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Topics will include the state budget involving transportation, Gov. Rick Snyder's statewide transportation initiative and the governor's proposal on mass transit for southeast Michigan. Heise has invited Rep. Paul Opsommer, chair of the House Transportation Committee, to attend the meeting as well as a Michigan Department of Transportation official.

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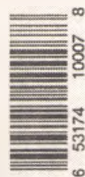
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City cops honored for fire rescues

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Arriving at the scene of a Plymouth condominium fire one night last June, Sgt. Chris Voorhies and Officer Tom Koval saw flames shooting from a window of a second-floor unit.

Not knowing whether the condo on Deer Court was occupied, the pair raced up to it, Voorhies kicked in the door, and they began yelling for any occupants.

"The smoke was so thick and black that within a matter of seconds it completely overcame us," Voorhies wrote Thursday in an email. They couldn't see their hands or breathe, he said.

Hearing no one there, Voorhies and Koval moved to adjacent units, alerting residents to the danger.

"As this was happening, the smoke continued to fill that hallway to the point that we had to feel our way down the hall to the exit," Voorhies wrote.

Leaving the area, Voorhies closed the hall doors to help contain the smoke, and he and Koval continued to wake residents, reassuring them and helping many get outside safely.

"It wasn't until after the incident was under control that you sit back and realize what just happened and thank God that it



Plymouth Sgt. Chris Voorhies, left, and Officer Tom Koval were honored May 24 with a Life Saving Award from Huron Valley Ambulance.

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FRANK RUGGIRELLO

St. Kenneth Catholic Church volunteer Chris Radzilowski talks to a Farrand Elementary student at the end-of-year party for the Kid's Hope program.

One-to-one plan

Mentoring program helps at-risk kids

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Ever since Peggy Schneider retired from educational life, she's been anxious to find a way to continue to be connected to the kids — and the school — she left behind.

So when Schneider, a former counselor at Farrand Elementary School, heard about Kids Hope USA, she felt like she'd found her way back in.

Kids Hope USA is a national

effort to pair at-risk kids with mentors to help them in a variety of ways. The program is based on "one child, one hour, one church, one school." Mentors work individually with students, visiting with them one hour per week to help them through life's struggles.

"When I discovered it was a program that connected church and school," said Schneider, a member at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, "I thought, 'It was meant

to be.'"

Working with fellow St. Kenneth member Gretchen Hennen, Schneider partnered with Farrand counselor Dani Evans and Principal Troy Reehl to bring the program to Farrand.

Risk reasons

Evans identified students to be paired with 11 volunteer mentors from St. Kenneth. They're "at-risk" students for

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Half-day option ready to roll

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A group of parents who circulated petitions urging Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to offer a half-day option for kindergarten students — amid a district-wide switch to full-day kindergarten for funding reasons — is encouraged by the district's

attempt to satisfy their wish. Plymouth-Canton will switch to all-day kindergarten with the 2012-13 school year as the state cuts funding to districts that offer only a half-day option. It's the only way to capture the full per-pupil funding from the state.

While the district will get the full funding for students in its all-day kindergarten, the pro-

jected \$7,380 per-pupil grant will be halved for students in half-day programs.

But some parents don't believe all children are ready for a full-day schedule and urged the district — backed by 125 signatures — to also offer a half-day option. The district did so, setting up two sec-

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City ready to approve spending plan

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth officials are getting ready to formalize a spending plan for the next fiscal year of just over \$20.3 million.

The Plymouth City Commission will take up the 2012-13 budget its meeting Monday, and is expected to approve it after a public hearing. Commissioners have held three budget study meetings since the plan was introduced in early April.

The city's next fiscal year begins Sunday, July 1.

The overall budget includes a nearly \$7.3 million general fund, more than one-third of the total that pays for most public safety services, some administration and public works services, parks and property maintenance, elections and some capital purchases, among other expenses. General-fund spending is up 1 percent from the budget approved a year ago.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said it's significant that the general fund budget doesn't rely on dipping into the city's fund balance, or cash reserve, as was planned for several past budgets in a row. "I think that is an incredible accomplishment," Dwyer said.

The fund balance is projected to be at about \$1.58 million at the end of the current fiscal year.

The police and fire departments, at nearly \$3.9 million, account for more than half of general-fund spending, but the public safety budget is down from last year, as the city expects to save money with its new partnership with the Northville Fire Department. Some \$743,120 was budgeted for fire service for next year, vs. \$845,000 a year ago.

The police department is budgeted at \$3.14 million, up about 1 percent.

The commission was not able to find money to beef up Plymouth's 15-member police force by two officers, as the city administration had requested. Officials had sought more police in particular to increase patrol presence and assist in enforcing laws related to the city's drinking establishments.

"There was just no way," to bud-

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tions, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, at Hoben Elementary School.

And parents responded. The morning session is already full, with 26 students signed up. The others are scheduled to attend the afternoon session. They'll get an orientation Tuesday in Hoben's cafeteria.

Registration for the afternoon session has been slower. As of Wednesday, only 15 students had signed up. District officials sent a letter May 21 warning parents the class might not be offered if registration doesn't pick up. The letter used an Aug. 10 date by which parents would have been notified whether the afternoon class was a go.

But Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes said Friday both sessions will be offered, regardless of whether more parents sign their children up.

"I heard from parents that said they couldn't wait that late to make decisions," Hughes said Friday. "We created this thing to benefit parents. Making them wait until August wouldn't be fair." Hughes said parents

signed up for both sessions are welcome at an orientation scheduled 1:30-2:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Hoben Elementary School cafeteria.

Karin Young of Plymouth is one of the parents who pushed for the half-day option. The mother of twins, Young is among those who doesn't believe every child is ready for all-day kindergarten.

Young said this week she's encouraged by the response to the district's half-day plan.

"The number of names we got on our petitions showed there was interest in this option," Young said. "We are thankful that the district is doing the right thing in giving parents this option."

Young would like to talk to other parents considering the half-day option, or who just want more information. She has set up an email address where parents can write for more information about options, schedules, etc. Contact her at halfdaykindergarten@hotmail.com.

Hughes said history suggests enough parents will sign up to justify both sections.

"If tradition holds, we're going to get some more," he said.

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PROGRAM

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any of a variety of reasons, including a death in the family, divorce, academic struggles and others. They are students Evans felt would benefit from the mentoring program.

Evans said the mentors are successful because they're seen more as friends and comforters, and not a teacher.

"They talk to them, maybe play games, help them," Evans said. "They give them that self-esteem, a boost in confidence they need. It's different than coming to see me as a counselor. (Mentors) come to see just that one child. It's that special bond."

Reehl said he saw the program work when he worked in the West Ottawa district. He said when he saw it work there, he realized "it's a very powerful" program.

"It's amazing how these kids blossom and how they do at school," Reehl said. "It gives them that sense of pride that they know there's someone out there who cares about them and can help them through the issues they might be dealing with at home or in school. They know they can talk (to mentors) about it and they won't be judged."

It's why Kids Hope USA started the mission in the first place. On the group's website (www.kidshope-usa.org), it plugs March 2008 statistics collected by the Children's Defense Fund that KHUSA officials say "speak for themselves." According to the statistics, every day in America:

- Four children are killed by abuse or neglect.
- Five children or teens commit suicide.



FRANK RUGGIRELLO

St. Kenneth Staff Liaison for Kid's Hope Gretchen Hennen helps a Farrand student prepare an ice cream sundae.

• 2,467 high school students drop out.

• 2,421 children are confirmed as abused or neglected.

• 3,477 children are arrested, 451 of them for violent crimes or drug abuse.

Hope for growth

Hennen, who runs the children's faith program at St. Kenneth, said the Kids Hope program was a "natural tie-in" because of the work she does at the church.

She helped round up the 11 mentors, inviting them to become mentors rather than issuing a blanket "call for volunteers." She said the nature of the effort made the invitational route more conducive to finding people.

Now that St. Kenneth is established, Hennen said she hopes the program grows.

"We certainly have more kids than mentors, and we have more schools than churches right now," said Hennen, who pointed out other schools have expressed an interest in the pro-

gram. "Word of mouth is certainly helping."

While the volunteers are from St. Kenneth, neither church nor religion — "They don't bring religion into the conversation," Reehl said — is part of the program.

Mentors are trained, background and safety checks are conducted, and parents are offered the chance to meet with the prospective mentor, if they desire.

"It's all about the child and what he or she needs," Evans said.

Evans said the program has been a big hit. She said the school recently sent out a survey to parents, expecting to only get back a few responses. Instead, nearly all of them came back.

"The kids love it. ... They look forward to it," she said. "Feedback has been extremely positive. Parents have written notes saying their child comes home and talks about the mentor. They say they've seen improvement in self-esteem. We're getting a lot of positive feedback from the parents."

Takes a village

Reehl said younger students were considered so the program could become a self-sustaining one. The hope is that mentors will stay with the students throughout their elementary school years, and additional volunteers will come in to deal with new students.

"We hope those same mentors will come back next year and give kids that continuity in the relationship," Reehl said.

Reehl knows it might sound cliché, but he believes it takes more than just parents to raise children. He's hoping more churches and students will get involved next year.

"A lot of principals would like to have this in their school; it's finding that church and the mentors that are willing to go through that training," Reehl said. "It's that community raising a child aspect."

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Big splash caps canned food drive

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

When Molly Main brought her Girl Scout service project idea to Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela, looking for a reward for the students who would help her, she had lots of ideas for the payoff.

Eventually, they settled on an agreement: Ruela would agree to jump, fully clothed, into the Central Middle School pool, if Main's canned food drive panned out. But first, students had to reach the 250-pound goal for the drive.

They more than tripled it, collecting 768 pounds, and defeating East Middle School in the process.

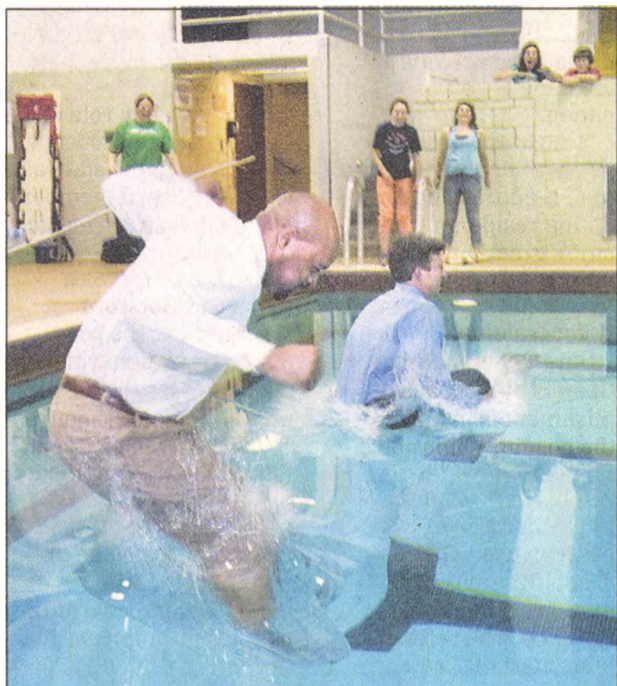
That's why on Friday, Ruela and assistant principal James Hunter were at pool's edge, leaping into the deep end in some of their finest duds.

And they were happy to do it.

"She had a lot of crazy ideas, and this was the best of them," Ruela said. "We wanted to incorporate the spirit of the school, and the one thing we have different from other schools is the pool."

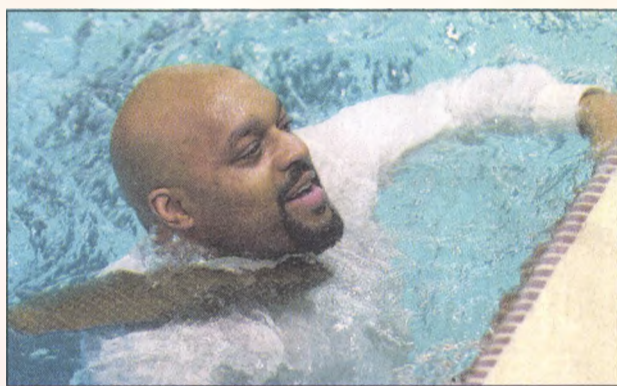
Main put the contest, between Central and East middle schools, together as part of her Girl Scout service project, for which she has to put in 50 hours of work and service as she builds toward her Silver Award.

She put the contest together with her friend, East Middle School eighth-grader Allison Lennig. Between the schools, the "Food



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Assistant Principal James Hunter and Principal Anthony Ruela hit the water to pay off on the promise they made if Central Middle School students hit their goal in collecting canned goods. Students more than tripled their goal.



Assistant Principal James Hunter surfaces after coming up short in the cannonball contest.

"Fight" as the contest was dubbed raised nearly 1,000 pounds of food.

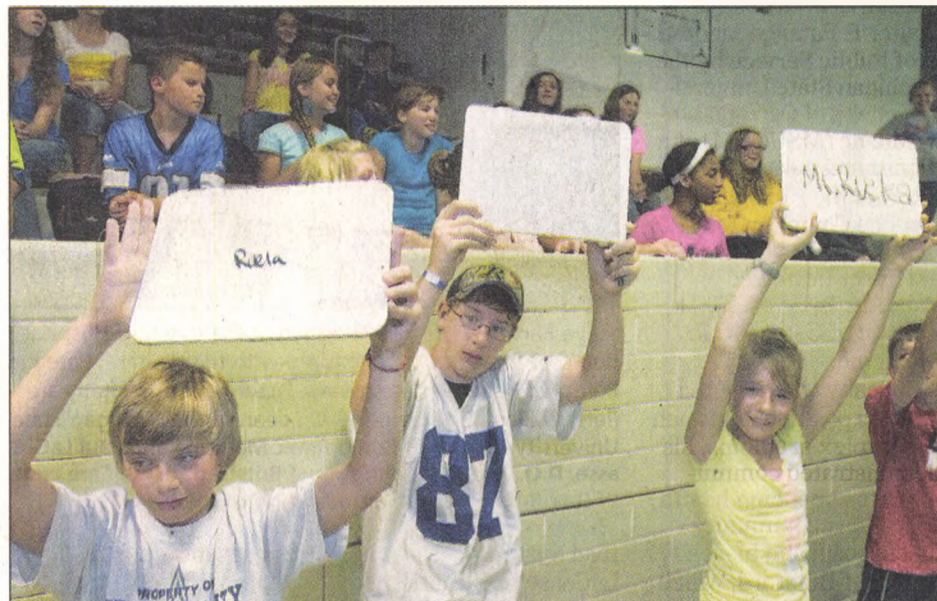
She said the "reward" of having administrators jump into the pool came about as a way to pay the students back for their hard work.

"I knew I needed a

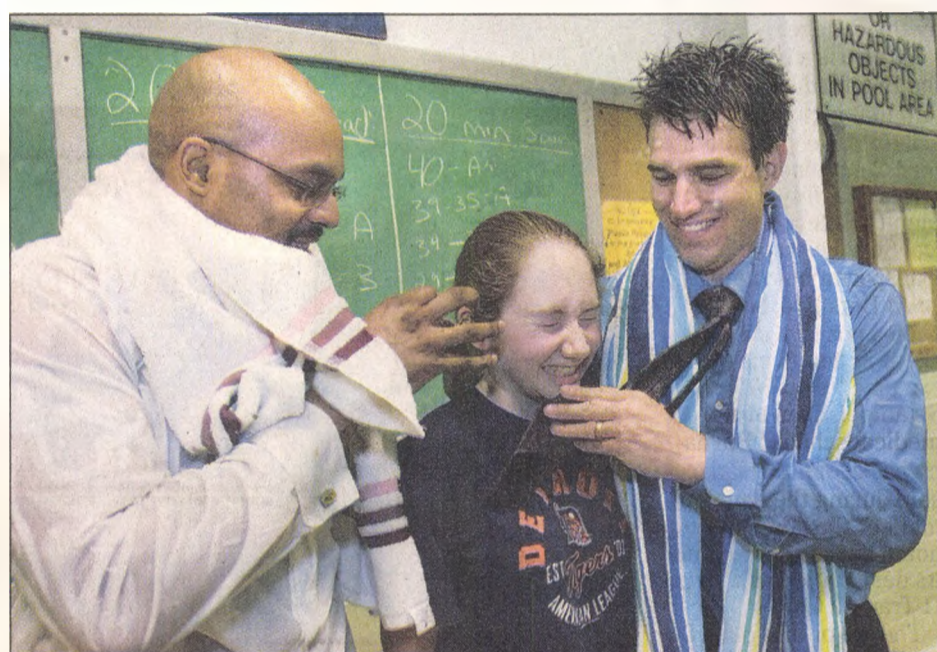
reward to get the kids pumped up," Main said.

Ruela agreed to the leap, and was soon joined by Hunter, who said he just couldn't let Ruela do it alone.

"(Ruela's) agreement to jump in rubbed off on me,"



Judges Aaron Monacelli, William Manley and Sam Aulinskis judge the big splash.



Assistant Principal James Hunter and Principal Anthony Ruela make sure that Molly Main gets a little bit wet. Her Girl Scout service project resulted in the cannonball contest.

said Hunter, who appeared to cause the bigger splash but was denied by student judges. "I couldn't let him do it alone."

Main couldn't have

been happier with the outcome.

"I'm very proud of all the students at Central Middle School," said Main, the daughter of Nelson

and Linda Main of Canton. "They all worked together to accomplish the goal."

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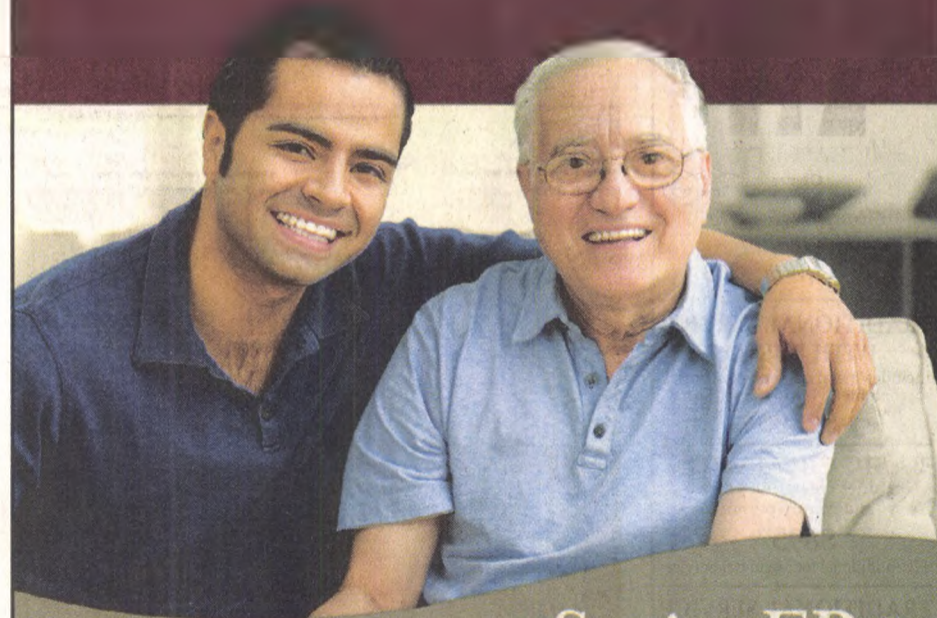
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MSU honors Botsford board chairman

Plymouth Township resident Steve Barnaby, chairman of the board of directors for Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, was awarded the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service by the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) at a dinner and awards ceremony at the Kellogg Conference Center on May 22.

The award is the highest honor bestowed on individuals by the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Barnaby was selected "for his positive approach to complex problems, his demonstrated commitment to enhancing health care in his community and abroad, and his leadership of Botsford, which is a longstanding partner of the college," according to a statement released by the college.

He also is a trustee of the Botsford Health System that includes the Botsford Hospital, Botsford Commons, an extended care facility and Community Emergency Medical Services, a patient transportation company.

"At Botsford, he has been a positive change agent in health care governance," said William Strampel, dean of the medical school. "Barnaby has provided leadership during the development of the hospital's top-notch cancer center and its designation as a Level II Trauma Center."

The hospital is one of the few remaining independent hospitals in Southeast Michigan.

In accepting the award, Barnaby credited his governance colleagues for their willingness to tackle critical issues that otherwise might have stood in the way of hospital growth.

"I asked them to challenge assumptions and to participate in the fierce discussions that allow us to examine innovative opportunities from every angle," said Barnaby.

He also credited Bots-



Steve Barnaby, (center) chairman of the Botsford Hospital Board of Directors, was honored with the Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service Award. Pictured with Barnaby are (left) William D. Strampel, D.O., dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Paul LaCasse, D.O., president and CEO of Botsford Health Care and CEO of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

ford System CEO Paul LaCasse for his ability in promoting and maintaining a collaborative working relationship between

governance and the administration.

"Better than anyone I've worked with, Paul knows how to bring peo-

ple together to get a job done," said Barnaby.

The educational mission of the hospital is one in which Barnaby puts a great deal of importance. Botsford is one of the leading osteopathic teaching hospitals in the nation.

"One of the great privileges of being the chairman is addressing graduating residents. I also enjoy greeting the new intern and residents as they come into our facility for training."

Barnaby emphasized that his biggest accomplishment is in making the hospital's mission a living credo of the organization's daily operation.

"Our mission of compassionate and personal health care is how we measure our success." Barnaby, who refers to himself as the "care tak-

er of the mission", says he is pleased to see board and administrative discussions that revolve around those attributes as well as excellence and quality.

Active as a health care advocate for more than three decades, Barnaby played a key role in introducing the concept of hospice to the state as a charter board member and chairman of Hospice of Michigan.

He also serves as a trustee of Botsford Health Care, the parent organization which encompasses the hospital, Community Emergency Medical Services and the Botsford Commons Senior Community.

Barnaby was the founding board chairman of Community EMS, which has grown into one of the nation's most innovative and successful medical

transport companies.

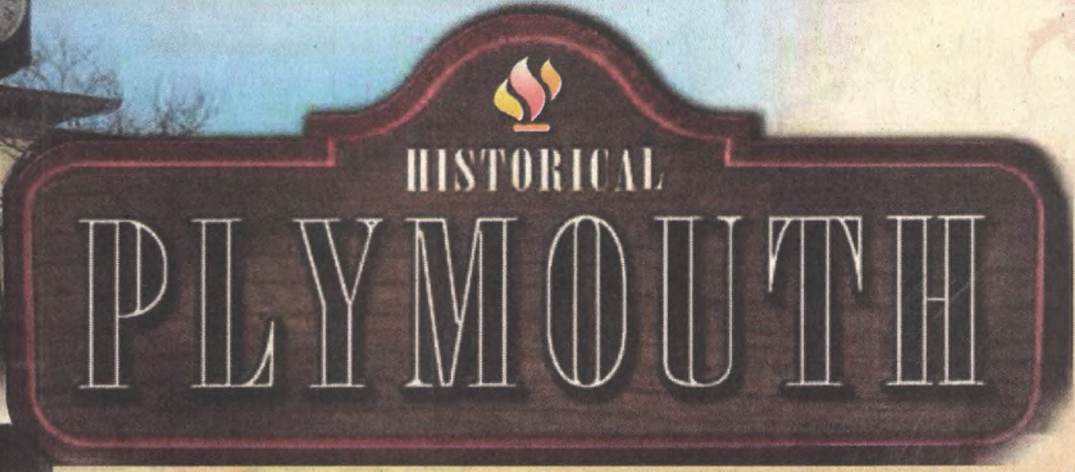
Barnaby has served as a member of the American Hospital Association Leadership Development Committee and the AHA Committee on Governance.

He designed protocols to aid individuals and organizations in overcoming barriers to success, working in collaboration with the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research.

He also served as a consultant to the People's Aid Coordinating Committee of Vietnam to improve that nation's health care.

Barnaby, president of Century Communications Group, is a corporate and government mediation specialist who enables clients to integrate and activate financial imperatives with institutional missions.

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Mr. Rob will be part of the summer reading program at the Plymouth District Library.



Library adds online piece to summer reading

The annual summer reading programs got into full swing Friday at the Plymouth District Library with free programs and reading incentives.

The library is offering an online component for participants this year, when readers of all ages can register online at plymouthlibrary.org and record reading throughout the summer. All programs are centered around a night theme; programs are Dream Big for children up to age 12, Own the Night for teens and Between the Covers for adults.

Four different programs are planned for kids in the community. Children can choose from Read to Me for children who are not yet reading themselves, the SRP for readers ages 5-12, and the EDGE program for children who have com-

pleted grades 3-5.

Teens again will find a home away from home at the library this summer. The Own the Night summer reading program will include a pizza murder mystery kick-off on June 20, crafts and activities throughout the summer, reading incentives and prize drawings, and a wrap-up ice cream party on Aug. 8.

Teens and EDGE participants will have a chance to explore the night sky with the constellations and annual sky patterns in the STAR LAB Planetarium on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m.

Summer reading for adults will again include the popular library bingo game and Penn Theatre tickets and downtown gift certificates. Adults can register online also at plymouthlibrary.org.

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turned out that way it did, that no one hurt," wrote Voorhies, who credited other police officers, dispatch workers and Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters for an "outstanding job" in the fire response.

The fire at the Meadows Condominiums, reported just before 1 a.m. last June 16, temporarily displaced 20 residents and injured one woman. Trapped in a smoke-filled unit, she was rescued from a second-floor balcony by firefighters and was treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation.

The fire was blamed on a candle that had been left unattended.

Nearly a year later, Koval and Voorhies were praised for their rescue efforts May 24 at Washtenaw Community College, where they were each given a 2012 Life Saving Award from Huron Valley Ambulance, which provides emergency medical service in the city.

"The city of Plymouth can be proud of the efforts of Sgt. Voorhies and Officer Koval," HVA president Paul Hood said in a press release. "Without regard for their own safety, they acted immediately in a very dangerous situation and ensured

that all the residents were safely evacuated." Voorhies said that while his job sometimes puts him in dangerous situations and helping people is its own reward, he's grateful for the honor.

"Although police officers and firefighters do not get into this business for the pat on the back, it is nice to be recognized from time to time," he said.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said Voorhies and Koval are "very worthy" of the honor, and that he's proud that Plymouth police officers don't hesitate to jump in at a fire scene.

The city has since left the PCFD, which was

shared with Plymouth Township for about 15 years, and partnered with the Northville Fire Department, but Dwyer said that no matter the arrangement for fire service "our cops are always there first."

"They don't just sit there and watch," he said. "They get in there and try to protect people."

Koval also helped evacuate residents of an apartment building on Plymouth Road during a February 2011 fire that destroyed the complex. He won a Plymouth Rotary Club award last fall for those efforts.

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SPENDING

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get for two new officers, Dwyer said. The cost had been estimated at \$200,000.

Other major funds in the city's proposed 2012-13 budget include two water and sewer funds totaling \$4.8 million; a waste and recycling fund of just over

\$1 million; a recreation fund of just over \$1 million; major and local road funds totaling \$581,000; a Downtown Development Authority operating fund of \$860,570; an equipment fund of \$684,210; a building fund of \$397,270; and a variety of funds to pay for bond debt and ongoing infrastructure improvements, such as street reconstruction

and water and sewer line replacement.

The budget resolution the commission will take up Monday also sets Plymouth's combined property tax rate at just over 16 mills, or \$16 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

When transfers between funds are taken out of the overall \$20.3 million budget — such

as the general fund's \$200,000 contribution to the recreation fund, the balance of which comes from user fees — the spending plan amounts to about \$19.5 million.

Monday's commission meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the second-floor commission chamber at city hall.

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Warren bridge closure clogging traffic

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

In a move that's forcing detours and dumping even more motorists on already traffic-clogged Ford Road, the Warren Road bridge over I-275 has officially closed through late September.

With Canton's orange-barrel season ramping up, drivers going from the east side of I-275 to places such as Lifechurch and Yazaki's North American headquarters near the Warren-Haggerty intersection face a longer commute all summer.

Lifechurch members Mike Rice and Jeff Wilson, working Thursday to install a shelf in the back of a church storage truck, said the overpass closing poses a minor hindrance for some of the congregation, which averaged 984 people a week in May. "For folks like me who



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Work on the Warren Road bridge over I-275, already under way, is expected to last through September.

are coming from east of 275, it's a bit of an inconvenience," Rice said. "I live near Warren and Venoy (in Westland)."

Rather than taking Warren all the way to Lifechurch, Rice said Thursday he took it to Hix, drove north to Koppernick, headed west to Haggerty and then south to the church. He seemed

a little more savvy than some drivers who opted for Ford Road.

Just the mention of Ford Road brought a grimace to Rice's face.

"Oh my gosh. I avoid Ford Road even when there isn't any construction," he said.

Wilson doesn't face the same travel issues because he lives off Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill.

"It's a straight shot for me down Haggerty," he said.

Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said the Warren Road closing through September is allowing work crews to replace the driving surface, overpass approach-

es and barrier walls, among other repairs.

Canton Engineering Services Manager Bill Serchak called the project "the big one" for Canton's road-project season, considering the overpass closing is expected to last through late September.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, still fighting for federal or state dollars to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange to ease traffic congestion around one of Michigan's most accident-prone areas, is concerned about the potential for more motorists crowding onto Ford Road.

"It is a concern," LaJoy said. "How much traffic do we need? We already have trouble trying to disperse traffic now, much less dealing with additional traffic flow."

"They've got to fix the bridges," he added, but "it's certainly going to have an impact on Ford

Road and 275."

I-275 already has had its share of traffic bottlenecks as construction crews work their way through a busy bridge-repair season along the interstate.

In one bit of good news, work on the Joy Road overpass already has been completed, so drivers could opt for that road rather than Ford.

They can't choose Ann Arbor Trail to the north, however, because MDOT announced that road has closed through late July for bridge repairs over I-275.

It's all part of \$36.8 million in bridge-repair projects MDOT announced in February for the I-275 corridor. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said MDOT has told local officials the projects will be staggered to minimize traffic snarls as much as possible.

Trail friends seek volunteers

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A year after the I-275 Metro Trail got a face-lift along a section north of Michigan Avenue, trail supporters are seeking volunteers to remove vegetation that has grown rapidly along the path this season.

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail maintenance coordinator Dave Duffield said trail users need to protect the trail now that Michigan Department of Transportation officials spent money to refurbish it.

"They're pressed for money. They provided us with the wonderful trail," Duffield said Friday, "so it's not unreasonable to ask the people who use it to help out once in awhile."

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail has asked volunteers to join a trail cleanup day 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 6. Volunteers are asked to meet on the trail or in the MDOT parking lot behind

the Denny's restaurant on the north side of Ann Arbor Road east of I-275.

"The vegetation has grown rapidly along the trail this spring, so we'll be beating back the brush on the section between Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road," the Friends group said in a statement.

Workers are asked to bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes, rakes, brooms and anything else that would be helpful for trimming brush from the trail. Protective eyewear and work gloves also are recommended. Moreover, volunteers are encouraged to wear pants and long-sleeved shirts to avoid contact with poison ivy.

Last year's efforts focused on refurbishing the trail north of Michigan Avenue, but the section south of the avenue also is nearly complete.

For more information about the cleanup, call Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.



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Cox: McCotter 'doesn't care about Congress anymore'

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan's former attorney general said Thursday that U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter "doesn't care about Congress anymore."

Mike Cox, who said he once assisted McCotter by going door to door in McCotter's campaign for state Senate, was contacted by the *Observer* for his thoughts on the investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette into petitions that contained duplicate signatures and photocopied petitions turned in by McCotter's campaign workers.

The petitions were submitted May 15, the deadline for candidates to declare their candidacies for U.S. Congress.

On Thursday, Schuette



Cox

announced the Attorney General's Criminal Division will investigate allegations of possible fraud. The decision to investigate follows a formal referral from the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections.

'We will not hesitate to prosecute'

"We will follow the facts, without fear or favor," Schuette said in a prepared statement. "It's our duty to maintain the integrity of our election process. We will conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation. If

evidence of criminal violations is uncovered, we will not hesitate to prosecute."

A formal review by the Bureau of Elections revealed various discrepancies in the petition filing, including duplicate signatures and the appearance of altered petitions.

McCotter released a statement Thursday afternoon that read: "I thank the Michigan Secretary of State & Attorney General for commencing the criminal investigation of petitions I requested Tuesday; will assist as they see fit."

Gisgie Gendreau, spokesperson for the Secretary of State's office, said 243 signatures out of 1,833 were valid. "There appears to be some election law violations

involved," Gendreau said earlier this week.

As a result, the secretary of state's office informed McCotter, R-Livonia, Friday that he lacked enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. McCotter declared Tuesday morning he is running as a write-in candidate for the 11th District of the House of Representatives.

Procedure no different

McCotter said Tuesday he trusted the campaign volunteers, and that someone "lied" to him about the signatures. The procedure of volunteers collecting signatures for this campaign was no different than from any other campaign that McCotter has run in, he said.

"This isn't brain sur-

gery," McCotter said. "You get the signatures and you sign off as a circulator." McCotter said the signatures were collected in February, and that he was told about a month before the May deadline that he had enough signatures.

"We really don't know who did what," McCotter said about the signatures. McCotter said he welcomed the investigation and has informed the Secretary of State in a letter that he will "assist in any way they see fit" in their investigation.

"The buck stops with me," he said. "That's why I urge the continued investigation into the petitions. Everyone deserves to know what happened regarding this filing."

Joy Yearout, spokesperson with Schuette's office, would not comment Thursday afternoon on any specifics about the investigation or on how long the investigation may take.

Cox, who now practices law in Livonia after his unsuccessful run for governor on the Republican ticket two years ago, expects Schuette's office will start its investigation with the petitions and documents, then talk with circulators of the petitions and ultimately McCotter or even those whose names appear on the petitions.

"I can't speak for Ruth

Johnson or Bill Schuette, but I suspect it will be made a priority because of the timing of the upcoming elections," Cox said. "I think that they will move on it."

Blaming staff

Cox was asked about McCotter's blame of his staff for the signature snafu.

"Let's put it this way, Jack Kirksey wouldn't have blamed his staff," Cox said in reference to Livonia's mayor. "The idea that the staff sabotaged this is nonsense. Leaders don't talk like that."

Cox said he and his brother, Sean Cox, assisted McCotter in his campaign elections for state Senate and Wayne County Commission.

"I helped him by going door to door," Cox said. "It's clear that he doesn't care about Congress anymore. It's clear that he isn't engaged anymore."

Cox paused, and added: "It pains me to say that."

Cox said he was not running as a write-in candidate for Congress, stating he wanted to be around to watch his youngest son, who is now 12, grow up.

Cox said other Republicans are looking at running as a write-in, including Rocky Raczkowski and Loren Bennett, and he would not be surprised to see others step forward and run.



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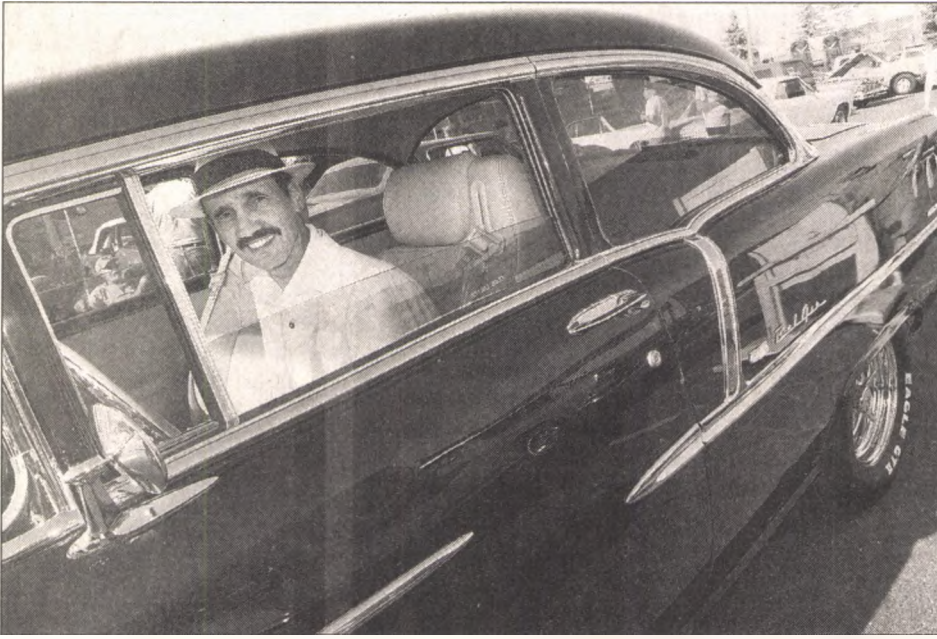
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Tom Borg rolls up to the Vietnam Veterans of America/CRUZ'N 528 Car Show in his cherry 1955 Chevy Bel Air. The kickoff for the Wednesday night 2012 car show season benefitted Sue Willim, a longtime volunteer, who suffered a stroke.



Check out this Studebaker Champion.

Vets' weekly car shows a local hit

The CRUZ'N 528 Wednesday night car show has kicked off. The Wednesday night car shows are hosted by the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528.

CRUZ'N 528's Wednesday Night Veterans Car Shows have been a huge success since 2004, with an average of 85 cars each Wednesday, with some shows exceeding 130 cars. The cruisers enjoy the camaraderie, bench racing and tall tales.

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• Cara Delaney was named a new Albion College fellow at the completion of the spring 2012 semester. The honor of Albion College Fellow goes to students who maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Cara Delaney is majoring in mathematics education and minoring in physics education, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Stuart and Beth Delaney of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

• Grace Dougherty was named a new Albion College fellow at the completion of the spring 2012 semester. The honor of Albion College Fellow goes to students who maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Grace Dougherty is majoring in chemistry - biochemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology and anthropology, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of David and Lucy Dougherty of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

• Hannah Mills recently graduated from Albion College, with a degree in sociology and ethnic studies and a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Jim and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

• Emily Nemeth recently graduated from Albion College, with a degree in mass media communication studies (mass media emphasis). She is the daughter of Christopher and Terrie Nemeth of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

• Jennifer Polinski was named a new Albion College fellow at the completion of the spring 2012 semester. The honor of Albion College Fellow goes to students who maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Jennifer Polinski is majoring in biology and mathematics, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Craig J. Polinski and Peggy A. Cummins of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

• Joseph Thomas is majoring in chemistry - biochemistry and philosophy, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Patrick Thomas of Plymouth and Nina Thomas of Belleville and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Mike Maloney (from left), Pioneer Middle School teacher and Extra Miler Award winner Claire Swisher, PMS assistant principal Ted Younglas and Karen Pakula, a Plymouth High School math teacher who chaperoned the New York trip for nearly 200 students.

Pioneer teacher named 'Extra Miler'

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone who's organized a family trip to a place like New York City knows how much planning and effort it takes.

Try doing that for more than 200 people, including things like permission slips and hotel rooms and

activities. And doing it for eight years in a row.

That's what Pioneer Middle School teacher Claire Swisher has done, and that's why PMS assistant principal Ted Younglas nominated her for the district's Extra Miler Award.

"I've worked with Claire the last three

years," Younglas said. "I've witnessed first-hand the countless hours she puts in preparing for this trip. I've seen first-hand how she has changed our students' lives."

The New York trip is a teaching tool used to provide exposure to the "real world" for the students. Students take cameras and artist materials, documenting various aspects of life while in the Big Apple. When they come back, the photographs and other artwork produced by the students goes on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. That exhibit goes on display June 9.

According to Younglas, Swisher's success comes largely from the fact she doesn't confine her

efforts to her own classroom.

"She integrates curriculum, and engages other teachers to tie in other areas of the curriculum," Younglas said. "She makes it as meaningful as she can for the kids."

Swisher said the New York trip is important educationally for her students.

"I want them to be global kids," Swisher said. "I want them to recognize the world around us."

As for the Extra Miler Award, Swisher said she was "completely humbled" by it.

"This is not why I do what I do," she said. "I do what I do for the kids."

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 12, 2012, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center - 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plymouth Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2012-2013 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2012-2013 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2012-2013 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center - 454 S. Harvey Plymouth, Michigan or on the District's Website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

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

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Music in the Park series to begin 28th season

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Rain or shine, good economic times or bad, people tune out for the Music in the Park concert series.

The summertime series in Kellogg Park — free shows begin at noon on Wednesdays — is entering its 28th season, and has grown steadily in the number of concerts and the number of people they attract.

The family-oriented series has dedicated fans and an equally dedicated group of sponsors, said Deb Madonna, board president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which organizes Music in the Park.

"Despite the fact that over the last few years everybody's been crunching, we didn't have to compromise anything. People still came though" to keep the free concerts going, Madonna said. "No matter what, people come through. We try to be good stewards and be



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Guy Louis leads off the Music in the Park series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

very careful and responsible."

This year's series begins Wednesday, June 20, and runs for nine weeks instead of the normal 10, with no show on Wednesday, July 4,

because of the holiday. Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express, a long-time series favorite with an energetic interactive show, kick off the schedule.

Madonna said the series

this year will bring in some longtime favorites — Guy Louis, for example, and the folk duo Gemini — who play regularly in Plymouth as well as some performers making their Music in the Park debut, such as Juice, a seven-member percussion outfit whose members play regular instruments and a variety of everyday objects. Madonna said Juice is reminiscent of the percussion show *Stomp*.

"We try to bring in some new ones, too, and have a nice mix," she said.

Returning performers said they look forward to playing in Plymouth.

"It's been a wonderful tradition for us," said Laszlo Slomovits, half of the folk duo Gemini. "We

have quite a following there and it's just always a treat to come back to play for old friends and new ones."

Gemini plays folk music from American and international traditions, and stresses audience participation. Laszlo and twin brother Sandor both play guitar, and Laszlo also plays violin, mandolin and flute while Sandor also plays a variety of percussion instruments.

"We really like to have people singing along, dancing," Slomovits said. The duo will be joined at Kellogg Park by drummer Mike Morrison.

Madonna is going into her 18th year as Music in the Park's chief organizer, and said she's grateful to sponsors, and the city,

that the series has been able to grow. From about four shows a season in front of few hundred people each, she said, it's grown into a nine- or 10-show season with attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 people for each.

"I wish I had more weeks, or I wish I had a two hour show," she said.

Major sponsors for Music in the Park are the Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Kona Ice, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and Genuine Toy Co.

In case of rain, concerts are held at The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park.

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2012 Music in the Park series

Here is the schedule for this year's Music in the Park Wednesday concert series, organized by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. All shows begin at noon in Kellogg Park and last about an hour. In the event of rain, shows are held in The Gathering.

- June 20: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express: fun, family oriented and a Plymouth favorite.

- June 27: Tom Seley and the Troublemakers: Mr. Seley, a teacher, and his band promise an energetic, educational show.

- July 4: Fourth of July holiday, no show.

- July 11: Noah Reimer: a newcomer with a contemporary sound. "I think he'll fit right in," said Deb Madonna, the series organizer.

- July 18: Beverly Meyer, the Music Lady: Another returning favorite with a kid-friendly show.

- July 25: Gemini: Ann Arbor-based twins Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits play acoustic folk music from a variety of traditions. With drummer Mike Morrison.

- Aug. 1: Saline Fiddlers: A group of more than 30 young musicians playing folk, bluegrass, western swing, pop songs and more.

- Aug. 8: Dan Kim and the Blueberry Incident: Ann Arbor-based acoustic group. "The music is very unique," Madonna said.

- Aug. 15: Joel Tacey: juggling and a comic variety show.

- Aug. 22: Juice: a percussion group using a variety of instruments and everyday objects, and another newcomer to the series.

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WALK THROUGH: Attention is called to the fact that a iWalk-Through inspection of the Project Site including areas of representative work items will be held on **Tuesday, May 22, 2012** commencing at **10:00 a.m.**, at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. This iWalk-Through is not mandatory, but is recommended for all bidders to help understand the various work items involved and to answer legitimate questions which may have arisen following the Contractors careful review of the Bidding Documents.

BASE PROPOSAL: This Project consists of miscellaneous interior and exterior modifications including, but not limited to, partial asphalt shingle roofing system removal and replacement, soffit vent modifications, roof vent replacement, make-up air unit repairs and modifications, community room and spindle unit air conditioning installation, and associated modifications required to execute these work items. All work shall be performed at the Tonquish Creek Manor Seniors' Complex located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT: Any Bidder awarded a Contract to perform work in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Housing Commission, shall make every effort to hire area residents, and shall provide the training and supervision necessary to assure that such hired persons are able to perform quality and acceptable work.

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Getting out of stocks can be a wise move for some

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: With the recent downturn in the stock market, along with the problems that are happening in Greece and other parts of the Europe, I feel it is important that I do something with my investments. Currently, I have about \$200,000 in various stocks and about \$100,000 to \$125,000 in municipal bonds. I also have about \$50,000 between my checking and savings accounts. I'm in my early 70s and I am a widower. My pension and Social Security allows me to save about \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month. I decided that in my situation it makes sense to sell all my stocks. With the \$200,000 that I will have, what do you recommend? I want to be conservative and I really don't care about the return on the money; I just want to protect my principal.

A: I understand your frustrations with the stock market. There is no doubt the market is currently going through a difficult time and you're not alone in deciding to no longer invest in it. However, what makes your situation unique is that you are in excellent financial shape, your pension and Social Security more than cover your living expenses, and you have sufficient amounts of assets to provide you with a rising income. Therefore, you have the luxury of investing your money in a more stable principal investment. That doesn't mean that it's a risk-free investment, because principal fluctuation is only one form of risk.

One form of risk that investors consistent-

ly forget about, and one that can be extremely painful, is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increase

in cost of living. We all know that a dollar today is not going to be worth a dollar tomorrow. That is what is known as purchasing power risk. When you consider purchasing power risk, think back 30 or 40 years ago, when a first-class letter cost a nickel to mail. Today, that same letter costs 45 cents to mail. That is purchasing power risk and it is something that we all need to be conscious of.

Unlike principal risk — where the value of your investments goes up and down and is easy to see — that is not the case with purchasing power risk. However, it is there, and it is something that everyone needs to plan for.

In reviewing your situation, the issue is where the money from the stocks should be invested. My recommendation is two-fold. Take half the money and invest it in a ladder of CDs (certificate of deposits). I would recommend six months, one year and 1½ years. My thought is that at this point in time there is no reason to buy long-term CDs. The rates just don't justify a long-term commitment. The key to CDs is to shop them around. In addition to local banks, consider credit unions and Internet banks.

A website like www.bankrate.com can assist you in finding federally insured CDs.

With the other half of the money, I recommend dividing it equally into three different areas — high-grade corporate bonds, government bonds and a Ginnie Mae Fund. Of course, I recommend commission-free funds. I suggest companies like Vanguard or Fidelity with very good commission-free bond funds.

Not every investor is as lucky as this man. He has the resource to allow him the luxury of assuming purchasing power risk.

Unfortunately, not everyone is in that same position. People that bail out of the stock market during these times and who don't have the resources to assume purchasing power risk will find that, in the future, their money just doesn't buy what it used to. The result is that they use more principal than they should to cover their living expenses and it will cause problems in the future.

All investors must recognize that the stock market does go through some down times and they are painful. However, as the adage says, success in the market is not from timing the market; it's from time in the market. Keep that in mind before you make a dramatic change in your portfolio. Good luck!

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

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After 40 years, Willow Creek gets tots ready for school

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Abby Gotts doesn't look like your typical graduate, but she has the paperwork to prove she is. Of course, it's not a high school diploma or a college degree. It's a slip of paper that shows the youngster has successfully completed preschool.

Stopping by Willow Creek Preschool the day after the commencement ceremony, Abby was all about playing one last time.

"I like the teacher," the Wayne youngster said. "She does stuff with us. She helps us learn."

Her comments are music to the ears of teacher Darlene Taig, who for 11 years has been helping preschoolers get ready for kindergarten.

"I've never had a job where I come to play with children," Taig said. "We learn, we laugh and we enjoy ourselves. Even on the hardest day, I can go home and laugh."

For 40 years, Willow Creek has been getting youngsters ready for their school years. Housed at Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland, it attracts families from Wayne, Westland, Canton and other neighboring communities who serve on the board of directors and work in the classroom once a month.

The preschool got its start in Canton. While Taig is uncertain if the preschool is named for Canton's Willow Creek Subdivision or the actual Willow Creek, it's certain



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Jack Elwell (in the white shirt) of Canton smiles for the camera as he walks down the aisle for graduation.

it was housed at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road before moving to Westland about 15 years ago.

A cooperative program, parents play an integral part in its operation. They serve on the board and work in the classroom once a month.

"Everyone has a job," Taig said. "There's a lot of pluses to a co-op. Working parents get to see where their child is all year and parents who work in the classroom get to see the class. They also pick up tips on working with their children."

Abby's mother, Nancy Gotts, found out about the preschool from her sister. She paid a visit and was sold after seeing Taig and assistant teacher Mary Anne Bourgeois in action. "They got down and

talked to the kids, not me. They got them involved right away," she said. "(Daughter) Alissa absolutely loves her teachers. I like what they have going on and I tell Darlene that even if I move 20 miles away, I still come here."

Gotts's opinion is shared by other parents. They like the teachers and they like the program. They like the focus on education.

Like Gotts, Canton resident Theresa Stewart heard about the preschool from her sister. Her son Joseph went to Willow Creek, graduating in 2007, and now his brother Johnathan does.

"I heard great things about the teacher, and with my sister's kids going here, we could share responsibilities," said

Stewart, who serves on the board. "I came back because I know the teachers. I like being involved."

She enjoys having the opportunity to work in the classroom and how popular her lap is with the youngsters.

"I sit on the floor and everyone wants to sit in my lap," she said.

Bobby Valeri has been bringing his children to the preschool since 2007. The family had been shopping around for a preschool when a friend told him about Willow Creek. There was an open house the next day and they attended.

"We fell in love with the place," he said. "The initial idea of working in the class and helping with chores, I didn't know how I'd do it. But my first time helping was fun. All

the kids were jumping on me and I got to meet my kids' friends.

"I thought it would be a burden, but it's become a privilege because I can be involved in what they're doing in the most important time of their lives," he added.

Also a plus was the cost of the preschool. There was "a major difference" between the fees charged at Willow Creek and ones Valeri had looked at in Canton.

"That was a major draw for us," he said.

Bourgeois also discovered Willow Creek through its open house. She and her daughter went to check it out and signed up her 3-year-old son. That was Taig's first year as teacher.

"We went to a couple open houses and signed

up her," Bourgeois said. "We got information from the board. They answered our questions."

By 2004, she was on the board serving as the membership chair and, six years ago, answered Taig's call to come and work with her two days a week. She said yes. Now her name is connected with Taig's. She's Mrs. B and she's Mrs. T and they're said as one word.

"And now everyone thinks we live here," she said. "If we get caught in the store, they're in shock."

"They call outside our backyard and that's our house," Taig said, pointing to a small play house in the room.

The curriculum covers everything from learning the calendar and days of the week to math, science experiments, printing and art projects. Of course, there's time to dance, according to Taig.

The preschool has already held an open house, but a fun fair in July is planned to bring in new families. Families can also call Taig at (734) 326-0078 to set up an appointment to visit the school.

Currently, the preschool has openings in its 3- and 4-year-old classes, as well as a Tots and Toddlers program.

"Willow Creek is a wonderful place," Taig said. "It's wonderful for the kids, it's wonderful for the families and it's wonderful for the parents."

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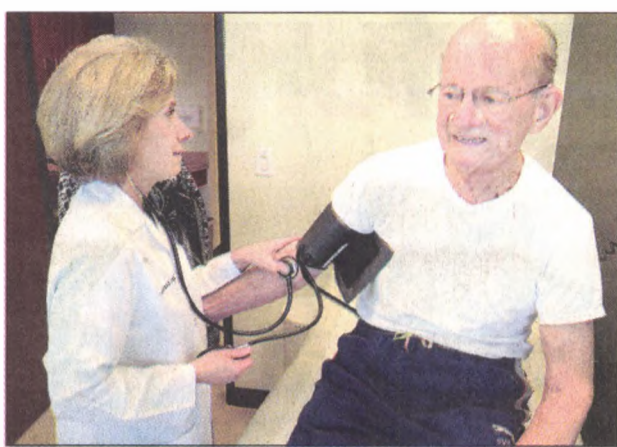
By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Vicky Savas remembers the first health expo she ever did. The year was 1989, and she offered free cholesterol checks, lunch and a lecture. Twenty-three people showed up.

The cardiologist still holds the expos but now they're all-day affairs with a variety of low-cost tests, breakfast and lunch and complimentary gifts, door prizes and health lectures.

"It's turned out to be five hours long and last year more than 1,200 people attended," said Savas, who has offices in Novi and Southfield. "I've added demonstrations and lots of free giveaways."

This year the Savas Health Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, in Westland.



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Novi Providence Park physician Dr. Vicky Savas checks the blood pressure of Alex Modreski. Savas will be hosting a health expo in Westland in June.

Savas is excited about this year's expo because she's never offered so much testing and an auction will help raise money for the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

Guests will enjoy free massages and receive gifts like pedometers, hand cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and cook-

books. Free tests include hearing, BMI, blood pressure and blood sugars. Low-cost testing — "lower than most co-pays" — includes carotid ultrasound, bone density, abdominal ultrasound, cholesterol, prostate cancer, thyroid, ABI, and heart rhythm.

"They can do a total of 15 tests for \$129, that's

cheap," she said.

The auction features autographed Detroit Tigers and Red Wings sports memorabilia, hockey and baseball tickets, a wine tasting tour in Traverse City, golf lessons and local golf packages including rounds of golf at the Grand Hotel, watches by Maloof Jewelry, spa packages, salon certificates and product baskets and dinner certificates.

"I'm very excited about the auction," said the West Bloomfield resident. "After five months of pounding the pavement, it's coming together. It's truly exciting."

Savas's interest in providing the expo stems from her work with migrant workers while in training at the University of Michigan. She and six other students provided medical care to the workers near Grand Rapids. They rented a storage center, cleaned it, and when the opened the

doors found a huge line of people waiting to see them.

"There would be 50, 75, 100 people waiting. A lot of times they had no medical insurance," she said. "We were used to working hard 14-hour days. When we finally closed it down, that's when I decided I wanted to do something for the community. That's when I did my first lecture."

"I wanted to do what I did for the migrant workers and it evolved into breakfast, lunch and a full day of activities."

Savas spends thousands of dollars on the event and covers the cost of having her staff work on it. The only thing she asks of those who attend is preregister. A "fun pack"

costs \$25 and includes lectures, giveaways, breakfast, lunch and testing. The low-cost tests range from \$25 to \$30 and all six are available for \$125.

Registration for this year's expo is down. Savas hopes more people will respond by June 9. For registration forms and more information, contact Savas at (248) 356-5033 or vicky-savasmd@hotmail.com. "This is really for the community. You can see that when you look at what's available," she said. "I want to meet my goal of educating the public in a non-threatening, fun way."

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Salem freshman Elizabeth Tripp makes the turn during the 1,600-meter relay at the May 18 Division 1 state regional at PCEP. Tripp and three teammates won that event in 4:07 to qualify for this weekend's state meet.

Young Rocks in state meet

Salem freshmen Elizabeth Tripp and Rebecca Lopez didn't take long to make a big impact on the Rocks varsity girls track and field team.



Adrianna Beltran

Both relay teams made the cut with excellent performances at the D1 regionals, held May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Beltran, Tripp, Bins-

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Plymouth's John Tatti launches a tee shot during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Tiebreaker costs 'Cats

But all three PCEP teams qualify for Division 1 regionals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

A tiebreaker was needed to determine the Division 1-District 9 boys golf tournament team champion Thursday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

After posting identical 299 totals, Saline emerged the winner over Plymouth going to the fifth players' score.

The Hornets, the Adrian Invitational and Southeastern Conference Red Division champions, were led by junior Caleb Wittig, who placed fourth with a 73.

Rounding out Saline's contingent were senior D.J. Aben and junior Ryan Peruski, 75 each, along with sophomore Ian Martin and senior Jackson Lambert with 76 and 79, respectively.

"We played it (Whispering Willows) last year and we came out this year and played another practice round this year, so we definitely know the course and feel good about it," Saline fourth-year coach Debbie Williams-Hoak said. "Plymouth is just an outstanding team and they're very consistent year-in and year-out. I think they're ranked second in the state right now, so to be able to come out top this week is great."

Plymouth had the tournament's top two individual finishers in medalist Kyle Rodes, who shot a 71, along with senior Josh Heinze, who added a 72.

Rounding out the top five for the Wildcats were sophomores Chris Kohler and John Tatti with



Canton's Brent Perry chips the ball onto the green during Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

77 and 79, respectively, followed by junior Ryan Rieckhoff with an 82.

"The pins were harder, the greens were a little faster," Plymouth coach Chris Moore said. "Usually around the greens, it's usually pretty tight and bounces pretty hard, but today it was soft. It was a different game than we were used to over at their course."

"I was a little disappointed in not winning. We had a goal of trying to win districts, but we were very happy with the way

we played. We can't control what other teams do and Saline played awesome today. They have a great team and we knew they'd be tough to beat. Obviously our goal is to get to 'states,' and by finishing in the top six today we go on to regionals."

On to regionals

Also making the cut and advancing to next Thursday's Division 1 regional at West Shore County Club in Grosse Ile were Canton (311), Salem (313), host Livonia Churchill (316) and Ann Arbor Skyline (318).

"It was very scoreable, it was fine," Williams-Hoak said of the district course. "The greens were pretty receptive, it wasn't as hard as we thought they would be. They were holding pretty well. You love to stay below the hole here, and we practice that and talked about that. And keeping your tee shot in play is huge. That was a main emphasis for us and it worked out well today."

Rodes took the individual title by one shot over his teammate Heinze and Skyline sophomore Connor Lang.

"He (Rodes) is just having an unbelievable season," Moore said. "He's been very consistent, usually around par every tournament we've played in. He had three three putts today, which is a little frustrating for him because he normally doesn't do that. Again, the tough pins were probably part of the reason, but a very solid round."

Heinze was also in serious contention for medalist honors.

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Summer camps

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Soccer tryouts

The Plymouth F.C. soccer club is holding tryouts to bring even more enthusiastic players into its ranks. Tryouts will be held over two days: Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, at Visteon Fields, 14425 N. Sheldon Rd., near M-14 in Plymouth.

Players are requested to enter at the south entrance behind the Visteon/ACH plant, bring a soccer ball and water, and arrive 15 minutes prior to start time to check in. The tryouts will include girls teams from U9-U11, and boys teams U9-U12.

The full schedule is available on the club's website — plymouthunited.com — or by contacting a board member at info@plymouthunited.com.

Plymouth grid camp

The Plymouth High School football program will be holding its annual football camp June 25-27 at the PCEP varsity turf field.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will participate 5-7 p.m. each of the three days; those entering grades 10-12 will take part 7-9 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$40. Go to www.plymouthwildcats.com, click on sports and go to football for a camp brochure. Any questions, contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Canton's Tracy Moore (No. 5, left) and Ally Krause (No. 3, right) try to ward off Plymouth's Maria Farmer during Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal girls soccer contest at Northville.



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Chiefs nip Wildcats in districts

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Almost right from the opening minutes of Thursday's Division 1 district girls soccer match-up between Canton and Plymouth, it looked as though the race to the elusive first goal would be enough to claim victory.

The Chiefs got there first — with senior Megan Trapp ripping a hard shot off the extended hands of Plymouth sophomore goalkeeper Kylie Robb with 19:24 left in the second half.

That goal, along with putting defensive roadblocks in the way

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of Plymouth scoring threat Madi Lewis, enabled the Chiefs to earn a 1-0 victory at Northville High School.

Posting the shutout was senior Danielle Schendel.

"Danielle made a lot of great saves," Canton head coach Jeanine Reddy said.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich lamented missing several close calls to even the game and perhaps extend it to overtime.

"We had our opportunities to tie it up there, we just missed by a

little bit," he said. "I thought we played a great second half. We had quite a few more opportunities than them, but we didn't capitalize."

With the win, Canton's first in three tries this season against Plymouth, the Chiefs (14-2-3) advanced to Saturday's noon district final against Northville.

"We just denied her (Lewis) the ball," Reddy said. "We just felt like when she gets the ball, she's just so fast and so dangerous."

"Let her turn and she's gone. So our whole thing was to deny

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Prospective Plymouth Whalers players compete in one of the two Blue-vs.-White scrimmages held during the recent rookie orientation camp at Compuware Arena.



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Canton's Megan Trapp (No. 19, left) is thwarted in her bid to score Thursday by Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb (gray shirt) and other Wildcats defenders Maria Farmer (No. 5), Stephanie Dillon (No. 22) and Kate Watson (No. 6).

Potential Whalers get OHL primer

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The next wave of Plymouth Whalers' prospects recently got a first-hand glimpse at what life playing for the Ontario Hockey League team might be like.

Compuware Arena hosted the team's annual rookie orientation weekend, featuring Blue-vs.-White scrimmages and an overview of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Among players on hand were 2011-12 Whalers Mitchell Dempsey, Matt Mistele, Mitch Jones (Rochester) and Danny Vanderwiell as well as several others with ties to the area.

Rochester Adams' Christian Wolanin of the Detroit Little Caesars Under-18 squad made his second straight orientation camp.

Thomas Ebbing and Nolan Gluchowski, from Birmingham Brother Rice and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central respectively, also were on the ice.

Lacing up the skates were prospective players from local programs such as Honeybaked Midgett Major (Bryan Basilico, Tom Marchin, Dante Suffredini), Belle Tire U-16s (Alec Nedeljkovic, Lester Lancaster) and Little Caesars U-18s (Wolanin, Jacob Pritchard). Most were drafted by the Whalers either in 2011 or 2012.

And two of the Whalers' top 2012 draft picks (forward Zach Bratina and defenseman Alex Peters)



Skating during one of the rookie scrimmages at Compuware Arena is defenseman Jamie Wilson, a 10th round draft pick of the Whalers.

participated before subsequently signing contracts with Plymouth.

Besides the Blue-vs.-White scrimmages, players toured Compuware's weight and conditioning facilities, attended an educational seminar and visited Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (where high-school age players go to school while playing for the Whalers).

Many players were joined by their parents for the program.

Closer look

"The hockey is almost secondary," explained Whalers' communications director Pete Krupsky. "It's more about bringing the parents and players in, showing them what the area's all about."

Krupsky said the educational seminar helps players and parents get a better grasp of OHL life.

"A lot of these kids are Canadian and their credits have to transfer over to American schools," Krupsky stressed. "If you're sending your kid to Plymouth, and your from Blyth, Ontario like Alex Peters is, and he's never been here, you certainly want to know where your kid's going to be staying over the next three or four years."

One player who impressed was Wolanin, whose father Craig was a defenseman in the National Hockey League.

"He's on the radar," Krupsky said. "I can also tell you he's a great lacrosse player for Rochester Adams. On Saturday morning he played lacrosse and scored something like six goals."

"And then he came in here and played with us. He's a well-rounded athlete, certainly someone we're definitely interested in."

"But I couldn't tell you if we're going to sign him or not. That's something Mike (Vellucci) and Brian (Sommariva) will determine."

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her the ball and Rachel Winters marked her and couldn't have done a better job."

Canton possessed the ball and kept it in Plymouth's zone for much of the first half.

The Chiefs came close to taking a 1-0 lead with 13 minutes to play in the half, when Trapp's header at the end of a Winters corner kick eluded Robb — only to hit Plymouth junior defender Stephanie Dillon, standing along the goal line near the right post.

Plymouth (14-3-3) made some adjustments at half-time to open up room for Lewis (24 goals) and the Wildcats did threaten at times.

"We just tried to get more people forward," Neschich said. "We were just giving them way too much room (in the first half), especially in the midfield."

"We just tried to play the game more in their end. It seemed to work."

But Schendel and strong defensive support kept the Wildcats at bay long enough for Canton's offense to click.

In the clutch

And all it took was one time.

Krause moved the ball up the middle toward the Plymouth 18-yard box and sent it to Trapp streaking in on the left flank.

Trapp drove a high shot inside the left post, bouncing it in off the hands of Robb — who went airborne in a desperate attempt to block it.

With the clock ticking down on their season, the Wildcats amped it up on offense even more. Within about 12 minutes remaining, Lewis burst into the box and headed the ball, only for the bid to be blocked by Schendel.

Minutes later, Plymouth sophomore Alyssa Dillon made a nice run around the Canton defense and sent the ball over to Lewis on the doorstep. But Schendel hit the turf along the goal line and kept the low shot out.

Several other Plymouth rushes were effectively diffused by Canton's back line, spearheaded by senior clearing machine Robyn Mack.

And whenever trouble loomed, Schendel either stopped the ball or punted it out of her end.

"I just stayed calm, no freaking out, you just have to stay calm," Schendel said about maintaining composure in crunch time.

She also credited the play of her defense.

"They were awesome, Robyn, Rachel and Natalie (Schmidt)," Schendel said. "They were amazing."

Krause said the victory "was a team effort. We did a good job knocking it around. Here and there we made a few mistakes, but we were able to pick it back up as a team and got the W."

Tough exit

Neschich, meanwhile, said it was tough for the stellar careers of his seniors — Alyssa Burris, Kate Watson, Stephanie Sheridan and Megan Pelpinski, among others — to end on such a disappointing note.

Two years ago, they were part of a Plymouth group that reached the D1 finals, only to lose to Novi. This time, they couldn't escape one of the most competitive districts around.

"What a great group of kids and it's been a great four years seeing them grow and develop," Neschich said. "Just their successes that they've had. We're going to miss them."

Sharing that sentiment was Lewis, visibly upset following the game: "We just really wanted this for our seniors."

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Five different players scored Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood (20-2-2) used a 34-0 shot differential to blank South Lyon East (11-9-1) in a Division 2 district semifinal. "Our backline was solid tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team faced Dearborn Divine Child in Saturday's district final at home. "We did a good job keeping them pressed in their end for a good majority of the game."

Ladywood took a 2-0 halftime with Kelly Capocchia opening the scoring in the second minute when she headed in her 23rd of the season on a cross from Dominique Sarnecky. That was followed by Erin Cronyn's 13th of the season from Emily Huddleston in the 26th minute.

The Blazers added three more in the second half — Sarnecky's 13th of the year on a header off Paige Brennan's 27th assist in the 64th minute; DeYana Walker (her 13th from Sam Riga in the 70th minute; and Brenna Wright from McKenzie Cronin in the 77th minute.

Sam Cook made 17 saves in goal for the Cougars, while Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl did not face a shot in combining on the shutout for Ladywood.



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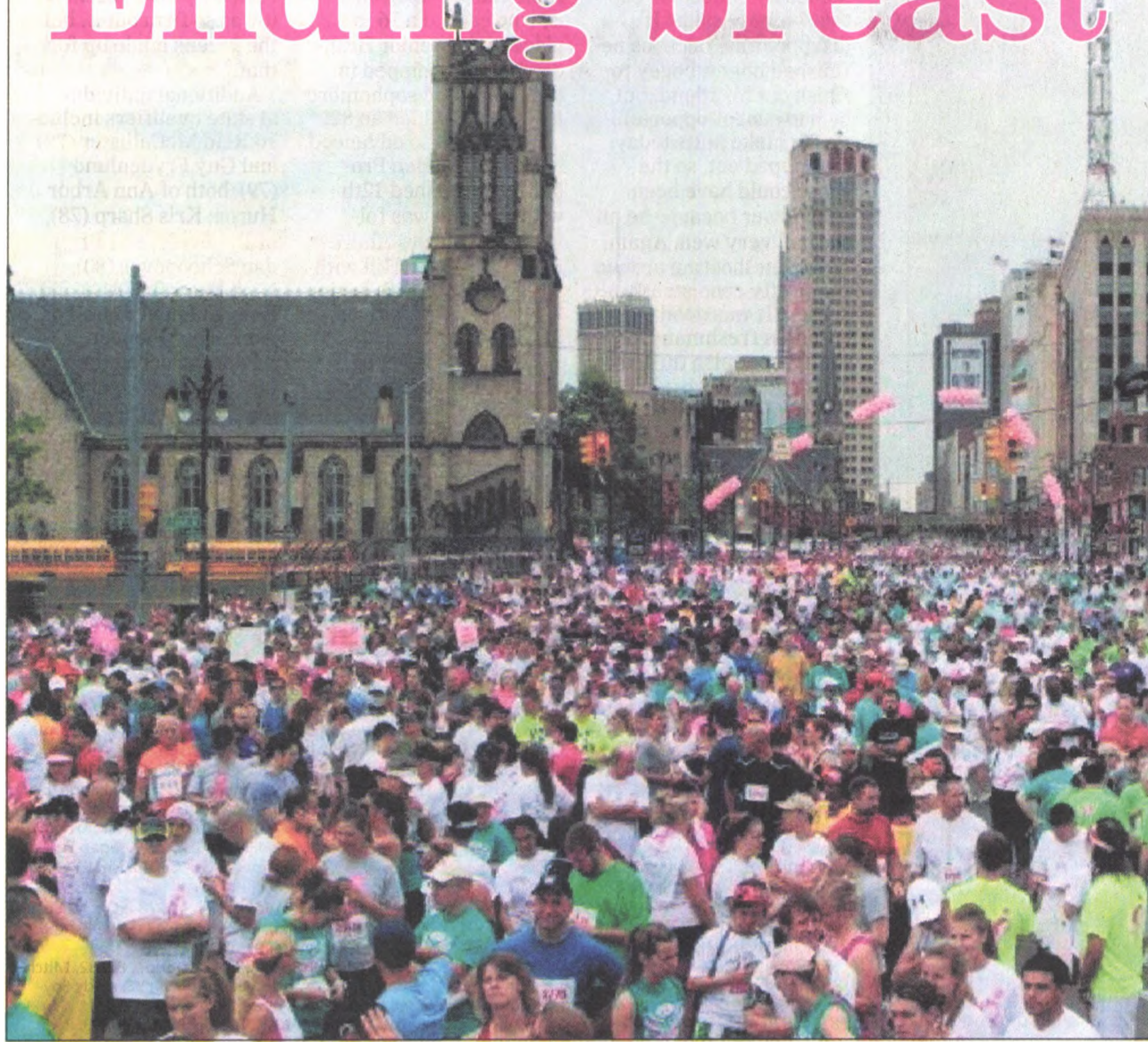
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Two local families were out in force May 26 — one in memory of a mother and wife who died of breast cancer and the other celebrating survivorship of a young mother and wife.

Tami's Team celebrated the life of Tami Rosens-Fink of Farmington Hills who died May 18, 2011 — just three days before the 2011 Race for the Cure. Tami's children, Danielle and David Fink, along with her hus-

band, Gary, walked in honor of her memory. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team.

Another local team, Breigh's Bosom Buddies, celebrated breast cancer survivor Breigh Macek of Livonia. Macek was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 31. Some 40 friends, co-workers from R.S. Electronics in Livonia, and family turned out for the race.

This year's event was extra spe-

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cial for Macek because her sister, Brandi Lindvall of California, was able to join the team for the first time.

"It (race day) was like my Christmas morning," said Macek, who noted her progress in beating cancer by looking at photos of her and the team — organized by friend and co-worker Mandy Merlo of Westland. "The first year I wore a bandana on my head because I didn't have any hair. The second year I had very short hair, the third I had more hair and this year it is longer," said Macek, a mom to three children, ages 15, 9 and 6. After being diagnosed, Macek underwent a mastectomy on her right side followed by radiation and chemotherapy. She celebrated this year's race cancer free and says everything "is going well."

Screening, treatment
Money raised from the Detroit race, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, goes toward early screening, patient and treatment programs for

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BREIGH MACEK
Livonia

those that might not have access to those services.

In 2012, it is estimated that there will be 226,000 new cases of breast cancer among women in the U.S. including nearly 40,000 deaths.

"For three decades, Susan G. Komen has been seeking cures and helping low-income, uninsured and underserved women have access to life-saving breast cancer screenings and treatment services, and that mission has never changed," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, of Lathrup Village, chair of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®. "Here in metro Detroit, since 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised and invested \$21 million to help end breast cancer. We're grateful for the generosity of metro Detroiters and we ask that you continue to

give whatever you can, to help save lives and end breast cancer."

Prevention, research

Each year, the Race awards 75 percent of the net proceeds to breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs for medically underserved people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants awarded through Komen for the Cure.

The 2011 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awarded \$1,475,000 to community programs and contributed nearly \$422,000 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's race. Visit www.karmanos.org/RACEFORTHECURE-DETROIT/index.asp.

Local gardeners trade, sell plants

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Gardeners swapped, bought and took home dozens of perennial plants at local gardening events last month.

The Livonia Garden Club held its spring plant exchange at historic Greenmead in Livonia, while the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee encouraged gardeners to trade both plants and seeds at its 12th annual event in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club also was on hand in Heritage Park with its annual "Proven Survivors" plant gala, offering pussytoes, bear's breeches and other unusual perennials from members' gardens. They sold gently-used garden items, herbs, annuals and house plants in addition to perennials.

The plant gala is the club's major fund raiser for the year. Proceeds benefit garden therapy classes and help fund Junior Gardeners, a gardening programs for youth at the Farmington library.

"Every month they have a project. We go into the schools and do projects with special needs kids," said Mary Sclawy of Hill and Dale Garden Club, referring to the garden therapy work.

"Four times a year the Junior Gardeners meet. We just dug up a whole lot of sunflowers and took them to Junior Gardeners so that everyone could take home a sunflower."

Sclawy said the Club may offer a small plant gala in the fall.

She said there's still plenty of time to plant perennials this summer and suggests that beginning gardeners ask for advice if they aren't sure where to place them.



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Colleen Allen found bachelor buttons and forget-me-not at a perennial exchange in Farmington Hills last month.



David Jones carts a load of yellow irises to the Livonia exchange.

"We deal in plants we know and we can tell people 'Oh, you don't want to put that there' or 'If you put it in the shade it may be okay but won't spread fast.' You need to know your plants.

"Most nursery stores will have people you can ask."

Unlike annuals that "you plant, water and they grow," perennials may take a bit more "digging, scratching and weeding out," Sclawy noted.

Many perennials are prolific and spread.

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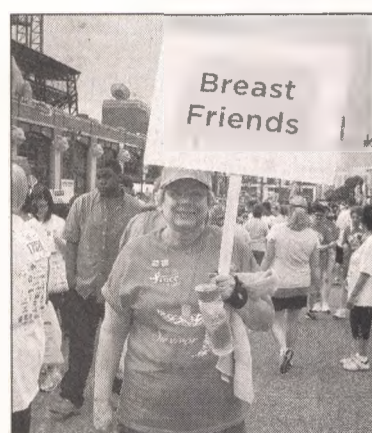
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Local teams, supporters, turn out for Komen Race for the Cure



Natelee Hall, 4, of Wayne enjoyed showing her sign Saturday.



Donna Bosanko of Livonia holds the Breast Friends Team sign so others can locate her. The team is a group of 15 breast cancer survivors.



Members of Tami's Team walked in memory of Farmington Hills resident Tami Rosens-Fink who died of breast cancer just three days before the 2011 Detroit Race for the Cure. Tami's children are (front) Dannielle, 19, and David, 17, both of Farmington Hills. Other team members include (back from left) Erica Silver of West Bloomfield, Marc Metzger of Farmington Hills, Emily Metzger of Farmington Hills, Sophia Herczeg of Farmington Hills, Sarah Markowitz of Walled Lake and Carly Rosen of Walled Lake. This was the fourth year for Tami's Team at the Detroit Race for the Cure.



Getting ready to walk the course are Melissa Arcand of Westland, Kaeden Arcand, 3, Sharon Tolsma (standing from left) of Dearborn Heights, Sara Tolsma of Dearborn, Adrian Boucher of Livonia, Dave Boucher of Livonia and Kelsey Boucher, 3 (in the wagon).



Breigh's Bosom Buddies, a team of some 40 friends, family, co-workers and supporters of Breigh Macek of Livonia (second row in pink shirt) — included Breigh's children, her mom, Judy Tomasaitis of Livonia and formerly of Redford, team captain Mandy Merlo of Westland and Breigh's boss Howard Taxe of Bloomfield Hills. Taxe is president of RS Electronics in Livonia.



The Ford Warriors Team was out in full force at Saturday's Race for the Cure. Pictured are Mike Sugiyama of Northville, Kathy Sugiyama of Northville, Rachel Bowerman of Southgate, Gary Bowerman of Southgate, Bob Jacek of Canton, Sami Sugiyama of Northville and Ashley Schiffer of Novi.



Boy Scouts from Livonia Troop 271 Tommy Strach (left) and Noah Bagazinski passed out water at the event. This was the sixth race for these scouts.

Save the date



Registration is open for the 6th Annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer, Sept. 9, starting at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The cancer awareness walk costs \$22 on or before Aug. 31 and \$27 after that date. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K run. Runners and walkers who register before Aug. 31 are guaranteed a race T-shirt. Last year more than 600 participants raised nearly \$24,000 to support cancer services at the hospital. Visit www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer to register for the event.

Help a charity through teeth whitening

Dr. David Bradley, a cosmetic dentist in Farmington Hills, hopes to raise \$15,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan this month by whitening patients' teeth.

Bradley will donate half the cost of each whitening procedure — approximately \$250 — to the

charity.

"I love sharing the story of wonderful, local organizations with my patients," he said, in a press release. "Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeast Michigan has helped so many children and their families over the years and I've seen the differ-

ence this organization makes in people's lives.

"With so many people getting their teeth whitened on a regular basis, why not give back at the same time?"

To participate in Bradley's charitable effort, call his practice, Studio 32, at (248) 851-0032.

Get tips for nutritious meals at summer series

Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Food Market will present a series of healthy cooking demonstrations and nutrition workshops this summer. Events will be held at Busch's grocery stores in Farmington Hills and Livonia.

A nutrition workshop "Diabetic Friendly Shopping" led by a Botsford registered dietician, is set for Thursday, June 21 at

Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Thursday, July 26 at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Both sessions run from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 779-6100 to register for the session in Livonia and (248) 427-7400 for the session in Farmington Hills.

"Healthy Summer Grilling" will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It runs 6-7:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, June 28 at the Farmington Hills store and Thursday, July 19 at the Livonia store. Cost is \$10. Call ahead to register.

The "Made in Michigan" demonstration costs \$10 and will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. It is set for Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Farmington Hills location and Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia store. Both sessions

run 6-7:30 p.m. Call ahead to register.

Two Wednesday sessions, one on Aug. 15 in Livonia and the other on Aug. 29 in Farmington Hills, are aimed at kids, 8-13. A Botsford dietician will lead "Healthy Lunches and After School Snacks" from 11 a.m.-noon in both locations. Call ahead to register for these free demonstrations.

St. Mary Mercy health fair focuses on seniors

Senior citizens can receive health screenings, attend educational seminars and watch a variety of demonstrations at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Senior Health Day Fair, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in the hospital's south lobby.



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All activities are free and a boxed lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The fair also includes complimentary

valet parking. Health education exhibits will offer information about heart health and wound care, ear and eye care, stroke awareness, orthopedics, podiatry and physical rehabilitation, women's health, the senior emergency room, and St. Mary's Geriatric Assessment Center.

Participants will get an opportunity to check their balance, blood pressure, bone density and be screened for depression.

Demonstrations will include simple, healthy cooking ideas and exercise.

Several health professionals will lead seminars:

9:15-11 a.m.

• Managing Urinary Problems — Dr. John Harb, a urologist and Dr. Paul Makela, gynecological robotic surgery medical director

• How to Talk to Your Physician — Marianne Simancek, director of community outreach

• Making the Best Nutrition Choices (including a food prep demo) — St. Mary Mercy dietician. The program will repeat at 1:45 p.m.

• What to Expect From Medicare — Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

11 a.m.

Lunch with a Medical Expert:

• Q&A: Healthy Aging Strategies — Dr. Erin Diviney Chun, geriatrician

• Aging Wellness in the 21st Century — Michelle Moccia, a nurse practitioner and senior ER program director; and Kathy Dattolo, a geriatric social worker.

• Pharmacist — Ray's Drugs, Livonia

12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

• What to Expect From Medicare — Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

• Yoga for Seniors — exercise demonstration class, Kelli Joyce, group fitness instructor, Livonia Family YMCA

The hospital encourages participants to pre-register for the event. Call (734) 655-2929. For a complete list of exhibitors and activities, visit stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair.

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Don't be a slowpoke networker

Why a quick follow-up is important

Rachel Farrell, Special to CareerBuilder.com

Time is of the essence, not only in life, but also in your job search. Whether you've just had an interview, met a new contact or gotten off the phone with a recruiter, you must act quickly -- potential jobs and connections can be gone in a flash.

"Every move you make in approach and response to any opportunity is greatly magnified in your audience's eyes. For better or worse, this fact can be unfair unless you use it to your advantage," says Gordon Curtis, author of "Well Connected." "If you are the quickest to respond to an opportunity or the fastest to follow up on a conversation, you will be considered the most responsive person overall, even if, truth be told, you actually are a procrastinator."

But the circumstances in which immediacy is key vary. After an interview, for example, it's imperative to follow up right away to extend the positive impression you made, says Colette Ellis, founder and head coach at InStep Consulting.

"In today's tight job market, it's important that job seekers do all they can to stand out from the crowd. If they wait too long to follow up, the interviewer may forget about them -- and why they're the best candidate. The interviewer could even fill the position in the interim."

While you want to show responsiveness and interest,

the key to following up after an interview is control, Curtis says.

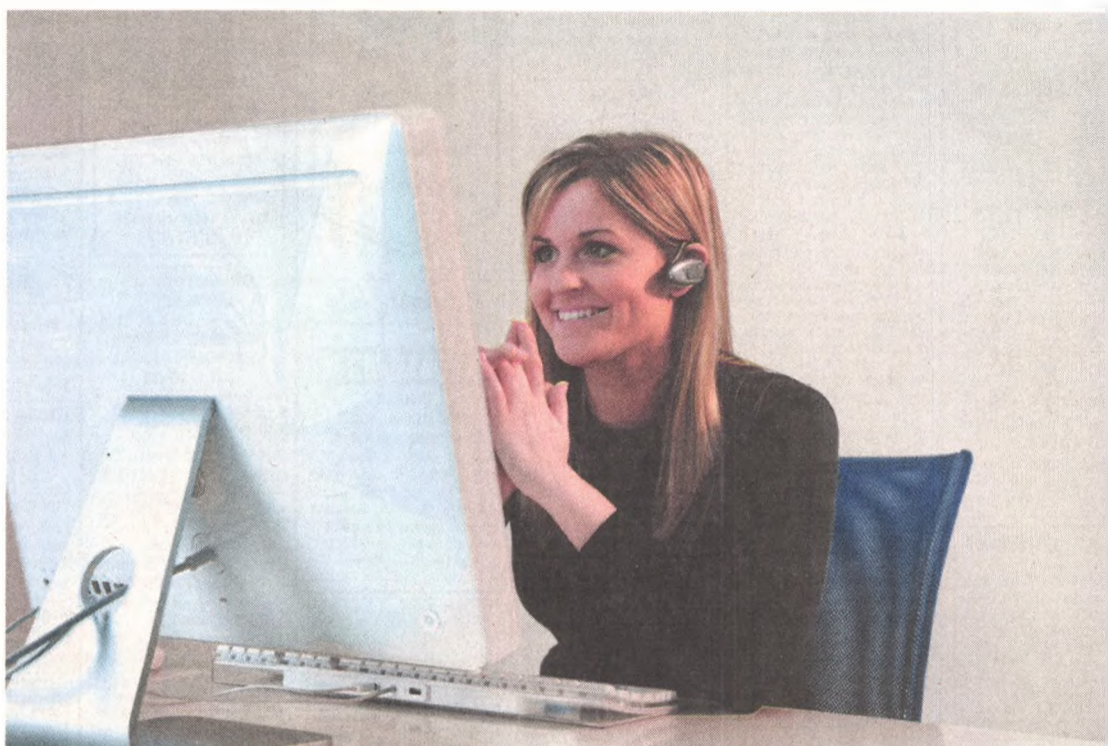
"Retain control by not leaving voice mails or emails that basically say, 'Don't forget about me,'" he says. Instead, try the following techniques:

"If you can't reach the interviewer by phone, hit zero to be forwarded to someone (anyone) you can ask when a better time to call is. If they ask you to leave a message, graciously reply, 'I'm happy to call back so he or she doesn't have to chase me down.' If your follow up is via email, end it with, 'I'll follow up again shortly unless you catch me first,'" he says.

When it comes to tapping into your network or new contacts, you may not need the same velocity as when you're following up after an interview. And if you take the right approach, you don't risk losing a potential connection, Curtis says.

"If they are taking time to be focused, targeted and strategic with the most valuable people, they won't miss out on a thing," he says.

Echoes Ellis: "Job seekers should take time to get to know the people in their network so that they can maximize their connections and find ways to build professional relationships beyond their job search. It's not about attending tons of events, tossing out hundreds of business cards and resumes and hoping things will pan out," she says. "It's about being strategic in your approach: selecting specific events that are relevant to your target industry;



engaging in thoughtful conversations with new and current connections; being diligent about following up on new leads and contacts; and staying in contact with your network to let them know your progress and offering to help when you can."

If you need help networking efficiently, here are five tips from Ellis:

1. Respect other people's time. "Remember that when you initiate a call, it might not be the best time for the other person to speak. Ask if they have a few moments to speak with you. Prepare what you're going to say in advance so you can get to the point quickly."

2. Be clear about what it is that you need from your network. "The more clearly you can describe your goal and the input you need from

the other person, the easier it will be for him or her to help you, or let you know when they can't help."

3. Get to know your connections. "Ask about their goals and interests so that you can find ways to be resourceful on their behalf. Also, make sure you understand enough about their business, industry and network so that you know what new connections they can help you make."

4. Say thank you. "Even if the introduction or connection doesn't pan out for you, remember that the other person still took time out to help you. Thank them for their efforts and keep them posted on your progress."

5. Find ways to help people in your network. "You can best build on your relationships when you find ways to be a resource for

others. Think of your own assets and connections. Ask your connections what they're seeking to accomplish or learn more about and then be proactive about finding ways to help them. Networking is a two-way street. It's not just about what you can get from others; it's also about what you can offer.

"If you stay in touch with people in your network consistently and remember to ask about their needs, interests and accomplishments, you'll be seen as a helpful person. Most people like to help other helpful people."

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 Indoor/ outdoor furniture, antique trunks, Lionel train set, x-mas decor, sports equip, washer, prof photos, desks, TVs, motorcycle, camping equip., guitars, clothes, misc household, sports memorabilia & toys. River Pines Condos, 9 Mile & Drake. Multi garage sale. Fri & Sat June 8th & 9th, 9-5pm.

Farmington Hills - Woodbine Sub-wide sale! 10 Mile/ Middlebelt. June 7-9th, 9-5pm. Lots of homes participating! Bdrm furn, tools & tons more!

Chatham Hills Sub Wide Sale. Thurs-Sat June 7-9, 9am-5pm. S. of Grand River btwn Drake & Halstead.

GARDEN CITY: Thurs-Sat, 9-5. Coke, M&M's, scrapbook case, clothes, housewares, books, ceiling fan, TV, Longaberger, 28469 Donnelly St. S. of Ford, W. of Harrison.

LIVONIA - 7 Mile & Merriman: Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone! June 8-10th, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA - DEER CREEK ANNUAL SUB SALE!
 Fri-Sat, June 8-9, 9-4pm. Numerous homes Thurs, June 7. Rain or Shine. 1/2 mi. W. of Farmington Rd., S. of 8 Mi., or N. of 7 Mi., W. of Gill.

LIVONIA - SMB Estates Sub-Wide: 22+ Homes. Off Yale, 1 mile W of Farmington, btwn 5 Mile & Schoolcraft. Thurs-Sat, June 7, 8, 9, 9-4pm.

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NOVI: Huge Garage Sale. 25511 Abbey Dr. S. of 11 Mile, E. of Beck. June 7-9, 9-3pm. Lots of house & kitchenware, framed pictures, decorative items, linens & DVD players.

Garage/Moving Sales

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- Web addr.
- Inflexible
- Falls
- Keats opus
- Bring out
- Jam or pickle
- Vain dir.
- Warty critter
- Do magazine work
- Gracias in Grenoble
- Walks in
- Cell-like
- Diner employ-ees
- Gait
- Former science magazine
- Very long time
- 37 Pops

- City near Pompeii
- and Perrins (steak sauce)
- Cur
- Bonfire residue
- Spinks defater
- Honorarium
- Petrarch beloved
- Vitality
- 9-digit ID
- Cement component

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dermatologist	Melanin	Pigment	Shade	

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6	9	4	1	8	3	7	2	5	1
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