observations, using microscopes, doing "scientific" arts and crafts, and participating in other fun and games. Open to children entering grades 3-5. Fee \$75 per child. Preregistration

Kensington to host concert on June 24 on beach

Get an early start celebrating our nation's birthday at "Pops Plus," a free, family-friendly concert performed by the Michigan Philharmonic on Maple Beach at Kensington Metropark on Friday,

Let the rich musical history of America fill your ears and enliven your national pride as the Michigan Philharmonic, lead by conductor Nan Washburn, plays both fun and classical pieces by American composers. Featured songs include, "Hoedown," by Aaron Copland, "An American in Paris," by George Gershwin and selections from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. A medley of patriotic songs like, "Yankee Doodle," "God Bless the U.S.A." and "This Land is Your Land" will also be performed. The concert will open with a rousing rendition of our national anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner, and will close with the iconic "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky.

A Metroparks vehicle entry permit, which is only \$25 annually for regular admission, \$15 annually for seniors, or \$5 for a daily, is required to enter Kensington Metropark.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's **Sports** section

MILESTONES

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Royal Oak residents Paige Chittaro and Rhett Ashton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Heather and Al Chittaro of Livonia, attended Western Michigan University and is employed by Entertainment Publications.

Her fiance, son of Janet and Paul Ashton of Shelby Township, also attended Western Michigan University

and is employed by ASI.

A July 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak.



Chittaro-Ashton

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Donna Lee Bobcean and David Bush announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Marie Werton of Farmington Hills, earned a master's degee from Eastern Michigan University and works as a historian.

Her fiance, son of Lilly and James Bush of Malibu, Calif., earned a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and works as an avia-

A June 2011 wedding is planned in Phoenix, Ariz.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Jessica Luella Kallgren and Garret Blaine White announce their engagement.

The brideto-be, daughter of Suzanne and Robert LaPlante of Farmington Hills and Jeff and Jean Kallgren of Wixom, graduated from Michigan State University and works as a counselor.

Her fiance, son of Susan and Blaine White of Howell, graduated from Cleary University and works in

Kallgren-White

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Howell.



NOAH ARRIVES

Noah William Battle was born Jan. 7, 2011, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. He joins his parents, Tim and Kristen, and

sibling, Samantha, 9, at home in Howell. Proud grandparents are Bill and Janet Heiob of South Lyon and Bob and Peg Battle of Livonia.



Noah William Battle

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KNIGHTON, BURTON S. Age 83, of Farmington, MI. Passed away May 10, 2011. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Farmington, MI

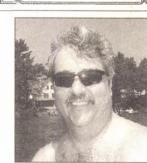


LIVERMORE, ALFRED H. May 6, 2011, age 88. Husband of the late Joyce for 62 yrs. Father of Terry (Kim). Grandfather of Thomas & Lindsay (Mike) Boujoulian. Private services at Grandlawn Cemetery. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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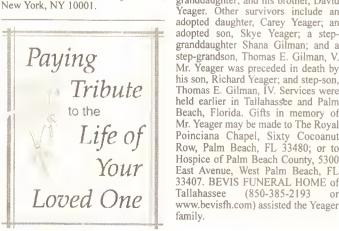
MULDOON, DOUGLAS J. Age 50, May 5, 2011 of Livonia. Loving father of Christopher, Jaclyn (Josh) Truax and Scott. Beloved son of Sarah and the late Jerome. Dearest companion of Stephanie Gilliland. Dear brother of Jack, Tim, Barbara Salvadore, Kathy Nakoneczny and the late Norman Muldoon. Also survived by many dear friends. Memorial Mass was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford on May 10. Visitation was at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of

Doug at www.rggrharris.com.



NORTON, MARGARET R. (ROTTSCHAEFER)

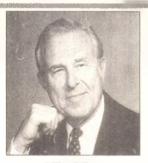
Of St. Anne's Mead in Southfield, formerly of Rochester Hills, died February 23, 2011 at the age of 97. She was born August 16, 1913 in South India to Dr. Bernard and Bernice Rottschaefer, Dutch Reformed missionaries. Her early education was at the Kodaikanal International School, which she visited in 1970 and 2001. In 1941, Margaret married James Horace Norton and together they had three daughters; Joan of Birmingham, MI, Nancy Sharpe-Blizard (Ricky) of Los Angeles, CA and Carol Springs (Gregory) of Anacortes, WA. Margaret had 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James and granddaughter, Kathy. Margaret earned her B.A. from Hope College and her Masters from Wayne State University. She was a librarian at Mount Clemens High School. Margaret was a long-time member of the Rochester Historical Commission, the Mt. Avon Cemetery Board, the Rochester Hills Historical Society, and a former member of the A.A.U.W.; she was a member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester and more recently the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Her hobbies included reading, writing poetry, hiking, the study of history, and world travel. An important part of Margaret's life after she married Jim, was vacationing at their cottage on Basswood Lake in Canada. Her traveling companion for the last 16 years was her adored sister, Jean Upjohn of Kalamazoo, MI. Funeral service was held at the First Congregational Church of Rochester on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 12:00



p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial con-

tributions may be made to Amnesty

International USA, 322 Eighth Ave.,



WELDON OSBORNE

Retired insurance executive

and President of Yeager and

Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for four years prior to starting his own insurance company He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Weldon Osborne Yeager, retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died on April 30th in his home in Palm Beach, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. He is also survived by his son, Mark Yeager; his stepson David Gilman; his three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and his brother, David Yeager. Other survivors include an adopted daughter, Carey Yeager; an adopted son, Skye Yeager; a stepgranddaughter Shana Gilman; and a step-grandson, Thomas E. Gilman, V. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager; and step-son, Thomas E. Gilman, IV. Services were held earlier in Tallahassee and Palm Beach, Florida. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, Sixty Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. BEVIS FUNERAL HOME of Tallahassee (850-385-2193

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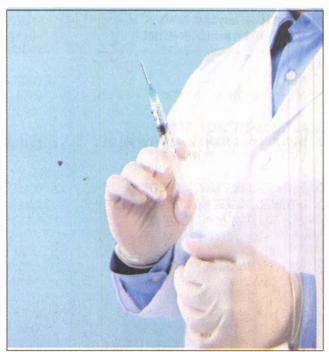
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Women need vaccines to stay healthy

In recognition of National Women's Health Week, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) urges women to get vaccinated against serious diseases.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has issued an updated schedule of recommended screenings, lab tests, and vaccines for non-pregnant women, age 13 and older. The schedule includes information about which vaccines are recommended for certain age and risk groups. Women who are pregnant or are planning a pregnancy should talk to their doctor about the vaccines they need.

Before becoming pregnant, a woman should be up-to-date on routine adult vaccines. It is especially important that women receive Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Infants less than 12 months especially are vulnerable to whooping cough, which is on the rise in the United States and in Michigan. Each year, there are around 3.3 million cases of pertussis in adolescents and adults. To protect infants, everyone around the baby - including parents, grandparents, siblings, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel should be vaccinated against whooping cough and influenza.



During pregnancy, it is safe, effective, and important for women to receive the seasonal flu shot. A pregnant woman who gets the flu is at risk for serious complications and hospitalization. Often a mother's immunity is passed along to her baby during pregnancy. This protects the baby from some diseases during the first few months of life until the baby can get vaccinated. Since infants cannot receive the flu vaccine until 6 months, it is critical that pregnant women and those surrounding the baby get vaccinated.

After giving birth, it is safe for women to receive vaccines, even while breastfeeding. Women who have

not received Tdap vaccine should be vaccinated right after delivery, along with family members who have not received Tdap vaccine. Women who are not immune to measles, mumps and rubella and/or varicella (chickenpox) should be vaccinated before leaving the hospital. Women and their family members should receive seasonal flu vaccine every year, in order to protect vulnerable infants from this serious disease.

For information on vaccines women need, visit: www.immunizationforwomen.org/ For information on vaccines adults need, visit: www.adultvaccination.org/

Botsford Commons nurses earn recognition for work

The Michigan Holistic Nurses Association has recognized two Botsford Commons nurses for their excellence on the job.

Donna Spiers-Dunn, a nurse manager for Botsford Commons chronic and dementia programs received the Nursing Excellence Award for 2010-11.

Krystal Boddie, coordinator of education and training, also

was nominated for the award. Both were nominated by

Both were nominated by the organization's Nursing Excellence Committee for doing their jobs in a way that reflects positively on the nursing profession as well as their own careers.

"We have such a tremendous nursing staff, and it is wonderful to see them recognized for all of their hard work and dedication," stated Michelle Cross, Executive Director, Clinical Services. "Our staff is a large part of the success of Botsford Commons, and Donna and Krystal are perfect examples of that."

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. For more information visit www.botsfordcommons.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Bowling fundraiser

Autism Speaks fundraiser runs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at MerriBowl, 30950 Five Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. Cost is \$20 for two hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, pop. Call (734) 261-6879 for more information.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

· "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" is a five-week class that runs 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 23-June 27. Participants will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Fee is \$75 per couple. Register online at st.marymercy.org or call (734) 655-1162. A breastfeeding class designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy, runs 7-9 p.m. May 26. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Class will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps along with other helpful books and supplies. \$25 per couple. Register at (734) 655-1162. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Schoolcraft College

Learn about technologies and treatment options available in Women's Health at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, just south of Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenters include Dr. Oscar Afsari on "Minimally Invasive Surgery vs. Traditional Incisional Surgery - Amazing Recovery;" Dr. Suchitra Zambare on "Women and Weight," Dr. Debra Hollander with "Why am I so stressed out?" and Dr. Chandrika Joshi with "Menopause:

Should I take HRT?" The free event is sponsored by St. John Providence Health System. Register at (866) 501-DOCS.

JUNE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ramneet Mangat from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. A S5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register by calling (734) 655-1182.

 A community blood drive runs 6 a.m.
 to 6 p.m. June 2, in the auditorium at the hospital. Participants will receive a hockey puck stress reliever and will be entered into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of gasoline. Schedule an appointment at (800) GIVE-LIFE.

A presentation on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Options" with Tim Short of Healthcare Solutions, will run 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Discover the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Individuals with a CPAP machine, may bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check. Register at (734) 655-4640. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools, health care programs and accountable.

care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals. Offers 4.0

AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at www.henryford.com/cmeevents.

Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745.

Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division! Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts. Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation therapy, can he done onsite or at a nearby center Registration is accepted through May 27. Get an application by calling (800) 227-2343 or by visiting www.cancer. ord/camprainbow

ONGOING Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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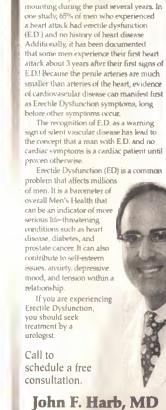
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MAY

- 25 DOOBIE BROTHERS \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
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- 28 CIRQUE D'OR (2 SHOWSI) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

JUNE

- O3 PHISH DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 04 THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN: \$ A ROCK SYMPHONY DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- O6 RAY LaMONTAGNE AND THE PARIAH DOGS wsg SECRET SISTERS and BRANDI CARLILE MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 10 GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT FUNKADELIC \$ MC HAMMER/MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 12 HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 GLEE LIVE! IN CONCERT! THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 14 RIHANNA wsg B.o.B and J. COLE THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK and **BACKSTREET BOYS wsg JORDIN SPARKS** THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 GO-GO'S/THE B-52s \$
- 22 EARTH, WIND & FIRE DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 ALL-STAR MAGIC SHOW (2 SHOWSI) \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 24 TIM McGRAW AND THE DANCEHALL DOCTORS wsg LUKE BRYAN and THE BAND PERRY DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 24 BUDDY GUY wsg QUINN SULLIVAN/JONNY LANG (**) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 26 STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN ON SALE SATURDAY WSg JARS OF CLAY/FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI and CALEB * \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 KATY PERRY wsg MARINA & THE DIAMONDS THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

29 MOTLEY CRUE wsg POISON and NEW YORK DOLLS DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

JULY

- 02 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY/\$ **LORRIE MORGAN** DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- THE TEMPTATIONS/THE SPINNERS \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- **O8** PETER FRAMPTON FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE 35TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- **08** 1964... THE TRIBUTE \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 09 SUGARLAND wsg SARA BAREILLES THE INCREDIBLE MACHINE TOUR DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 10 KID CUDI ON SALI SATURDAY DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 311 and SUBLIME with ROME DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 14 IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE (2 SHOWS II...) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 16 JOSH GROBAN THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 16 COMEDIAN DEMETRI MARTIN MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 17 GOO GOO DOLLS wsg MICHELLE BRANCH and PARACHUTE MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 20 YES/STYX " DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 21 JIMMY BUFFETT NO OUI. & THE CORAL REEFER BAND DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 SLAYER/ROB ZOMBIE wsg EXODUS DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 23 KEITH URBAN wsg JAKE OWEN THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 23 CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED \$
- DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE 23 O.A.R. wsg SOJA 🔼
- 24 PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO \$
- 27 MICHAEL McDONALD/BOZ SCAGGS ON SALE SOON

MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

28 BRITNEY SPEARS wsg NICKI MINAJ, JESSIE AND THE TOY BOYS and NERVO

THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

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- 29 THE WIGGLES BIG BIRTHDAY! (2 SHCWS!) \$ THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 29 BEACH BOYS \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 29 DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS \$ "THE DIRTY JOKE SHOW" starring GEECHY GUY MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 31 JOURNEY wsg FOREIGNER and NIGHT RANGER DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

AUGUST

O3 SADE wsg JOHN LEGEND

- **O4** RASCAL FLATTS wsg SARA EVANS, ON SALE SATURDAY **EASTON CORBIN and JUSTIN MOORE** DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- O5 MEAT LOAF DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 06 ALL-STAR BASKETBALL FESTIVAL 5 WITH 3-POINT & SLAM DUNK CHAMPIONSHIP THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- O6 DISTURBED, GODSMACK, MEGADETH, 🕾 IN FLAMES, MACHINE HEAD, TRIVIUM and more! ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINK MAYHEM FESTIVAL DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- **06** COMEDIAN JIM GAFFIGAN MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- **O7** STEVE MILLER BAND wsg ERIC JOHNSON DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE ON SALE SOON
- 10 SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE (*) wsg ALLSTAR WEEKEND DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 11 CHRIS ISAAK MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 12 IDENTITY ON SALE SATURDAY TRAVELING ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 12 LOS LONELY BOYS/LOS LOBOS \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 13 JEFFREY OSBORNE, PEABO BRYSON, \$ FREDDIE JACKSON AND HOWARD HEWETT THE MEN OF SOUL TOUR DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 FAMILY DAY ON BROADWAY (2 PM) \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 13 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY (8 PM) \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- MICHAEL W. SMITH/THIRD DAY ★ \$ WSG CHRIS AUGUST ON SALE SOON DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 16 MY MORNING JACKET ON SALE SOON wsq NEKO CASE MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 17 DEF LEPPARD wsg HEART and EVAN WATSON DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 18 DAVE MASON, \$ MARK FARNER (FORMERLY OF GRAND FUNK RAILROAD), **RICK DERRINGER, FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS** and GARY WRIGHT HIPPIEFEST 2011 DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 19 THE J. GEILS BAND **wsg THE CHRIS ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD** DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 19 RETURN TO FOREVER ON SALE SATURDAY wsg ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 20 LIL WAYNE wsg RICK ROSS, ON SAIL SOON KERI HILSON, LLOYD and FAR EAST MOVEMENT DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 21 TRAIN/MAROON 5 wsg GAVIN DeGRAW DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 21 GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS 5 WSQ KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD ON SALE SOON MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 23 KINGS OF LEON wsg BAND OF HORSES DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 25 ARETHA FRANKLIN DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 25 CHILDREN'S CLASSIC \$ RAPUNZEL "UNTANGLED" (2 SHOWSI) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 26 KE\$HA wsg LMFAO 🖱 and SPANK ROCK DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 26 LAUGH-A-PALOOZA \$ with COMEDIAN TED ALEXANDRO plus BEN KONSTANTIN, MARTEZ LAREECE and NATE FRIDSON MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 27 ALICE COOPER wsg ACE FREHLEY \$ DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 27 WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (1 PM 9:30 PM) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 27 GETBACK! CAST OF BEATLEMANIA \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 WHITESNAKE/TESLA DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL (1 PM 5:30 PM) MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 BARRAGE FIDDLE SPECTACULAR \$ MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER

- O3 TED NUGENT \$ with the return of DEREK ST. HOLMES DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 10 MMA CAGE FIGHT FESTIVAL S MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 18 TOBYMAC #\$ ON SALE SOON wsq PETER FURLER/MANDISA and JAMIE GRACE DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 30 ENRIQUE IGLESIAS ON SALE SOON wsg PITBULL and PRINCE ROYCE THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 30 TOBY KEITH ON SALE SOON DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

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- 911 Act in Time When to go to the ER 11:00 a.m. 11:50 a.m.
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- What You Should Know about Long Term Care 12:00 p.m. 12:50 p.m.
- Senior Moving Made Easy 9:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m.
- Identify Theft Protection 9:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m.
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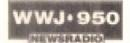


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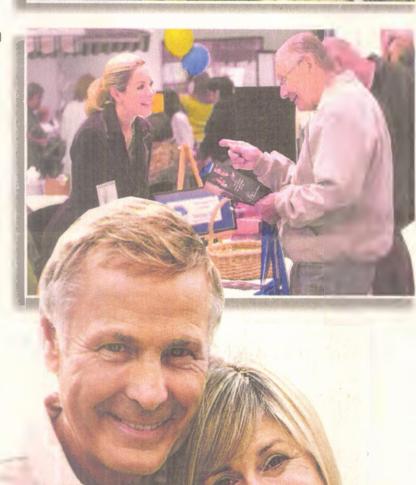




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Where The Boys Are (And Aren't): Non-traditional Jobs For Women And Men

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

When was the last time a male dental hygienist hygienist http://www.careerbuilder.com/ jobs/keyword/dental+hygienist/%20> cleaned your teeth?

Sure, we all know that women have significantly changed the face of the American work force over the past 50 or so years. And while children today rightly dream of becoming anything they want, the fact remains that some fields continue to be dominated by one gender over the other.

Here, a look at some of the careers in which female or male employees may not have much competition for the restroom:

Non-traditional jobs for women

The Bureau of Labor Statistics considers a job where less than 25 percent of the work force is female to be a "nontraditional" job for women. Among the fields that meet this criteria are:

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While there are a significant number of women employed in manufacturing http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ manufacturing/%20>, they tend to be better represented in some segments over others. For instance, about a third of the 1,467,000 people employed in the making of computer and electronic products are women. But men overwhelmingly dominate in the production of nonmetallic mineral products (think cement, pottery and glass), metal products (such as iron and steel), machinery, transportation equipment and wood

products. Nearly half of the people employed in retail http://employed www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/ keyword/retail/%20> trade are women. Very few of them, however, are automobile or other motor vehicle dealers http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/car+ dealer/%20>; work at stores selling auto parts, accessories or tires; or are vending machine operators. Likewise, women may account for about 30 percent of all wholesale http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ wholesale/%20> trade employees but are rarely merchant wholesalers of recyclable materials, farm product raw materials, groceries or alcoholic beverages.

Non-traditional jobs for men

Walk into any child day care http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/child+ care/%20> service and you'll likely be greeted by a woman. Of the 1,563,000 employees in that field, a whopping 95.3 percent are female. Among other industries

the BLS classifies as "non-traditional" for

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- Gift, novelty and souvenir shops http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/gift+
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So what about health care < http://www.careerbuilder.com/ jobs/keyword/health+care/%20> and education http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/ keyword/education/%20>, two fields often associated with women?

Male nurses are still rather rare, though their numbers are growing. The most recent

national nursing survey by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration reports that men accounted for 6.6 percent of all RNs in 2008, up from 5.8 percent in the 2004 survey.

Women continue to make up at least threefourths of the work force at hospitals; the offices of physicians http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ physician/%20>, dentists http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ dentist/%20> and optometrists http:// www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ optometrist/%20>; and outpatient care centers. Men account for only 13 percent of the workers at nursing care facilities, and even fewer are employed in home health

As for education, numbers can be

deceiving. Although the BLS found that men account for about 30 percent of those employed in educational services as a whole, they tend to gravitate towards colleges, universities and technical or trade schools. If you can't remember your child ever having a male primary-school teacher < http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/ keyword/elementary+education/%20>, you're not alone. According to the National Education Association, only 17 percent of elementary-level teachers are men. (Men do, however, represent about a third of middleschool teachers and about half of high school teachers.)

The most gender-neutral fields

Grocery stores employ equal numbers of men and women. In manufacturing, the work force is nearly split in textile product mills (except carpets and rugs) and in places producing soaps, cleaning compounds and cosmetics. Other industries that are at or close to 50-50 include:

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One last figure (which might surprise some): 50.2 percent of gas station workers are female. Maybe there is hope yet for male dental hygienists to become commonplace.

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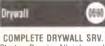
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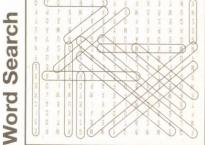
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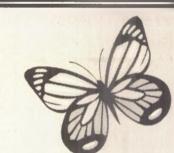
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Even though the Acura ZDX crossover coupe has all-wheel drive and good ground clearance, it doesn't drive like an SUV. It feels tight and solid on twisty two-lane roads. Choppy pavement reveals that the ride is quite firm, but it is not objectionable.

The company calls the ZDX a four-door sports coupe even though the precise

definition of coupe is a car with two doors. The ZDX rides on the chassis of an SUV but it definitely has the heart of a coupe.

As we drove a local parkway, a couple pulled alongside, rolled down the window of their car and commented on how much they liked the Acura's styling. We were surprised that the ZDX drew so many admiring looks.

Size may be one reason the ZDX draws so much attention. It is relatively wide, and it sits tall like the MDX sport utility. The aggressive design, however, has a presence that makes the car hard to ignore.

The steeply sloping roof is only one part of the car's visual appeal. Deep shoulders over the back wheel accentuate the car's muscularity, and an all-glass roof runs from the windshield to the tailgate. The roof is pinched in at the back, and that, too, gives the ZDX a distinctive appearance.

Getting into the back seat is not easy because of the sloping roof, but the space is tolerable for relatively short distances once you're inside.

Who's supposed to be buying the ZDX? Acura said the car is designed for buyers who want the intimacy of a coupe with the flexible cargo space and all-road capability of an SUV. Clearly this target demographic is small, and Acura predicts sales of 8,000 units per year.

The refined interior and luxurious materials make the ZDX a pleasant car to drive. The seats are among the best we've

seen, and the instrument panel that wraps around the driver and passenger has great lines and nice leather covering. The matte black center stack is unique.

Standard equipment includes a Bose stereo, power liftgate, rearview camera and 19-inch wheels. The Advance package adds adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitoring system, ventilated seats and a collision mitigation system. The Technology package adds surround-sound stereo, navigation and a rear camera that lets the driver select three distinct views.

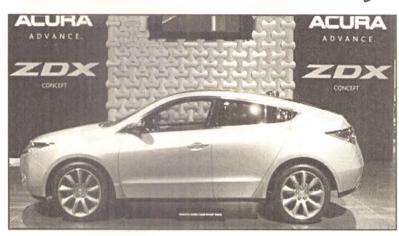
The ZDX uses many components from the MDX, but they have all been retuned for this application. The engine is a 300horsepower, 3.7-liter unit that provides excellent power across the entire rev range. It accelerates smoothly while noise and vibration are held in check

The six-speed automatic transmission can be shifted manually with paddles on the steering wheel.

The size of the cargo compartment is hindered by the steeply sloping roof, but when the seats are folded the result is a long, deep space big enough to haul a bicycle.

The cargo space is finished with nice carpeting and plated handles. The side panels of the trunk come out to accommodate four golf bags. The cargo floor opens to reveal a good-sized storage space that can be used to keep valuables out of sight

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Mercedes-Benz dealers have begun using Apple iPads an an alternative to printed literature to answer questions about the 2012 CLS-Class. The CLS-Class iPad app, created by All Things Media and assigned to sales people in Mercedes showrooms this month, provides virtual tours of the car, an "Explore" customization tool and



videos promoting the luxury car's technical proficiencies

NEW STUDY: Scuderi Group reports a study conducted by the Southwest Research Institute on a 2011 Nissan Sentra showed a turbocharged Scuderi Air-Hybrid Engine can cut gas use of the Sentra by 36 percent. Thengine boosts miles per gallon by 54 percent. That means a car with a 15-gallon gas tank that gets 30 mpg can drive 243 miles farther by using a Scuderi instead of a factory engine. Scuderi is in talks with 15 automakers worldwide to get them to use the fledgling

SPARE PARTS: Bob Frayer, supervisor of engineering laboratories at NSF International in Ann Arbor, earned the Industry Award from the Automotive Body Parts Association. He was recognized for creating an in-house certification program that ensures bumpers, absorbers and other auto parts meet high quality, safety and performance standards. ... Toyota this week opened the first hydrogen fueling station in the U.S. fed directly from an active industrial hydrogen pipeline. The station is a partnership of Toyota, Shell, the Department of Energy and two other companies. It will provide hydrogen for fuel-cell cars in California. ... IndyCar driver Townsend Bell is the new brand ambassador of the members-only Thermal Motorsports Track & Club in Palm Springs, Calif. Bell, driver of the No. 99 Herbalife car, will create niche driving programs at the club.

Driving the Acura ZDX is as nimble as a coupe with the space of a sport-utility vehicle.

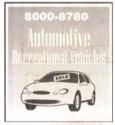
HAWKE NEW HQ FOR PORSCHE: Porsche Cars North America will begin building a headquarters in Atlanta this fall near a terminal at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The HQ, which is expected to open in summer 2013, will be home to 400 employees who will staff a Technical Service and Training Center and Customer Experience Center, Detlev von Platen, president of the North American unit of Porsche Cars, said this week. The headquarters also will include a road course to showcase the sports cars' performance. The company will move Porsche Financial and Porsche Business from Lisle, Ill., to Atlanta in 2013 to put everyone in one location. Porsche sells about 25,000 cars per year to Americans, including the Cayenne and Panamera Gran Turismo. Porsche opened its Porsche of the Motor City dealership in Eastpointe this spring to serve Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The service manager there is John Wilson. He

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