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## Reading wrapup

Celebratory game nights, storytimes and ice cream socials were all a part of the Summer Reading Program wrapup this week at the Plymouth District Library.

One special event was the drawing for the grand prize for the EDGE program, designed for readers going into grades

4-6. The 2011 winner was Tyler Martinez, a fourth-grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. Tyler won four tickets to Cedar Point.

## Early Christmas

Heidi Bushey is the top prize winner in the Hometown Life INSPIRE "Christmas in July" contest. The Canton resident won \$250 and says she may spend it on school clothes for her teens, or possibly a late-summer trip to Cedar Point.

Other prize winners are Teresa Long of Westland (\$125) and Maria Cameon of South Lyon (\$75). Nearly 800 entries were submitted. The winners were selected in a random drawing of all entries that correctly identified pages on which the holiday beachball appeared.

## Soul food

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, the Canton Mosque is hosting an event called "Food to My Soul."

Guests will hear from local Muslims about what Ramadan means to them and will get to experience many traditional ethnic foods from around the Muslim world.

The event takes place 8-9:30 p.m. at the Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer. The event is open and free to all. The event is sponsored by the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs.

For more information, call Christina Rountree at (248) 413-7520 or Syed Karatullah at (248) 703-1881.

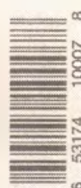
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Tyler Wolfe takes a test-drive around the bases on the New Miracle League field with grandpa Kevin Finnerty.

## With field built, players come



Maggie Hermann celebrates at home plate on the brand new 'Field of Dreams' built by the Miracle League of Plymouth, which celebrates its opening day Aug. 20.

Three years after the dream became a vision and the vision became a plan, and three months after the shovels hit the ground, the Miracle League of Plymouth is ready to welcome players and their families to the field.

The league has registered more than 60 players and raised more than \$1 million, leaving the league less than \$50,000 short of its \$1.1 million fundraising goal.

The success continues Saturday, Aug. 20, when the Miracle League of Plymouth celebrates opening day of the special needs ballpark, located at 357 Theodore in Plymouth.

"From day one, we looked to the 'Field of Dreams' for inspiration," development co-chair Bob Bilkie said. "Our special needs community needed a place to play, and we have accomplished that with the opening of the Bilkie Family Field at the Miracle League of Plymouth."

Opening day will allow the players and their families an opportunity to visit the field and take a lap around the bases. The Detroit Tigers Foundation's concession stand will be open, serving the baseball staples, along

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## Group seeks tax to maintain fire service

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Supporters of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which could face layoffs as Plymouth Township officials look for savings, are working to have voters — and taxpayers — weigh in on the issue.

The Plymouth Township Citizens Action Group is circulating a petition aimed at putting a tax question on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, ballot.

Organizers say they're seeking a 1-mill, five-year special assessment that would be dedicated to the fire department in order to make up for the revenue shortfall that will occur when the city of Plymouth withdraws from the shared department after this year. Plymouth provides about a quarter of the department's nearly \$4 million annual budget.

"If we can get it on the ballot, I'll bet you dinner that it passes," said Tom Kelly, one of the organizers, a Plymouth Township resident who is also a firefighter in Royal Oak.

A 1-mill assessment would cost \$150 a year for the owner of a home with a taxable value of \$150,000.

To get a special assessment question to the November ballot, however, the PTCAG must obtain the signatures of landowners representing at least 10 percent of the property within the proposed district, which is the entire township.

"That was a curveball to us. It's a whole different aspect than a general millage," said Kelly. Citizens could petition for more traditional millage rather than a special assessment, according to Township Clerk Joe Bridgman, but such a petition would carry no legal weight and any decision to put a mill-

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## School board race draws big crowd

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

As co-founder of the Legislative Action Network working to benefit Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Sheila Paton has gotten an outsider's view of the issues facing her hometown school district.

Now she wants to take a stab at it from the inside.

Paton, a Plymouth mother with two children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools, decided to join the race for four seats in the November Board of Education election. She joins at least eight other confirmed or likely candidates — including three of four incumbents — in the crowded field. Deadline for entry is Tuesday.

"I've thought about it and think we're approaching a very exciting time for our district," Paton said. "There is a lot of change on the horizon and I would like to be part of those discussions and help with some of those decisions."

Paton co-chaired the LAN with fel-

low Plymouth mother Denize Zander, now her campaign manager, and said she isn't sure what election to the board would mean to her involvement with the LAN. "I would definitely miss that," she said.

She joins a burgeoning field of candidates. Those who've already filed:

- Incumbent Trustee Nancy Eggenberger, a former board secretary, and former board president and current Trustee Steven Sneideman.

- Stephanie Goecke, who started a "concerned citizens" group during the debate over the fate of former Supt. Craig Fiegel.

- Canton resident Mike Andro, a former candidate for Canton Township trustee.

- Plymouth City Commissioner John Barrett, a longtime administrator in the Farmington school district.

- John Nichols, a former candidate and parent who was outspoken in his criticism of the decision to consider closing Fiegel Elementary School.

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## Smooches for steppin'



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Walker Anne O'Hare of Plymouth kisses her mom, Pat Boston of Livonia, just about two miles from the end of the first day's hike during the 2011 Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure. Hare, a member of the Breast of Plymouth team, was among throng of walkers who passed through Livonia Friday, and then through Plymouth on Saturday, on the way to the closing ceremony in Dearborn Sunday.

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# Planners keep Daisy Wall options open

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The fate of the Daisy Wall — the last remnant of the Daisy Air Rifle factory that put Plymouth on the map for millions of BB gun owners around the world — remains undecided 11 months after a developer first sought permission to tear it down.

But the Plymouth Planning Commission moved a step closer to a solution Wednesday, voting 7-1 for preliminary approval of an amendment to the development agreement that governs Joseph Freed and Associates' unfinished Daisy Square condominium project, where the wall, off Union Street, sits.

The move gives Freed the flexibility to work with owners of the occupied townhouse condominiums over the future of the project while keeping open opportunities to preserve the historic wall.

Freed is seeking to sell the unbuilt portion of Daisy Square and wants an amended development agreement in order to put it on the market, Lori Chacos, a Freed vice president, told the commission.

The current agreement requires the wall be used as part of a four-unit condominium building, but Freed officials have argued for months that its poor condition, and the downturn in the housing market, make doing so

impossible.

"It hasn't worked," Chacos said at Wednesday's planning meeting. "The market has not (improved) at all," and is not expected to improve in the foreseeable future, she added. Freed's lender has also said no to such a project, she said.

Freed has proposed plans that would spin off the 44 unfinished townhouse sites from the existing townhouse association, but such a move would require approval by at least two-thirds of the condominium owners and their lenders. Freed also wants to hand off responsibility for preserving the wall to a group or buyer, or remove the preservation requirement from the

development agreement.

"We're not opposed to giving them (townhouse condominium owners) the wall. If they wanted to take it tomorrow, they could," Chacos said.

## Preserve priority

The approved amendment said the site's "green space" — the wall and the surrounding area — is anticipated to be donated to the city, and that priority should be given to preserving the wall. The Plymouth City Commission has voted to accept such a donation under certain conditions.

The amendment also gives the Plymouth Preservation Network, which has proposed incorporating part of the wall into a pavilion in a park-like setting, or similar organization the right of first refusal when it comes to preserving the wall.

The PPN's Wendy Harless told commissioners that uncertainty over the future of Daisy Square has hampered efforts to raise money for preserving the wall. The cost of the so-called Daisy Pavilion has been estimated at up to \$250,000.

Commission members clearly weren't happy with Freed's inability to follow the development agreement and incorporate the Daisy Wall into a building.

"It still leaves a bitter taste in my mouth," Com-



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missioner Tara Parks said. Planners voted 7-1 Wednesday to give the developer of the Daisy property, which features the Daisy Wall — the last remnant of the Daisy Air Rifle factory that put Plymouth on the map for millions of BB gun owners around the world — the flexibility to work with owners of the occupied townhouse condominiums over the future of the project while keeping open opportunities to preserve the historic wall.

missioner Tara Parks said.

## Unfinished business

Commissioner Meg Dooley, however, said the unfinished townhouse sites are dragging down the value of surrounding properties. "We have to focus on that as well," she said. Some 66 townhouse condominiums are completed, with most of them sold and occupied. Daisy Square also includes a 56-unit loft-style condominium building.

Preliminary approval of the amendment gives Chacos and townhouse condominium owners six months to work out details before the commission votes on final language. If approved by the

planners, the amended agreement would be sent to the City Commission.

Voting for the amendment were Parks, Dooley, Commissioners Jennifer Frey, Jim Mulhern, John King, Keith MacDonald and Conrad Schewe, the chairman. Commissioner Joseph Philips, who argued for stronger language on preserving the wall, cast the lone no vote.

The Daisy Air Rifle factory opened in 1882 as a windmill factory; air rifles were made there beginning later that decade. The company moved production to Arkansas in 1958.

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## CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's *Plymouth Observer*, "Confrontation at strip mall leads to assault charge," incorrectly stated that

the Amici Italian Bistro on Mill Street in Plymouth was closed.

Amici remains open at that location, restaurateur Jeff Lindsey said

Thursday, while a new location at Five Mile and Sheldon Road is being prepared.

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# Teens get picture of green economy at township firm

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Detroit teenagers working green jobs this summer — watering trees, cutting brush and improving park trails in — were encouraged to look for a place in another “green” economy on Friday.

About 70 members of Detroit’s Conservation Leadership Corps, a jobs and training program, visited Johnson Controls Inc.’s automotive division headquarters in Plymouth Township to learn about the company’s commitment to green technology, such as battery recycling, the use of natural fibers and recyclable parts in automobiles, and ways to reduce energy loss in buildings. There was also a session on resume-writing and professional networking.

Sustainability was the watchword. “It is the single biggest industry in the world,” Sherry Sabbagh, a principal designer in JCI’s auto division, told the teens, citing a study that showed future opportunities in the sustainability field would outstrip even professions like computer technology. “This is where careers are going to be.”

Sabbagh showed the visitors samples of parts made from natural materials, such as hemp, and said that the cotton fibers from just two pairs of old blue jeans could provide the material for several components in a new car, such as carpet backing. She predicted the teens would see more recycling of that type in their lifetimes.

“There are a lot of companies now that are going to be asking for their products back,” Sabbagh said.

She also talked about biomimicry, in which the structures found in nature — the egg, the honeycomb, the strong but lightweight skeletons of birds — are used in manmade products.

“Nature is the ultimate engineer,” Sabbagh said.

Likewise, Nick Petouhoff, the



Nick Petouhoff, left, director of engineering for Johnson Controls Inc.’s automotive seating department, tells students from Detroit’s Conservation Leadership Corps about seating components.

director of engineering in JCI’s automotive seating department, talked about seat cushions that include plant material, such as soybeans or coconut fibers, as an alternative to oil.

He showed off the JCI-designed seat for the Tata Nano, a car made in India that, Petouhoff said, is the world’s cheapest at \$2,500. In a higher-end car, he said, the seats alone cost more than the entire Nano.

“We have to make it lighter, faster, stronger, better, cheaper, so there’s a real challenge for an engineer,” Petouhoff said.

Earlier, Dennis Wetzel, director of global engineering for original equipment manufacturing in the automotive division, spoke about JCI’s lead-acid battery recycling program. Ninety-seven percent of the components of the lead-acid batteries the company sells, most of which are used in automobiles, are returned and recycled in some way, he said.

“You’re going to figure out the last 3 percent,” he told the teens. Detroit Destiny Granger, a graduate of the Henry Ford Academy in Dearborn, said she enjoyed the program and could see herself working at a place like JCI.

“I find it comfortable. I like the people. It seemed really friendly,” said Destiny, who plans to attend Grand Valley State University and study accounting.

# Old Village area enjoys ‘fabulous’ restaurant crawl

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Ticket sales were down but spirits were up Wednesday for the 12th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl, a showcase of a half-dozen food and drink places in the historic Plymouth neighborhood.

“It was excellent, absolutely fabulous,” said Rob Costanza of the Station 885 restaurant on Starkweather, one of the Crawl stops. “We had a lot of new faces.”

“I think it was well worth it,” said Jo Anne McGinn, the owner of Jo Jo’s ‘Treats ‘n’ Sweets, a candy store and bakery on North Mill that at times had a standing-room-only crowd. “I’ll do it again next year. We had a lot of fun. We had some good laughs with people.”

On the menu at Station 885, a long-time promoter of Old Village that’s marking its 26th anniversary this month, were manicotti, garlic bread, salad and desserts.

“Everybody just absolutely loved it. We pulled out all the stops,” Costanza said. Crawl participants also got a chance to enter a drawing for a trip for two to Chicago to see the Detroit Tigers play the Chicago White Sox.

At Jo Jo’s, which just opened in June, McGinn offered rolled caramel candy, four kinds of cupcakes and coffee.

After filling up at the first five stops (“Everybody knew it was sweets. It was going to be the last stop,” McGinn said), visitors enjoyed light raspberry cupcakes with a raspberry pastry filling and raspberry mousse frosting. Jo Jo’s also offered cupcakes in buttercream, cookies and cream, and its own version of Sanders’ Bumpy Cake flavors.

The event was a good marketing tool, said Wes Graff, executive director of Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the Crawl.

“There were people who came in who didn’t

even know I was here,” said McGinn. Some visitors even returned on Thursday for more cupcakes, she said.

Unlike many recent Old Village Restaurant Crawls, however, Wednesday’s did not sell out. The chamber has a maximum of 300 tickets available, and about 200 were sold.

“We figured that it’s because people are on vacation — which is a good thing, if people can start vacationing again,” said Teri Fry, the chamber’s events manager. “It just didn’t happen. It’s very odd.”

Also participating this year were Hermann’s Olde Towne Grille, Crawford’s Kitchen, Plymouth Fish & Seafood and the Liberty Street Brewing Co.

The chamber’s downtown restaurant crawl is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28. Details are being finalized, and tickets should be on sale by the end of this month.

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## TAX

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age question on the ballot would be up to the Board of Trustees.

Kelly said the group has 80 to 100 members out gathering petition signatures, mostly on the weekends.

“We’re going door to door,” he said. “We’ve got workers up at Kroger on the weekends. We’re giving it our best shot.”

The group’s deadline, however, is Tuesday. Township Treasurer

Ron Edwards said, under the state’s special assessment law, such an assessment, if approved, could be for up to 10 mills, but Kelly said the citizens group’s intention is to not ask for more than a mill.

“I don’t think that was our intent, to overwhelm the property owners and the taxpayers,” he said. “We think this would be sufficient to maintain the current level of fire service.”

The township and the unionized firefighters have been in negotiations over the \$1.3 million the township wants to

cut from the fire department’s budget. Firefighters have offered concessions worth about \$330,000, and have been pushing to be allowed to make more hospital runs, in medical emergencies, in order to raise revenue.

Township officials, meanwhile, are talking about putting firefighters on 12-hour shifts, instead of the 24-hour shifts they now work, and supplementing their ranks with part-timers.

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## District expands choice options

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

When initially opening its borders to first- through fifth-grade children of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employees currently attending school in other districts failed to produce the numbers for which administrators had hoped, the district has now expanded the policy.

The district has now opened its doors to children of employees who currently reside outside the district, regardless of grade.

The decision was made, Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's

interim superintendent, said in a letter to employees, because the district has "not experienced the extra enrollment we had anticipated." The most common response to the proposal, Hughes wrote, was that many employees had more than one child, but not all in grades one through five.

"The most common answer we received was that staff did not want their children attending two different school districts," Hughes wrote.

Back in June, the district's Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to open its doors to employees. Administra-

tion officials were hoping to gain some 150 students, which would have produced a little more than \$1 million in revenue, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services.

However, director of community relations Frank Ruggiero said the move drew "fewer than 10" new students. After announcing the expanded policy in an Aug. 5 letter, Ruggiero said, "at least a dozen" had enrolled in a half-day Monday alone.

The district did an in-house survey of employees earlier this year to determine inter-

est in bringing their children into the district. According to Hughes, some 300 employees responded to the survey; of those, 103 employees expressed an interest in the school of choice option.

However, Hughes cautioned, a similar study in Northville schools produced similar results, with more than 100 employees expressing interest, but only 17 students actually enrolled.

Other options had included opening the boundaries to students from any district within Wayne RESA, or opening to students not only from Wayne RESA, but also from intermedi-

ate school districts contiguous to Wayne RESA (the only one is Washtenaw).

Trustee Steven Sneiderman, while urging administrators to be conservative in their estimates about the budget impact, said he felt the schools of choice option was a benefit to employees.

"I really think it's a value to our employees and to the district," Sneiderman said. "I consider the employees part of our community. They work here, they spend a good part of their day here, whether they live here or not."

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### Number crunching



Cheryl Zuzo's Bentley Elementary first-graders went above and beyond the call of duty in the teacher's 'Everyday Math' program, which uses number scrolls to teach students to master numeration. Zuzo sets club goals — 10,000 for Rainbow, \$5,000 for Gold and 1,000 for Silver — then rings a bell and announces the success each time a student achieves a goal, drawing applause from fellow students. Gold Club students this year included Bridget Boczar, Grant Pierfelice and Yesha Ravel. Silver Club students were Zainab Ali, Grace Boczar, Madison Botts, Bryce Clark, Julia Dowsnell, Ravon Gillum, Kai Henkel, John Howard, Ellen Huang, Zachary Kanaan, Jeren Lemanek, Jeremy Mallia, Rishi Patel, Krutika Patil, Angelina Rizqalla, Serenity Schaecher, Emma Stapleton, Alex Stockford, Jesse Thomas, Zachary Yourman and Braden Zamenski.

### Student teaches about dangers of tobacco

Shayla French, a fifth-grader from Plymouth and the Michigan winner in the 2011 Tar Wars poster contest, traveled to Washington, D.C., recently to participate in the national poster contest and awards ceremony.

Tar Wars is a tobacco prevention program that brings local family physicians and health care providers into schools to teach students about the effects of tobacco on the body and how different messages in tobacco advertising influence people. The program is administered by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The Tar Wars awards ceremony was held July 12-13 in Washington, D.C., where the original artwork was on display. French's poster was titled "Take the Pledge, Be Tobacco Free." French was awarded 10th place and an Honorable Mention in the national poster competition. French was a fifth-grade student at Bird Elementary School last year.

As part of the Tar Wars program, the state winners saw the sights in the Washington, D.C. area and visited their U.S. representatives and senators.

Digital images of the first-place, runner-up and honorable mention posters can be downloaded from www.tarwars.org. Poster artwork is also displayed in



Shayla French, a fifth-grader from Plymouth and the Michigan winner in the 2011 Tar Wars poster contest, was awarded 10th place and an honorable mention in the national poster competition.

schools and is reproduced on promotional items available at www.tarwars.org.

Tar Wars was developed in 1988 by the Hall of Life at the Denver Museum of Natural History and Doctors Ought to Care. In its first year, the curriculum was delivered to 7000 Denver fifth graders.

The AAFP has overseen Tar Wars since 1997, and the program has grown to reach thousands of fourth- and fifth-grade students in all 50 states, several territories and internationally each year. Since its founding, Tar Wars has reached more than 8 million children.

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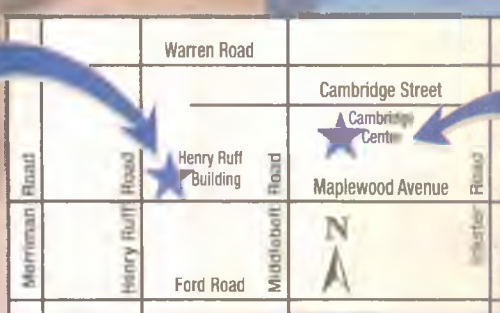
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with Miracle League of Plymouth flags.

"This is a dream come true, and we could not have done it without the support of our local communities," League Commissioner Deb Madonna said. "The Miracle League of Plymouth represents the best qualities of this community — the hard work, dedication and loyalty. This is a celebration three years in the making."

The Miracle League of Plymouth will support at least two teams for the inaugural season, with the first game to be held Aug. 27.

Kelly Hermann, whose daughter, Maggie, will be one of the players, said she's "very excited" for opening day.

"Children like Maggie do not get the opportunity to play regular sports, and this field will give her that chance," Hermann said. "As a parent I could not ask for a greater gift than to see the beaming smile on her face when she gets to do this. She is so incredibly



Special guest Jesse Lindlbauer joined the hitters at the second annual Dale Rumberger home run derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. The event raised some \$4,000.

excited to 'run' the bases, just like her brother."

The Miracle League organization was founded in 1998 in Rockdale,

Ga. There are now more than 250 leagues throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, servicing more than one million

special needs children. Madonna said The Miracle League of Plymouth will service families of western Wayne County,

providing an opportunity for special needs children to engage in athletic activities. The Miracle League of Plymouth will support

a fall season and a spring season. The Miracle League of Plymouth was established by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

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## Trivia group hosts Maupin fundraiser

Motor City Trivia, a group that sponsors trivia games at locations across metro Detroit, has stepped up to help raise money for the family of Elizabeth Maupin, the late Canton mother of four who was killed July 21 while she was walking her bike across Haggerty Road on the north side of Michigan Avenue.

Motor City Trivia is hosting a fund-raiser 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford Road between



Maupin

Lilley and Haggerty. Buffalo Wild Wings has agreed to donate to the Maupin family 20 percent of proceeds from purchases made during the fund-raiser, though a coupon has to be filled out and brought in.

To get the coupon, go to [www.motorcitytrivia.com](http://www.motorcitytrivia.com)

and look under the Motor City Trivia tab for special events and fund-raisers.

Many of the staff at Motor City Trivia knew Maupin, according to the website.

"We were deeply saddened by her sudden passing, leaving behind four children all under the age of 5," a statement on the website says. "We would like to do something to help her family and are asking the Motor City Trivia community to assist us."

## Uptown Players host open house, auditions

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host the Plymouth Uptown Players Summer Open House Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 5-8 p.m.

The event provides a chance for parents and children to meet the new instructors, check out the PCAC facility, and learn what the PUPS children's theater program is all about. Refreshments will be served, and attendees can enjoy some live improv by the program's instructors and assistants. Those attending the Summer Open House will receive \$10 off PUPS fall registration fees.

The Plymouth Uptown Players is an experimen-

tal theatre group made up of elementary- and middle-school-aged children. The program, which began in the mid-1990s, teaches children everything about producing and acting in a play including costumes, sets, directing and working together as a team with other cast members.

Each season (fall and spring) children are invited to participate in open auditions. All children who audition will receive a part, and casts are generally divided by age group. The program culminates in performances, open to the public, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Registration for the

PUPS program begins Sept. 1. The cost for the program is \$150 per actor, along with an annual \$30 PCAC membership fee.

Auditions are Sept. 8, when actors can drop in any time 5-9 p.m. The first PUPS rehearsal is Sunday, Sept. 11, with times and days to be determined based on cast sizes. Final performances will take place on Dec. 9-11.

The open house, auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth.

More information can be found at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) or by calling (734) 416-4278.

## RACE

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Abdullateef Muhiuddin of Canton, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School.

Current board President John Jackson, seeking his first full term on the board, said he's in. He was expected to file his petition late Friday or Monday morning. "I think four years of

experience, and the training I've gone through, is what the district needs to get us through these tough financial times we have so we can deliver high-quality education for our students," Jackson said. "I think I'm the one who can do that.

School board is something you can't just walk into day one and be highly effective. I think I've shown I can do that."

Likely out of the race is current Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, who has said at open meetings that, due to the pressures and time constraints of running the family business, she'd likely stay out of the race if viable candidates got in.

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# Giant board game spells library fun

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Call it Scrabble on steroids.

It did, after all, flex its game-board muscle across the Canton Public Library floor.

Spell it B-I-G — but aim for the triple word score.

"It's fantastic," said 47-year-old Canton resident Byron Roberts, who played against daughter Greer, 15, as four teams gathered around the board. "It's a lot of fun, and it's a good use of library space."

The board measured just over 10 feet by 10 feet, made of laminated paper squares woven together. It came with 8-by-7-inch cardboard letters with a fake wood-grain exterior. They stood on cardboard letter holders painted black.

Brad Bachelor, teen department librarian, created this jumbo Scrabble game with help from his co-workers.

"The idea just came to me because I wanted to do something visual and big," he said.

He succeeded, W-I-L-D-L-Y.



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The big Scrabble game attracted some serious players.

Austin Boyce, a 17-year-old Canton resident ready for his junior year at Wayne Memorial High School, smiled as he stepped cautiously onto the board and scored a double-word 26 points for spelling "jam."

"I love Scrabble. This is great," he said.

Senior citizen Pat Bloch agreed.

"I used to play when I was a kid," she said.

This sizable Scrabble

ble made its debut last November during a library fund-raiser at the Barnes & Noble store in Northville. Thursday marked only its second appearance in the library.

Team membership ebbed and flowed as Bachelor kept score. Some players stopped by to spell a word or two, while others stayed for an entire game.

"Some people will gather around and help out with one word and move on," said Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager. Bachelor and Golden

on occasion consulted an official Scrabble dictionary to check spellings.

No one seemed to quibble when one player plunked down the word "Asia" — an eyebrow-raising proper name that, technically, shouldn't be allowed.

The first game was won by a single point by a team including Natalie Mulder, a library intern and University of Michigan graduate student; Kathie Gladden, library training and communications assistant; and Cheryl McKoy, a Canton resident who admitted she joined the team late in the game.



Byron Roberts earns a few Scrabble points.



Austin Boyce checks the Scrabble dictionary to see if he has a real word.

"That was so much fun," McKoy said.

Though giant Scrabble was Bachelor's vision, he stood conspicuously on the sidelines as teams competed to spell words. Someone had to keep

score.

Then he C-O-N-F-E-S-S-E-D.

"I'm actually a horrible speller," he said.

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**Hope College**  
 Hope College officials announced a list of graduates who have been awarded graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishment during their four years of study. **Danielle Silletti** of Canton graduated Magna Cum Laude. **Emily Baracy** and **Jessica Zomermaand** of Canton both graduated Cum Laude.

**Northern Michigan**  
 Northern Michigan University officials announced the Dean's List for the Winter 2011 semester.

**Bethany Grysko** of Plymouth made the list with a grade-point average of 4.0. Qualifying for the list with grade-point averages between 3.25-3.99 were **Ellen Baracy**, **Bryanne Belovary** and **Amy Markey**, all of Canton, and Plymouth residents **Katherine Bedenis**, **Monica Doyle**, **Samantha McPartlin**, **Rachel Pawlowski**, **Kaitlyn Silver** and **Kelly Waite**.

**Northwood University**  
 Three students from Plymouth were among students who recently received a four-year bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University in Midland, Mich. The students were **Matthew Czajkowski**, **Alison Spohn** and **Andrea Spohn**.

# Don't make any investment that's not right for you

By Rick Bloom  
 Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**Q:** Dear Rick: I am like a lot of people who are frightened about the economy. I sold all my investments a while ago and I've just been leaving the money in the bank. At the present time, I have about \$400,000 in my bank account. I have a pension and Social Security and I only pull out \$3,000-\$4,000 a year from my account. I know it's not the smartest thing to leave money in the bank, but it makes me feel comfortable. I don't want to invest in the stock market and I don't like annuities. I'm not happy with the interest the bank is paying me, but it's better than nothing. Is there anything I can do that's better than just leaving my money in my checking account?  
 P.S. I am 72.  
**A:** My philosophy has always been never invest in anything that keeps

you up at night. The fact that you are not comfortable with stock market investments or annuities means that you should avoid these. It doesn't matter whether I think they'd be a good for you or not — the key is what makes you feel comfortable. Investors need to avoid investments that they either don't understand or ones that they don't feel comfortable with. In your situation, since the type of investment that you feel comfortable with is one that is guaranteed and has no principal fluctuation, CDs are the

most appropriate. Even though CDs are not paying high rates of return, that is only one factor to consider before deciding on an investment. As opposed to leaving the money in your checking account, my advice is to ladder CDs. Laddering CDs means you're buying CDs with different maturities, thus, you're diversifying within the CD area. In laddering CDs, I recommend that you purchase CDs that mature in six months, one year, 18 months and two years. I don't recommend that you go over two years based upon the fact that you are not getting a sufficient premium to lock your money up for longer periods of time. In addition, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernacke made it clear that they have no intention of raising interest rates until

at least the first half of 2013. In laddering your CDs, you do not have to use the same bank. It will probably make sense to use two different banks so that your money is totally federally insured. At the present time you will be insured up to \$250,000 per institution. Therefore, by using multiple institutions, 100 percent of your money will be federally insured. There is no question that the last few weeks have spooked investors. The volatility over the last few weeks has been incredible. I tell investors the only way to be successful is to have a game plan that takes into account volatile times. However, as an investor you have to be honest with yourself. Never invest in anything that you do not understand or that you do not feel comfortable with. In the long run, it will make you a better investor and, most importantly, allow you to sleep at night. Good luck!

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# Former foster child wins Sparky Anderson Award for clothing drive

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Shirley Brown, a Livonia sixth-grader and former foster child who collected a classroom of clothing for other foster children, has won the Sparky Anderson Award for Youth in Philanthropy.

Shirley will receive the award Nov. 17 from the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its National Philanthropy Day banquet and awards event at the Detroit Renaissance Marriott.

"I'm just so proud of her," said her adoptive father, Tim Brown. "She worked so hard and gave up all that free time."

Shirley, 11, a student at Johnson Upper Elementary School, came up with the idea for the clothing drive after her teachers urged her and her classmates to think of a project for the Youth Making a Difference program.

When the Wyandotte police took her and her younger brother from their parents almost nine years ago, they were naked, sick and lying in the own vomit. The officers had to put adult-sized T-shirts on the then toddlers just to remove them from their home because they couldn't find any children's clothing to dress them in.

"I knew how it was when I was little," she said, explaining why she held the clothing drive. "I didn't have any clothes."

Shirley, a Westland resident, got her entire

school involved, sending a letter home to every one of the 600-plus students.

She and four classmates spent their recesses and lunch periods for several weeks sorting the clothing by sex, size and season — with help from two teachers.

The clothing was donated to Orchards Children's Services, the agency through which Shirley was adopted. Her father had to use a trailer to haul all the clothing to Orchards.

Shirley said although the award is nice, she wasn't expecting one. "I just wanted to put some clothes on children," she said.

She also wants to credit her parents and friends for their assistance. "It was my idea, but I had a lot of help," she said.

### 'Amazing spirit'

Shirley was nominated for the award by Gilda Hauser, campaign director for Orchards Children's Services, based in Southfield.

"I couldn't think of anyone better," said Hauser, who included with the nomination form a copy of an article the *Livonia Observer* published April 24 about Shirley's clothing drive. "She's just an outstanding example of giving back; it can't not touch your heart."

Shirley has also participated in fundraising for the Kids Helping Kids Walk, part of the Children's Charity Coalition, and speaks to potential donors at Orchards Chil-

dren's Services about her experiences and desire to help other kids.

Shirley plans to become part of Orchards Youth Board, a children's philanthropy and volunteer group that organizes fundraising and community events for foster children and families in need. She is just waiting to turn 13, the minimum age to be on the Youth Board.

Hauser said Shirley is an inspiration and example for others to follow, not just for children but for adults, too. Her "amazing spirit and kindness in wanting to help others" is evident to all those who come in contact with her, she said.

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Shirley Brown is being honored for organizing a clothing drive to benefit foster children. "I knew how it was when I was little," she said. "I didn't have any clothes."

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**Army promotion**

**Martin F. Smith** was recently promoted to Warrant Officer after completing the U.S. Army's Warrant Officer Candidate School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

His next assignment will be at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Smith served active combat duty in Iraq in 2003-2004 and has been in the Army for nine years. He has been stationed in Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Iraq; Germany and at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Smith is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School and is the son of Martin and Sue Smith of Canton.

**Basic training grad**

Air Force **Airman 1st Class Kyle A. Patru** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Patru is the brother of Shelby Patru of Canton.

**Artillery grad**

Army **Pvt. John E. Watkins** has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Watkins is the son of John and Kimberly Watkins of Canton.

**Infantry completion**

Army **Pfc. Robert J. Amyx** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Amyx is the son of Charles Amyx of Plymouth.



Smith



Patru



Sr. Mary Cecelia (Carol Lipinski, from left), Sr. Mary Justus (Joanna McKay) and Sr. Mary Ignatius (Karen Curtsinger) in a scene from the Still Got It Players' production of 'Murder Can Be Habit-Forming.'

**Senior troupe presents murder-mystery**

Murder mystery lovers should mark their calendars for "Murder Can Be Habit Forming," a Still Got It Players production being presented this week at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Still Got It officials said audience members will love "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" by Billy St. John, a clever and well-crafted spoof presented by the all-senior-citizen acting ensemble.

"I especially like when grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform," director Debbie Lannen said. "They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'Never stop. You can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active.'"

In the play, when a bus load of passengers is stranded by a blizzard in upstate New York, they find their way to an old mansion in the woods, now St. Mary's Convent,

where the Reverend Mother Mary Cecilia provides them lodging for the night.

Unfortunately, she soon realizes that among her guests is likely to be a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer" whose victims are all named Mary. Though most of the sisters have been stranded in Buffalo, the four nuns remaining with her all have the first name Mary, as do two of the women on the bus.

To add to the list of potential victims, one passenger is a flamboyant actress whose TV character is named Mary and another is a retired school teacher who was formerly a nun named Mary. Before the night is over, the killer strikes.

Which person from the bus could be the Mary Murderer? The college professor? The newspaper columnist? The bus driver? Luckily, police detective Patrick McDougal was also on the bus and takes charge of solv-

ing the case. Providing as many laughs as chills, "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming" is a light-hearted mystery comedy that reveals the very human side of the nuns as they attempt to stay one step ahead of the killer.

Performance dates and times are Wednesday-Thursday at 1 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults 19-59; \$13 for seniors 60 and older and students under 19.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets can also be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour prior to show-time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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# Canton soldier among 'Black Jack' inductees

By Sgt. Justin A. Naylor  
2nd Brigade Combat Team,  
1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The sergeant is the Army."

Whether leading troops, operating multimillion dollar equipment, or conducting and leading missions, junior non-commissioned officers can be found nearly everywhere there are soldiers.

A group of 20 soldiers serving with 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, "Black Jack," 1st Cavalry Division, officially became members of the storied Non-commissioned Officer Corps during a non-commissioned officer induction ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, July 26.

This ceremony was a chance for us to put the spotlight on our junior non-commissioned officers as they become members of our time-honored corps, said Master Sgt. Stanley Love, senior operations non-commissioned officer for 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd AAB.

### NCO legacy

Like the Non-commissioned Officer Corps, the legacy of the non-commissioned officer induc-



Cpl. Aaron Eichel, a Canton native and a gun truck commander with 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Advise and Assist), 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division-North, stands at the front of a line of soldiers preparing to cross a symbolic marker during a non-commissioned officer induction ceremony at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, July 26. After crossing the yellow line with the sergeant rank sewn on it, the soldiers were said to officially be members of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps.

tion ceremony has a historic past.

The origins of the ceremony are commonly traced to the Royal Prussian Army of Frederick the Great. In the Royal Prussian Army, before a soldier could become a non-commissioned officer, he was required to

stand four guard watches.

During the first watch, a junior soldier would visit the guard and receive a gift of bread and brandy. During the second watch, non-commissioned officers from the soldier's unit would come and be treated to beer and tobacco. During the third watch, the unit's first sergeant would receive a glass of wine and a piece of tobacco on a tin plate from the guard. During the fourth watch, the soldier was officially considered a non-commissioned officer.

"These fine soldiers are about to start one of the greatest journeys of their lives, and that journey is part of something that is larger than any one of us," said Com-

mand Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey, senior enlisted leader of 4th Infantry Division and U.S. Division-North.

By members of the Non-commissioned Officer Corps, soldiers now are charged with the responsibility of leading, training and being role models for our great soldiers, said Dailey.

"Take care of your soldiers," he said to the junior non-commissioned officers. "This is a practical requirement, not a feel-good obligation."

Dailey encouraged the new non-commissioned officers to also remember that the skills of leadership do not come by just being promoted; one must work on them every day. Start with the

fundamentals and practice them until you gain a degree of excellence, and then strive for even higher proficiencies, he added.

### Canton man

For the soldiers inducted, the ceremony offered a chance to carry on a long tradition.

"Being in the ceremony made me feel proud to be part of something bigger," said Cpl. Aaron Eichel, a Canton, Mich., native, and a truck commander with 2nd AAB.

Since joining the Army three years ago after serving four years in the Marine Corps, Eichel said the knowledge he gained from his non-commissioned officers has been invaluable.

"They taught me every-

thing I know," he said.

Eichel said now that he is part of the Non-commissioned Officers Corps, it is his chance to pass his knowledge to his soldiers. "I have the satisfaction of watching the soldiers in my truck excel and progress, and know that I had something to do with that."

Although the inductees are all now members of the Non-commissioned Officers Corps, leaders at the ceremony warned them that they should not stop there.

They should strive to go as far as they can," said Love. "They should want to be a command sergeant major or sergeant major of the Army. They should always be willing to learn more and strive for the next rank."

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# SPORTS

## Sluggers swing for fences and a good cause

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Prep baseball players from the region gathered Aug. 6 to rip round-trippers for the Miracle League of Plymouth — and they didn't disappoint anyone in their quest.

The second annual Home Run Derby for the Miracle League was bigger and better than the debut attempt in 2010, with 18 players from Kensington Lakes Activities Association high schools taking part at Salem's varsity baseball field.

Recent Plymouth graduate Mike Nadratowski and Hartland's Jake Lowery got past the first three rounds to make it to the finals. When they finished their cuts, Lowery was crowned the der-

by champion after clubbing a total of 20 dingers.

"It was a great event that not only our community was involved in, but surrounding communities that will utilize the Miracle League of Plymouth," said derby chairman Ted Barker, also a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (which established MLP in 2010).

Barker said approximately \$4,000 was raised by the event, with that money to benefit the ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field at 357 Theodore Street in Plymouth. That field is slated to open later this month to accommodate the first MLP games played by children with special needs.

Unlike the debut derby in 2010, Barker said all partic-

ipants were allowed to complete the first two rounds.

All 18 batters had their two rounds totaled, with the top six moving on to the third round.

Lowery, Nadratowski, Canton's Ryan Bazner and Chris Perkovich (a 2011 graduate), Salem's Brett Ramirez and Livonia Stevenson's Brendon Hayes made the cut.

All six were given 10 outs to hit as many home runs as possible. An out was recorded for any swing that did not culminate in a home run.

Also participating in the derby were: recent Canton grad Braden Price; Livonia Churchill's Dan Cameron and Ben Matigian; Livonia Franklin's Joe Barczuk and Travis

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JOHN KEMSKI

Mike Nadratowski, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, takes a healthy cut during the Aug. 6 Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth. Nadratowski reached the finals before getting edged out by Hartland's Jake Lowery.

## MU lands Flaim

Madonna University women's basketball head coach Carl Graves announced Thursday that Taihlor Flaim (New Boston/Airport High School) has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic careers at MU beginning this fall.

Flaim earned letters in basketball, softball and volleyball for the Jets during her career. She was named to the All-Huron League first team in addition to the all-region and all-west teams. Flaim also picked up the Jets' most improved player award.

Last season against Carlson, Flaim posted 30 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks to go along with a 21-point, 12-rebound and five block performance against Huron.

The Crusaders open the 2011-12 season Oct. 29 with an exhibition game at the University of Detroit Mercy.

## Whalers return to WSDP-FM

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) as their radio home for the 2011-12 season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin its broadcasting schedule during Plymouth's season-opener Sept. 21 in Owen Sound and will carry the bulk of the team's games this season.

Pete Krupsky remains the team's play-by-play voice with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

## Coach makes comeback from cancer

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

As a longtime football coach, Todd Schultz has experienced many times the optimism and excitement that comes with the start of a new season.

Those emotions and his appreciation for a fresh opportunity run even deeper this year. In a real sense, he has a new outlook on life, not just football.

A year ago at this time, North Farmington's varsity head coach was diagnosed with cancer. Following chemotherapy treatment, Schultz is well again and still coaching the Raiders.

"Last year, football kept me grounded," he said. "It's the game I love; it's North Farmington. Going to that every day helped me get through this."

"This year, I'm really looking forward to it, because I know I'm not battling cancer at the same time. That was my balance. I had school and football, and I had cancer. Now, it's just school and football."

Schultz, 46, was on his way to a two-day practice last year when his doctor called with a biopsy result and diagnosis.

He focused his mind on football to get through that afternoon session, waiting until he got home to tell his wife, Chris, the news in person.

Schultz had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. There were four tumors, includ-

Please see COACH, B2



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A former fullback at North Farmington, coach Todd Schultz takes an active role in a practice demonstration.



Redford native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Mike Martin (68), a senior at Michigan, is an Outland Trophy candidate for the 2011 season.

## Be like Mike

### Redford's Martin is role model on the field and off

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

One pancake was enough for Mike Martin, thank you.

On Sept. 13, 2008, the Redford Township native and highly rated freshman defensive lineman from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was sent to the turf by a Notre Dame blocker in just his third collegiate football game.

Using gridiron terminology, Martin was "pancaked."

"Defensive linemen are never supposed to cross their feet, but I crossed mine on that play," Martin said. "I got folded up. The next day at practice when we were watching film, the coaches replayed it over and over. I got the message."

Martin hasn't been pancaked since.

Three years, 36 games, 108 tackles and 6.5 sacks later, Martin is a run-stuffing, quarterback-terrorizing force on the Michigan defensive line.

In July, his name was placed on the 65-player "Watch List" for the Lombardi Trophy, an award that is presented annually to the country's top inte-

rior lineman.

And when conversations regarding the 2012 NFL Draft heat up, Martin's name usually surfaces like cream in coffee.

"My time here has really flown by," Martin said. "I can't tell you how excited I am about this season. This team is really coming together and the seniors are determined to make sure we have no regrets once it's over."

#### New direction

Martin is savoring the re-energized atmosphere created by the January hiring of new U-M head coach Brady Hoke.

"Coach Hoke has a huge understanding about what it means to play football for the University of Michigan," Martin said. "He's created a lot of excitement and the guys are anxious to play for him. Every practice is upbeat with a quick tempo. It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been fun, too."

"The biggest thing coach Hoke harps on is team, team, team. We've learned a lot about Bo Schembechler and

why Michigan was successful when he was here."

Not long after he was tabbed to lead the U-M football program, Hoke hired former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Greg Mattison to join his rebuilding project.

Armed with a Hall of Fame-caliber resume that also includes successful coaching stints at Florida and Notre Dame, Mattison didn't waste any time enhancing his new players' minds with sage advice.

"Coach Mattison's most important message is that if you're not fundamentally sound, you're not going to be successful," Martin said. "He's already taught us a lot of new techniques that will help us become better football players. I'm standing up more (on the line) and moving around — whatever it takes to be in the best position to make plays."

#### Well-rounded man

Martin's extraordinary pursuit skills aren't limited to the

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## Acing it

Fox Hills continues to bring out the best in area golfers, with two more holes-in-one last week.

On Thursday, 48-year-old Chris Greco of Livonia used a 6-iron to ace the 165-yard No. 3 hole at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course.

Greco used a Titleist Pro-VI for his feat.

On Wednesday, Ypsilanti's Drew Fanelli, 27, sank a hole-in-one on the 185-yard No. 3 hole at the Hills course, using a 7-iron and Titleist NXT.

## Local coverage

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 18, individual sports sections will return for readers of the Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. Sports editors are Brad Emons (Livonia/Westland), Dan O'Meara (Farmington), Tim Smith (Canton/Plymouth) and Ed Wright (Garden City/Redford).

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# O'Quinn builds Dynamic's 1-2 punch

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Talk about a one-two punch. Talented brothers Robert and Rico O'Quinn are two of the big reasons why Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club is back on the map.

The O'Quinns, who live in Detroit and attend University High in Ferndale, have enjoyed a productive year with 16-year-old Rico coming away recently with a U.S. Junior Olympic title in the 114-pound class for Boys 15-16 after going 4-0 during the tournament held Aug. 1-5 in Mobile Ala.

Robert, 17, was the 2010 Michigan Junior Olympic champion at 132 pounds and now competes in the 17-34 open division. In early July, Robert went 1-1 in a last chance qualifier for the U.S. Olympic Trials in Cincinnati. His amateur record is 26-13 overall.

And if anybody knows talent and the fight game, it's Livonia's Paul Soucy, who has coached area talent for over five decades. Soucy, along with Canton's Chad Jaquillard, serve as coaches at Dynamic for the O'Quinns.

"He's very, very adept," Paul Soucy said of Robert O'Quinn. "He picks things up fast. We've had people come in this gym and compare him to Tommy Hearn when Tommy Hearn was younger. I mean this kid is awesome. He's going to be a world champ some day. I'm making that prediction."

"He's here every morning. We run at 6:30 as a group. I got four or five fighters out of a gym full of fighters. We go through all our routine, do our exercises, boxing and the whole works."

"He's got a good jab, a good stand-up boxer. He doesn't get hit as much as some of the fighters that you see. He's got it all together for his age."

Rico O'Quinn survived a close 29-27 decision in his U.S. Junior Olympics opening round victory over Kenneth Davis of Reno, Nev. before scoring decisions over Luis Santiago (Mass.), three-time J.O. champion Hector Valdez (Calif.) and Donovan Esterall (Colo.) to run his overall record to 36-6.

"He whipped everybody that was in there," Soucy said. "He never took a step back. He went forward, very aggressive and covered up nice if he missed his shots. He was just outstanding. He was very, very good."

So what separates the O'Quinns from the rest of the amateur boxers?

"He and his brother Robert are great listeners, and that makes Paul and my job so much easier," Jaquillard said. "What we coach and tell these guys what to do, they get in the ring and do it and that's why they've become so successful, I think . . . also their hard work and dedication they put in the gym every day. They work harder than anybody in the gym."

Robert O'Quinn remembers his initial encounter to the fight game.

"Paul (Soucy) came up to the recreation center by our house - we got to throw a couple of punches at him," Robert O'Quinn recalled. "We put on the gloves and got a little feel for boxing. He showed us the stance a little bit. That was the summer of '07. We didn't really get into it until '09, but we always wanted to get into it and we wanted to get into it. I was playing football, then stopped playing, and started boxing. I really caught onto it, caught onto it quick. I started loving it and stayed in the sport and been in it ever since."

And along for the ride every step of the way has been Rico.

"We push each other hard," Robert said. "When one of us see us running hard, the other is running right next to him. When one fight hard, and we see the other one fight hard. We go in there and encourage each other. We get in the ring, nobody works harder. We're the



Junior competitors (from left) Robert O'Quinn, David Fecteau and Rico O'Quinn have put Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club in the national limelight.

O'Quinn boys."

Rico qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals by winning bouts at the regional held May 28-20 and at the state tournament, May 6-8, in Ann Arbor.

His first-round match the J.O. Nationals against Davis proved to be the stiffest test.

"In my side of the bracket I had all national champions and people who had been to nationals," Rico said. "One dude last year won nationals . . . he won the Silver Gloves. The other dude also won nationals this year and in the finals I beat him. I was beating up on those other boys, I was doubling and tripling their scores, giving them 'A' counts. My first fight I was kind of rusty. I was down the first round by a point, then I was down the second round by two points, so I changed my game plan up and went to Plan B, and it started working. At the end of the fight, I came up and was up by two points. It was the toughest because I was rusty."

Rico's style in the ring is unique.

"I don't get hit much, but sometimes I have to take a punch to give a punch because I fight a lot of taller guys," he said. "I'm like 5-6 (Robert is 5-9). I start out with my game plan to feel a person out sometimes, but sometimes I don't. I can bang and I can also box. A lot of people like to see my banging side of me because it excites the crowds. That's what I give them, but that's when I start boxing and I know I've got them."

Dynamic, located off the corner of Inkster and Warren roads, will be sending a contingent of six to the Ringside World Championships, which starts Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

The O'Quinn brothers will be joined by another up-and-comer, 12-year-old David Fecteau of Garden City who sports a 23-7 record.

Fecteau is a two-time junior state champion at 75 pounds and placed third earlier this year in the Silver Gloves Nationals in Kansas City. He will compete in the 80-pound class.

A pair of 18-year-olds also will get their feet wet with Garden City's Justin Street (1-0) competing in the 141-pound class and Inkster's Greg Dowdell (1-1) vying in the 160-pound division.

And not to be outdone in the ring is the 165-pound Soucy, who at age 72 bills himself as the "world's oldest amateur boxer." He is one of seven competitors slated to compete in the Masters division.

"After seven years of hard work, it's so exciting to see the kids excel like they have," said Plymouth's Chuck Phillips, Dynamic Boxing Club owner. "State championships, regional titles and now again another national championship. I believe the future looks very bright for the Dynamic Boxing Club team."

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Having recovered from cancer, coach Todd Schultz relishes the opportunity to be on the practice field.

## COACH

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ing one that had wrapped itself around his spinal cord.

### Fighting back

Though the cancer was considered advanced, Beaumont Hospital oncologist Dr. Ishmael Jaiyesimi was confident it would respond to chemotherapy — "the big guns," as he told Schultz.

His optimism was borne out with a favorable test result in October that showed considerable reduction. Schultz underwent six six-hour chemo treatments and was given a clean bill of health when a January scan showed he was cancer-free.

"They took a biopsy of the tumor on the duodenum and it was clean," Schultz said. "There was a little bit of a benign cyst. The tumor near the spine had shrunk, the ones near the kidney and sternum were gone. (The chemo) did its magic; it was very exciting."

Schultz will receive a special drug with a track record for maintaining remission every two months for the next two years.

"With lymphoma, they say there's a higher percentage it will come back, but don't live your life that way, like you're always looking over your shoulder," Schultz said.

"Doctor Jay does a great job of telling you the way it is. He just says, 'You're doing great; everything looks great. I'm not counting on it to relapse any time soon. Just keep doing what you're doing.'"

Despite the cancer and chemo, Schultz continued to coach last fall and teach a half day. His treatments were administered on Fridays, and

Chris would drive him to the football games that evening.

### Other issues

Schultz missed only one game when he developed meningitis and had to be hospitalized for a week. He had another health scare in January, resulting in an emergency appendectomy.

He thought the discomfort he had might be the flu, anxiety about test results or the by-product of his treatment. A follow-up test showed the appendix had ruptured, however.

"Dr. Jay said: 'Oh, brother, there's no cancer, but I don't know what this is!'" Schultz said. "I was really fortunate to have that scan at that time. I might have said, 'I'll just have to get through this,' and something really serious could have happened."

He added: "You can deal with an appendicitis if you have the clean bill of health of cancer-free."

Schultz received the results of his latest scan last week, showing he is still free of cancer. The news came just in time for the start of football practice.

"That has been very uplifting and quite a relief," he said. "I know that's not going to be a part of football season this year, and let's get back to good old Raider football."

"The perspective on life has changed dramatically — what to worry about, what not to worry about and what to enjoy. It's just a new perspective on things."

### Family, football

After his experience of the last year, Schultz said he appreciates family and everything about football even more.

"I've always loved

this, but you don't realize it could go that quickly," he said. "I'm enjoying this season; I'm enjoying being out on the practice field. I always have but you step back and soak it in a little more than you have in the past."

Schultz' son Jack, 12, is the team's ballboy, and 8-year-old twins Allison and Sydney are apt to be future cheerleaders.

"I really enjoy having the kids around for football season again," Schultz said. "The girls went to a cheer camp last year, and their group did a little cheer at one of the games. That's when you look around on the sideline and say, 'This is what it's all about.' I get to enjoy all these things now without worrying about anything."

After he was released from the hospital last fall, Schultz toted an intravenous pump with antibiotics to combat the meningitis for four weeks.

"I had this bag that plugged into my port, carrying that all around practice," he said. "Now, I get to carry my clipboard with the practice plans."

"This year, I look forward to just coaching. I don't need to worry about anything but football and the latest things."

In talking about his experience, Schultz wants his story to be a positive message for others facing the same challenge.

"Hopefully, other people who get it can know they can fight it and live a normal life again," he said. "It's something we go through, but it's not going to change us; it's not going to define us. You can come back from it."

"I hope others can see there's hope and we can do it. We can take that attitude, beat it and enjoy life again."



TONYA BARKER

Participants of the recent Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth pose with Canton High School student Jesse Lindlbauer (wheelchair) who the event was dedicated to.

## SLUGGERS

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Barnes; Plymouth's Tyler Gobel and Rich Guglielmi; Northville's Matt Stojkov; Salem's Drew Thompson, Scott Devine and Tommy Rodriguez; and Novi's Jim Eloff.

To make it an even more special day, the proceedings were dedicated to Canton High School

student Jesse Lindlbauer, who continues to recover from a brain abscess suffered last winter.

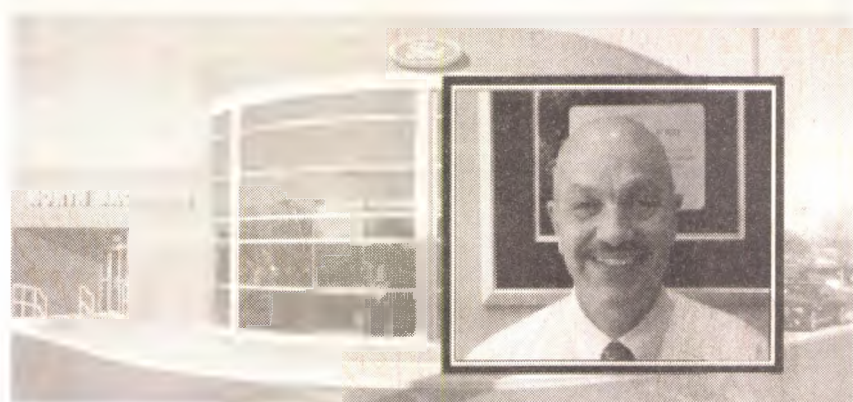
According to Barker, a big hit for everybody who showed up was Toledo Mud Hens announcer Kevin Mullan. He provided color commentary, while Miracle League co-chair Bob Bilkie chimed in with player interviews, scoring updates, music and general announcements.

Barker added that the 2012 derby again will be open to all teams in the KLAA, with alumni players also to be invited.

"We hope to expand to two fields at PCEP (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and raise monies for the ongoing maintenance for Miracle League of Plymouth," Barker said.

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Sophomore forward Amanda Ferrick returns as the Crusaders' top scorer from a year ago.

# MU women's soccer coach more confident

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer



Brda

Madonna University women's soccer coach Jeff Hodgson doesn't have as many concerns going into this season as he did a year ago.

It took nine matches before Hodgson notched his first victory in his inaugural season. And the second-year coach doesn't anticipate going without a win until Oct. 6 despite a demanding schedule that includes NCAA Division I opponents Butler University (Aug. 19) and the University of Detroit Mercy (Sept. 8).  
"Last year we were so far behind," said Hodgson, whose team finished 3-6-7 overall and 2-1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. "You can already see it in the scrimmage matches. From where we were at last year, and where we are this year, we're just more advanced, and I think we'll have a pretty good year."

The Crusaders lost only four seniors to graduation and have added three talented newcomers.

The biggest loss was starting goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth), who posted a 2-2-6 record, but carried a respectable 8.67 save percentage and 0.93 goals-against average.

Senior Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who played in six games last season, assumes the goalkeeper duties. She

went 1-4-1 and must improve upon her .641 save percentage and 2.45 goals-against.

Meanwhile, no other player is listed as a keeper on the Crusaders' 15-woman roster, but senior Chelsea Shrewsbury will become the emergency back-up.

"There was just not another one out there to recruit, but she (Shrewsbury) is an ODP (Olympic Development Program) player who was a goal-keeper," Hodgson said. "Last year we were about 10 deep, but this year we're 12-to-14 deep. If someone goes down with an injury, we'll not be quite as burdened."

The Crusaders scored only 15 goals last year (while giving up 25), but that should change with the addition of freshman forwards Kaitlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere) and Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario). Also in the fold is freshman midfielder Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario).

First-team All-WHAC midfielder Amanda Ferrick, who led MU with three goals and two assists as a freshman, could be the catalyst.

"Ferrick had a good year," Hodgson said. "If she can duplicate that and do a little more this year, we'll have a good year. And with the new players

we should be a lot more dangerous."

Other returning forwards include senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), who scored two goals and contributed three assists; junior Jackie Vaquera and sophomore Lilliana Serratos.

Returning as midfielders are senior Nicole Rodriguez, sophomore Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson), senior Trisha Bender, sophomore Kristin Black and senior Andrea Mareel.

Junior Lauren Dostillio and Shrewsbury, a pair of third-team All-WHAC picks, will anchor the defense along with junior Chelsey Budlong (coming off ACL surgery).

"Chelsea (Shrewsbury) is a central defender who had a very good year," Hodgson said. "And if she has a good senior year, we should contend in our conference."

And by loading up early with two NCAA Division I foes, along with non-conference matchups against St. Xavier (Ill.), the University of Windsor and Ferris State (all before the WHAC schedule starts on Oct. 1), Hodgson should be able to get a pretty good read on his team.

"We'll be challenged and we'll face adversity, but it's good to play teams better than you to see what's out there," the MU coach said.

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# Still crazy about baseball

Even though high schools have begun practicing for fall sports, isn't it still baseball season?

Well, I guess I'm showing my age when I easily recall when seemingly every patch of green grass provided opportunity to lace line drives over the pitcher's head or — better still — over the makeshift wooden fence onto a bumpy neighborhood street.

OK, I confess. I didn't slam too many round-trippers. But getting together with other kids to play baseball from morning until evening was a way of life, along with buying packs of baseball cards by the fistful and also trying to stuff as much gum into the mouth as possible.

It's no wonder my dentist loves me.

What about 2011, you ask? Not much baseball can be spotted on makeshift diamonds, unless it is of the organized variety. Travel teams and Little Leagues still abound, as evidenced by the stream of requests from coaches to publish in the *Observer* photos of their teams after enjoying tournament success.

Sadly, more kids might be playing baseball on their gaming consoles than in the open air.

It's too bad, because to those boomers such as myself, baseball brought endless memories. That is, if I could remember them.

## Can't make this up

Here comes the *Twilight Zone* part of this column.



Tim Smith

A stranger called out my name as we were traveling on an Amtrak train headed

to Chicago. It just so happens that we were teammates on a 1969 North Redford National Little League team.

By the way, baseball has never left my heart, even as I hit my mid-50s. With that in mind, it must be noted that the purpose of my July trek was to watch the Cubs play at Wrigley Field.

But all the aches and pains of middle age vanished into thin air as soon as I heard that stranger blurt out somewhere near Kalamazoo, "Is your name Tim?"

I took a look and we instantly recognized each other. Unfortunately, I didn't remember his name until he told me. Our faces haven't changed much, although just about everything else has. And his memory is far sharper than mine, or so it seems.

Instantly, Bob and I were 12-year-old kids again, talking about that great season of '69 when he was a pitcher and I was his catcher.

Each of us hit home runs over the fence at Volney Smith's No. 1 field (located near Lexington and Vassar in Redford) and were treated along with the entire team to ice cream cones afterward at the soft serve joint not too far

from there on Seven Mile Road.

I wish I could remember our coach's name, let alone the nickname of my team. (Braves? Pirates?) But give me a break. The Beatles were still together that summer. That's how long ago it was, OK?

I'm sure just about everybody who played baseball back in the day could recite chapter and verse about a favorite homer. Or about getting the always-cherished game ball as a result of said power display — rare though it was.

I told Bob that the ball I was awarded after my biggest game ever wound up getting muddied and ruined playing catch out on Indian Street around 1973. Forever washed away from the game ball (but not my memory, for once) were details of going 4-for-4 and hitting a grand slam that precious Saturday afternoon four summers earlier.

But that's what you did in those days. Baseball came first, everything else (including memorabilia) came second. And as that out-of-the-blue reunion with Bob helped me realize, I still am a baseball crazy kid at heart.

Too bad I can't show that side of me too often. After all, as far as today's kids are concerned, that's just flat-out nuts.

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## MARTIN

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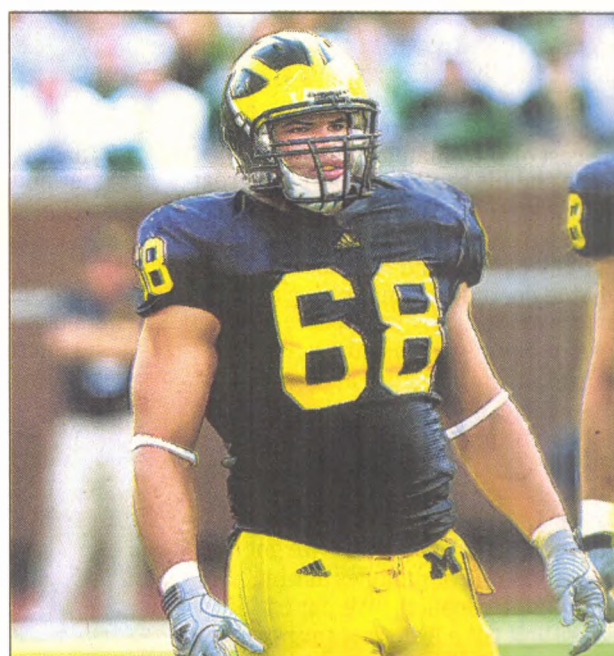
In December, he's set to tackle a degree in communications in just 3½ years — a remarkable accomplishment considering the added demands of playing Division I college football.

"I eventually want to run my own business and be an entrepreneur," he said, looking ahead. "I've focused a lot on marketing at Michigan. I feel comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people and I'm pretty organized."

Although he won't turn 21 until Sept. 1, Martin is already making a remarkable impact in the giving-back-to-the-community department.

He offered his assistance at several youth football camps this summer — including Detroit Lion Ndamukong Suh's clinic in Walled Lake — and he's an active volunteer for Live2Give, a non-profit foundation whose primary purpose is to help revitalize Detroit.

An example of Martin's



Redford native Mike Martin hopes to lead a revamped Michigan defense for the 2011 season.

L2G mission work included speaking to members of Young Builders, a group of 18- to 24-year-old Detroiters who are working toward earning their GEDs.

"Mike is very passionate about giving back to the community, so it was a no-brainer to get him involved in what we're doing," said L2G co-founder and inspiration director Ryan Doyle,

who met Martin at U-M. "Mike doesn't do it for the publicity. He likes to get away from the cameras and get involved in the nitty-gritty stuff."

"His message to the young people he speaks to is, 'I'm from the neighborhood, too. I've shared your struggles and I want to help.' He's a great guy."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Girls golf tryouts

There will be informational meetings/tryouts for the Farmington Public Schools girls golf teams 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Coaches for both teams — Bruce Sutton (North Farmington-Harrison) and Dennis Zaleski (Farmington) — will be present at that time.

High school girls (grades 9-12) of all ability levels are welcome. The club is located at 11 Mile and Halstead roads.

### RU soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Redford Union boys varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will be held Aug. 17-19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bell Creek Park, which is located on the northeast corner of 5 Mile and Inkster roads.

Players should bring shin guards and plenty of water. They also must have a completed physical form and an emergency form.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at (13) 995-4234.

### Churchill Team Night

Livonia Churchill High athletes and parents from all sports seasons are urged to attend Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Carli Auditorium.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Need CYO players

The Livonia St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program has immediate openings for those interested in playing football this fall (grades 3-8).

For more information, call Steve Cooper at (248) 921-3772; or Jeff Sugg at (248) 921-3772.

Openings for grades 4-8 also remain for volleyball (girls) and soccer (boys and girls) and cheer (girls).

For more information, call John Michniak at (734) 732-5933.

### Baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for the 2012 13U Canton Storm will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12-2 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 1-3 p.m. at Griffin Park field No. 1. The Storm, an independent travel team, will be playing in the KVBSA as well as five spring/summer tournaments. The team will consist of kids from Plymouth and Canton who are entering the seventh grade in the fall.

Players can pre-register by sending an e-mail to robbr@mpc-inc.com. For more information, contact Rob Brooks at (313) 770-5666.

• Tryouts for the LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball at for the 2012 season are for the following age groups at Bicentennial Field No. 8:

Under-8: Sunday, Aug. 14 (4-6 p.m.) — manager Bill Schaffer, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-9: Sunday, Aug. 14 (noon-2 p.m.) — manager, TBD, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-10: Sunday, Aug. 14 (2-4 p.m.) — manager Aaron Rumberger, Livonia Lakers, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-11: Sunday, Aug. 14 (6-8 p.m.) — manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-13: Saturday, Aug. 20 (10 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, Aug. 21 (12 noon to 2 p.m.) — manager Brian Dewhirst, Livonia Titans, wd219@aol.com.

Please contact the team managers directly with any questions or if you are unable to make the listed date to schedule an individual evaluation.

• Tryouts for the 11-and-under 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 and 21, at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth.

The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tourneys and eight spring and summer tournaments.

For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@woway.com.

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# Ocelot spikers' future is bright

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Given its wealth of smarts and skills, the 2011 Schoolcraft Community College volleyball team should have no problem grasping or executing first-year head coach Rod Brumfield's game plans.

Brumfield replaced Rich Lamb, who resigned following last season due to added teaching responsibilities at Pinckney High School.

Of the 15 players on the Ocelots' roster, 13 have grade-point averages that are at or exceed 3.5 — an important facet in the often-heady sport they play.

"I use a three-point criteria when I'm recruiting players for our program," said Brumfield, who has coached upper-level volleyball for close to three decades. "In no particular order, we want players to excel academically, players who have a lot of support at home and, obviously, players who are skilled. We're not going to take

a player who is skilled if, for instance, she's going to be a discipline problem in practice."

With the regular season approaching faster than a 100 mph serve — Schoolcraft opens its season Aug. 26 at Columbus State — Brumfield said he has been most impressed by his team's versatility.

"We have a lot of dimension — most of our girls are capable of playing more than one position," Brumfield said. "Our depth is amazing."

The Ocelots' roster is filled evenly by returning players (seven) and newcomers (eight), the majority of whom hail from Observerland-area high schools. One-third of the team's roster polished their skills at nearby state power Livonia Churchill.

Returning sophomore Jessica Macari, a 5-foot-6 defensive specialist from Riverview High School, will serve as captain.

"Jessica brings a very stable presence to the team," Brumfield said. "Her work ethic and commitment are second to

none. She's just a great kid to have in the gym."

Two other returning defensive specialists — sophomores Taylor Kerr (5-6, Churchill) and Lauren Macuga (5-5, Canton) — are prime examples of Schoolcraft's incredible depth.

"Taylor is aggressive, athletic and she has cat-like reflexes," Brumfield said. "Lauren was a strong contributor as a libero last year and I anticipate even a stronger repeat performance this year."

A quartet of returning sophomores — Lauren Meadows (5-11, Waterford Kettering), Chrissy Maleske (5-8, Churchill), Amber Aldrich (6-0, Fowlerville) and Sarah Suppelsa (6-0, Churchill) — will bolster the Ocelots' front-row fortunes.

"I anticipate Lauren to be a big contributor to the team," Brumfield said. "Chrissy's physicality is second to none and her drive for success is unquestioned."

"I don't think Amber knows yet how good she can be. She'll

be a big part of our success. Sarah is definitely a gamer and I expect her to be a pivotal contributor to our success."

Among the first-year players are twin sisters Kara and Nicole Kempinski, both Churchill grads.

"Kara brings a lot of dimension to our program; she's the next generation of our back row," Brumfield said. "Nicole brings an energy to the setter position that everyone on the team appreciates."

Monika Rudis, a 6-1 outside hitter from Livonia Stevenson, has the potential to be one of the most dynamic freshmen in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"Along with being a great athlete, Monika has an amazing desire to be great," Brumfield said of his left-handed swinger.

One of the team's two first-year sophomores is Salem grade Kelly MacDonald, who joined the team after one year at Adrian College.

"Kelly is going to be our tro-

jan horse — she's going to surprise a lot of people," Brumfield said of his 5-6 setter.

The Ocelots' success will also depend greatly on the efforts of first-year players Brooke Rycerz, a 5-4 defensive specialist from Farmington High School; Brittany Sprinkles, a 5-9 outside hitter from Carleton Airport; Kayla Boose, a 5-5 sophomore transfer from Macomb Community College and East Detroit High School; and Nicole Molnar, a 5-8 right-side hitter from Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

"Brooke's work ethic is unquestioned," Brumfield said. "She has a level of talent that will help push us to the next level."

"Brittany comes to the court every day like a business woman — she just gets it done. Kayla brings maturity to the setting position; the hitters will love what she puts up there for them. Nicole is a talented, hard-working player who is getting better every day."

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## Cairns misses PGA cut

Brian Cairns' first major golf tournament didn't turn out exactly as he would have liked.

The teaching professional at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth missed the cut for the third day of the 93rd PGA Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

Cairns, a 22-year golf pro from Waterford, shot a 15-over-par 85 on

Thursday and followed up with a 79 on Friday for a two-day total of 164.

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## Local charity aims to buy shoes, wheelbarrows for African village

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Sidney Bonvallet and her Helping Hands Touching Hearts charity clothed an entire African village this year.

Next year, the Farmington Hills woman will buy shoes for the 1,400 Shangaan tribe members who live in a remote village, Massingir Velho, in Mozambique.

"Less than a third of them have shoes and the ground is hard, hot and has sharp rocks," said Bonvallet, who became aware of the village and its needs when she and her husband, Wayne, visited the area two years ago.

Working in conjunction with their daughter, C.J. Christopher of Clarkston, their church, Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, and an increasing number of supporters, the Bonvallets collected enough gently used and new clothing to give every villager at least one outfit. They distributed 70 pairs of shoes, 250 school tote bags filled with supplies, 300 mosquito nets, 289 homemade nguvas — a traditional tribal garment — and basic medical items during their 2 1/2-month stay in Africa earlier this year.

Supporters Linda Linder of Plymouth and Mike and Cathy McCarthy of Commerce Township accompanied them on the trip.

### Helping hands

"It has been an amazing journey. We achieved all the goals we set last year," Bonvallet said. "But it wouldn't have been possible without all the people (supporters). The generosity of the human soul has been a journey in itself."



Two women of the Shangaan tribe watch as Sidney Bonvallet shows how to use a sewing machine. Bonvallet and her daughter, C.J. Christopher, have sewn hundreds of traditional garments, called nguvas, for villagers.

"We made over 200 totes and Kenwood Church filled them with supplies for us. We get mosquito nets for \$10 a piece and Mike and Cathy (McCarthy) bought 300 of them. That's a \$3,000 contribution."

Linder donated several valuable prints for the charity's garage sale. A neighbor gave four boxes of new shirts and jackets. Ratna Pasricha of Perfect Impressions in Farmington Hills, donated clothing and pens. A fabric store in North Carolina kicked in a commercial sewing machine and 250 new school uniforms.

By October 2010, Bonvallet had collected 92 boxes worth of goods. She spent \$7,000 shipping them to Mozambique, figuring they'd arrive in January when she, Wayne, C.J., the McCarthys and Linder planned to distribute the items.

The boxes were delayed in transit. But each team member had taken along addition-



Youngsters play on a crude piece of playground equipment.

al suitcases filled with goods and some items also had been mailed to the country.

"We had enough with what had been sent by mail and what we took personally," Bonvallet said. Fearing the shipped boxes

would arrive too late, Bonvallet bought a sewing machine, fabric and a started stitching. She and the others stayed in rental properties in Hazyville before taking the two-day trip to the remote village.

"It was our sweatshop," she

recalled, laughing. "It was a team effort."

The boxes arrived two weeks before the team planned to leave Mozambique, but it gave them enough time to distribute all contents.

### Above and beyond

The Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor at Kenwood Church of Christ, says his congregation actively reaches out to help others.

"We've had many people get involved in a lot of things locally. But I wouldn't say that Wayne, Sidney and C.J. are typical," he said. "We don't have many people undertaking to clothe a village in Africa. They felt called to help these people. They've gone well above the commitment of anyone I've known."

Bonvallet hopes to reduce shipping fees by collecting more cash than goods this year. She wants to buy sandals — about \$3 a pair — in Mozambique when she returns to Africa.

"Our big thrust this year is shoes and wheelbarrows. Back and neck problems in the area are rampant. The women carry such heavy loads on their heads. They put water jugs on their heads that weigh 30 pounds. We want to get wheelbarrows and 20-liter jugs with lids."

Her husband and grandson plan to show the village men how to assemble the wheelbarrows, which also can be used to haul wood, produce and heavy objects. Meanwhile, she and her daughter will continue to give sewing lessons, with added beading instruction, to the Shangaan women.

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A physician who is willing to conduct a four-day medical clinic in the village would complete Bonvallet's wish list.

"We're hoping to persuade a doctor to go with us. A lot of the challenges they have in the village are the result of poor hygiene."

### Upcoming events

Bonvallet is offering several ways supporters can help raise funds for the Shangaan tribe.

A garage sale is set for 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-21 at her daughter's home, 5431 Fernwood Drive in Flint Township. Bonvallet will offer collectible and garage sale items 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 1-4 at her home, 27565 Spring Valley Drive in Farmington Hills.

Michael McCarthy of Golden Lotus Massage Therapy will offer massages Sept. 10-11 at Bonvallet's home. All but three appointments have been filled.

A food and wine tasting is planned Oct. 12 at Uptown Grille in Walled Lake. Tickets are \$40 and include a five-course meal, five wines, and gratuity. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and include a silent auction.

Call Bonvallet for tickets at (248) 514-3022.



Cathy McCarthy (left) of Commerce Township and Linda Linder of Plymouth distribute tote bags to children of the Massingir Velho village in Mozambique.



A leopard heads to the bush with its prey. The Helping Hands Touching Hearts team saw leopards, lions, water buffalo and other wildlife while visiting with the Shangaan tribe.

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The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) second-annual "Run for the Health of It!" will offer runners and walkers the opportunity to raise funds for its pediatric program.

The 5k run/walk is

planned for 8:30-11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Registration fees are \$25 for adults if registered before Aug. 16 and \$30 after Aug. 16; \$10 for

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# Couple marks milestone event on a cruise

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Dick and Ann McDowell celebrated their 50th anniversary with surf, sand and sun last month.

But most importantly for the Livonia couple, they shared their five-day Caribbean cruise with daughters, Susan, Kathy Grisa and Karen Marcott, their sons-in-law, Kelly Marcott and Dale Grisa, and grandchildren, Emily, Chloe and Eric Grisa.

"It was a great family experience," Ann said. "Dick and I suggested it. We decided in lieu of the party we wanted to do something with family."

The former Schoolcraft College president and his wife have cruised in Germany, the Mediterranean, Alaska, and other locations, but it was a first for their grandchildren, who swam with dolphins during a stop in Nassau, Bahamas.

The family also spent time at the beach on Half Moon Cay and dined together every evening on the ship.

"They enjoyed it so much they said they wanted to do it again. I said, yeah, in another 50 years," Dick said, with a laugh.

The couple initially met in a college history class and, with Ann studying chemistry and Dick majoring in biology, saw each other frequently around campus.

"She needed a ride home on the weekend. I had a car," he said, explaining that both of them lived in suburban Pittsburgh, Pa.

They married May 27, 1961. Both were teaching high school science at the time. Dick recalled his wages were docked when he took a day off in conjunction with the wedding.

The couple spent sum-



The McDowell clan shows off a copy of the "Livonia Observer" during a cruise of the Caribbean last month. They are Emily Grisa, (left front), 17; Chloe Grisa, 12; and their dad, Dale Grisa. In the second row are Karen Marcott, (left) her mom, Ann McDowell, and Kathy Grisa. Standing in back are Kelly Marcott (left), Eric Grisa, 14, Sue McDowell and Dick McDowell. Ann and Dick were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, along with their daughters, husbands and children.



Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on their wedding day.



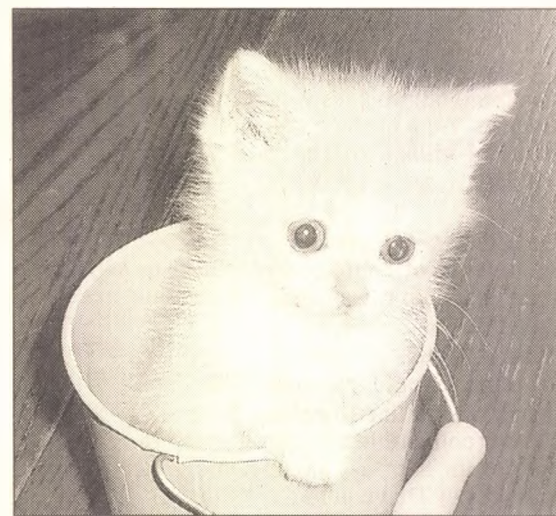
Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on a previous cruise. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month.

mers living in graduate housing at Purdue while Dick pursued a second master's degree. He earned a doctorate degree and worked as a division chair, dean and eventually a vice president at Community College of Allegheny County. The family moved to Livonia in 1981

when he became president of Schoolcraft College. Although he is retired, Dick remains active at Schoolcraft College with its foundation and fund-raisers. He's also a member of the Rotary Club and chaired the St. Mary Mercy Hospital board for two years.

"The only thing that's different now is I don't have to get up and go to work in the morning. My wife and I also play golf. It is all the fun stuff we're doing now," he said. "We're positive people. After 50 years we still love each other and we're in it for the long haul."

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History will come alive at the Canton Historical Society's "A Century of Wedding Gowns," Sunday, Aug. 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Exhibits of wedding memorabilia from past eras will be on display starting at 2 p.m., with a fashion show of wedding dresses following at 2:30 p.m. Desserts and punch will be served after the

fashion show. Visitors also will get a chance to bid on items donated by local businesses in a silent auction.

Tickets are \$15 and are available: online at [www.cantonvillageattheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageattheater.org); by phone at (734) 394-5300; at The Village Theater; and at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Proceeds will benefit the Canton Historical Museum's textile preservation project.

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### COLD HANDS

The reader may think it odd that this column would discuss cold hands when we are in the midst of summer, and a hot summer at that. But the topic is proper for a person experiencing Raynaud's disease.

The features of this condition are fingers that turn white, become numb and stay that way for minutes to a half hour, turning blue during that time, and then, as the numbness wears off, becoming red, with the fingers eventually returning to their usual color and feeling.

What sets off these events is cold. The summer presents many opportunities for cold. For a person with Raynaud's coming from outdoors with its temperature of 91F into an air conditioned room of 73F represents a sufficient drop in temperature to set off an episode of white and numb fingers.

Sitting near an efficient fan will accomplish the same effect. Having a hand in the refrigerator's freezer compartment or repeatedly handling ice cubes as a bartender would, can bring on an attack of Raynaud's.

Treatment of Raynaud's in the summer is the same as in the winter: get the hands out of the cold and into a warm environment. It is best to put the hands under warm but not hot water. The reason to avoid hot water is that numbness of the fingers resolves slowly. It is possible to place the fingers in water that is too hot; not feeling the heat places the fingers at risk for a burn.

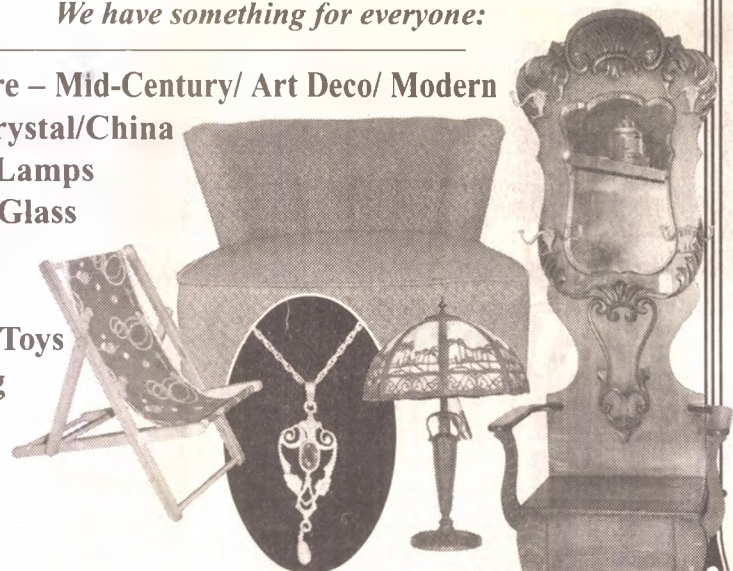
A person who experiences Raynaud's should see a doctor. In most instances the problem is just a phenomenon particular to the person. But in some instances, Raynaud's is associated with other medical conditions that doctors are trained to ferret out.

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**Aug. 14-17**

**CRAFTERS NEEDED**

**Time/Date:** Accepting applications now  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpooffice@arounddetroit.biz  
**LUNCH AND LEARN**  
**Time/Date:** Following 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service on Aug. 20, and 27  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads the series on "New Perspectives in Jewish Law."

Topics are "Are we obligated to immunize our children?" on Aug. 20 and "Should a nonprofit organization return donations of ill-gotten gains?" on Aug. 27. No knowledge of Hebrew is required  
**Contact:** (248) 851-6880 or www.cbahm.org

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 10  
**Location:** Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262  
**Canton, Mi. 48187**  
**Details:** Religious and cultural school open enrollment. Students (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) of all kinds of Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families always welcome. The congregation also holds services, 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton. For more information about the school open house, call Ilene Honiss at (734) 502-5197  
**Contact:** betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

**Aug. 18-24**

**GRILLING, CARS**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** Summer Steak Grill-out, with vintage cars on display. Kids also will get a chance to sit in a fire truck, police car, or construction vehicle at the Touch-A-Truck display. Grilled steak with all the trimmings is \$5.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

**PICNIC, CAR SHOW**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20  
**Location:** New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan and Delaware, north of Five Mile, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Put on your poodle skirts, slick your hair back and join the church for oldies music, food, bouncer/dunk tank, games, clowns, face paints, and plenty of fun at this community picnic and car show. Presented in conjunction with Clowns Around Redford. Partial proceeds will benefit Care Packages for Troops, Michigan Chapter.  
**Contact:** Sue Makins at (313) 516-724

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 18-19  
**Location:** St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** Held outdoors at the church  
**Contact:** (313) 538-1142  
**UNDER THE STARS**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. family picnic, followed by Shabbat service at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19  
**Location:** Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Service under the stars with annual picnic  
**Contact:** RSVP for the picnic to the Temple office at (248) 737-8700

**Aug. 25-31**

**BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**  
**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** Party for people who are in financial need because of job loss or reduction in income. There will be games, food, and

fun. Each registered child will receive free school supplies  
**Contact:** Register at (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686  
**KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta, will give a presentation on his latest book, "How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids." Michuta will offer a practical guide for keeping kids Catholic in a very explicit, hands-on way that explains both the pitfalls and strategies that threaten to turn children away from their faith  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

**ONGOING**

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
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**DEARBORN FORDSON**

**CLASS OF 1954**  
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Post 232 American Legion Hall, Stitt 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD**

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

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**CLASS OF 1981**  
30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

**DETROIT CODY**

**CLASS OF 1961**  
50th reunion Aug. 27 at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callar 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. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

**DETROIT HENRY FORD**

**CLASS OF 1971**

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to fhfs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**

**JUNE CLASS OF 1961**  
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

**CLASS OF 1962**

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

**DETROIT NORTHWESTERN**

**CLASS OF 1971**  
Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class

legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dns40th71@yahoo.com

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1961**  
A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

**FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1961**  
4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school,

followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.

**GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST**

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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.

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1986**  
25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

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**CUDE, ANN**

Owner of Chuck's Service Center in Plymouth passed away at her home with her family at her bedside on August 7, 2011. Born in Salem, Michigan to parents Raymond and Eva Speers. Beloved wife of 46 years to the late Charles. From 1960-1974 Ann and Charles operated Chuck's Marathon Station located on the northeast corner of Main and Mill St in Plymouth later Chuck's Shell Station located on the northeast Sheldon Rd and Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth. In 1974 they opened Chuck's Service Center located at 285 N. Main in Plymouth and is still proudly serving the Plymouth Community. Ann was blessed with five loving children; Joe (Laura) Cude, Sherry (Jim) Brandt, Susan Callen, Gail (Mark) O'Neill and John (Lynne) Cude. Proud grandmother of Eric, Scott, Melissa, Erica, Katie, Christian, Megan, Mark, Sean, Shane, Ryan, Kyle, Jonnie Rae, Becky, Rachael, Ronnie, the late Mary, Jared, Patrick and Mackenzie. Great grandmother of Carryn, Kayleigh and Lilia. Dear sister of Dee (Mary Lou) Speers, George Speers, Ivan Speers and the late Neil Speers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Thursday 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to husband at Parkview Memorial in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, Inc 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 Share memories at schrader-howell.com

**FITCH, DR. THOMAS CHARLES**

74, of Southfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at William Beaumont Hospital. Tom is survived by his wife Susan Bannon and his son Jeff Fitch, son-in-law Ricky DiPaolo, his grandchildren Ricky and Ashley DiPaolo and Holly and Megan Fitch, his brothers Lawrence and William Fitch, and his half-brother Joseph Fitch. Tom was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean War. He dedicated his professional career to science education, and attained the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Illinois State University. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made to the American Heart Association or Disabled American Veterans. A private service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.



**GOEBEL, CHARLES HENRY**

Age 86, born October 16, 1924 in Garber, Oklahoma, passed away suddenly August 5th, 2011. Mr. Goebel graduated from Royal Oak High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Burma India Theater. After the service, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950 and began his career at the Wayne Oakland Bank where he later became Chairman. He was the husband of Jeanine Goebel, father of Mark Goebel and Karen Easley, and grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook. Donations may be made to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

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August 11, 2011. Beloved husband of Susan. Dear father of Michael (Linda) and Jeffrey. Loving grandfather of Zachary and step-grandfather of Kayla. Son of Samuel. Brother of Laverne (Conrad) Henry, Sue (Clyde) Truesdell and the late Ralph (Sharon) Grady. Funeral Monday at 11am from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (West of Lilley Rd.) Family will receive visitors Saturday 6-9 pm and Sunday 12 Noon-9pm. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

**MCDONALD, VIRGINIA A.**

Age 82, August 10, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Harold Jr. Loving mother of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, Virginia Lee, Stephen, Joseph and the late James. Grandmother of Kristin, Jamie & Dusti. Visitation Sunday 2 -9pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Instate Monday 9:30am until 10am at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Family suggest memorials to: Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Steps to Enhance Potential (S.T.E.P) Workshop. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



**STOUT, OTTO E. JR. (1920 - 2011)**

90, born Sept 9, 1920, in Ozark, IL, died Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Stoneleigh Residence in Lansing, MI. Otto was preceded in death in 1999 by his wife of 57 years, Donna J., nee Marsh, Stout whom he married in historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI, on Sept 19, 1941; also preceding him in death were his parents, Rosa, nee McCuan, Stout and Otto E Stout; two brothers, Forest and Noel; and two sisters, Hettie and Gaynell. Otto was a US Navy veteran of World War II and worked for 34 years with General Motors as a Tinsmith at the Ternstedt plant in Detroit before retiring in 1974. An avid camper, he took his family on adventures to every state park in Michigan during the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. He was a member of Westland Historical Society and a longtime volunteer for Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane where he assisted with special construction projects and also became half of a Santa Claus/Mrs. Claus duo for many years with his wife Donna. During more than 35 years in retirement he oil painted, made "dot" pictures and built beautiful castles, doll houses and small chairs as gifts for family and friends. He lived in Europe with the Donna for seven months in the mid-1970s, visited nine countries and was inspired to continue his many art projects. Thanks to his daughter, Nancy and husband, Bill, Otto and Donna spent many happy summers aboard a nine-meter sailboat in beautiful Mackinaw City marina where people often referred to him as the "Mayor of the Marina". Otto was an eternal optimist and he never complained about anything even in his final days with us. He was strong physically and mentally and took pride in providing for his family. He lived by example and was a true minimalist who was just happy to be here and happy to spend time with you. He always answered the phone with a cheerful greeting that sounded like the color, "Yellow!", and always ended with a "Toodledo!" People loved to be around him and hear his stories which were often so exciting that the listeners would later debate whether they were entirely factual or not because they were so extraordinary. He was well known amongst his grandchildren and great-grandchildren for his "wu wu" song which he had rocked each of them to sleep with in his rocking chair while holding them tight with his giant loving hands. If you spent any time with him then you already know that he turns everything into an adventure and that you can't help but see life the way he does when you are around him. Otto, aka "Papa", loved to end each day with a long look at the sunset. Surviving are his 5 grown children, Chuck (Pam) Stout of Belleville, IL, Jim (Lois) Stout of Dearborn, MI, Nancy (Bill) Bitz of Holt, MI, Hetty (Doug) Pate of Au Gres, MI, and John (Sandra) Stout of Lake Ann, MI; a sister, Mary (Joe) Bannasch of Lady Lake, FL; 17 grandchildren: Bil (Kelly) Bitz of St Johns, MI, Michelle (Clark) Warfle of Holt, MI, Dan Stout of San Diego, CA, Ron Stout of Edwardsville, IL, Jason (Carrie) Guss of Northville, MI, Lindsay Stout, David Stout, both of Oak Park, MI, Gina Guss of Royal Oak, MI, Jennifer (Cameron) Hastings of Edwardsville, IL, Shelly and Lisa Adams, both of Belleville IL, Erin (Matt) Borner of Belleville, IL, April Pierce, David Nickerson, Anna Sauter and Christopher Stout, all of Traverse City, MI, Jeff (Naomi) Pate of Port Hueneme, CA; plus 9 great-grandchildren, Marley and Conor Bitz, Katelynn and Madelynn Warfle, Mia and Alexa Guss, Brogan and Harper Sauter and Natalie Borner; and his loving caregiver and companion, Vera Campeau of Melbourne Beach, FL, and Lansing, MI. Toodledo Papa. Thank you for the adventure.

**MOELLERING, MICHAEL**

August 3, 2011, Age 58. Husband of Laura. Loving father of Maddy, Lindsey and Jane. Dearest son of Paul and Evelyn. Loving brother of Tom (Dianne) Moellering and Michelle (Gene) Walker. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mike will be dearly missed by family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Friday at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Mike Moellering Memorial Fund for his daughters, 40461 Newport Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170. Please share a memory at: www.rgrgharris.com.

**HENSLEY, FAYE**

Age 71, August 11, 2011. Beloved mother of Tommy (Stacey) Gwaltney, Tammy Henry and Kim (Roger) Wallington. Grandmother of Britnay, Chloe, Tia, Jacob and great-grandmother of Brooklynn. Sister of Patsy (Bruce) Williams. Aunt to Stephanie and Zachary and friend to many. Services will be announced later.



**KIDSTON, ROGER G.**

Of Kalamazoo. Age 79. Attorney, public servant, poet, author, pilot, sailor, builder, gentleman farmer, Marine and friend, died Sunday, August 7, 2011. Roger was born June 8, 1932, to Arthur and Gladys (Larder) in Detroit MI, was raised and went to school in Salem MI, and earned B.A. and law degrees from the University of Michigan. He was an assistant prosecutor in Bay City MI and a Judge Advocate General with the United States Army before practicing law in Kalamazoo. In 1969, he was named the first chairman of the elected Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. In 1981, he and his associates set up Michigan's first tax-exempt public school foundation. He was the Kalamazoo Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1967; served as president of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Kalamazoo Arts Council; and was a member of the Kalamazoo County Republican Party, State Bar of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Michigan State Arts Council Committee on Community Arts Councils, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Michigan Week Foundation Cultural Activities Board; and was an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and commanding officer of the Marine Corps Military Police Company in Grand Rapids. With his commercial pilot's license he flew to the Arctic Circle and many other locations. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bruce (Clara) Kidston and Alan Kidston, and niece, Sharon Kidston. He is survived by his children, Cheryl Kidston of Meridian, ID, Cynthia Keyes of Portage, Kevin (Sally) Kidston of New Hudson, MI and Emily Kidston of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Jacob, Allison and Kayla Kidston and Justin Keyes; great granddaughter, Leah Keyes; brother, Brian (Margaret) Kidston; and sister, Margot Riechle; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his longtime friend and companion, Jeannette Buck. Services will be held Thursday, 12:00 at the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick Street, where family will greet friends from 11-12 just prior to services. Interment with military honors will immediately follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund, P.O. Box 51, Lewes, DE 19958



**NEWTON, JEAN**

Age 90, August 8, 2011. Loving wife of 68 years to the late Joseph. Dear mother of Betty (Ronald) Beiser, Robert (Jacque), Richard, Nancy (Richard) Piechowski. Grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of eight. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



**PRIMO, WENDY FULLER**

Age 53, died on August 3, 2011. Loving mother of Dante. Beloved daughter of Edythe Fuller and the late Herbert Fuller. Dear sister of Alison (Gary) Mellon and Lisa (John) Weyer. Preceded in death by sister Christina Cambric. Cherished friend of Joseph Slanda. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorials suggested to Sasha Farm or the Alzheimers Association

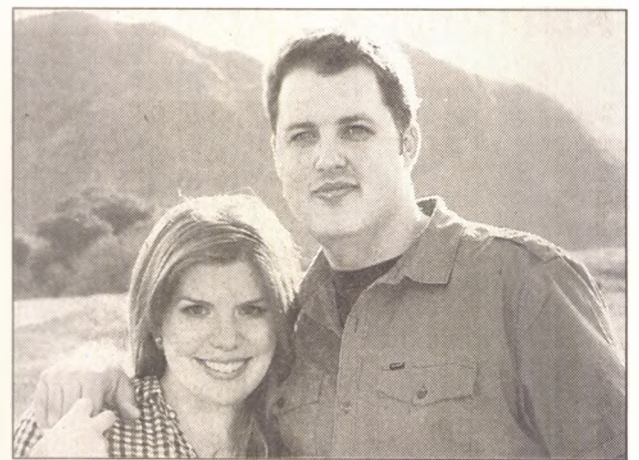


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**TOSH, IRMA ELIZABETH**

Age 86 of Canton, MI. August 6, 2011. Beloved wife of Warren for 62 years. Loving mother of Dennis (Edith) and Diana (Dennis) Stevin. Wonderful grandmother of Eric (Emily), Elizabeth (Brian), Jason (Katie), Amanda, Jonathan (Chelsea) and Matthew. Great grandmother of Jayden and Alexa. Dear sister of Betty and Corine. Visitation was held Monday, August 8th, 3-8pm. Service was held Tuesday 11am at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

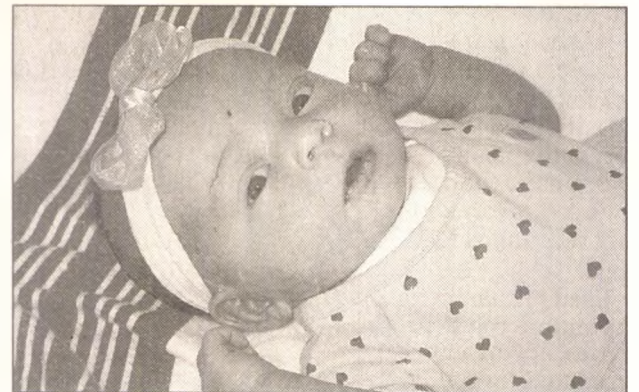
## Milestones



**Dunn-Fortin**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dunn of Towanda, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Erin, to Eric James Fortin, son of James Fortin of Detroit and Sherry O'Halloran of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Towanda High School and a 2005 graduate of Edinboro University. She is

employed as a senior creative developer for American Greetings in Los Angeles, Calif. Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School and a 2007 graduate of Ball State University. He is employed as an audio engineer for Alfred Music Publishing in Los Angeles, Calif. A May 2012 wedding is planned in West Hills, Calif.



**Meara Anne SeGraves**

Meara Anne SeGraves was born June 17, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor. Meara joins her parents, Steve and Amy SeGraves and siblings Emily, 11, Benjamin, 9, and Brady, 2, at home in Canton. Grandparents are Mike and Anne Anderzak of Livonia and the late Dave and Barbara SeGraves. Great-grandparents are Jim and Shirley Brady of Ann Arbor and Clare Anderzak of Dearborn.

**Dinsmore-Kilgore**

Molly Catherine Dinsmore and Brandon David Kilgore, both of Farmington Hills, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary-Sue Dinsmore of Troy, recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University and will begin teaching math in the fall at Alex and Marie Manooogian High School in Southfield. Her fiancé, son of Robert and Sharon Kilgore of Canton, is studying accounting at Walsh College.



A November 2011 wedding is planned at Masonic Temple in Detroit.



**Henry Stephen Wolicki**

Henry Stephen Wolicki was born July 28, 2011 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, in Chicago, Ill. Proud parents are Elizabeth and Mark Wolicki of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia and Stephen and Patricia Carlson of Chicago, Ill. Great-grandparents are Antonette Wolicki of Northville, Edna Mae Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., the late Henry Wolicki and the late Tindaro and Giovanna Paratore.

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## Antibiotic extends joint implant longevity

Total joint replacement surgeries can help relieve joint pain for individuals with conditions like osteoarthritis. But sometimes, the debris from prosthetic joints leads to aseptic loosening, or disintegration of surrounding bones.

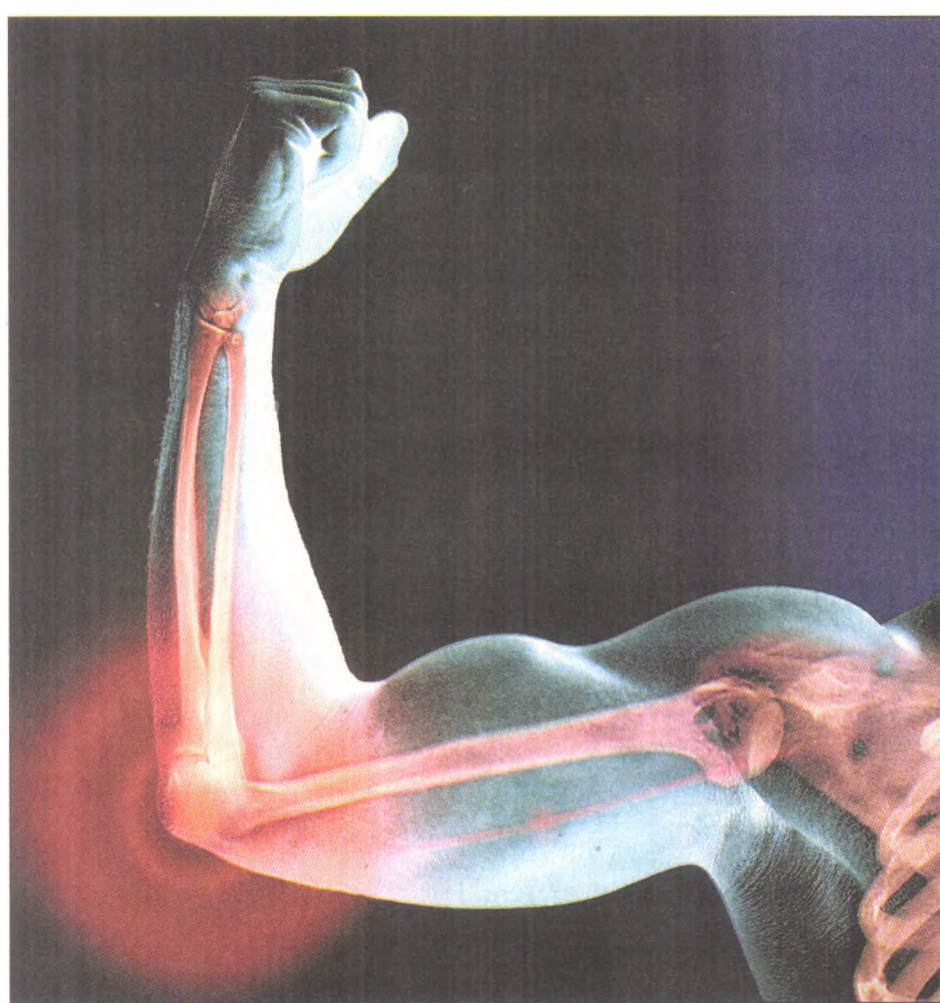
Anti-inflammatory antibiotic erythromycin can prevent and treat disintegration, however, there side effects associated with its long-term usage.

Dr. Weiping Ren, associate professor of biomedical engineering in WSU's College of Engineering, has found a solution. The details of his study, which found that erythromycin can be administered at the site of bone breakdown, rather than orally, are published in the August 2011 issue of *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.

"Although oral erythromycin reportedly inhibits inflammation in patients with aseptic loosening, long-term systematic (oral) erythromycin treatment is not recommended," Ren said.

Used primarily for its antimicrobial properties, erythromycin is used to treat conditions like respiratory tract infections and whooping cough, both caused by harmful bacteria. In addition to fighting bacteria, erythromycin reduces inflammation, making it a successful treatment for aseptic loosening.

"But long-term systematic use of erythromycin raises concerns about various side



effects, including bacterial resistance, liver damage and gastrointestinal discomfort," Ren said. "We hypothesized that it may be advantageous to restrict erythromycin delivery to the inflammatory tissue around the implant to avoid these side effects."

To test his idea, Ren implanted metal pins coated with erythromycin in the inflamed tissue surrounding the prosthetic joint. He measured bone growth and implant stability, both indicators of how well the prosthesis integrates with the bone, and analyzed microscopic images

of the periprosthetic tissue — the affected tissue surrounding the prosthesis.

Ren found that at very low doses — about a quarter of the dose used for killing bacteria — erythromycin effectively reduces aseptic loosening inflammation.

"At the same time, we confirmed that oral erythromycin can be effectively delivered into the periprosthetic tissues, supporting our hypothesis that oral erythromycin can be used as one of the nonsurgical treatment methods to extend implant longevity," he noted.

By extending implant longevity, localized erythromycin will safely treat aseptic loosening and reduce the likelihood that patients will need revision surgery. "Medical insurance costs will be greatly reduced, because revision surgery is much more expensive than primary surgery."

Ren collaborated with Dr. David C. Markel, chairman of the Detroit Medical Center-Providence Hospital orthopaedic residency program and chief of orthopaedic surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

## Botsford Hospital earns top ranking

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills was recognized as a top "Community Value Provider" in the 2011 edition of the "State of the Hospital Industry," a report published by Cleverley + Associates in Worthington, Ohio.



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"We were honored that Botsford received both the Community Value 100 and Community Value Five-Star awards," said Paul LaCasse, D.O., president and CEO of Botsford

Health Care. "Our CVI scores tell us that our hard work in providing top quality and responsible care has paid off when our results are benchmarked against that of all other hospitals of similar size and teaching status."

The Community Value 100 award recognizes the top 100 hospitals while the Five Star Award is given to those scoring in the top 20 percent of their group; Botsford is ranked with other medium size teaching hospitals.

The 2011 awards are based on 2009 hospital data.

For more about Botsford Hospital, visit [www.botsford.org](http://www.botsford.org), [twitter.com/botsfordnews](http://twitter.com/botsfordnews), [facebook.com/botsfordhospital](http://facebook.com/botsfordhospital).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### 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](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Mercy of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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## Companies Hiring This Month

**Anthony Balderrama,**  
CareerBuilder.com Writer  
15 companies hiring in August

We're well into the second half of the year and most job seekers have one goal on their minds: Find a new job. Luckily, according to CareerBuilder midyear forecast, opportunities are on the rise between now and year's end. For example, 47 percent of employers plan to hire new employees by the end of 2011, and 50 percent of all employers say their businesses are experiencing a shortage in skills.

Those two findings are already good signs for job seekers, but they're even better when you realize that for the previous eight quarters, employers have always hired more workers than they anticipated. If history is any indicator, we could see the number of employers hiring in the remaining five months of the year be even higher than anticipated.

That said, jobs don't just land on your doorstep. Ask any job seekers and they'll tell you: The job search is work. Some are more difficult than others, depending on the industry and location. Until we find a way to make those jobs land on your doorstep, we can at least point you in the direction of companies that are hiring in August.

**Amedisys Home Health**  
**Industry:** Home health  
**Sample job titles:** Occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech language pathologist, registered nurse, home health aide  
**Location:** Nationwide

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**  
**Industry:** Gaming and entertainment  
**Sample job titles:** Beverage server, security officer, food and beverage

**Location:** Blackhawk, Col., St. Charles, Mo., East Chicago, Ind., Kansas City, Vicksburg, Miss., Council Bluff, Iowa, Jackpot, Nev., Las Vegas

**Armchem International**  
**Industry:** Manufacturing and wholesale distributor

**Sample job titles:** Outside sales, inside sales

**Locations:** Baltimore, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham, N.H., N.C., S.C., Fla.

**The Bartech Group**  
**Industry:** Engineering, information technology, finance and accounting  
**Sample job titles:** Product engineer, electronic technician, scientist, manufacturing engineer, tech analyst  
**Location:** Mich., N.J., Calif., Ga.

**Burnett Staffing**  
**Industry:** Generalist  
**Sample job titles:** Senior metallurgist/materials engineer, marketing coordinator, manufacturing engineering manager  
**Location:** Texas

**Career Systems Development**  
**Industry:** Education  
**Sample job titles:** Residential

advisors, instructors, cooks, drivers, alcohol and drug counselors, counselors, administrative assistant, accounting managers, security officers

**Location:** San Diego, San Jose, New Haven, New Orleans, Cassadaga, N.Y., Limestone, Maine, Bangor, Maine, Laredo, Texas, Rochester

**CompuCom**  
**Industry:** IT outsourcing

**Sample job titles:** Senior solutions architect, senior IT manager, enterprise territory sales

**Location:** Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles

**Delta Airlines**  
**Industry:** Aviation  
**Sample job titles:** Flight attendants  
**Location:** Atlanta, Minneapolis, New York

**Examination Management Services**

**Industry:** Insurance  
**Sample job titles:** Nurse practitioner  
**Location:** Ohio, Pa., Fla., Ala.

**GLC Group**  
**Industry:** Staffing/recruiting for health care, IT, finance, engineering, government  
**Sample job titles:** Health care sales representative, health care sales representative, pharmacy technician  
**Location:** Mich., Va., Fla., Calif.

**Multiband USA**  
**Industry:** Telecommunications  
**Sample job titles:** Satellite installation technician, call center manager, business intelligence designer, general manager

**Location:** Nationwide  
**NEW Customer Service Companies, Inc.**

**Industry:** Customer service  
**Sample job titles:** Customer service representative call center, customer service representative - work at home

**Location:** Nationwide  
**Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Maryland Office**  
**Industry:** Government (military, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and public health)  
**Sample job titles:** Mechanical engineer, nuclear engineer, chemical engineer, aerospace engineer, environmental engineer, microbiologist, epidemiologist, historian, anthropologist  
**Location:** Nationwide

**SeniorBridge**  
**Industry:** Health care (care management and elder care)  
**Sample job titles:** Home health aide, certified nurse aides, registered nurse, nurse practitioners, licensed clinical social worker, director of professional relations  
**Location:** N.Y., Fla., N.J., Conn., Mass., Texas, Pa., N.C., Ill.

**XSport Fitness**  
**Industry:** Fitness, health care  
**Sample job titles:** Personal trainers, managers, salon/spa professionals, sales  
**Location:** Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C. Metro/Va.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Shed tool
- Hot tubs
- Faction within a faith
- PFC mail drop
- Billionth, in combos
- Rochester's Jane
- Prolonged retaliation
- Call for
- Follows
- Serengeti sights
- Like some humor
- Publicity info
- Hospital workers
- Anchoring place
- Worthless coin
- "Friends" actress
- Courtney
- Crumple up

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

H	A	M	D	R	U	M	J	O	W	L
E	G	G	O	I	S	E	E	L	I	A
P	O	M	A	N	D	E	R	W	E	L
S	H	A	F	T	S	S	O	L		
P	I	T	S	L	O	G	S	O	F	F
U	K	E	H	I	P	P	O	V	E	E
D	E	N	I	A	L	S	T	E	E	M
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Y	O	G	I	S	F	O	O	D		
E	V	E	S	L	A	R	K	S	P	U
I	D	E	S	D	E	R	R	L	A	M

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**DOWN**

- Be in possession of
- Make the initial bet, in poker
- Practically forever
- Villains' smiles
- Swindler's victim
- Hill builder
- Bent over
- House parts
- Half of a Heston role
- Delt neighbor
- Rock layers
- Hold firmly
- Southwest art colony
- Moldy
- Party cheese
- fix
- Come to a halt
- Provides staff
- Funny person
- Oriental sauce

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13					14			
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			38					39			
40	41	42				43			44	45	46
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50						51				52	
53						54					55

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5	7	6		4		1		
4					8		7	
	8	1	6	2				
	6	7	4			3	9	
2	1		7			8		
3								7
		5	8					
	9		5					
					2	6		4

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### Word Search

P H E B L C S E Y Q J P S Y N  
U U F V K A L C J O E F C A F  
O P M I K S C U G B C C I F Q  
P V C R T R P I B V N F B G F  
B Q Z K A N X H T W A L O T Y  
J R Z Q G W E E K P D A R F W  
B T B R V C S S I B I O E D A  
S W I M M I N G S G U L A I S  
R O W Q C W N V N T Q W L U U  
O F V R E E A K I N Q K T E C  
I M E S L I N N Y G R E N E W  
R X L K A G E S W E A T G J K  
E U V C E H D P I K Y T Y I W  
P D R J W T H Y O P L W M A Q  
K E U Q R S S E M H V K K Y O

aerobics

club

dance

elliptical

energy

exercise

fitness

gym

jog

pulse

routine

sweat

swimming

warm up

weights

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

1	3	8	9	7	2	6	5	4
2	5	3	4	7	8	1		
3	7	4	5	8	1	2	3	9
4	2	8	6	4	1	7		
5	2	1	4	7	9	3	8	6
6	8	6	7	4	1	5	3	9
7	9	1	6	2	7	5	4	3
8	2	3	1	5	8	6	7	9
9	7	6	3	4	9	1	2	8

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**GARDEN CITY: Presbyterian Church Annual Rummage Sale** 1841 Middlebelt Rd. S. of Ford. Aug 18-19, Thurs & Fri, 9-5pm. Aug. 20, Sat., 9-2pm.

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

**BLOOMFIELD TWP** Aug 14, 10am-4pm Housewares, furniture, collectibles, 3450 Burning Bush (Maple/Lahser)

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

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# CHRYSLER 300 LOOKS TO EXTEND BRAND REVIVAL

By Dale Buss

The 2011 Chrysler 300 has allowed the brand to mount a next act — beyond the stunning impact of the Super Bowl advertising spot on the debut of the Chrysler 200 last winter —



Dale Buss

with marketers spinning the 300 as an exemplar of Chrysler's new "earned luxury" positioning. But the improving 300 is fighting for share in a segment of the market that has taken on dwindling relevance and seems to be in long-term decline.

"The 300 is still important to Chrysler's future, partly because the brand only has three models now, and the 300 is the one that Chrysler has positioned as the flagship for the entire Chrysler group of brands," said Ivan Drury, a U.S. sales analyst for Edmunds.com. "But the segment has shrunk considerably as a reaction to ever-increasing fuel costs."

Clearly the accelerated evolution of the 300 embodies some challenges for Chrysler. But executives prefer to focus on the opportunities driven into view by their biggest makeover of the nameplate — stretching over both 2011 and 2012 versions — since the

debut of the 300 platform in 2004 almost single-handedly revived Chrysler's fortunes.

For Olivier Francois, who was Chrysler's brand chief until last week's announcement of a new merged Fiat-Chrysler management structure, the goals for the 300 are to establish Chrysler's new "approach to luxury" and to gain recognition for the car as the segment's best in class. "We have had to re-launch the brand, and we want Chrysler as an American company — and that is about great cars that people enjoy driving," he said. "That is what the 300 is."

It's difficult to overstate the impact that Chrysler made with the "gangster-styled," rear-wheel-drive 300 when the company launched it seven years ago as a clean-sheet revival of a venerable nameplate from the Chrysler stable of past successes. The car rose to as high as 29 percent of Chrysler brand sales in



The 2011 Chrysler 300 is a restyled version of one of the company's biggest product winners of the past decade.

late 2006, according to Edmunds.com data, and to as high as 10 percent of the large-car segment of the U.S. market in early 2006.

Soon, however, the styling-based excitement wore off; gasoline prices turned erratic; the economy tanked; Chrysler sought a bailout; and the 300 was on cruise control, with little even in the way of cosmetic retouching each year or marketing support. The neglected nameplate's nadir came last November, when sales dipped to only about 1,300 units, and the 300 could command only less than 4 percent of a diminished large-car segment. After comprising 24 percent of Chrysler sales for all of 2006, the 300 was

down to 19 percent of sales for 2010 and just 14 percent of sales in the first half of this year.

Fortunately, at that point, Chrysler management already was well into executing Fiat's plan to overhaul much of the company's existing fleet in quick-and-dirty fashion through 2012, as a longer-term reconstitution of the Chrysler lineup has been hatching under Fiat's aegis. Chrysler refined the 300's design, invested in improving fuel economy and varying powertrain configurations, and pumped about \$1 billion into its Brampton, Ontario, plant to upgrade manufacturing of the car.

It was long past time for the 300 to be dealt with. The retro styling that had made it, and the PT Cruiser, such immediate curiosities to car buyers long since had lost its allure. So Chrysler designers softened the lines of the exterior overall and

backed off some of the more egregious aspects of the basic 2004 design; for example, the windshield of the 2011 300 extends about three inches further back, trimming the roof line, to improve front-seat visibility.

Interior appointments of the 300 were boosted, in keeping with a directive that Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne had imposed soon after his company's 2009 takeover for Chrysler to address immediately this huge area of weakness. Handing was re-tuned to curb a big-sedan feel.

And powertrains were upgraded. Fiat was retooling the 300 under the long shadow of the 2008 gasoline-price bubble, and was bound to introduce the 2011 version in the midst of this year's \$4-a-gallon spike, so fuel economy was top of mind. That priority is reflected in a new eight-speed transmission in the 2012 version that Chrysler says will boost fuel economy on the highway to 30mpg from 27mpg now even with the new all-wheel-drive option. There's also a new 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 in the 2011 version; the latter offers more power and better mileage than either of the two V-6s available in 2010.

"We took our most fuel-efficient engines and brand new technology and installed it throughout the [Chrysler] line," Francois said. "We're really tackling the problem... We want to be best in class for fuel economy in the V-6 part of the market."



The car's interior has been upgraded like other Chrysler products.

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