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Academic All-Stars honored

Inside today's *Canton Observer* is the 2009 Academic All Stars special section. The special supplement salutes the brightest and best students from public, private and parochial schools in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

This marks the 24th year that the *Observer* has honored academic excellence with a special team. This year 18 students were named to the team. Another 24 students are runners-up and they, too, are outstanding in academics, test scores and community work.

The principals committee making the selection were inspired, encouraged and proud that so many students are outstanding in their school work (4.0 GPAs)

and on standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT. Academic subjects and test scores are the only criteria used for team selection. However, these students - team members and those who earned honorable mention - are more than book smart. They are generous with their time and talents in helping others. They volunteer in their schools, communities, churches and synagogues.

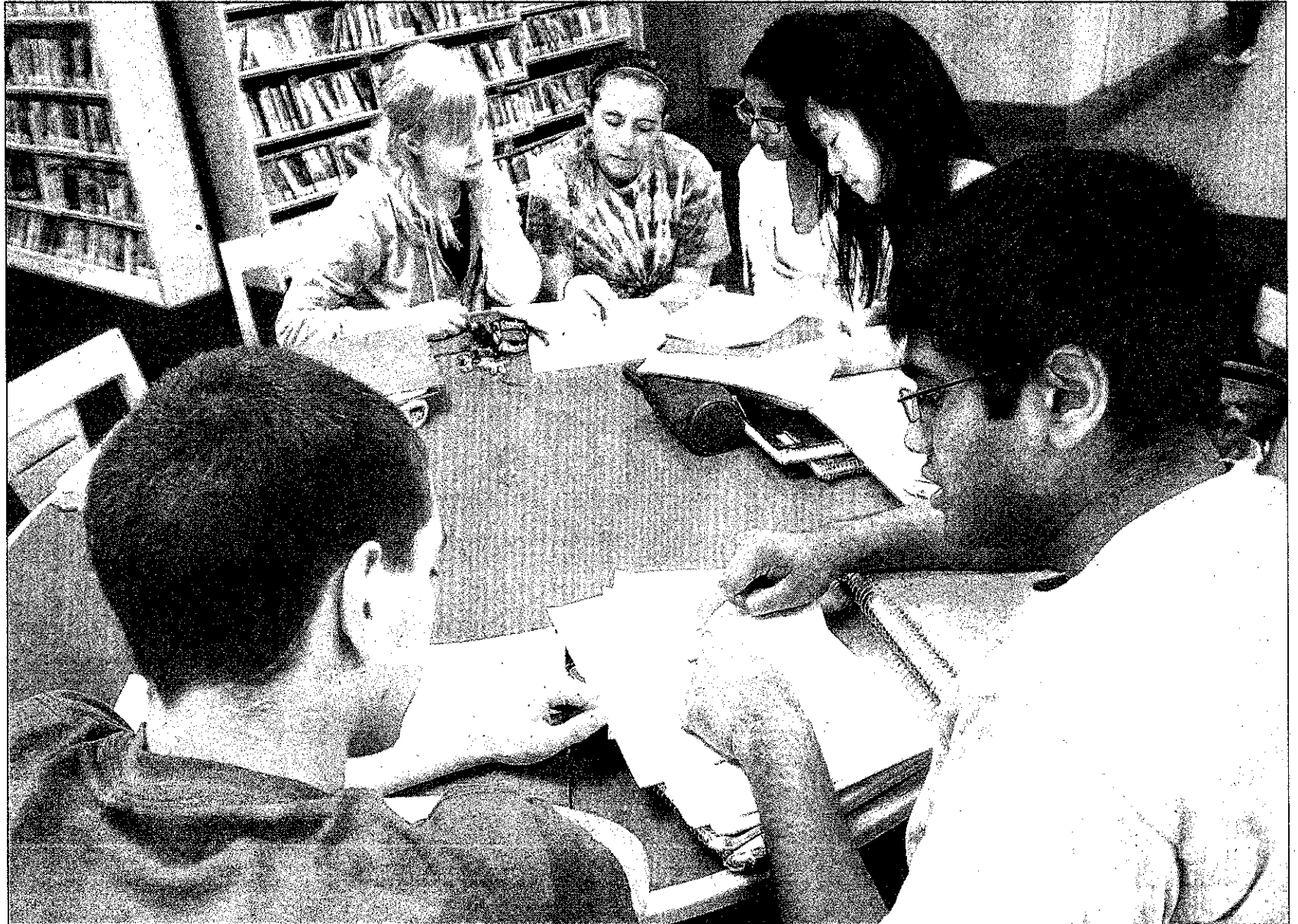
Take time to read about the outstanding accomplishments of All-Stars from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park - Willa Chen and Ke Ding of Canton High School, Linda Ling and Nikita Consul of Salem High School and Matt Laing and Kurt Tseng of Plymouth High School. In addition to her 4.0 GPA, Chen's other academic achievements include a 36 ACT score and 2400 SAT score. Salem senior Consul will head to MIT in the fall to student chemical engineering while Salem classmate Linda Ling will attend Harvard to student business or journalism.

Plymouth seniors Laing and Tseng, both AP Scholars, will study engineering and science, respectively. Ding plans to study economics. He earned a first place in the state Science Olympiad. Also profiled are runners-up and Plymouth and Canton residents from Ladywood High School, Plymouth Christian Academy and Agape Christian.

These students shine in many ways and their futures are bright as they move on to study at colleges and universities close to home and far away.

A special thank you to Madonna University, our long-time partner and sponsor of the special section for more than

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School may have been closed on Tuesday because of swine flu concerns, but that didn't keep students Jessica Thoe, Alyssa Silletti, Amy Mathew, Shirley Shue, Abhi Katti and Greg Reed from studying. They were preparing for upcoming advanced placement tests at the Canton Public Library.

Classrooms reopen in wake of flu scare

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School sophomore Angela Blevins said she had reservations about returning to classes Wednesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which had been closed Monday and Tuesday because of a suspected case of the H1N1 virus.

However, after listening to Superintendent Craig Fiegel give the

"all-clear" at a Tuesday afternoon press conference, Blevins felt more at ease.

"It's nice to know everything is OK now and we don't have to worry about it anymore," said Blevins, 15, of Canton Township. "I was a little worried knowing all of a sudden it spread from Mexico all the way to our school. I felt they took good precautions by closing everything down and sanitizing everything. If they say it's OK then I believe them."

The three-high school park, as well as all the elementary and middle schools, were closed for two days after school officials were notified Saturday by the Wayne County Department of Public Health of the suspected case of the H1N1 virus contracted by a 16-year-old Canton High School female. Fiegel - flanked by two directors from the Wayne County Department

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Plymouth-Canton officials made the right decision to reopen schools on Wednesday despite swine flu concerns? E-mail your opinion to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

State slashes revenue sharing dollars

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With one swipe of her pen, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature Tuesday producing \$300 million in executive order budget cuts will cost Canton Township \$257,112.

The executive order called for a 4.4-percent cut in revenue sharing dollars to municipalities throughout Michigan.

"Because the state's revenue is down, we're not getting revenue sharing at the same level," said Rick Eva, finance director for Canton

SHRINKING SHARED REVENUE

Canton's state shared revenue totals:

- 2003-04 \$6.18 million
- 2004-05 \$6.11 million
- 2005-06 \$6.04 million
- 2006-07 \$5.88 million
- 2007-08 \$5.86 million
- 2008-09 \$5.61 million

Township. "We have a \$27 million budget, so it's a fairly significant cut. And this may not be the last time it happens, depending on how revenues go for the state."

Revenue sharing dollars have been on a downward slide. During the state's 2003-04 fiscal year, Canton received \$6.18 million. With this year's cut, revenue sharing for the township is down to \$5.61 million.

The cut in revenue sharing comes as Eva is projecting approximately \$600,000 less in taxes for the 2010 general fund budget, the result of lower property assessments.

"We're trying to position ourselves this year to come under budget," Eva said. "And we're doing things to position ourselves for

2010. Hopefully those savings we're achieving through cost containment will help offset this now, and in the future."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said while it's an economic hit to the township, there's no other choice than to deal with it.

"When you're well into the budget year, it's not exactly welcome news," LaJoy said. "It's going to make it somewhat difficult, but we'll get through it. We're going to have to do it."

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What a catch!

Andre Young, 11, shows off the nice rainbow trout he caught at Canton's Family Fishing Derby on Saturday at Heritage Park. The annual event is sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, which stocks the pond with trout.

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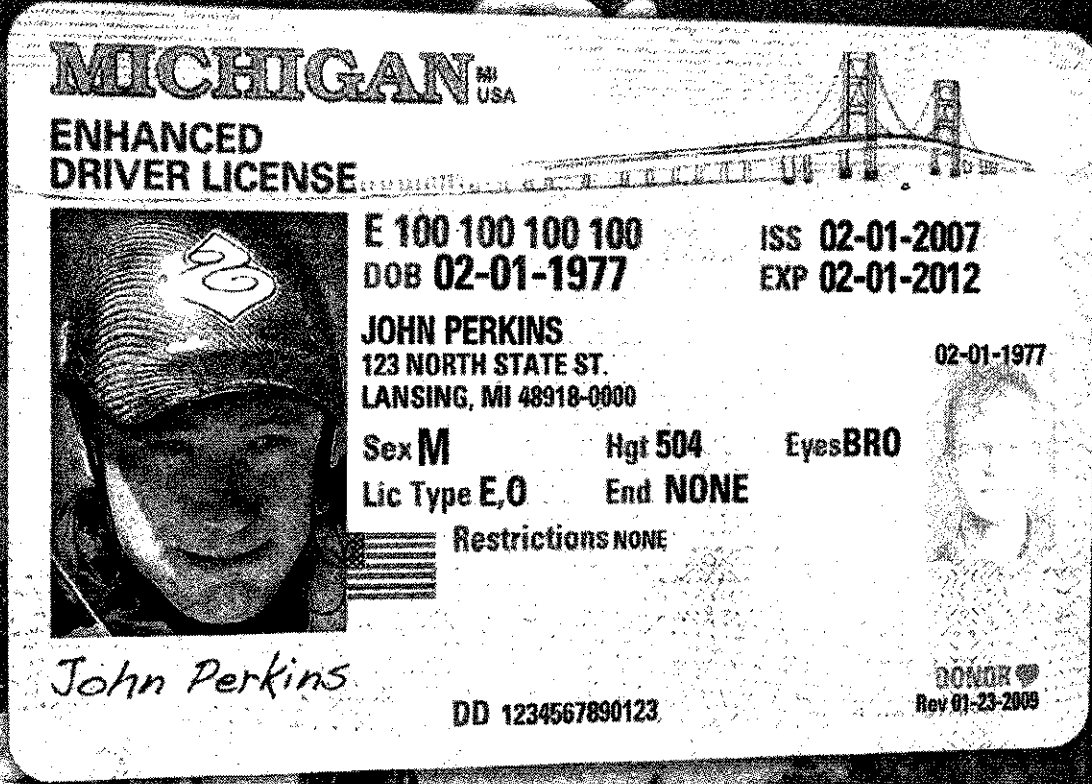
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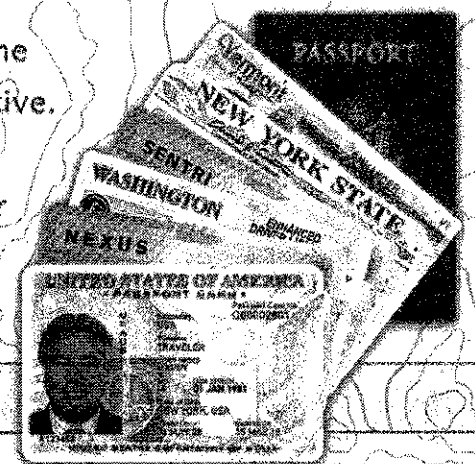


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AROUND CANTON

Food drive

As part of the nationwide effort by the National Association of Letter Carriers, postal workers in Canton and Plymouth will be collecting non-perishable food from residents on their routes, which will be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry.

On Saturday May 9, leave bags and boxes of food at the mail box, and they will be collected by the letter carriers.

Donations will also be collected at the post office and by carriers on their routes from those who can't participate May 9.

Dancin' Feet performances

Dancin' Feet, the longest operating dance studio in Canton, will host its annual year-end performance celebrating 35 years of providing quality dance instruction to the Plymouth-Canton community. Performances will be held: Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 10 at 5 p.m. in Salem High School's auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Dancin' Feet provides dance instruction at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, under the direction of Cheryl Reitz. Classes for all-ages are offered six days a week in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, pointe, hip hop and cecchetti, as well as adult tap classes. Dancin' Feet also offers a competition team and a selection of summer classes.

"We're very proud to be celebrating our 35th anniversary as a dedicated business in the Plymouth Canton community," said Cheryl Reitz, director, Dancin' Feet. "Our thanks go out to the thousands of families who have supported us over the 35 years and we look forward to being a part of their lives for thirty five more."

For more information about Dancin' Feet's ongoing classes and upcoming performances, call (734) 394-5460.

Hockey open house

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be holding its annual open house Saturday May 16 from 1-4 p.m.



Annual Mother-Son Dance

Canton Leisure Services will host this year's Mother-Son Dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8 in the Grand Ballroom at the Summit on the Park. The night will be filled with dancing, light refreshments and the popular balloon-drop finale. A professional photographer will also be on hand to take souvenir photos of the mothers and their very special dates, at an additional cost. Semi-formal or dressy-casual attire is encouraged. Tickets are on sale now and are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Children 2 and under are free. For more information visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

for families looking to sign up and learn more about hockey and skating programs held at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton for the 2009-2010 season.

There will be free hot dogs, pop, and open skating for all those who attend along with a tour of the Arctic Edge facility.

The Canton Hockey Association offers a Learn to Play Hockey Program for all kids' ages 4-9 and house and travel hockey teams for Mites (7 and 8 year olds) through Midgets (15-18 years old).

To learn more about the Canton Hockey Association Open House please call (734) 487-7777.

Children's sale

Calvary Baptist Church at 43065 Joy Road (Joy and Lilley) is holding its huge children's sale this Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The sale is sponsored by Calvary's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program.

Oratorical contest winners

Chris Wilder of Plymouth, representing the Plymouth Optimist Club, won first place in the boys division of the Suburban SE Michigan Oratorical Contest sponsored

by Optimist International and held at the Advanced Technology Academy in Dearborn. Also of note was the second place finish of Lillian Thompson, from Canton, in the girls division. Both Wilder and Thompson attend Our Lady of Good Counsel and were coached by teacher Mary Thompson.

Wilder will now go on to compete for the Michigan District championship in Port Huron on May 16.

Museum collection

For the month of May, the Canton Historical Museum has a new exhibit featuring masks, drums, pottery and other items of interest from around the world. Called "The World Comes to Canton," the exhibition runs through June 6 and features a collection and donations from the Du Mauchelle Art Gallery in Detroit, which has been around since 1927.

The museum is located on Canton Center and Proctor roads, and is open on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m., Thursdays from 2-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to volunteer please call the museum at (734) 309-0088.

Corriveau meeting

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will be hosting a meeting on Monday, May 11, in Northville for companies interested in doing business with the state and competing for government contracts.

The event will be held on Monday, May 11, from 9-11:30 a.m. at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E. Main Street, in Northville.

Corriveau will be joined by Rebecca Nevai, the Buy Michigan First coordinator in the Business Development Unit of the state's Department of Management and Budget. Businesses and organizations are invited to use this forum to take advantage of opportunities to do business with the state and get involved in the bidding process for government contracts.

"Our businesses are playing a critical role as we work to get Michigan's economy back on track," Corriveau said. "The state strives to support local businesses by providing a fair, inclusive way to learn about opportunities and bid on them. I encourage anyone who is interested in doing business with the state to attend this meeting and learn about how to get involved in the bidding process."

For more information, please contact Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737), or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Slavens coffee hour

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) is inviting residents to share a cup of coffee and conversation with her at an upcoming coffee hour on Monday, May 11, from 10-11 a.m. at Summer Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road in Belleville.

Slavens holds regular coffee hours throughout Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business is interested in hosting a coffee hour, please call her office toll-free at

(888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

White elephant sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Observer* about the new Shish Kabob Café listed the wrong address. The restaurant is located at 45168 Ford Road in Canton.

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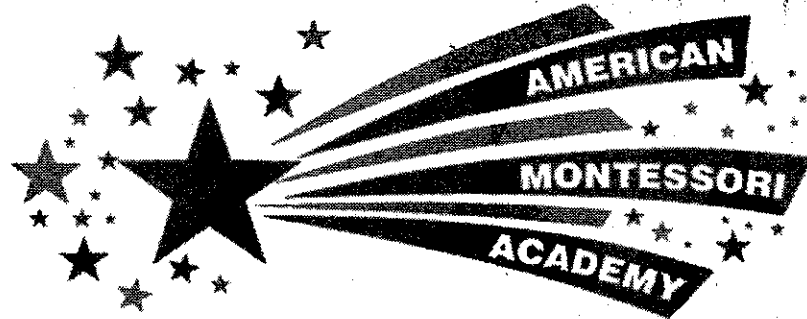
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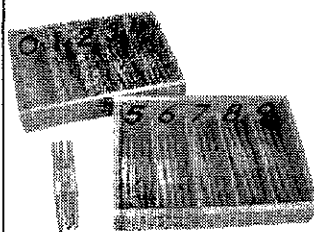
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Canton woman elected to W-W school board

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland businessman John Goci is ready to find out what issues the Wayne-Westland Community Schools face, in preparation to serve on its Board of Education.

Goci was one of three candidates elected to the school board in Tuesday's election. He will serve the remaining year of a four-year term after defeating incumbent board member Steve Becher and newcomer Angela Hoops-Cossey.

"I want to sit down with the board and the administration and see what the issues are," said Goci, who waited for election results at his U.S. 12 Bar in Wayne. "I want to see if we can do a rapid deployment and develop a film program at the career tech center so our students can take advantage of the jobs opening up in the film industry in the state."

ELECTION AT A GLANCE TWO 4-YEAR TERMS (Bold face indicates winner)

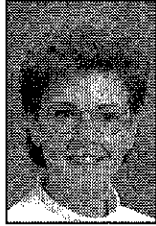
Gregory Maxwell - 336
Carol Middel - 1,442
Lori Mireles-Smith - 368
Brian Mulligan - 562
Mark Neal - 1,218
Ed Turner - 935
Shawna Walker - 1,491

1 ONE-YEAR TERM (Bold face indicates winner)

Steve Becher - 857
John Goci - 2,033
Angela Hoops-Cossey - 427

Voters also tapped appointed incumbent Shawna Walker of Westland and newcomer Carol Middel of Canton for the two four-year terms that were up for grabs.

Walker was appointed to the board last September to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick



Middel



Walker



Goci

Weaver after he moved out of the district. Middel is a retired Wayne-Westland school teacher. The two along with Goci received the endorsement of the Michigan Education Association which flooded the district with signs in support of the candidates. Middel, who was out Wednesday morning collecting campaign signs, said she was shocked by the results.

"I'm still in shock, I didn't think I could pull it off," she said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off. I walked and met a lot of people."

Middel now plans to do a lot of "intense research," delving

into the district's finances, finding out what's happening at the state and looking at curriculum changes that are coming.

"I've got a lot of homework to do and I won't be able to say my dog ate it," she said.

Walker, in her second bid for elective office — she ran for school board in the May 2008 election — was the top vote-getter, gathering 1,491 votes and one of the two four-year terms. She was followed closely by Middel, who received 1,442 votes.

"I consider it a privilege and an honor that the voters thought that much of me," said Walker. "I really didn't know what direction it would go, but to get the top vote, I never would have thought that. I'm going to try to do my best for

the families and students of this district. I'm really excited. I look forward to the next four years and to doing exciting things for the district."

This was the third time Goci had campaigned for elective office; he lost in two previous bids to serve on the Westland City Council. Goci won handily over incumbent Steve Becher and newcomer Angela Hoops-Cossey. In unofficial results, Goci received 2,033 votes. Becher, who had opted for the partial term rather than a second four-year term, placed a distant second with 857 votes. Hoops-Cossey received 427 votes.

Goci, who had campaigned with retired Westland fire chief Mark Neal, aimed to get his name out in the community in time for absentee voting. It worked, with those votes giving him his margin of victory. However, Neal who was campaigning for a four-year term, placed third with

1,128 votes.

"I'm happy and I'm sad because I was pulling for Mark, I really like the guy," said Goci, adding that "I would have been content win or lose because I know I did my best. Now I have to get ready with all of my ideas."

Incumbent Ed Turner who has served on the school board for 12 years, lost his bid for a fourth term, collecting 935 votes.

"Am I unhappy? Yes, but I'm not upset because I know I can go and put in my two cents as a private citizen," said Turner. "I'm still going to stick up for the kids."

Brian Mulligan, in his third bid for a seat on the school board, received 562 votes, with Lori Mireles-Smith finishing two votes ahead of Greg Maxwell. Mireles-Smith received 368 votes, Maxwell got 366.

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ALL-STARS

FROM PAGE A1

15 years. Take time to read about Madonna's new state-of-the-art science and media building that will open this fall. The environmentally-friendly building is Madonna's first stand-alone building in 40 years and Livonia's first "green" building to be certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The 60,000 square-foot structure is in the heart of Madonna's campus at Schoolcraft and Levan roads.

Madonna's commitment to honoring academic excellence is one reason the *Observer* is able to celebrate the All-Stars in this very public way.

The All-Stars and their

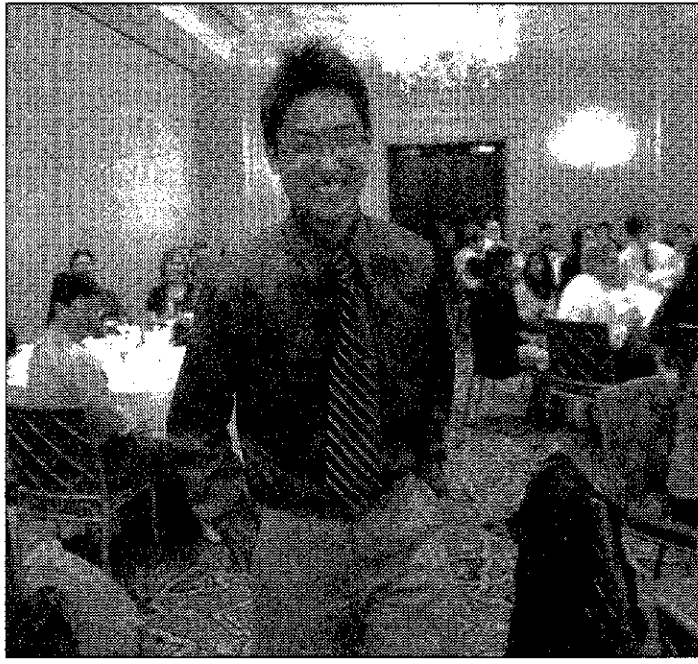
parents were honored May 1 at a special breakfast and awards ceremony hosted by the Observer Newspapers and the Townsend Hotel. The Townsend has been a partner the last several years in making sure the students are honored in an outstanding way. In addition, Huntington Bank, another long-time friend of the All-Star Program, provided each All-Star Team member with a U.S. Savings Bond.

The Observer takes great pride in honoring academic excellence in our communities for the last 24 years.

Enjoy today's special supplement.

As always, I welcome your comments.

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Ke Ding of Canton High School was one of the honored students.



Nikita Counsel of Salem High School made the Academic All-Star Team.

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United Way fund-raising campaign falls short of goal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way, like so many other nonprofit groups, reported its 2008 fund-raising campaign fell just under \$200,000 short of its goal.

PCUW President Marie Morrow says the Plymouth-based United Way — which also serves Canton Township, Northville and Belleville — raised \$916,000 in donations and pledges, which was short of the \$1.1 million goal.

"Because of the severe cutbacks in many of the auto-related companies we saw a decline in donations from some of the larger companies," Morrow said. "Some of the companies not related to the

auto industry showed increases in their campaigns as they dug a little deeper.

"I think for the economy and what many of these companies have gone through we did pretty well," she said. "We're still getting some pledges in and anticipate wrapping up the 2008 campaign, while at the same time working on plans for the 2009 campaign."

The PCUW annual campaigns generally end in January. However, Morrow said many companies had to extend their giving campaigns well into 2009.

"Because of the cutbacks, layoffs and restructuring we didn't get finalized until the end of the first quarter," Morrow said.

Despite the drop in collec-

tions and pledges, Morrow said the agencies supported by the United Way — including First Step, Community Opportunity Centers and the Plymouth Salvation Army — won't see a cut in their allocations.

"We had a reserve because we anticipated tough times and we dipped into it," Morrow said. "We did not cut any of our agencies and we still gave out grants for food, utilities and basic needs to help people. The needs are up and the agencies are having a difficult time surviving. We're trying to support them the best we can because we're in the community to provide for the less fortunate."

"We tried to give the agencies a year warning because if the economy remains down,

donations next year may be negatively impacted," she said.

Denise King of Plymouth, executive director of Community Opportunity Centers, operates 22 homes in Wayne County for about 100 people with developmental disabilities in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Redford and Westland. King said when she received COC's allocation from the PCUW, she expected a cut from the \$49,000 she requested.

"I was delighted when it wasn't the case, it was one of our brighter days," King said. "This year has been difficult financially because of cuts in mental health dollars and the difficulty in conducting fund-raisers, which we rely on year after year."

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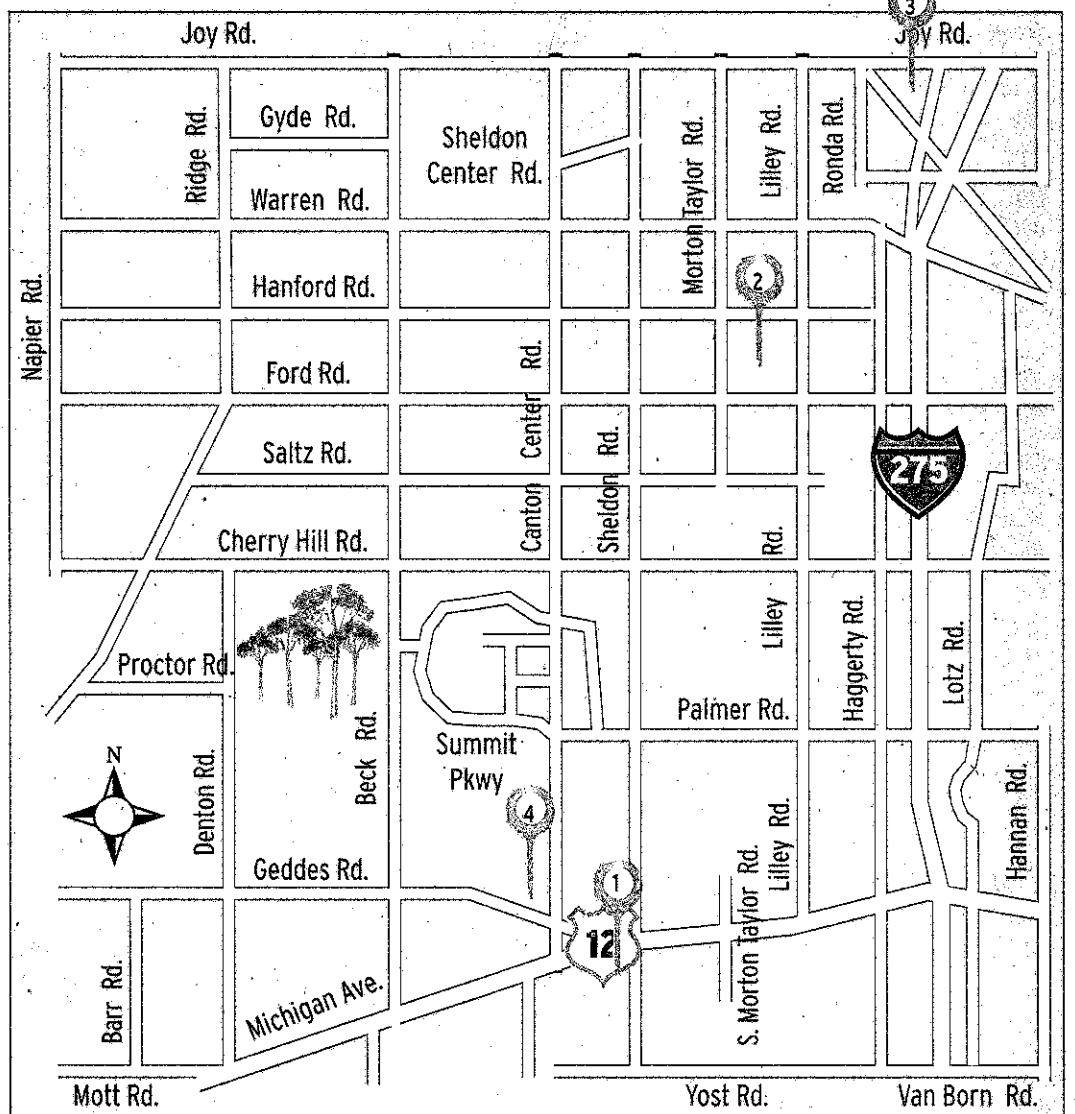
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Explorers take third place

The Canton Police Department Explorer Unit recently competed in the 29th Annual Governor's Cup Explorer Competition held in Alpena. Approximately 30 Explorer teams from around the state competed in categories including crime scene investigation, domestic violence scenario, felony traffic stop, traffic accident and building search. Canton's team, consisting of (from left) Gus Mady, Alanna Mason, Kristopher Joswiak and Josh Cudney (not pictured Blake Abbey), won third place in both the crime scene investigation and felony traffic stop competitions, and took third place overall at the event. The Canton Police Explorer Unit is made up of students ages 14-20 who are seriously interested in exploring a career in law enforcement. Canton's Explorer program is funded through private donations and community fund-raisers. If you are interested in making a donation or hosting a fund-raiser, please contact Canton Police Department's Explorer coordinator Sgt. Jim Harrison at (734) 394-5400.



CANTON COP CALLS

Counterfeit cash

1 A customer at the Valero gas station, 44431 Michigan Avenue, withdrew \$40 from the ATM cash machine and received two, \$20 bills. He asked the clerk to break one of the \$20 bills and was told it was counterfeit. Police called the owner of the ATM machine said there have been five counterfeit \$20 bills come from his 400 cash machines recently. The customer was reimbursed his \$20.

Grill stolen from apartment

2 A resident at the Fordham Apartments, 5700 Fordham Circle, reported a \$177 barbecue grill stolen on May 4. The resident told Canton police when she left in the morning to go to work the newly purchased grill was in front of

her home. Later in the afternoon her daughter called to ask where her mother put the grill.

Car vandalized

3 A resident in the 8600 block of Brookepark told Canton police on May 2 that someone keyed his 2006 Dodge Charger and wrote several expletives. There were also unknown substances on the paint and in the fuel tank. After the victim drove the vehicle to a car wash, it vehicle stalled because of the unknown substance in the gas tank and the car had to be towed.

Cell phone stolen

4 A cell phone was taken from an unlocked parked car in the 46000 block of Geddes on May 3.

Heritage Park playscape closed after arsenic detected

After receiving advice from an environmental testing consultant and conducting tests, Canton officials have temporarily closed the Heritage Hideout Playscape located in Heritage Park and just east of the Summit on the Park.

According to officials, the presence of arsenic was detected in the safety surface of the structure that exceeds standards for safe direct contact. Arsenic was used as a preservative in the pressure-treated wood at the playscape, which was built in 1995. Temporary fencing was erected around the playscape on Monday.

During the next few weeks, the existing wood chips used as a safety fall surface will be removed and properly disposed of, a new safety fall surface will be installed and the entire play structure will be re-sealed in

compliance with recommended standards.

The hope is to reopen the playscape before Memorial Day at the end of the month.

Arsenic is found in the natural environment in some abundance in rock, soil, water, air and in some foods. According to the EPA, arsenic is most dangerous when ingested. The steps being taken at the playscape are preventative in nature and are intended to provide a safe play area.

"We understand that this is an inconvenience because the Heritage Hideout playground is a very popular place in Canton, but Canton is also very committed to the safety of its youth," said Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Canton Leisure Services will provide its recreation station as much as possible in the area

adjacent to the play structure as an alternative play area. The playground located in the north-east section of Heritage Park remains open and residents are encouraged to enjoy the other play areas throughout Canton.

Additional play areas are available at Freedom Park, located at the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer roads; Griffin Park, located at Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz roads; Barchester Park, located on Barchester Road east of Hanford Road; Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road east of Morton Taylor; and Independence Park, located at the southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads.

For more information on the re-opening of the Heritage Hideout play structure, visit www.canton-mi.org or call 734/394-5460.

Three businesses cited for selling to minors

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the month of April. Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 15 businesses in Canton.

Three businesses sold to a minor decoy, while 12 refused

the sale. Marathon Gas, 41479 Michigan Avenue, and the Pinetree Market, 42444 Ford Road, both sold alcohol to the minor, according to police.

The CVS pharmacy at 225 N. Canton Center Road sold tobacco to the minor.

Under local ordinance, alcohol sales to under age

persons as the result of an undercover operation result in a civil infraction ticket being issued to the server or salesperson with a fine of not more than \$100. The establishment is cited for a Liquor Control Commission (LCC) violation, resulting in an administrative hearing with the LCC.

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The winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Fox 2 News Weekend co-anchors Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with the Fox 2 personalities at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

The contest winner will be



Centofanti



Towers

treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the

Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox 2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are

parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year.

"I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin (Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with

his daughter, 6.

When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show.

Buddy's Pizza will make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House and Special Olympics in recognition of this month's "dining stars."

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of Public Health — announced Plymouth-Canton schools would resume classes, an hour after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations in response to the H1N1 flu.

"School closure is no longer advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function," Fiegel said. "Schools that were closed based on previous interim CDC guidelines related to this outbreak may reopen."

Previously, the Centers for Disease Control recommended waiting 14 days from the last day of exposure before reopening schools, while the Michigan Department of Health recommended seven days. On those recommendations, Fiegel said Monday he was leaning toward resuming classes at elementary and middle schools on Wednesday, but considered keeping Plymouth-Canton Educational Park closed for the remainder of the week. The newest guidelines by the CDC allowed all 19,000 students back into the classroom Wednesday.

A half-dozen AP Calculus students met at the Canton Public Library Tuesday — before Fiegel's announcement — to study for a test on Wednesday, not knowing if it would happen or not.

"I was counting on Monday and Tuesday to ask a lot of questions (in class) and now I can't," said Amy Mathew, 16, a junior who lives in Salem Township. "I think everything is being hyped up more than it should be because more people die of the regular flu than this flu."

One of her study partners, 18-year-old Greg Reed of Canton, lamented the fact his senior year was coming to a close with the potential of missing several track and field meets.

"We had a meet scheduled for today (Tuesday) and tomorrow (Wednesday) and our conference meet is Friday," said Reed. "If we don't have school we can't have organized practices, either. A few of us ran this (Tuesday) morning, but our coaches couldn't be there."

"I think we should just have school and not worry about it," he said. "It's a little overkill shutting down the school."

As of Wednesday, Plymouth-Canton officials still had not heard from the CDC if the suspected case of H1N1 virus was a confirmed case. Fiegel said even if the CDC confirms the case as positive for H1N1 classes will continue.

"It's an influenza virus that stays alive for about two days," Fiegel said. "We went in and disinfected and wiped down all our common spaces as recommended, but truth was most of those spaces — after two to eight hours — no longer carry any disease."

Loretta Davis, director of the county's Department of Public Health, said the 16-year-old girl developed the virus after being with a friend who had been in Mexico, where the virus originated.

"From the beginning, the public health approach was to be very aggressive in order to get out in front of this particular infection," said Davis. "Of course, the final decision always rested with the school district. I ... commend Dr. Fiegel and all of his staff on collaborating with us, weighing all the issues and making the best possible decisions with the recommendations that were there at the time."

Fiegel said the two days off would not need to be made up because the district's academic schedule includes five days for emergencies, of which only two had been used for snow days before this week.

Other schools that followed Plymouth-Canton's lead by closing Monday and Tuesday also resumed classes Wednesday. They included Plymouth Christian Academy, All Saints Catholic School, St. Michael's Lutheran Church school and Crescent International Academy, all in Canton.

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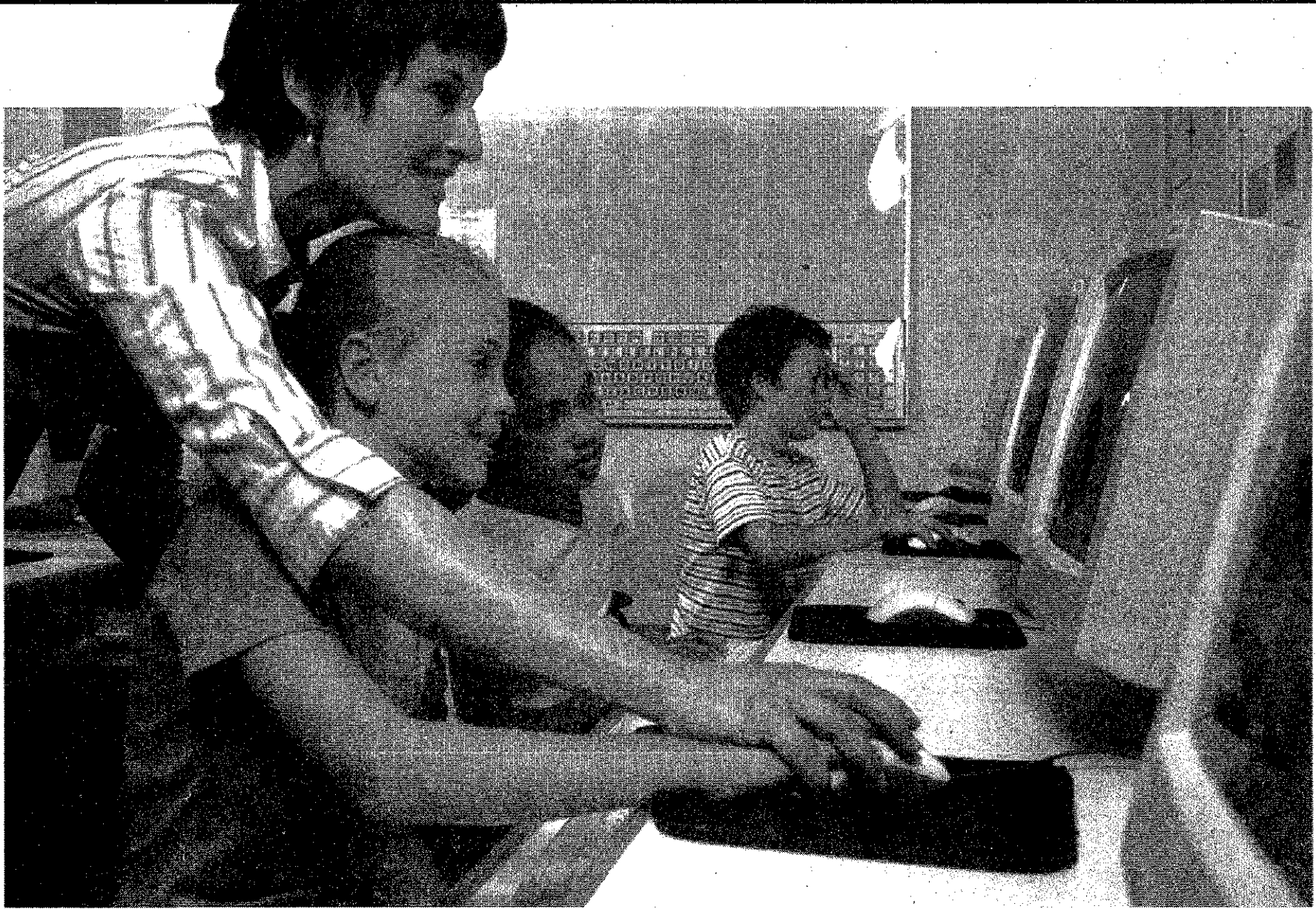
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Nigerian orphan with foot abnormality bringing joy to Canton family

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten-year-old Emmanuel Uwoma sits on the couch of his Canton Township home watching a big-screen television and playing video games just like any other boy. He likes to play on the computer, and can put together a plastic

model car with ease. While those activities are commonplace for many children, for Emmanuel they are just some of many that he's done for the first time in the past six weeks.

Emmanuel, an orphan from Nigeria, is staying at the home of Pam and John McMillan while he recovers from correc-

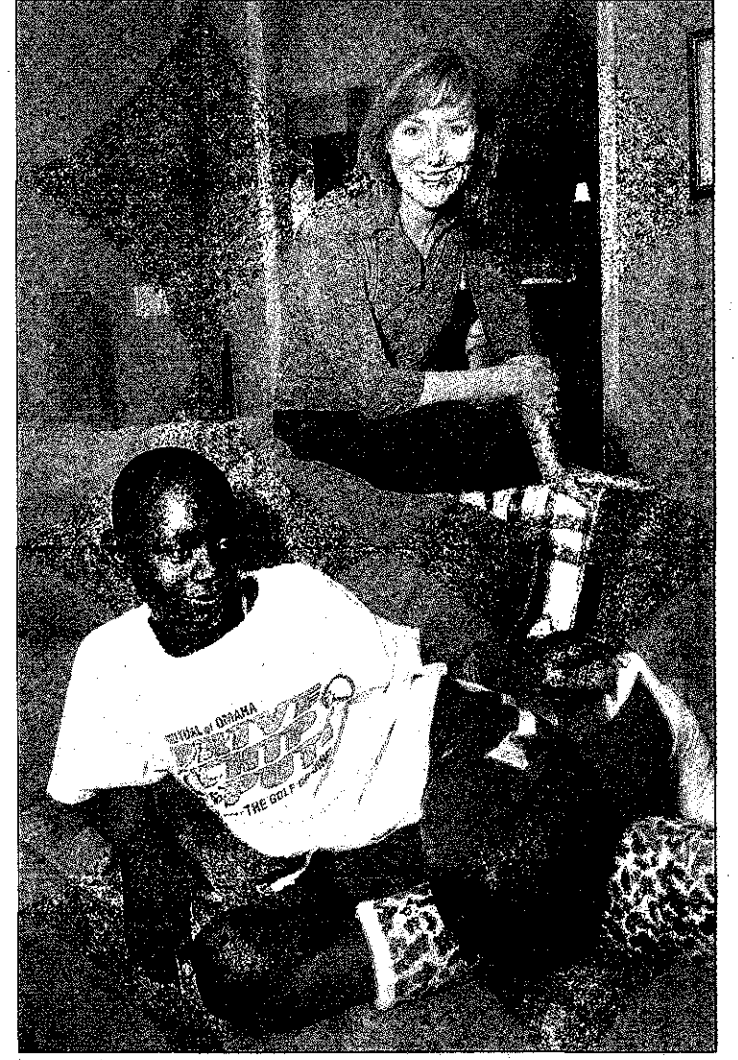
tive foot surgery for a condition known as clubfoot — a deformity in which the foot is so twisted Emmanuel was walking on top of it, severely limiting his ability to walk. With the generosity of a Canton Township doctor who provides medical treatments at no cost in poor countries like the Dominican Republic

and Nigeria, Emmanuel will soon be running around with other kids his age. "He's so bright," said Pam McMillan, a special education teacher in Livonia Public Schools. "He has good math skills, a little better than I anticipated. And we're working on reading and life skills. Teaching him is great because everything is so new to him, and he picks everything up so quickly," McMillan added. "He just learned how to use the vacuum and the washer and dryer. He wants to know about everything."

Emmanuel speaks very little English, but McMillan said he's learning fast, much of it by watching television. Larry Fallat of Canton, a podiatric surgeon with the Oakwood Healthcare System, and Dr. Frank Patino came across Emmanuel and his plight about two years ago while tending to the poor in Nigeria.

"Emmanuel lived with his uncle and he was pretty much on his own, and that was several years ago," Fallat said. "He was a hard worker. When they needed children to go get water, Emmanuel was the first to volunteer but the last to return because of his clubfoot condition. The paper work to get him here was a nightmare. It was a two-year process," he added. "We ran into every obstacle you could think of to get him here."

Fallat said he needed to perform the surgery at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne because of the conditions at the so-called hospital in Emmanuel's Nigerian village. "The village he's from has no



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Emmanuel Uwoma, 10, an orphan from Nigeria, sits with Canton's Pam McMillan, where he is staying after undergoing surgery to correct his clubfoot.

running water and no electricity," Fallat said. "The cinder block building they called the hospital had a dirt floor. We really couldn't do anything but examine people there." Fallat and the staff at Annapolis Hospital performed the surgery at no cost. "In about a month, after the cast is taken off, Emmanuel will be at full activity without

a problem," Fallat said. McMillan said her family would like Emmanuel to stay for an extended period. "We love having him here. He's brought our family a lot of joy," McMillan said. "We talked to the chief of his village about us going to Africa and meeting his people."

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Customers give retiring mail carrier a friendly sendoff

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ronald Seiter was surprised to see several mailboxes decorated with balloons when he drove down Wayne Road in Livonia Friday.

Seiter, a Canton resident, delivered mail for the last time that day as he retired from a job he's held for 35 years, the last 15 as a mail carrier on the same route in Livonia.

"I thought, 'oh, no,'" Seiter said. "I thought it was pretty cool, but I was embarrassed. I was trying to sneak out (retiring), but it was pretty cool."

The balloons were courtesy of the staff of Drs. James Ginzler and Randall Shaw, an orthodontist office at 33627 Seven Mile, three blocks west of Farmington Road.

Roxanne Morrow, office manager, said they decorated Wayne Road and later gave Seiter a card with a gift card for Home Depot as a retirement send-off on Friday.

The staff thought it was a nice thing to do for a friendly mail carrier, Morrow said.

"He was always happy and always smiling," Morrow said. "He'd always ask you how your day was. He enjoyed his job, and he was just really friendly."

Seiter reminds customers like Morrow of a time gone by when life was simpler and people a little friendlier.

Seiter has a simple philosophy when delivering the mail to customers: say hello and ask them how they are doing.

"If you're nice to them, they'll be nice to you and it makes my job easier," Seiter said. "I just try to say good things to them. Some respond to me, and some don't, but the ones that do, I'll talk to them."

He decided to become a mail carrier after he completed his military service with the U.S. Army as a carrier clerk. He worked for General Motors for a short period, but GM wasn't doing well in the early 1970s



Some of Seiter's favorite customers gave him a little sendoff Friday for his retirement, including (front row, from left) Susan Durack, Kristie Mercier, Deana Webber, Kim Parker (back row, left), Dr. James Ginzler, Seiter, George Ducat and Dawn Lewis.



Ronald Seiter, of Canton, was greeted with balloons Friday, his last day delivering mail on his route in Livonia. The balloons were courtesy of the staff of Drs. James Ginzler and Randall Shaw's office.

during the Arab oil embargo and recession. He decided to trade a pay cut for job security with the U.S. Postal Service.

He delivered routes in different areas until he landed his current Livonia route about 15 years ago.

"I moved around a lot when I first started, but I stuck with this one because everyone was

really nice to me," Seiter said.

Seiter has delivered on Seven Mile between Newburgh and Farmington, including residential on Wayne and Levan roads.

Seiter usually talked with customers about sports, but always tuned into what was happening in their lives, too. "If people were sick, you had to check on them," Seiter said. "Everyone also talks about the weather," he said with a laugh.

Of course, he won't miss delivering during the winter. "The last one was a tough one," Seiter said.

Seiter expects to relax and work on his yard at his home in Canton and spend time up North. He's appreciative of the Home Depot gift card.

"That was a very, very nice gesture," Seiter said. "I'll probably use the gift card to buy a saw or some tools."

"I had a lot of nice people on the route. It was hard to leave. I met a lot of nice people out there and it was hard to say goodbye."

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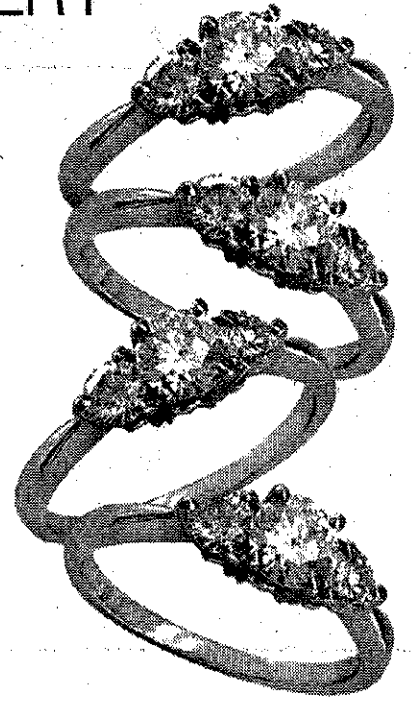
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Academic All-Stars represent the best and brightest

The *Observer Newspapers* presents the 2009 Academic All-Star Team, some of the most accomplished high school students in the Detroit metro area.

A special section inside today's *Canton Observer* profiles the team — 18 students from throughout our coverage area in western Wayne County and Farmington and Farmington Hills — and another 24 students who are runners-up and deserve applause, too.

This year's team is one of the strongest in the program's history. The Principals Committee comprised of Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Lara Dixon of Troy Athens, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercey and Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin was awed by the academic success of the nominees. This year's high grade point averages in academic subjects and outstanding performance on the SAT and ACT make this one of the largest teams, too.

This newspaper started the Academic All-Stars program 24 years ago at the urging of Robert Schramke, who was principal at Redford Union High School in Redford Township. Schramke believed academic success should be honored and celebrated in a public way. We agreed and a tradition was born.

In recent years, the Townsend Hotel and Huntington Bank have also played a major role in honoring the best and brightest students.

Peter Wilde, managing director of the Townsend, and Rebecca Smith, regional president of Huntington, are committed to making sure the All-Stars are honored and rewarded for their outstanding academic success. We say thank you to them and salute their commitment to the program.

Take time to read the section inside today's newspaper or online at hometownlife.com and gaze into the future. We guarantee you'll like what you see. You will find future physicians, teachers, musicians, government officials, scientists, engineers and most likely world leaders. You will find people who continue to have great expectations for their generation. You will find young men and women who have contributed significantly to their communities and many who want to change the world. You will find students who are thankful to supportive parents and teachers who encouraged imagination and instilled a love of lifelong learning and helped them navigate their educational paths.

We congratulate and salute the 2009 *Observer* All-Star Team: Edward Tremel of Churchill High School, Willa Chen of Canton High School, Tejas Karnati of North Farmington High School, Nikita Cousul of Salem High School, Linda Ling of Salem High School, Mara Minasian of North Farmington High School, Joshua Corriveau of Belleville High School, Matthew Charnley of Churchill High School, Kevin Joseph of Farmington High School, Robert Klosek of Harrison High School, Ke Ding of Canton High School, Nandini Abburi of Farmington High School, Sarah Jaslow of Stevenson High School, Corey Lightner of Harrison High School, Kurt Tseng of Plymouth High School, Timothy Baker of Thurston High School, Matt Laing of Plymouth High School and Michelle A. Frazer of Stevenson High School.

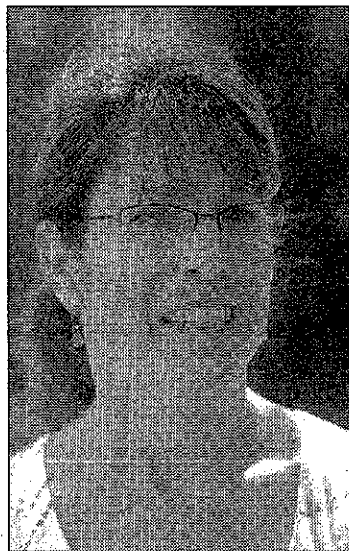


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Salem High School senior Linda Ling was one of several local Academic All-Stars recognized Friday.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Canton Public Library: What is your impression of the swine flu scare?



"I think it has the potential of being a possible pandemic and we need to take necessary precautions."

Kim Van Allen, 49, Canton



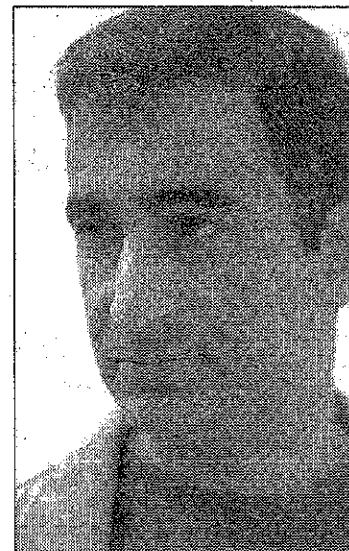
"I think it's being overblown, though I don't know if that's an objective opinion since I don't have swine flu. With the science we have now with hygiene and antibiotics we should get a handle on this."

Glenn Wallis, 51, Canton



"I think they're overreacting. It's a flu, not a pandemic."

Connie Wolf, 67, Canton



"I think the news is trying to make more of it than it should be."

Ben Sam, 44, Canton

LETTERS

Great job

We would like to take the time to thank some very hard-working Canton businessmen who really went out of their way to treat our out-of-town guests with hospitality, during their recent visit for our son's wedding.

Rich Constantino at Rose's Restaurant and Alan Brackett at LaQuinta Inn — both located in Canton — both provided excellent service.

Rich: We appreciate the excellent service you and your staff provided. The rehearsal dinner at Rose's was the hit of the weekend. Everyone said the food was delicious, the facilities were great and that they had a wonderful time. We appreciate you and your team's attention to details which made for a most enjoyable evening. All in all, we could not be happier with the way everything turned out. We would not hesitate to recommend your restaurant to anyone who is looking for a place to hold their next group dinner.

Alan: Everyone said the accommodations were great and that they enjoyed their stays. We also appreciate your willingness to work with us on a group rate which made it possible for many of our guests to afford the trip. All in all, we could not be happier with the way everything turned out. We would not hesitate to recommend your hotel to anyone who is looking for quality accommodations for their out-of-town guests.

Bob and Pam Erdelen
Canton

Situation mishandled

I just want to express my intense disappointment with the situation at PCEP. I cannot believe the way that it has been handled, and the huge mess that has been created as a result. Even more disheartening is the fact that both sides are to blame for what is happening now.

First, the students deserve to be supported, no matter who is leading the band or what the administration decides to do with it. That being said, I wish Mr. Armbruster the best of luck in his first year at PCEP and I hope to see those Division 1 ratings again for all four bands.

I also want to give kudos to Mr. Montoya. He's basically losing his job and he knows it, but instead of giving up or becoming bitter he's already begun marching band rehearsals and is conducting his concert ensembles as if they're going to festival.

The main thing I don't understand is why the administration and the board have handled the situation in this manner. They have left the general public, students, alumni, and staff completely in the dark. There are not many possible reasons in my mind for them to need an overhaul of the program RIGHT NOW, especially with a concert coming up and the end of the year activities looming.

In fact, I don't really get this overhaul at all. I'd love to understand why this needs to be done, but I don't. And no one has tried clearing it up. It's all "confidential."

So we're left here with two excellent teachers losing their jobs for no reason. And if there is a legitimate reason, no one seems inclined to tell us what it is.

And then there's the politics. I have heard so much junk from both sides about who said this, who did that, why they're wrong,

What do you think?

Mail comments to the *Canton Observer*, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to kkuban@hometownlife.com.

etc. At this point it's nearly impossible to figure out what really happened because of all the one-sided information and the silence of the board and administration.

I completely support Mrs. Boerma, but I think that the way some people are trying to help her case is simply making the situation worse. Bombarding the public with one-sided information is not going to help.

The most frustrating part of all of this for me is how the students are being ignored. Over 60 of them showed up for the school board meeting April 21, and they were hardly acknowledged. All of these students have no idea what is going on, and the administration is simply brushing off their requests for the truth.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Mrs. Boerma. I'm sure it's very, very hard having to go through all of this and not being able to talk to anyone, which is what she has done. It's even harder sitting by and watching all of it happen and feeling as if you can't defend yourself. But there is an upside to this situation, however unfortunate it may be. There were 60 students at that board meeting.

The community and the students are clearly upset with this decision and are fighting back. Knowing I am not the only one who thinks this is unfair and unprecedented is a comfort. It makes me angry, however, seeing that no one is acknowledging this support, either positively or negatively.

Sarah Hallinen
Canton

Do right thing

As a Plymouth Township resident for over 30 years, I have always been a strong supporter of the schools. I've been active in my children's schools as a classroom volunteer and PTO member and officer. I have worked to help pass millage campaigns, and voted in many, many elections.

In fact, I voted for many current school board members, because I trusted you to make decisions based on what's best for students. I had faith that, whatever the issue, you would carefully examine the facts, that you would be wary of any possible misrepresentations of the truth, wary of any information that might be, perhaps, presented as part of some political agenda, or as one individual's "ax to grind."

I attended the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, April 21. Dr. Fiegel spoke briefly about making a difficult decision regarding the future of the high school band program, and I understand that a recommendation was to be presented at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

It concerns me that this decision is such a difficult one. If you are, in fact, striving to reach this decision based on what's best for students, the facts should make it quite clear and simple. That is, if you truly have the facts to examine, if you have the truth, rather than misrepresentations by individuals who may not have in mind what's best for students.

Letters from respected instructors and colleagues don't lie. Heartfelt testimony-

als from parents and students don't lie. Glowing praise and high marks from MSBOA adjudicators year after year don't lie. As mentioned at the April 21 meeting, the timing of this action could hardly be worse — less than a month before the final concert of the year, weeks before graduation and all that is involved with that milestone for the bands' graduating seniors.

Then, there's the issue of auditions for the 2009-10 school year. I'm wondering how many people have a realistic idea of what is involved in this process.

It's not just Amy Boerma who is affected by your decision. It's all of the high school band students. It's all of the eighth-grade band students preparing to audition for a place in the program. The effects of your decision are far-reaching, beyond PCEP, beyond the Plymouth-Canton community, even beyond other band programs in Michigan.

If you have read the letters on the online petition that continues to grow every day, you will realize that band programs all over the country are watching the turn of events here in Plymouth-Canton. I hope that you, as elected officials given the responsibility to do what's best for students, realize that you are not bound to accept the recommendation that will be presented to you.

It's time for you to make a stand. It's time for you to make it clear to the administration that you are committed to doing what is best for the students whose parents have entrusted you with the education of their children. It's time for you to send the message to the administration that this is not the time or place for ax-grinding, truth-twisting, deceit, or vindictiveness.

Doing the right thing for students begins at the top. It is not the time or place for anyone in the administration to turn and look the other way. Regardless of the length of time spent in this school district, it is irresponsible to choose not to be involved.

You have an opportunity — an obligation — to do the right thing. You have an obligation to do what's best for students. I sincerely hope that we can trust you, as school board members elected by the taxpayers of this community, to make the right decision.

Janet Carson
Plymouth Township

Define 'American-made'

President Obama is urging us to buy American. Does that mean just the Big Three?

What about the foreign cars built in America by American workers? What will happen to their jobs if we stop buying those cars? I worry about that. Then some of my friends remind me that the profit goes to other countries. It is difficult to purchase anything today that bears a label "Made in the U.S.A." Some of our products we have grown up with are now made in other countries with cheaper labor costs, which are not passed on to us.

How can we explain to those workers in America who are building automobiles that they are not deemed to be American-made when they are built in America? If someone has a good answer to that, I would appreciate hearing from them.

Midge Ellis
Livonia

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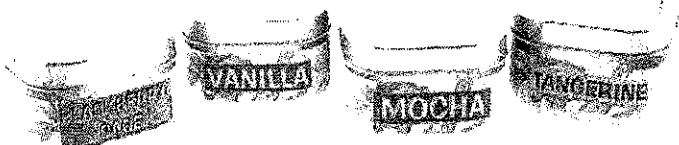
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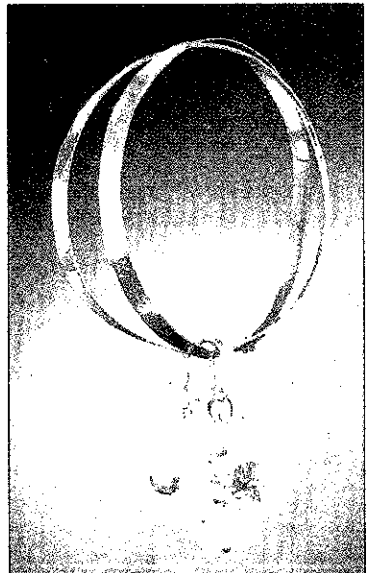
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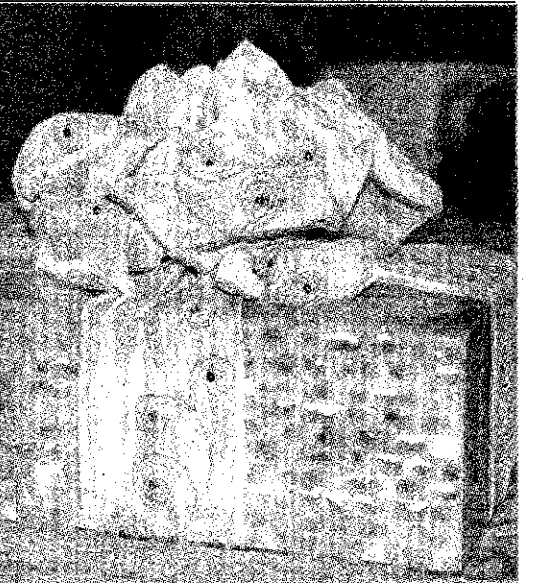

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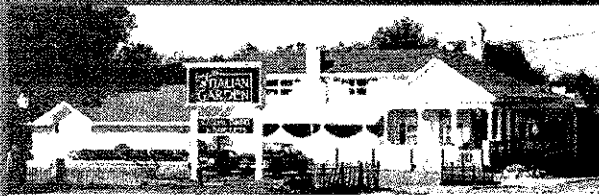
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HOMETOWN LIFE

With all the games canceled, I was an American 'idle'

Here are a few idle thoughts that came to mind on an all-the-high-school-sports-got-wiped-out-by-the-Swine-Flu Tuesday afternoon.

... During the summer of 2000, I coached a pretty good young player on my 10-and-under Canton Mets rec baseball team. He could really swing the bat and catch the ball. However, from what I can remember, he didn't have a real strong arm, thus, yours truly never let him pitch.



Ed Wright

Well, on Friday afternoon — almost nine years later — that same player threw a no-hitter for Canton's varsity baseball team. He did it with a fast ball that regularly crossed home plate at a mid-80s clip. Congratulations, Dane Staples, for showing

what can be accomplished with hard work and perseverance.

... Speaking of diamonds, I can't wait for the Division 1 District baseball and softball tournaments that will be hosted by Salem High School on May 30. It wouldn't be surprising if any of the three local teams won either the baseball or softball Districts.

I know this area has always had a wealth of diamond talent, but I'm not sure if the depth of that talent has ever exceeded where it's at now. This is a credit to the current coaching staffs at all three high schools and the youth programs that developed these players. Everyone involved should be proud.

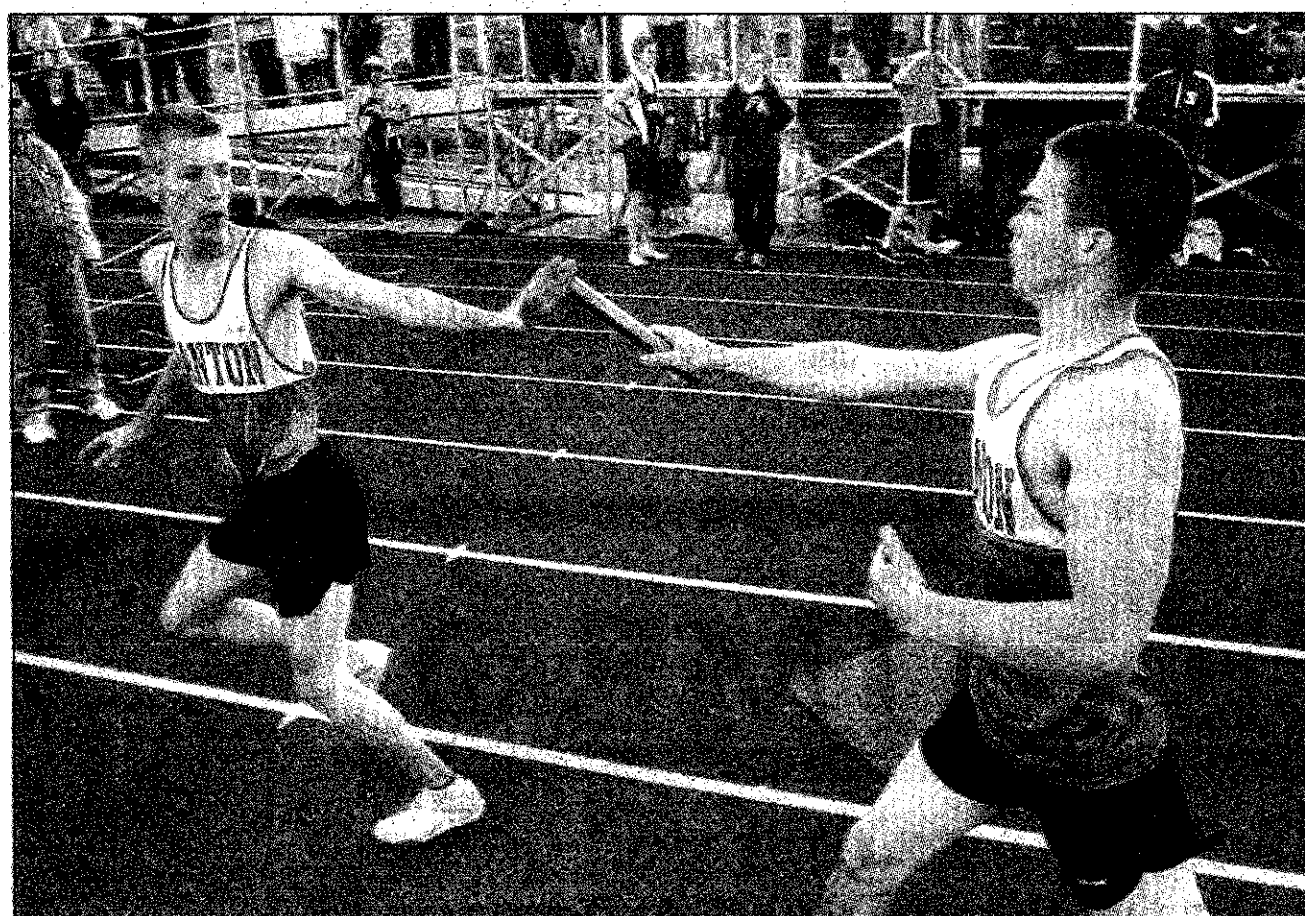
... It was a little eerie driving past the "Park" Monday afternoon and seeing it deserted due to the probable case of

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Canton High School graduate James Wisniewski returned home this past weekend as a member of the Anaheim Ducks, who are facing off against the Detroit Red Wings' in the second round of the NHL playoffs.



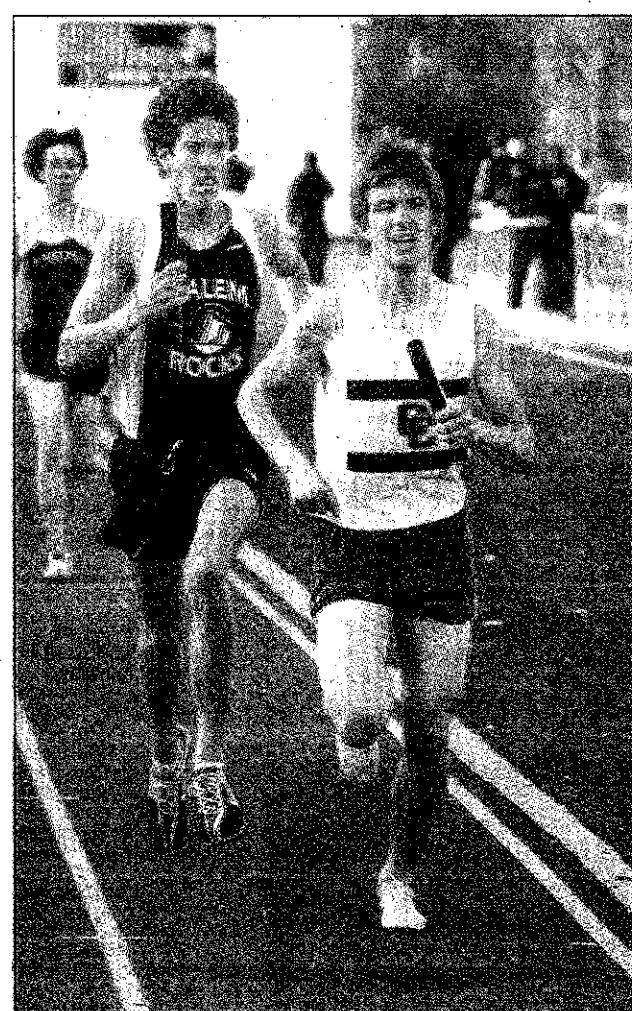
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Canton's Josh Hurst passes the baton to teammate Zack Spreitzer during the Chiefs' first-place performance in the distance medley relay at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

CC is relay, relay fast

Shamrocks outrun a strong field at Observerland

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Salem's Matt Devey tries to pick up ground on Catholic Central's Alex Toloff during the 6,400-meter relay race at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

The Detroit Catholic Central boys track and field team has been traditionally known for its talented throwers and distance runners.

But on Saturday, the Shamrocks of Novi threw in some speedy sprinters, hurdlers and middle distance talent to earn its first Observerland Relays title since 1993 and fourth championship overall in the 39th annual event.

CC led the 17-school field with 83 points to win comfortably over runner-up Salem (61) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (52), the host team.

Two-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson was fourth with 49 and Farmington Hills Harrison took fifth with 42.

"It's been that long?" asked veteran CC coach Tony Magni referring to the 15-year Observerland drought. "That was a pretty good team in '93. We had Eric McKeon in the middle distance and Mark Eden in the hurdles, and a good distance team. We were second

in the state that year in cross country."

CC captured five of the 16 events to gobble up 50 of its points (10 for each first) in the predominantly relay format.

The Shamrocks produced a balanced attack by winning the shot put relay, 4 x 1,600 relay, 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and individual 1,600 (sophomore John Paul Zembrowski in 4:29.65).

Junior Spencer Hall anchored the 4 x 800 relay in 8:19.63 along with the 4 x 400 relay in a blistering 3:23.89. J.P. Zembrowski's twin brother Austin also was a member of the victorious 6,400 and 3,200 relay teams.

CC added seconds in the distance medley and 800 relay.

"When you get good quarter-milers and good half-milers, you'll have a good track team," Magni said. "We knew if we could score 80 points we'd be in the hunt."

Meanwhile, Salem's second-place showing proved to be an encouraging sign for coach Kyle Meteyer.

His Rocks won the dis-

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GAME WRAPS

Lady Warriors win

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team doubled up Northville, 6-3, Friday afternoon.

The victory improved the Lady Warriors to 4-10.

"It was more of a defensive struggle than offensive performance," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "The muddy field probably had something to do with it, but it was also the best defensive performance we've had all season."

Sophomore goalie Lexie O'Connor anchored the winners' strong defensive effort by stopping 18 of 21 Mustang shots.

Medley gave a nod to Natalie Sitko, Emily Cox and Lauren Manner as players who played a role in helping O'Connor at the defensive end of the field.

PCS middies Edra Burris, Lauren Allard, Stephanie Pettovello and Chelsea Olson also played well, Medley said.

Scoring goals for PCS were Burris, Melissa Gianinni, Nicole Rottell (two) and Laurn Ebersole (two).

"Because we are a unified team and Northville is our neighboring community, they are our lacrosse rival," said Medley. "Our team takes great pride in this win."

Canton boys LAX team wins on 'Senior Day'

Energized by a large "Senior Day" crowd, Canton's lacrosse team upended Ypsilanti Lincoln, 18-5, Saturday afternoon at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The Chiefs broke open a close game with 13 second-half goals.

Matt Rodgers (seven goals) and Jake Underwood (goal, seven assists) had monster games for the winners. Jordan Emery and Jason Avedesian scored two goals a piece for Canton.

Also scoring goals for Canton were Jordan Smith, Jon Rocheleau, Mike Clemens, Brett Phillips, Trevor Moore, Kyle Dunleavy and Riley Hoernschemeyer.

Hoernschemeyer also added three assists.

Sean Walsh sparked in net for the Chiefs, stopping eight second-half shots.

Whalers draft has American flavor

The Plymouth Whalers went distinctly American in their early selections of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft, which was held online through the 20 OHL cities.

After selecting dynamic Huron-Perth Lakers center Garrett Meurs with its first-round selection at 13th overall, Plymouth took four straight Americans through the fifth round: Monroe goaltender Matt Mahalak in the second round, Computare Under-16 center Stefan Noesen (Northville) in the fourth round and Pittsburgh Hornets center Jonathon Miller and New Jersey Avalanche defenseman Nick Malysa in the fifth round.

According to Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, the American content wasn't planned, but an acknowledgment of talent.

Whalers' Terry presented prestigious Renaud trophy

The Ontario Hockey League announced earlier this week that Plymouth Whalers captain Chris Terry has been named the inaugural recipient of the Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy. Terry received the award at a press conference held at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

The Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy is awarded annually to the Ontario Hockey League member team captain that best exemplifies leadership on and off the ice as well as hard work, passion and dedication to the game of hockey and their community.

Terry also received the OHL's Dan Snyder Memorial Trophy as Humanitarian of the Year this season.

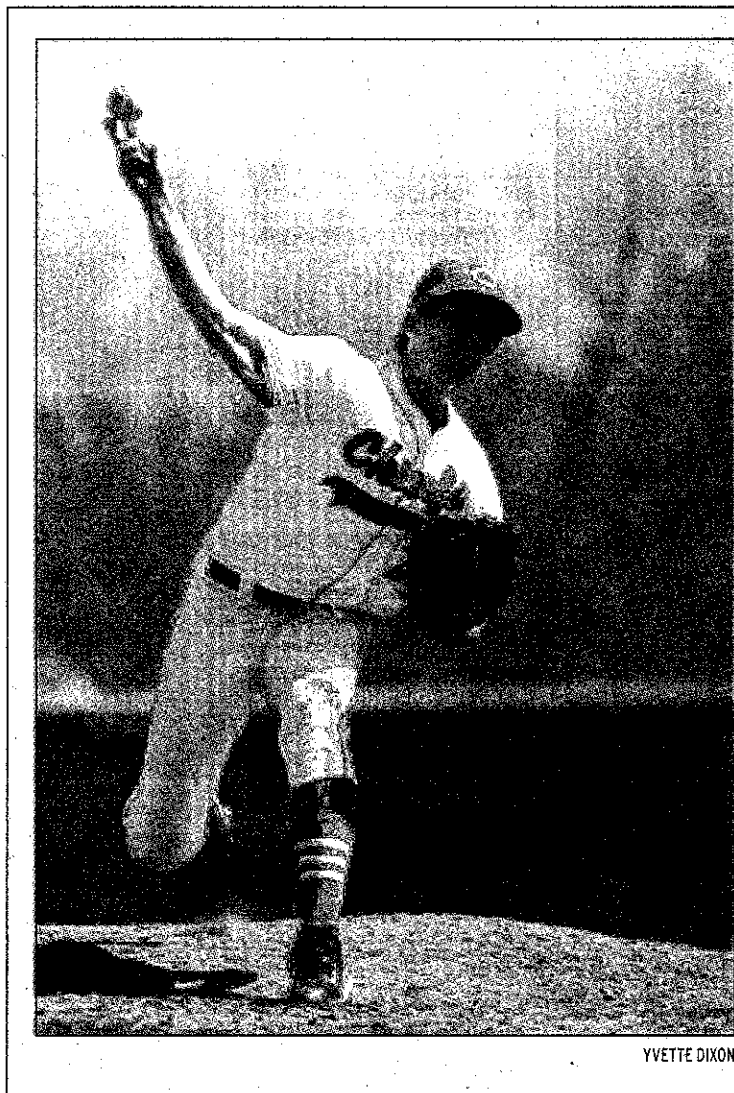
"There are a lot of other great captains and leaders in this league that are very deserving of this award," Terry said. "That's what makes this award a great honor and very special to me. Although this is an individual award, there's a lot of people I share this with. First, my teammates in Plymouth were great this year. I also share this award with (alternate cap-

tains) Joe Gaynor, Kaine Geldart, AJ Jenks and Michal Jordan. They were great captains in the locker room and they'll continue to be throughout their careers.

"I thank the Plymouth Whalers organization and in particular (President, Head Coach and General Manager) Mike Vellucci for giving me an opportunity at 16 to not only play in this league, but to have the opportunity to become a better person on and off the ice. Lastly, I'd like to thank my parents (John and Dianne) for their support, not only over the last four years in the OHL, but throughout my whole hockey career and instilling good leadership qualities.

"This award is a true honor to me because Mickey was a great player and a fierce competitor on the ice. Not only was he a good captain on the ice, but he was also a good captain within the city of Windsor. That's what makes this award special to me, to be the first recipient, and it's something I'll

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YVETTE DIXON

Great Dane

Canton senior pitcher Dane Staples threw a no-hitter Friday afternoon against South Lyon East. Staples struck out 10 Cougars in the Chiefs' mercy rule-shortened 10-0 victory. Canton improved to 12-4 on the season.

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cherish the rest of my life." A panel of OHL media members worked as a committee in examining the nominations of the 20 captains throughout the league this season. "The spirit of this award is embodying what Mickey Renaud was all about — his presence, what he meant as a leader in the dressing room and in the community, and how he tried to live his life," said Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch. "It was interesting for me as a bystander to watch the process and see how quickly our committee came to a consensus on this year's winner. That's a tribute to Chris

and what he means on and off the ice." "I'm so proud of Chris," said Vellucci. "He's done so much for our community and our organization. I get a lot of credit for our turnaround (in 2008-09), but Chris had more to do with it than me. The captain is an extension of the coaching staff and when the change was made in coaching this season, Chris was remarkable. Not only did he make so many great plays on the ice, but he did so much off the ice as well — from curfew checks, to suggestions, to different things like leadership in the locker room. He was a leader in setting up school visits and hospital visits and all of those kinds of things. He's just a remarkable kid. "When we talked about this award and the Humanitarian

Award, his teammates wanted to speak up on his behalf. We did a video on him and all his teammates lined up to talk about what a great person Chris is." "We are very pleased and honored that this award was created in Mickey's name," said Mark Renaud, Mickey's father. "Mickey was a quality person and we are grateful that so many of his attributes are captured in this award. We are also very pleased that Chris Terry is the first recipient since he is such a terrific hockey player and a very special person. He is certainly a fine leader and a great captain," added Renaud. Terry will be formally presented with the Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy and the Dan Snyder Memorial Trophy at the OHL Awards Banquet on June 3.



Plymouth Whalers captain Chris Terry is pictured with the display at the Windsor Family Credit Union Centre that honors the Spitfires' former captain Mickey Renaud.

DAVE PICKFORD

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

Great Expectations: Your golf game will change while you are pregnant

By Susan Smiley

When Michigan State University women's golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll discovered she was pregnant six years ago, she visualized being able to propel the golf ball further down the fairway than she ever had before. "So many people said they hit the ball farther when they were pregnant," said Slobodnik-Stoll. "It did not work that way for me. I really struggled. I just felt like I could not get through the ball. But I didn't want to give up playing, so I participated in all of the events I usually play in and just got used to hitting a little short." Women can expect to make adjustments to their game when they are pregnant, but just what those changes will be is tough to predict. Not only can it vary from golfer to golfer but from pregnancy to pregnancy as well. Meredith Weaver is a mother of three and says she had to make new adjustments each time she was pregnant. "With my daughter I felt like I gained weight all over where with my two boys the weight was all right out there in front," Weaver said. "So it was completely different each time. I think you just have to adjust as you go along." For Weaver, one of the toughest things was getting used to having her hands so far away from her body when she gripped the club. "People are probably different depending on what their swing plane is like to begin with," Weaver said. "I think when you are pregnant you are more

likely to swing within yourself and you maybe have less of a tendency to over swing." Once she got her swing under control, it was a matter of dealing with her aching legs and first-trimester nausea. "I always felt really crummy the first trimester so that it was harder for me to play than it was later in my pregnancies," Weaver said. "I also had a problem with veins in my legs so my issues were more to do with walking than with my swing." Julie Massa, who is typically a walk-and-carry golfer, also remembers using the cart more when she was pregnant but for her the biggest issue was balance. "I moved a little slower so I just had to tell myself that I wasn't going to hit it as far and to just play with what I had and try to keep it down the middle and make it easy on myself," Massa said. "My balance was different and it kept changing as I went along so that was an issue I didn't think of. It was a constant state of adjustment." Massa found her putting was affected because she could not bend over as far as she was used to. She never changed putters but changed her stance to compensate for the lack of flexibility. "I don't know exactly where the point was in my pregnancy where I knew I had to do something different but I think you just know," Massa said. "I just went with how I was feeling. I think you have to listen to your body — that's what I did." Slobodnik-Stoll still remembers playing in a tournament in mid-July when she was seven months pregnant

with her daughter, Olivia. It was 95 degrees and humid and she remembers questioning her sanity for just a moment during the tournament. "I just remember thinking 'I'm huge and why am I doing this right now?'" Slobodnik-Stoll said. "My expectations were so high and I was not playing like I wanted to but I didn't want to use the pregnancy as an excuse." Some golfers find their game improved after the baby is born. Both Weaver and Slobodnik-Stoll say they gained upper body strength and muscle after their babies were born just because they were carrying their children with them everywhere. "I was happy because I had more arm strength," Slobodnik-Stoll said. "It was a benefit for my game." No matter what losses or changes their games suffered during their pregnancies, the golfers all agree that once the baby arrives, you get a new and refreshing perspective on everything — including your game. "You have something going on in your life that is so much bigger than golf," Weaver said. Slobodnik-Stoll agrees: "Competitive golf is something that we do because we love it. Know that when you are pregnant, your life is going to be changing in the best way possible and you are going to have something you love more than golf." Susan Smiley is the Member Services Manager for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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Swine Flu that forced the district's schools to shut down for two days (I think I may have even seen a tumbleweed or two blowing across the soccer field). The entrances were barricaded and a weird silence hovered over the empty fields, tracks and courts. It was a scene straight out of a Stephen King novel or an episode of the "Twilight Zone." Thankfully, things returned to normal Wednesday. ...Speaking of swine, what ever happened to Arnold Ziffel, the greatest pig actor who ever lived? And I've always wondered: Was the former "Green Acres" star a member of the Screen Actors Guild or the Swine Actors Guild? ...I'd be a horrible movie critic because I'm, well, too critical of most movies. For example, I'm a huge baseball fan, but I didn't think "Bull Durham" was all that great. And I thought one of the few sports-related movies to win "Best Picture" — "Chariots of Fire" — was probably the most boring two hours I've spent on this earth. That said, after watching "Slumdog Millionaire" last week, I gave it four stars and two thumbs up. ...I know he's a member of the "enemy" as far as Detroit Red Wings fans are concerned, but it was pretty cool to see local hockey standout and all-around great person James Wisniewski playing a pivotal role for the Anaheim Ducks this past weekend at Joe Louis Arena.

Following a playoffs-less career in Chicago, Wisniewski was traded west this past winter and has found a home on the Ducks' blue line. The Canton High School graduate and former Plymouth Whaler assisted on Anaheim's game-winning goal Sunday, which must have been bittersweet for area fans who know Wisniewski but root for the Wings. ...Wisniewski hasn't forgotten his roots. Last spring, once the NHL season was over, the former high school baseball standout not only attended a Canton High School baseball game, he coached first base for a few innings. Who wants to bet nobody missed a sign during those frames? ...You have to feel for the area's high school athletic directors. Not only have they had to deal with an unusually rainy spring that has shuffled the spring sports schedules like a deck of cards, but now they have two full days of events they have to find make-up dates for in the wake of this week's school closings. ...Speaking of jam-packed schedules, how does Kurt Britnell do it? He's not only immersed in everything that comes with being Salem's new football coach, but he's coaching Plymouth's boys and girls track-and-field teams this spring. I get fatigued thinking about it. Ed Wright is the Sports Editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at (734) 578-2767 and ewright@hometownlife.com.

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cus and high jump relays as Cortney Frazier figured in both firsts. Salem also posted seconds in the shot put relay (school record), 6,400 relay, 3,200 relay and 1,600 relay (season-best 3:28.7 thanks to the efforts of Scott O'Connor, Dan Martin, Zack Gaskell and Dom Williams).

"We knew CC was strong in just about every event," Meteyer said. "They were good in the field events, sprints and distance - and we were, too. But they were just a little stronger. When you win five or six events, that's hard to compete against. But I'm really proud of them. We were in double digits - 14th place - two years ago, fifth last year, and then second. We're moving up the ranks and it's good to see. Our strongest class are the juniors and we look to be back next year."

Canton's lone first-place finish proved to be a school-record effort as the Chiefs' distance-medley relay foursome of Josh Hurst, Keith Zech, Sherif Hassanien and Zack Spreitzer's time of 10:47.9 eclipsed the previous-best time by close to 11 seconds.

Churchill coach Rick Austin was pleased with his team's third-place finish.

The Chargers, led by the state's top-ranked pole vaulter, senior Derik Peterman, took that highly specialized event.

But a big surprise came in the 4 x 100 relay as Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Devon Easterling took first in 43.26, the first time ever a Churchill team had won the event in the 39-year history of Observerland.

"Those kids are the hardest workers on the team and they deserve everything they get," Austin said. "And I thought our throwers did well, too. They're our hardest workers, too."



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Plymouth's Joe Porcari hands the baton to teammate Matt Neumann during the 6,400-meter relay race in Saturday's Observerland Relays.

"I'm very proud of the kids' performance. They've been growing all season. Third place makes me happy. It means we're headed in the right direction. But my hat's off to coach Magni and a CC team that had many outstanding performers."

Meanwhile, Observerland's fastest man title goes to Livonia Franklin senior Paul Voegele, who tied the school record with an official time of 10.86.

Voegele was able to hold off Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford,

Farmington's Charles Anthony and Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou - all clocking 10.9 - in a photo finish.

Officials deliberated for over five minutes before sorting out the finishers, but there was no question the Franklin senior crossed the line in first.

"It feels great," said pencil-thin Voegele, who stands just 5 feet, 7 inches, and weighs only 125 pounds. "I got a good block start and ran a pretty good time, a personal best."

"I knew I was first or second, but didn't know until I got the (placing) stick. I was

concerned, worried, anxious to know."

Another impressive individual performer was Wayne Memorial junior Renaldo Powell, who captured the 110 hurdles in 14.15. He finished just ahead of Vanier Joseph of Redford Thurston (14.41) and CC's Scott Sansovich (14.51).

Another highlight was Stevenson's 4 x 200 relay team of David Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison and Anagnostou, who took first in 1:28.89, breaking the school record set in 2007.

But the day overall

belonged to the Shamrocks, one of the few teams in the area who require mandatory workouts during spring break.

"If you go on spring break, you can't run," Magni said. "We lose a few, but our guys know that from Day One when they come in as freshmen. We can do it at CC and I realize some schools can't do it. You have to be here that week-and-a-half because I know they're not going to be training in Cancun."

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OBSERVERLAND TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

39th annual OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS
May 2 at Livonia Churchill H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 83 points; 2. Salem, 61; 3. Livonia Churchill, 52; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 5. Farmington Hills Harrison, 42; 6. Livonia Franklin, 40; 7. Northville, 35; 8. Canton, 32; 9. Farmington, 29; 10. Plymouth, 25; 11. Wayne Memorial, 24; 12. Westland John Glenn, 11; 13. Redford Thurston, 8; 14. Lutheran High Westland, 4; 15. Redford Union, 1; 16. (tie) Garden City and Livonia Clarenceville, 0 each.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jerry Yono, Jeff Sherman, Niko Palazetti), 142 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Salem, 140-8; 3. Franklin, 136-0; 4. Churchill, 135-7; 5. Farmington, 125-7.75; 6. Stevenson, 124-1.5.

Discus: 1. Salem (Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi, Cortney Frazier), 386-1; 2. Franklin, 377-3; 3. Northville, 372-5; 4. Churchill, 369-4; 5. Catholic Central, 367-1; 6. Plymouth, 357-2.

High jump: 1. Salem (Zack Gaskell, Andy Steinman, Frazier), 17-6; 2. Franklin, 17-5; 3. Northville, 17-5; 4. Canton, 17-0; 5. Catholic Central, 17-0; 6. Farmington, 16-9.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison, David Simor, Will Burek), 59-1; 2. Harrison, 58-1.25; 3. Wayne, 56-7.5; 4. Churchill, 56-4.5; 5. Catholic Central, 56-1.5; 6. Farmington, 54-5.75.

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Derik Peterman, Chris Barnard, Joe Marlow), 38-6; 2. Canton, 35-0; 3. Stevenson, 33-6; 4. Northville, 32-6; 5. Salem, 32-0; 6. RU, 31-6.

6,400 meters: 1. Catholic Central (Alex Toloff, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ricardo Galindo, Austin Zembrowski), 18 minutes, 29.5 seconds; 2. Salem, 18:32.43; 3. Plymouth, 19:09.22; 4. Canton, 19:42.52; 5. Stevenson, 19:43.16; 6. Churchill, 19:43.2.

Distance medley: 1. Canton (Joshua Hurst, Keith Zech, Sherif Hassanien, Zach Spreitzer), 10:47.87; 2. Catholic Central, 10:53.64; 3. Northville, 10:59.73; 4. Churchill, 11:11.79; 5. Franklin, 11:21.5; 6. Farmington, 11:22.03.

800: 1. Stevenson (Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Sergison, Nick Anagnostou), 1:28.89; 2. Catholic Central, 1:29.86; 3. Wayne, 1:30.5; 4. Harrison, 1:30.6; 5. Churchill, 1:30.78; 6. John Glenn, 1:31.69.

3,200: 1. Catholic Central (Toloff, A. Zembrowski, Brandon Schneider, Spencer Hall), 8:19.63; 2. Salem, 8:22.01; 3. Plymouth, 8:23.7; 4. Canton, 8:25.24; 5. Stevenson, 8:33.12; 6. Churchill, 8:34.0.

Sprint medley: 1. Harrison (Christian Success, Aaron Burbridge, May Chapman, Darius Davis), 2:28.57; 2. Stevenson, 2:29.88; 3. Plymouth, 2:32.3; 4. Churchill, 2:34.26; 5. John Glenn, 2:35.27; 6. Salem, 2:36.04.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Farmington (Matt Craver, Mitch Sanders, Davis, Chris Rybal), 1:03.2; 2. Harrison, 1:03.91; 3. Churchill, 1:04.73; 4. Catholic Central, 1:05.09; 5. Franklin, 1:05.24; 6. Canton, 1:06.94.

400: 1. Churchill (Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Devon Easterling), 43.26; 2. Harrison, 43.37; 3. Farmington, 43.76; 4. Stevenson, 43.84; 5. Franklin, 43.98; 6. Catholic Central, 44.03.

1,600: 1. Catholic Central (Brendan Curran, Schneider, Scott Sansovich, Hall), 3:32.89; 2. Northville, 3:28.08; 3. Salem, 3:28.7; 4. Harrison, 3:28.99; 5. Farmington, 3:32.11; 6. Canton, 3:32.54.

INDIVIDUAL OPEN EVENTS
110 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.15; 2. Vanier Joseph (RT), 14.41; 3. Sansovich (CC), 14.51; 4. Ali Arastu (N'ville), 14.69; 5. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.48; 6. Peterman (LC), 15.6.

1,600 run: 1. John Paul Zembrowski (CC), 4:29.65; 2. Matt Voegele (Salem), 4:31.16; 3. Warren Buzzard (Ply), 4:32.2; 4. Spencer Lyle (LW), 4:34.6; 5. Shawn Howse (LSO), 4:38.41; 6. Frank Griffiths (N'ville), 4:45.28.

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegele (LF), 19.9; 2. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 10.9; 3. Charles Anthony (Farm.), 10.9; 4. Anagnostou (LS), 10.9; 5. Clayton Parish (WM), 11.3; 6. Easterling (LC), 11.3.

SPORTS BRIEFS

P-CEP girls hoop camps

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's girls basketball programs will be hosting a pair of hoop camps next month.

The first camp will be hosted by Canton coach Brian Samulski and his coaching staff from June 15-19. The camp, which is for girls in 7th through 9th grades, will run from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day at Pioneer Middle School. The cost is \$75, which includes a ball and T-shirt for each camper. The camp is No. 204 in the Community Education book. For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

The Plymouth, Canton and Salem coaching staffs will hold a camp for girls in 4th through 6th grades June 22-26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Salem High School. The registration fee is \$75, which includes a ball and T-shirt for each camper. The course number is 202. For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

The 2009 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 at the Canton High School baseball complex. The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

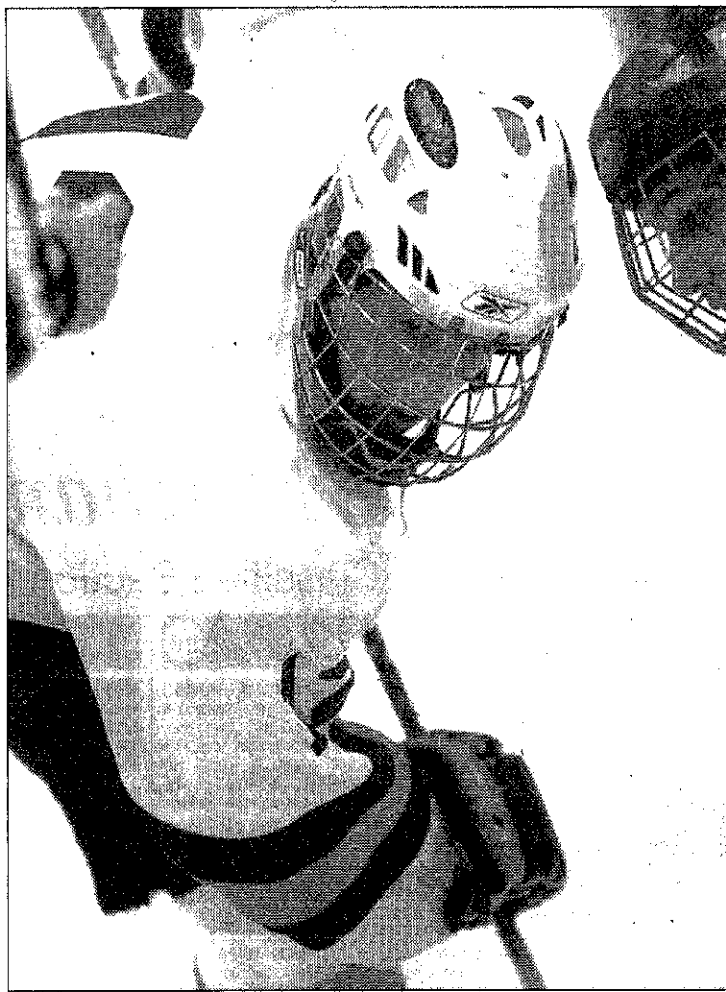
The camp is designed for kids 7 to 14 years old. A limited number of openings exist, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

All campers will receive a 2009 Canton Baseball Camp T-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the varsity coaching staff and players in all phases of the game, including throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and base running.

The registration fee is \$120.

For more information, call Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.



AARON BELL | OHL IMAGES

Northville resident Stefan Noesen was drafted in the fourth round by the Plymouth Whalers in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League draft.

Area icer drafted by OHL's Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering the vast majority of Ontario Hockey League franchises are scattered across the Canadian province of Ontario, the odds were good heading into Saturday's OHL Draft that Stefan Noesen's new address would be a long bus ride away from his Northville home.

As it turned out, the Novi Catholic Central sophomore will be playing only a long slap shot from his current residence.

Noesen was selected in the fourth round of Saturday's draft by the Plymouth Whalers, who covet the native Texan's size and scoring ability.

A 6-foot-1, 195-pound center, Noesen has starred for the past two seasons for the Compuware U16 team. He moved to Northville from Plano, Texas, two years ago to enhance his hockey future.

"I'm anxious to get playing and to show them I can contribute right away," said Noesen. "I feel good about playing for the Whalers and know-

ing that I won't be the only American around."

Noesen has been skating since he was 4 thanks to some impromptu lessons he received from a relative.

"My great grandpa taught me how to skate backwards in my living room," Noesen said. "He was a pure Canadian and he loved hockey. I think he was a pretty good player, too."

Noesen was hooked on the sport immediately. The bigger he grew, the better he became. At the age of 12 he was a standout on the national title-winning Dallas Ice Jets team.

"Hockey was on the verge of getting really big down there when I moved up here," said Noesen. "There were about seven or eight really good teams starting up."

The Whalers are coming off a highly successful season during which they finished 37-26-5-0 before getting derailed in the second round of the OHL playoffs by Windsor.

The Spitfires have advanced to the OHL championship round.

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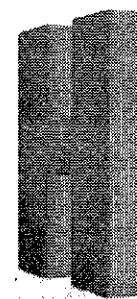
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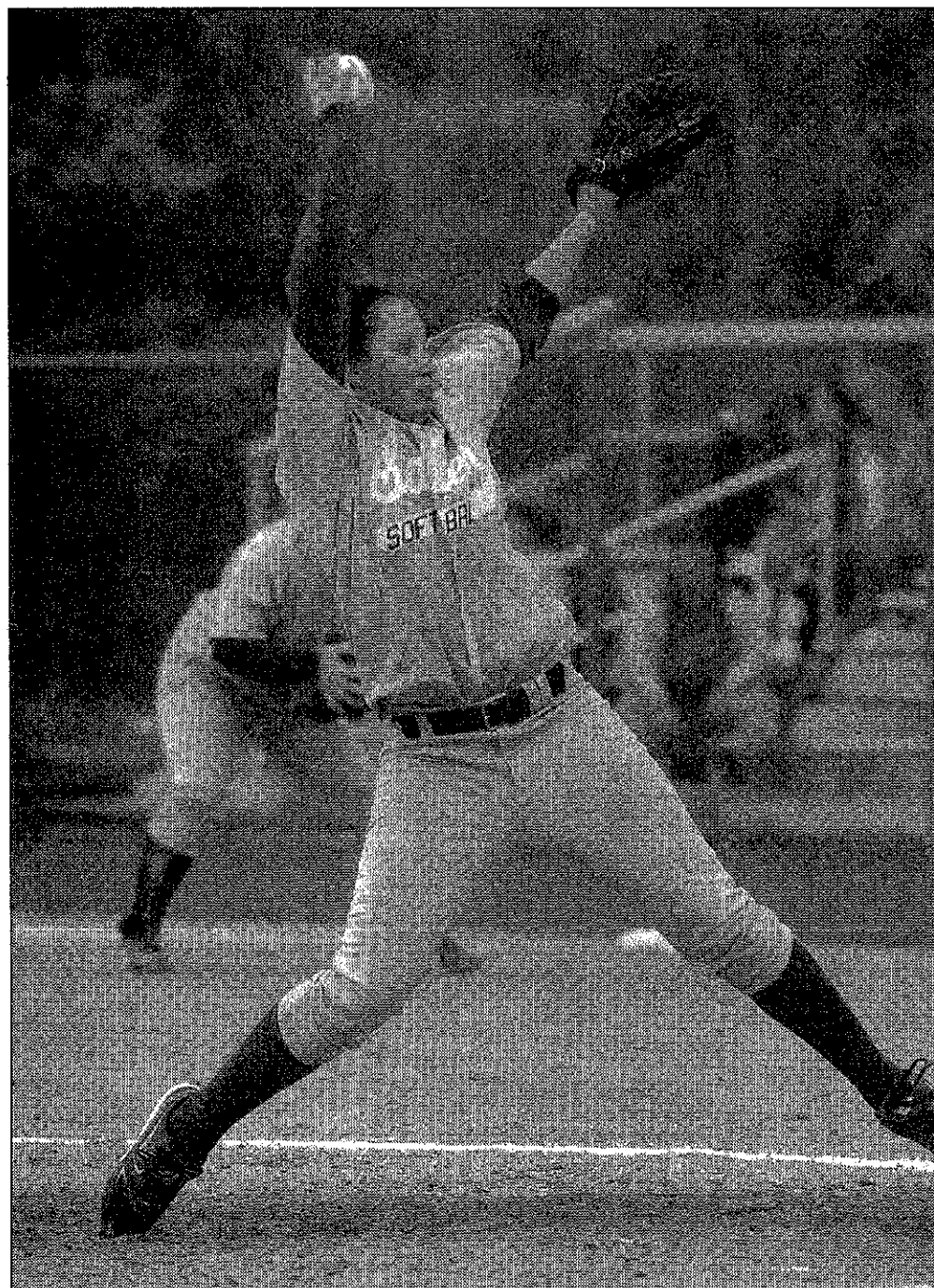


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Salem's Heidi Schmidt has teamed with fellow sophomore Briana Lee to give the Rocks' a potent one-two pitching punch this spring. Schmidt and Lee hurled the Rocks to first place in Saturday's Salem Invitational.

Hosts with the most

Salem wins own invitational for the fourth consecutive year

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may want to think about re-naming the Salem Invitational softball tournament the Salem "Win"vitational.

For the fourth consecutive year, the host Rocks captured first place in their own tournament on Saturday when they went 4-0 in the 12th annual event.

"I'm very happy for my seniors and how they played," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, whose team improved to 14-5. "They never lost a Salem Invite."

This year's title didn't come easy as Salem had to match up with state-ranked Livonia Franklin in the championship game. The Rocks prevailed, 4-2, as sophomore hurler Briana Lee limited a potent Franklin batting order to three hits.

The Rocks struck for two runs in the first inning. Christina Parsons and Mary Cox singled before Powell brought Parsons home with a sacrifice fly. Emily Pitcole then doubled in Cox.

Parsons expanded Salem's lead to 3-0 in the third with a solo home run. Her double in the fourth also led to a run to push the Rocks' advantage to 4-0.

The Patriots plated single runs in the first and the seventh.

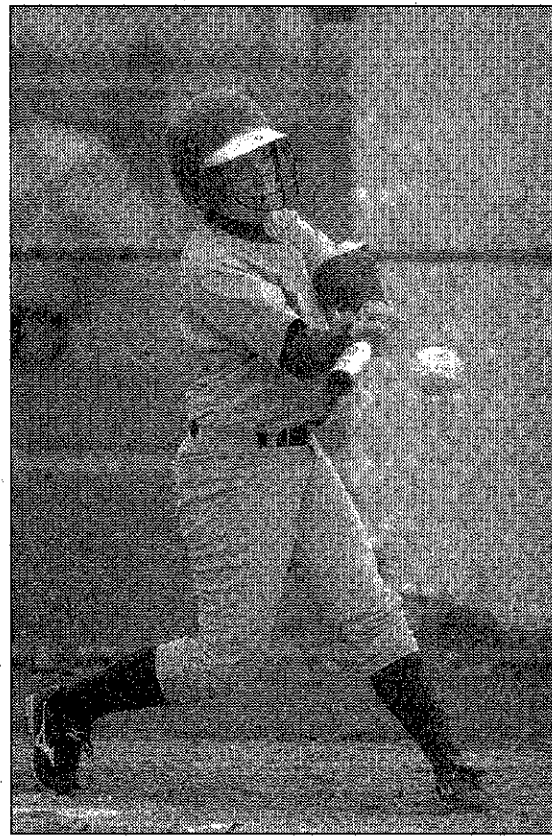
"This was a great win for us, beating Franklin, which is leading its division," said Southerland. "We hit the ball better this weekend than we have most of the season, so this was great to see."

"We are continuing to get ourselves prepared for what is to come, making great progress at the plate."

The Rocks rolled in the their three games leading up to the final. They smoked Dearborn, 10-0, in the in opener before dismantling Holt, 7-1, and Flat Rock, 10-0.

The Patriots entered the tournament with just one loss, but they were no match for Lee, who yielded just one hit and no walks while striking out 10. Salem was in a groove at the plate, ripping 18 hits. Cox and Parsons both laced three hits while Heidi Schmidt, Lee and Mary Johnson chipped in with two safeties a piece.

Lee pitched the first four innings against Holt before giving way to Schmidt. The dynamic duo



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Emily Meade, pictured during a game last week, was instrumental in the Rocks' championship effort during Saturday's Salem Invitational.

surrendered just five hits while whiffing 13 batters. Highlighting the Rocks' nine-hit attack were first-inning back-to-back home runs off the bats of Pitcole and Lee. Parsons added a fourth-inning round-tripper.

Schmidt earned the mound win for the Rocks in game three as she gave up just one hit while striking out six. Cox paced the offensive attack with a home run and single. Pitcole, Schmidt and Lee contributed two hits a piece.

Plymouth's Erin Rodes, pictured eyeing a pitch during a game early last month, played a key role in the Wildcats' sweep of Livonia Stevenson Friday afternoon.



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Wildcats sweep Stevenson in twinbill

On Friday at Plymouth, the host Wildcats swept Livonia Stevenson 5-4 and 11-0 in a Kensington Lakes cross-over softball double-header.

Plymouth improved to 11-1 overall and 7-1 in the conference while the Spartans slipped to 6-6 and 3-4, respectively.

Pitcher Lauren Smith scattered nine hits, fanned three and did not allow a walk to give Plymouth the narrow vic-

tory in the opener.

Laura Deacon went 3-for-4 with a double and triple in the loss. She relieved starter Emily Hollandsworth with one in the fourth inning.

The two Spartan pitchers combined to give up six hits on five walks and nine strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Plymouth scored six times in the sixth inning to mercy the Spartans, 11-0.

Beth Heldmeyer went 4-for-4 with two runs scored.

Winning pitcher Miranda Oliver allowed just five hits, walked one and fanned four.

Deacon gave up three earned runs on two hits and walked five in four innings before giving way to Shannen Serlyo.

Hollandsworth went 2-for-2 in the setback.

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Relay fund-raiser

Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 44075 Ford Road, Canton, will hold a Relay for Life fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., on May 8. Oil changes will be half off with an in-store donation to the Relay for Life Canton event for the American Cancer Society. The fund-raiser will also include free food, beverages and give-a-ways for all oil change customers. There will also be a Valvoline NASCAR replica on display, as well as a Valvoline gas powered go-kart that will be raffled on May 17 with 100 of the money going to the Relay for Life in Canton. Disney Radio AM 910 will broadcast live from 4-6 p.m., and WCSX will also broadcast live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customers can enter to win four tickets and Victory Lane Club credentials for the Father's Day June 14 race at MIS. The Victory Lane Club credentials include hospitality, breakfast, lunch and beverages, pre-race pit access, entertainment, souvenir program, autographed hat from winning driver and more.

Business women to meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) will hold their next monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, May

11 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road. The guest speaker will be Dr. Connie Zielinski, author of "It's In Your Hands." Dinner will also be served. The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. The group, which is looking for new members, focuses on leadership development, informative programs, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy, and national, state and local voice in women's issues. For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or e-mail junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

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Canton's Bob Jastrzebski (Boblin Honey) is hosting a boot camp for beekeepers. His Beekeepers of South Central Michigan will meet from noon to 2 p.m., May 9 at his Manchester home, 8810 M52. For more information about either, visit www.boblinhoney.com, or e-mail him at bob@cimsurf.com or call (734) 748-2185.

Mother's Day special

Allen May Salon & Day Spa, 1687 Canton Center in the Center Village Plaza, would like to extend a special Mother's Day deal to its clients, as well as new clients. The spa will offer 25 percent off of regular salon & spa rates until May 17. For more information, visit www.allenmay.net or call (734) 981-8223.

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Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com and he will take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

New Cherry Hill Village practice affiliated with Beaumont Hospital

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Samuel Fawaz: Internal medicine practice encompassing all medical ailments with a focus on preventive medicine and healthy lifestyles.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Samuel Fawaz: We are the only Beaumont medical practice in Western Wayne County.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

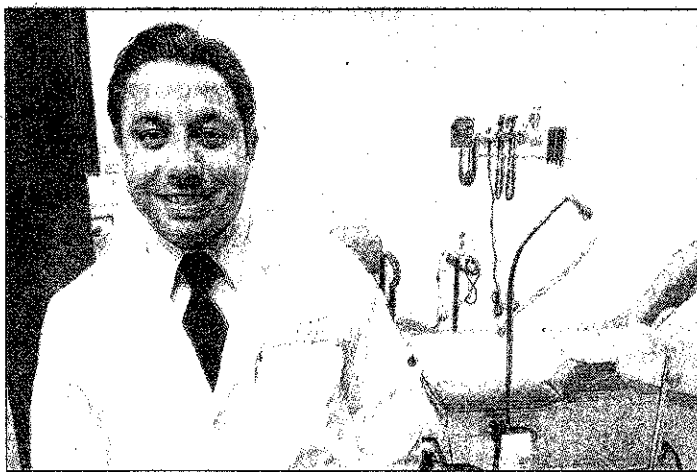
Samuel Fawaz: Transitioned from inpatient medicine in Beaumont in Royal Oak to out patient medicine.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Samuel Fawaz: I was enchanted with Cherry Hill Village.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Samuel Fawaz: We have the pleasure of Coldstone aroma therapy, as we are located on the second floor of the Coldstone creamery building.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Samuel Fawaz, an internist affiliated with Beaumont Hospitals, has a new office in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

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Number of employees: 3

Your business specialty: Internal medicine medical practice

Business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Business phone: (734) 398-5554

CHAMBER CHAT

Relay For Life Canton

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a unique community event that allows individuals from all walks of life to celebrate life for cancer survivors, to remember loved ones lost and to rally together as a community to fight cancer. The Canton community will hold this year's event at Heritage Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17 from 10 a.m.-10 a.m.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will again be a sponsor for the event and will be hosting a Relay for Life team called "Taking Care Of Business." The team is made up of Canton Chamber members who want to get involved in Relay but are not able to make the full 24-hour commitment to the event. "Relay for Life is a community event and is a great opportunity for team building and camaraderie within an organization," said Chamber President Dianne Cojei. "It is one of the most exciting events of the year that is hosted by The American Cancer Society and the Canton community."

There are many ways to be part of the Chamber team. You and/or your company can raise money in the form of cash/checks and/or pledges via the Web site at www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi. Be sure to click on the "Taking Care of Business" team page. There are many ways to participate in the event by walking, selling or purchasing luminaries, selling suns and moons or by giving a donation.

During the event, team members take turns walking around the track while others are free to socialize, picnic and/or participate in planned activities. To find out more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Vacation seminar

There will be a market volatility and vacation packages seminar at 7 p.m., Monday, May 11 in the IKEA Conference Room, 41640 Ford Road, Canton. Scott Coates, Ameriprise, and Ruth Fuchs, Admiral Cruise & Tour Center, will discuss the market and vacations. Attendees to this free seminar will receive complimentary gift certificates for travel and restaurants. Call (734) 432-6441 to R.S.V.P. by May 7.

Computer class

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 6-9 p.m.,

the Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Excel-Part 2" course presented by Canton Computers. The course will be held at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2009. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

"The Chamber is proud to offer educational programs to our Chamber members, business owners, employees, and residents of Canton," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "We have seen quite a good turn out at these training sessions. The classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040. All 2009 Seminars and Computer training courses are being sponsored by Showroom of Elegance and Waltonwoods of Canton.

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its May networking luncheon on May 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance registration, (or \$25 at the door) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker William L. "Billy" Taylor, Jr. B.S., M.A., Ed.D., who is a University of Michigan football legend. Taylor has written his autobiography "Get Back Up" where he reiterates the series of up and down struggles that eventually led him to where he is today.

"We are thrilled to have someone of William Taylor's stature speak at our local chamber," says Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

May's Luncheon is being sponsored by Durcon, Inc. and Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 8.



Weight loss challenge

Canton Chiropractic Center, 6231 N. Canton Center Road, is gearing up for another weight loss challenge, beginning Tuesday, May 12. Winners from the recent challenge included (from left) Paul Basala (second place), first place finisher Chris Lawson and Daniel Roe (third place) - all from Canton. The group lost a total of 101 pounds. Basala has lost more than 100 pounds in the last 10 months through the program. Cost for 12 week challenge is \$35 (money goes into a pot to pay out to winners at end). To register call 'Coach' Marji at (734) 667-2004 and leave a message. Weight loss challenges will also be held at Westland Anytime Fitness beginning May 13 and Plymouth Anytime Fitness beginning May 14.

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NEW PATIENTS

Students give youth minister a new 'do'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Jason Nelson was smiling all the while his hair was turning purple. The new "do" was just one of the ways the youth minister reaches out to middle and high school students at Farmington Hills Church of God. Nelson had his hair dyed and part of his head shaved after kids in the church's youth group met his challenge to increase attendance. Three years ago about 18 youth came for the Wednesday evening meetings with Nelson and nine adult volunteers who work with him in the program.

"We have seen such growth," said Nelson, the church's associate pastor. "We had 32 kids at the beginning of 2009. Currently 32 is our low. We're averaging 40 now. The youth are excited, we have a different event every Wednesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. We're going to Tigers or Pistons games, pool parties, barbecues. We address issues they deal with on a daily basis. Currently we're on sex.

"Kids are always welcome to come. We have a 'pray for' list. After three weeks they get a T-shirt and the counselors and student leadership team pray for them. I hear stories of people seeing those shirts in the community. One kid was in gym class and a friend



The Rev. Jason Nelson has his hair dyed purple by Sharon Gates, a local hair stylist and member of Farmington Hills Church of God. The new look was the result of a challenge the minister gave students in the church's youth group.

said 'can I be prayed for?' He prayed right there for the other kid."

Nelson knows firsthand the difficulties of growing up. He is the third generation of pastors in his family but at one point wasn't sure about following the path of his father Ed and grandfather H.L.

On April 5, Nelson celebrated his pastoral ordination, officially becoming a reverend in front of friends and family including wife Anne. His father and mother Sheri traveled from Colorado

for the ordination at which Ed preached and H.L. gave the dedication prayer. After the service the church threw a party attended by 230 people.

"At an early age I felt the call then saw how Christians act the way they are not supposed to act. It turned me away from church. In college I reaccepted the call to the ministry," said Nelson, who earned a bachelor's degree at Asbury College in Kentucky and master's at Anderson University School of Theology, Indiana. "I worked as a camp counselor one summer for the Salvation Army. The junior high camp drew me in the most. Because of my experiences as a teen I feel I'm able to relate to kids, to teach them to live and love as the Bible tells them. I went through some rebellion, the party scene, tried some things. I'm able to relate to kids as they struggle with things today."

Nelson's goal as a pastor is to be an example of God's love.

"Nobody's perfect so we're going to mess up," said Nelson, "but God loves us and forgives us."

Nelson's positive influence on Linda Cook's daughter is the reason the single mother applauds the program. Cook has been attending Farmington Hills Church of God since her daughter was two years old. Victoria

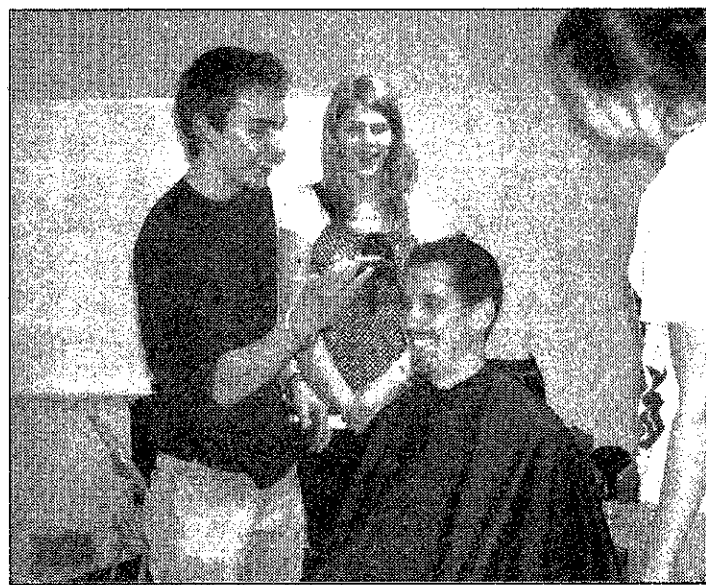
Stafford is now 12 and a seventh grade student at East Middle School.

Youth in the group primarily attend sixth through 12th grade at Power and East Middle schools and Harrison and Farmington high schools. Nelson helps coach girls soccer at Harrison.

"She never misses a meeting," said Cook of Farmington. "We have 150 some people. We're not a huge congregation. He's really grown the youth group. He's invited children of different faiths or who don't know God at all. I've really seen the change and the growth for the kids. For my daughter, her father is nonexistent in her life and lives out of state. It's critical for a man to have an impact in her life, to surround my daughter with good role models. He's more of a cool guy cause he's younger. I think he's more on their level. Jason is very direct, tells it like it is."

At age 30, Nelson still knows how to have fun. He came up with the challenge to increase attendance by telling the kids that if they were ever to assemble 60 or more youth for the Wednesday meeting "they could do whatever they wanted" to him. Nelson kept his promise even though his ordination was a little more than two weeks away.

"The kids were calling their



PHOTOS BY ANNE NELSON

Davey Hicks (left) shaves the top of the Rev. Jason Nelson's head as Autumn Kearney and Carrie Steinke look on. The three youth are part of a group Nelson leads at Farmington Hills Church of God.

friends and ended up having 61," said Nelson. "They voted and decided to dye my hair purple and give me an old man haircut by shaving the top and left the sides. We had a good time. The following week we had 50 something youth show up that day and I promised the kids I'd keep it through worship on Sunday. The challenge is for 100 kids next time. We've had other adults step up and offer to have their head shaved."

Victoria Stafford is looking forward to growing the youth group to 100. She joined a couple of years ago for the activities and camaraderie.

"It's so much fun going, so much to do. My friends are all there," said Stafford. "It's

real informal. Jason is a real nice person, unique. It was very fun. We're trying to get bigger. We go to a lot of different places, to camp over the weekend for group building activities. There's so much to do. Everybody's so friendly there from middle school to seniors. Everyone knows each other real well."

Farmington Hills Church of God is at 25717 Power Road at 11 Mile. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org. The church is affiliated with Church of God, a non-denominational Christian movement with offices in Anderson, Ind.

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Celebration features conductors with local ties

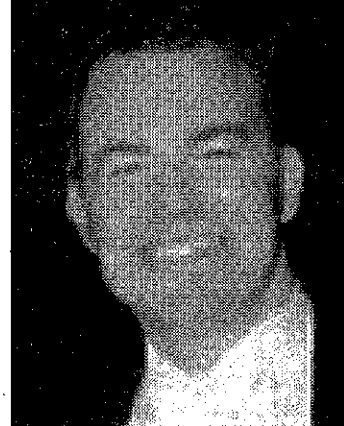
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St. Paul's has recruited a 60 member choir of current and alumni members which will be conducted by a California conductor with strong roots in Livonia. Andrew Aron grew up with his parents Rich and Elaine Aron and his brother, Matthew, and all were actively involved in the community. As a student at Stevenson High School, Andy divided his time between serving as drum major in the band, vocal student in the choir, and a leading man in the musical theatre program. He also was part of St. Paul's youth choir program for 13 years. Aron went on from there to Western Michigan University where he earned a music education degree in choral and instrumental music and then to San Jose State University where he was awarded a master's degree.

Aron currently resides with his wife, Mary, and sons, Adam and Sam, in San Jose, California where he serves as director of music at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and as choral director at Cupertino High School in Cupertino, Calif.

Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, traveled from the University of Colorado to the Ann Arbor area as a University of Michigan grad school student. She currently serves as assistant conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton, conductor of the Detroit Civic Youth Ensemble, director of choirs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, and conductor of the Ypsilanti Community Choir.

Former St. Paul's choir members who still wish to sing, but have not registered, may do so by calling (734) 422-1470.



Andrew Aron conducts a choral program in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday, May 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, takes part in a concert to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday, May 9.



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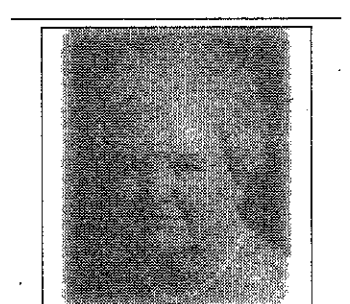


MARY CHRISTINE (McCLURE) DRAKE

Age 84. Of Traverse City, formerly of Birmingham. Died Monday, May 4, 2009 at Munson Hospice House after the challenge of pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on Dec. 25, 1924, to John Brooks McClure and Nellie Sophia (Dunsby) McClure. After supporting the war effort with her employment, she married her high school sweetheart, Walter Drake, in 1944. They retired to Traverse City. Mary once said, "I have too many interests." First, she devoted herself to making a home for her family. Other interests included antiques, foods, crafts and writing poetry. She was proud of her family's role in the American Revolution when a distant grandmother, Sarah Pardon Brooks, translated from French to English for Gen. Washington. She valued citizenship and her association with the D.A.R., as well as community service through Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mary and Walter occupied their retirement following their grandchildren's activities and enjoying Traverse City. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter Jennifer, her brother John and sister Julia. She is survived by daughter Penelope (Charles) Drake Curry of Apple Valley, MN; sons Erick (Anne) Drake, Brian Drake, Tim (Jill) Drake Sr., all of Traverse City and grandchildren Craig Drake, Matthew Curry, Leah Curry, Allan Drake, Laura Drake, Tim Drake Jr., Ryan Drake and Mary Drake; cousins, several nieces and nephews and special neighbors. Visitation took place Wed., May 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Funeral services will be at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Ostema will officiate. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Women's Resource Center, Central United Methodist Church's Radio Ministry and the Boy Scout Scenic Trails Summer Camp Fund. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City. Visit the family's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

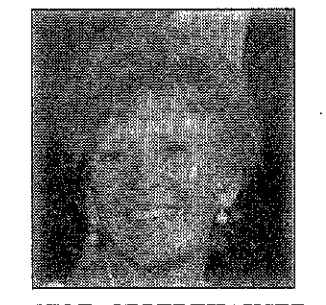
ALICE M. HAMELE
 Of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on May 1, 2009, after a long and courageous battle with doctors. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Irene (Jones) Hamele, and by her sisters Barbara Kirsh, Doris Downing, and Mary Muetzel Gray. She is survived by her life partner, Bruce Tobis, of Farmington Hills; brothers Alvin, Jr., of Portage, Wisconsin, and John, of Minden, Nevada; and by many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin, 1400 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706-1599. A funeral Mass will be said from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portage, Wisconsin, followed by burial at Silver Lake Cemetery.

WILLIAM M. KELLY
 Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation or St. James Episcopal Church.



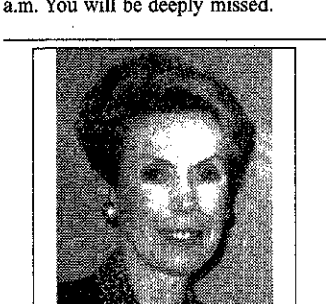
HELEN KAINO LAMPI

Age 91. May 4, 2009. Beloved wife of the late John I. Lampi. Loving mother of David (Deanna) Lampi, Arlene (Jeffrey) Bidigare and Richard (Debra) Lampi. Cherished grandmother of Heidi, Kevin, Wendy, Kathryn and Joe; great-grandmother of Jake, Alex and Amelia. Dear sister of Raymond Lindeman. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Finnish Center Association. www.thayer-rock.com



ANN E. OPPERTHAUSER

Of Farmington Hills. Passed away at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Earl C. Oppertausser and devoted mother of four children, Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steven, and Scott (Sheryl), and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, Jason, Joe, Chrissy, C.J., Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Visitation at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington May 7, 4-8 p.m. Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills May 8, 11 a.m. You will be deeply missed.



CYNTHIA ANN SAVELL

Age 67, passed away peacefully in her Birmingham home of almost 40 years on Monday, May 4, 2009. Cynthia Ann, known simply as Ann to most of her friends, leaves behind her son, Doug Savell, her daughter-in-law Stephanie Savell, and her beloved granddaughter Hunter Savell. Cynthia Ann was a Spanish teacher in Clarkston at both the Junior High and High School but was known to most as an artist and local business owner whose spirit for adventure and culture was second only to her outgoing and friendly personality. Cynthia Ann was a graduate of Dominican High School and received her Bachelor's Degree and her Master's Degrees in Education from the University of Detroit. In addition to her love of culture and travel, Cynthia Ann was a naturally gifted pilot who loved flying and sailing. She will not only be remembered for her unique organizational skills, but as the special teacher who made a difference and the nice lady on Westchester who loved dogs. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 9, 10 am, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon Street, Birmingham. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 am and will be invited to her home after the service for a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48076.

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Livonia Community Prayer Day
7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Special guest speaker is Dr. David Rawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Republics of Mali and Rwanda. Music will be provided by Classical Bells. Tickets are \$15, adults. \$10 K-12 students. Call (248) 476-9427.

National day of prayer
The sanctuary is open for prayer 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty, Northville. Two services focus on prayer for our nation at noon and 7 p.m. in Hess Chapel. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

National prayer day
Kenwood Church of Christ will be holding a National Day of Prayer event May 7, focusing upon the economic, family, and marriage issues of our community. The prayer service begins at 7 p.m. with opportunities for personal and confidential prayer with a prayer partner between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Kenwood Church of Christ is at 20200 Merriman, south of 8 Mile on east side of Merriman, Livonia. Call (248) 476-8222.

Spring Fling
Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite everyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. Come and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages served. Space limited, reservations required. Call Judy Cook at (248)

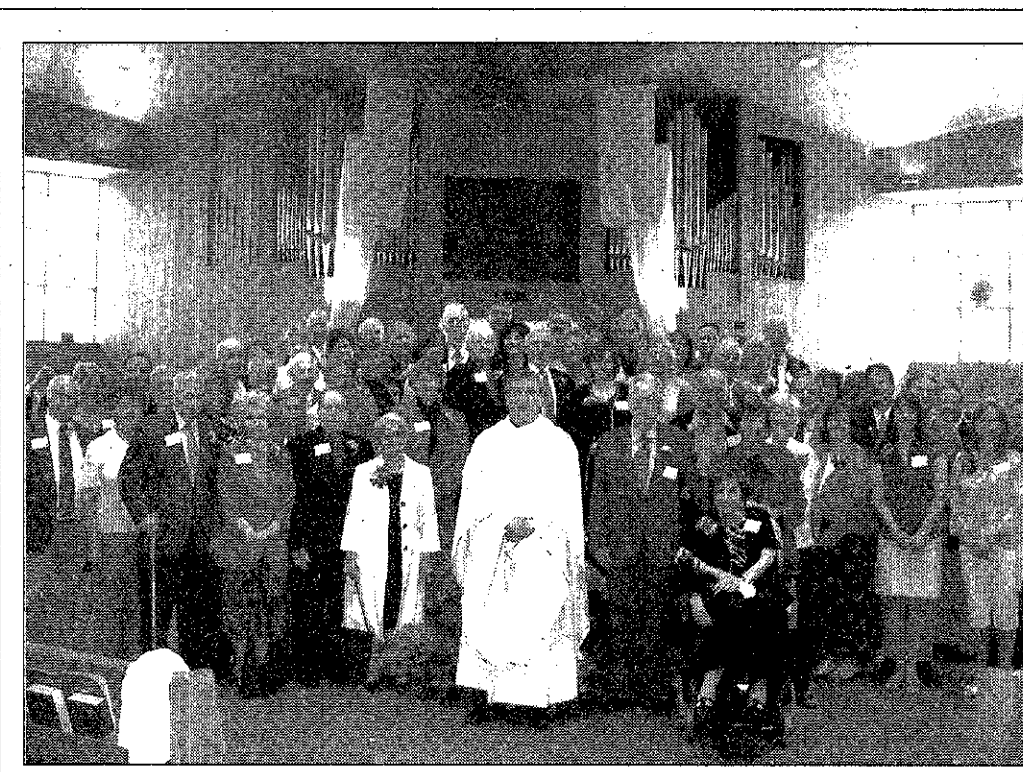
442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@around-detroit.biz no later than Friday, May 8.

Tattered and worn
St. John Neumann Catholic Church presents An Eccentric Look at the Good Book, a Ted & Company TheaterWorks Production Friday-Wednesday, May 8-13, at the church, 44800 Warren, Canton. Guests of all ages and faiths are invited to meet Bible characters and enjoy Scripture like never before. Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught combine music, theater, and comedy in the retelling of favorite Bible stories. Sunday performance begins with refreshments at 2 p.m. and the performance starting at 2:30 p.m. Performances on Friday-Saturday, and Monday-Wednesday begin with refreshments at 6 p.m. followed by performances at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children. Call ahead for ticket information at (734) 455-5986 or (734) 455-5910.

Lincoln tribute
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Bloom conference
Family Victory Fellowship presents the Bloom Conference 09 for girls ages 11-17 and their mothers 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Family Victory Fellowship, 19421 W. Ten Mile, Southfield. The theme of the conference is "Make a Date to Communicate." Created in 2007, the Bloom conference was created to help girls blossom into womanhood. This year's conference plans to instill leadership, confidence and a positive self image to its participants. In



So happy together

On Sunday, April 26, 34 couples celebrated a total of 1,290 years of marriage at the first annual Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Pastor Kevin Thomas led the group in the renewal of their wedding vows. The couples were Lee and Ed Barann, 55 years; Pat and Jim Bardel, 50; Diane and Bill Bencik, 45; Carolyn and Ronald Briggs, 45; Mary Anne and Dan Churan, 40; Flo and Jack Clement, 55; Mary Pat and Ron Edwards, 30; Julie and Rich Esker, 15; Maureen and Dr. Steve Harris, 25; Cecelia and Dale Hartsock, 35; Julie and Brady Kalem, 25; Connie and Conrad Kanclerz, 35; Pat and Bob Kemp, 55; Cheryl and Harold Klee, 40; Vicky and Mike Kowalski, 25; Isolina and Mario Leopardi, 50; Mary Jo and Mike Lipon, 35; Janine and Daniel Louzon, 20; Sue and Tom Lyman, 40; Marta and Joe Maceri, 40; Diane and Tim Mann, 30; Marcia and John Miller, 20; Patricia and Joseph Mitchell, 25; Margaret and Arthur Nelson, 60; Helen and Tom Oppat, 55; Andrea and Larry Patrias, 30; Jane and Theodore Potok, 55; Mary Sharon and Jerry Schlaff, 50; Joan and Michael Serge, 35; Gail and Ed Shymanski, 40; Amalia and Francisco Villarruel, 55; Michelle and Ken Way, 15; Joan and Ed Zamenski, 40; and Cari and Tom Zupko, 20.

addition, the conference will focus on improving the mother-daughter bond, a critical support necessary for girls as they transition into womanhood. Workshops include How to Communicate with Your Mother/ How to Communicate with a Teen, What Do Your Clothes Say About You, The Cross vs. The Crowd, Dating and Relationships with Boys, Social Networking: How Important is Technology, and Building a Mother-Daughter Covenant. The cost is \$15 per person. For information, contact Pastor Sylvia Jordan at (248) 799-0066 or Tonya Allen (313) 399-5272 at Family Victory Fellowship Church.

Sisterhood Shabbat
Shabbat morning, Saturday, May 9, has been designated Sisterhood Shabbat at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. The shul takes this opportunity to celebrate the vibrant role the Sisterhood has historically played in the synagogue and its continuing leadership in Beth Ahm's future. Members of Beth Ahm Sisterhood will lead Hebrew prayers, read from the Torah portion of the week, chant the haftarah (the assigned scriptural reading for Shabbat Emor taken from the writings of the biblical prophet Ezekiel, lead English readings, deliver the D'var Torah), open the ark, and share other Torah honors. Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads an informal Torah

study group at 9 a.m. in the Beth Ahm lobby. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Following services, there will be a special Kiddush luncheon. All are welcome. For information, contact Sisterhood President Jody Superstine Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail jsg12345@aol.com.
Mother's Day brunch
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 adults, \$12 children ages 4-12, free children ages 1-3. Reservations required. Call Dianne at (734) 522-3165.
Ladies night out
Deadline is May 10 for reservations for St. Michael the Archangel Parish's

2nd Annual Ladies Night Out 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Italian American Banquet Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile. The evening will feature Jackie Gordon of Livonia sharing her conversion story as part of the on-going series, Women of Faith Sharing their Journey. Gordon, a wife and mother of 4, was raised in the Methodist faith, became a long-time member of NorthRidge Church and then converted to Catholicism a few years ago along with her parents, husband and children. Tickets are \$25 per person, includes family-style dinner and dessert. For reservations, visit www.livoniastmichael.org. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org. Tickets will be mailed to you or held at the door according to your instructions, time permitting. If you would like to reserve an entire table, you may do so by indicating the name of your parish and the names of other women who will be joining your table.

Sharing made simple
Is Mary really contrary to the teachings of scripture? Is the topic of the Apologetics for Beginners lecture by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south Plymouth Rd, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome. Michuta's presentation will focus on the scriptural rationale for Marion doctrine and the reasons behind the reverence in which Catholics hold Christ's earthly Mother.

Landscape project
Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a planting day May 16, on the grounds of the church, 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards of God's creation. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800 for additional information.

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>CATHOLIC</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL COVENANT</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p>
<p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Immemorial Latin Mass Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1570 St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan 5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121 Mass Schedule: First Fri. 7:00 p.m. First Sat. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:00 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. <small>CE02062644</small></p>	<p>FAITH COVENANT CHURCH 14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills (248) 661-9191 Sunday Worship and Children's Church 9:15 A.M. Contemporary 11:00 A.M. Traditional Child Care Provided At All Services Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups <small>CE02062640</small></p>	<p><i>"More than Sunday Services"</i> Worship Services 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 AM Sunday School & Nursery 9:00, 10:30 & 11:30 AM Pastor: Dr. John Grenfell III Associate Pastor: Rev. David Wichert First United Methodist Church of Plymouth 45201 North Territorial Road (West of Sheldon Road) (734) 453-5280 www.pfumc.org <small>CE02062650</small></p>	<p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96 734-522-6830 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Staffed Nursery Available Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 <i>Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ</i> Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creedon <small>CE02062657</small></p>
<p>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32766 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a <small>CE02062640</small></p>	<p>Redford Aldersgate 2 blocks South of Plymouth 10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170 9:30 - Trad. Worship & Sun. Sch. 11:00 - Contemp. Family Worship www.redfordaldersgate.org <small>CE02062647</small></p>	<p>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "Open Hearts, Minds & Doors" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne & Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School 9:15 am & 11:00 am Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org <small>CE02062652</small></p>	<p>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided The Rev. Timothy R. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor <small>CE02062617</small></p>
<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 499-1925 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 8:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3186 <small>CE02062638</small></p>	<p>Timothy Lutheran Church <i>A Reconciling in Christ Congregation</i> 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available) <small>CE02062655</small></p>	<p>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Evening - 8:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette <small>CE02062648</small></p>	<p>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Friends in Faith Service 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH <small>CE02062673</small></p>
<p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia • Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levin & Schoolcraft Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org <small>CE02062611</small></p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p>	<p>BAPTIST</p>	<p>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560 The WNUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org <small>CE02062677</small></p>
<p>ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA (734) 281-1380 Worship Services SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulslivonia.org <small>CE02062630</small></p>	<p>GREEK ORTHODOX</p>	<p>Parkview Baptist Church Presents: God & Country Sunday To honor all those who have served Sunday May 17, 2009 at 10:30AM (Luncheon to follow) Speaker: Sergeant Viril Stalnaker U.S.Army 9355 Stark Rd. Livonia, MI (734) 261-6180 - www.pbc-livonia.com <small>CE02062625</small></p>	<p>STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 36375 Joy Rd., Westland Sunday Services: Matins 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am Rev. Fr. Theodor Patrutiu Parish Office: 734-525-6789 www.stcons.org Hellenic Cultural Center Banquet Hall 734-625-3550 <small>CE02062616</small></p>

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Senny Lee at 586-977-7651 or e-mail: sslee@dnp.com

E-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

ART

Ariana Gallery: "Playing with Fire" lampwork, through May 24, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com. Birmingham Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park. College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, May 15-29, collector's preview, 5:30-10 p.m. May 15, \$350; opening reception general admission, 7-10 p.m., \$50, (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo.

CPOP Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," through May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com. Farmington Artists Club: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Fine Art at the Village: May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com

Gallery@VT: Allen Brooks Photography, through May 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.cantonmi.org/villageattheater.

Janice Charach Gallery: Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, www.jccdet.org.

Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, through May 27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.

Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.

Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools,



Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging Artists Exhibit, through May 26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.org.

Print Gallery: Announcing Must Have Sweets, with cake, candy, cookies and sorbet, inside the gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com, www.EverythingArt.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" through May 29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaaart.org.

BENEFITS

Detroit Opera House: BravoBravolo, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$95, Jazz Sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500.

Detroit Athletic Club: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Bacchanalia, 6 p.m. May 13, wines, strolling dinner, live auction, \$95-\$175, benefits DSO, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 576-5154 or visit www.detroit-symphony.com.

Meadow Brook Hall: Promenade of Hope, 6:30 p.m. May 7, \$200 benefit HAVEN, on the



Prescription: Murder

Jon Wenstromm of Livonia is Columbo, Steve White of Livonia is Roy Flemming and Carol Lipinski of Garden City is Claire Flemming as Barefoot Productions of Plymouth presents "Prescription: Murder," a clever cat-and-mouse murder mystery, April 30-May 10. Shows will take place over dinner at Ernesto's, Station 885 and The Plymouth Crossing. The cost, \$70 (\$60 for seniors), includes two tickets and a \$40 gift card toward meal. Curtain is 8 p.m. at all shows, except May 3 and 10, with curtain at 2 p.m. Call Ernesto's, (734) 453-3002; Plymouth Crossing (734) 455-3700; or Station 885, (734) 459-0885.

campus of Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 322-3703, www.promenadeofhope.org.

Penn Theatre: "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, tickets@friendsofthepenn.org.

St. John's Golf & Conference Center: Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, May 21, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, www.arborhospice.org.

Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with Dénés Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, May 1, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Fox Theatre: Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Hagopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Oakland Brass Band: Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, www.oaklandbrassband.com.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Pro Musica Society of Detroit presents violinist Jennifer Frautschi, May 8; Barbara Cook with the DSO, May 9; Star Trek Meets Star Wars, A John Williams Adventure, May 14-17; A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroit-symphony.com.

Schoolcraft College: Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

CLUBS
Eclipse Lounge: DJ AMF, May 9; DJ Chill Will, May 15; Hoedown After Party with Jyl Forsyth, May 16; Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektowncasino.com/Dining/EclipseLounge.

Soundboard: Samantha Ronson, May 9; Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com, 513-5030.

COMEDY
Fox Theatre: Heavyweights Of Comedy featuring Bruce Bruce & Lavell Crawford, and host special guest John Witherspoon and host Sammore, May 23, (313) 471-6611, www.ticketmaster.com.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

Joe's Comedy Club of Livonia: Mike Veneman, through May 9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: John Pinette, May 14-16; Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Comedy Central Live Mike Birbiglia-1m in the Future Also, Sept. 27; Norm Macdonald, Oct. 2, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, www.royalokmusictheatre.com.

The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS
Clutch Cargo: Taking Back Sunday, May 17; Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.

Comerica Park: Kid Rock with Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 17-18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Korn/Avenged Sevenfold, May 15; Eddie Money, May 22; John Michael Montgomery, May 30; Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, May 31; Coldplay, June 2; Creedence Clearwater Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/

Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15; Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, July 19; YES/Asia, July 20; Smokey Robinson, July 23; Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheep Trick, July 24; Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25; Incubus, July 26; Dave Matthews Band, July 28; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Aug. 1; Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15; Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18; B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25.

Fillmore: Buckcherry, May 13; Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, July 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Fox Theatre: Leonard Cohen, May 9; Il Divo, May 17; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29; Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Magie Bag: Charlie Hunter, May 7; Bruce in the USA, May 8; Vast, May 15; The Mega 80s, May 16; The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 15; A.J.A., Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: The Rat Pack Is Back!, May 15; John Fogerty, May 29; Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6; "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4.

Magie Stick: The Killis, May 8; Rodriguez, May 9; The Dears, May 11; King Khan & The Shrines, May 13; Pewter Cub, May 14; Black Milk, May 15; Bump, May 16; Sierra Leone, May 17; Toadies, May 21; Mae, May 22; Ghosthouse, May 22; Ghostly International 10 year anniversary, May 23; Motor City Breakdown, May 24; Gourmet Detroit. Sounds presents Twilight Unity 09, May 25; Holy F*%*, May 29; Polyphonic, May 30; Meat Puppets, June 4; Dillinger Four, June 5; Detroit Wig Out, June 6; Mr. Lif, June 10; Dusty Rhodes, June 11; Volcanos, June 12; Waylon Birthday Tribute, June 13; The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderbitch!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Majestic Theatre: Peaches, May 21; Doves, May 30; Fisherspooner, May 31; Amanda Lepore, June 7; Blackdenfest featuring Mayhem, June 13; X, June 17; The Gories/ The Oblivians, June 25; Leftover Crack/ Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Northville Friday Night Concerts: Lady Sunshine & The X Band, June 12; Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21; Yanni, June 5; Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6; Dane Cook, June 12; No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3; Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Demetri Martin, May 15; Music4Mutt, a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, May 16; Animal Collective, May 18; Sonic Youth, June 29; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royalokmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Animal Collective, May 18; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE
Detroit Opera House: Pliobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents 'The Nutcracker,' Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents 'Sleeping Beauty,' March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.

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FAMILY

Canton Cinema: 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GOTI.com.

Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday, free with admission; 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Marquis Theatre: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquisttheatre.com.

Maybury Farm: Inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.

Northville Times on Tuesday: Park Ranger Boy, June 16; Tom Hodgson, June 23; Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14; Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles' Go Bananas Live!, Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

FESTIVALS

99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown: Willie Nelson, Rodney Atkins, Lee Ann Womack and more, May 15-17, Hart Plaza, Detroit, www.wycd.com.

Comerica Cityfest: Featuring De La Soul, Buddy Guy local acts, tastings and 2nd Avenue Street Market, July 1-5, free, \$10 tasting coupons, New Center area, Detroit, (313) 872-0188, www.comericacityfest.com.

Movement 2009: May 23-25, Hart Plaza, Detroit: Opening party featuring The Prodigy, May 22, www.paxahau.com.

FILM

Detroit Shorts: A festival of 60 short films presented by Detroit Film Center, May 28-31, Broadway District, Detroit, panels, workshops and filmmaker roundtables also offered; four awards will recognize Best Local, Best Student, Best International and Best Overall films, www.detroitfilm.org/detroitshorts.

Detroit Film Theatre: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/ft or (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" 1 p.m. May 9-10, at 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7937, www.detroithistorical.org.

Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.

Magic Bag: Brew & View, "Adventureland," May 13; "Gran Torino," May 14; "It Came From Detroit," music documentary, May 20-21, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.

Penn Theatre: "Unsinkable Molly Brown," May 7; "Pal Joey," May 14; "Lili," May 21; "Grease," May 28, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Redford Theatre: "The Terminator," May 15-16; "Mutiny on the Bounty," May 29-30; "Labyrinth," June 12-13; "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

JAZZ

Cliff Bell's: 2030 Park Avenue, Detroit, (313) 961-2543, www.cliffbell.com.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Minus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Allan Holdsworth, May 11-12; Ralph Peterson and his Sextet, May 15-16; Zhelin, master violinist, May 27, 350

Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

Penn Theatre: Blue Steel Jazz Band; May 4, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

MORE MUSIC

Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org.

Palmer Woods Music in Homes: Violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Sarah Bob play Beethoven sonatas and other memorable gems, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; Detroit-born violinist Jason Amos, and New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20, (313) 891-2514, palmerwoods.org.

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.: The Bobby Penrock Band, w/ The Good Fight, May 9, 884 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0178.

Trinity House Theatre: Matt Watroba, May 7; Barbara Payton, May 8; Common Room Variety Show, May 29-30; Rachael Davis and May Erlewine, June 5; The Laws w/ Bill Bynum and Co., June 6; Jason Harrod, June 12; Nell Woodward, June 13; Jennifer Daniels, June 19; Black Jake and the Carnies and Orpheum Bell, June 20; Chrome Folk BBO, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: elmoTHUMM, May 23, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village-theatre.

Opera: Detroit Opera House: "Carmen," May 9-17; "Nabucco," Oct. 17-24; "A Little Night Music," Nov. 14-21; "Don Giovanni," April 17-24, 2010; "Tosca," May 8-15, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.

Something Different: Spring Horse Show: Free family event featuring American Saddlebreds, Arabians, Carriage Driving, Friesians, Hackneys, Morgans, Paso Finos and open breed classes, shown Saddle seat Hunt Seat, Western and Driving, May 14-17, State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile, Detroit, www.michiganhorseshow.com.

Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31, Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org.

Rock Financial Showplace: Motor City Comic Con, May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

MUSEUMS
Charles H. Wright Museum: 315 East Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800, www.maah-detroit.org.

Cranbrook Art Museum: Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, each week of the academic year; 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusky," through July 12; "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15; "Re-presenting the Black Male Body in Art," artist's talk by Kehinde Wiley, 2 p.m. March 29, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Call (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Black is, Black Ain't," "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," through May 3, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Now open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday; at Livernois and Wattles, Troy, Call (248) 524-3570.

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THEATER - COMMUNITY
Barefoot Productions: "Prescription: Murder," through May 10, (734) 560-1493, www.ticketleap.com, www.justgobarefoot.com.

The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," through May 16; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.



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Star-studded lineups slated for summer concerts

Concert-goers will have even more reasons to "Love It Live" in 2009 when DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival, along with sister venue The Palace, combine to host more than 100 shows featuring the top acts on tour this summer and an overall schedule full of more value-oriented ticket pricing than ever before.

More than 70 percent of the summer events include \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets or will offer specially discounted four-packs of lawn tickets. Additional shows will be announced as tour plans develop.

DTE Energy Music Theatre, the nation's most-attended amphitheatre for 18 consecutive years, will host such high-profile performers as Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, Coldplay, Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, Dave Matthews Band, Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band and Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2."

Meadow Brook Music Festival's 2009 schedule might be its most star-studded ever, highlighted by such notable artists as John Fogerty, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, and Chris Isaak.

"Coming off a tough Michigan winter, we are pleased to provide the biggest and most diverse schedule of shows in the country again this summer, including the top concerts and festivals on tour along with traditional favorites," said Tom Wilson, PS&E President and CEO. "To continue to host this quantity of events during these trying times with our current economy, we had to emphasize offering affordable tickets even more this summer so our guests can continue to

enjoy shows at our venues."

Cost-conscious concert-goers can find more than 50 shows with \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets for such well-known acts at DTE Energy Music Theatre as traditional opener Eddie Money, Anita Baker, Travis Tritt, and B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band.

Meadow Brook events offering the special \$10 or \$15 lawn price include John Fogerty, "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, comedian David Alan Grier, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

In addition, PS&E has more shows than ever providing special discounts on four-packs of lawn tickets.

Belle Tire is returning in 2009 for its fourth summer to sponsor the concert series of DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival. Michigan's largest independent tire retailer will continue to support the schedules with in-store promotions and giveaways.

PS&E ownership includes The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre, as well as the management of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Combined, PS&E's Michigan venues average 300 events and 3.5 million guests annually.

The Palace has been voted Arena of the Year eight times by Performance magazine, twice by Pollstar magazine and is listed annually among North America's top-grossing arenas. Voted "Best Outdoor Concert Venue" in Pollstar's 2000 Readers' Poll, DTE Energy Music Theatre has been listed as the nation's most attended amphitheater by Amusement Business/Billboard each of the 18 years of PS&E ownership.

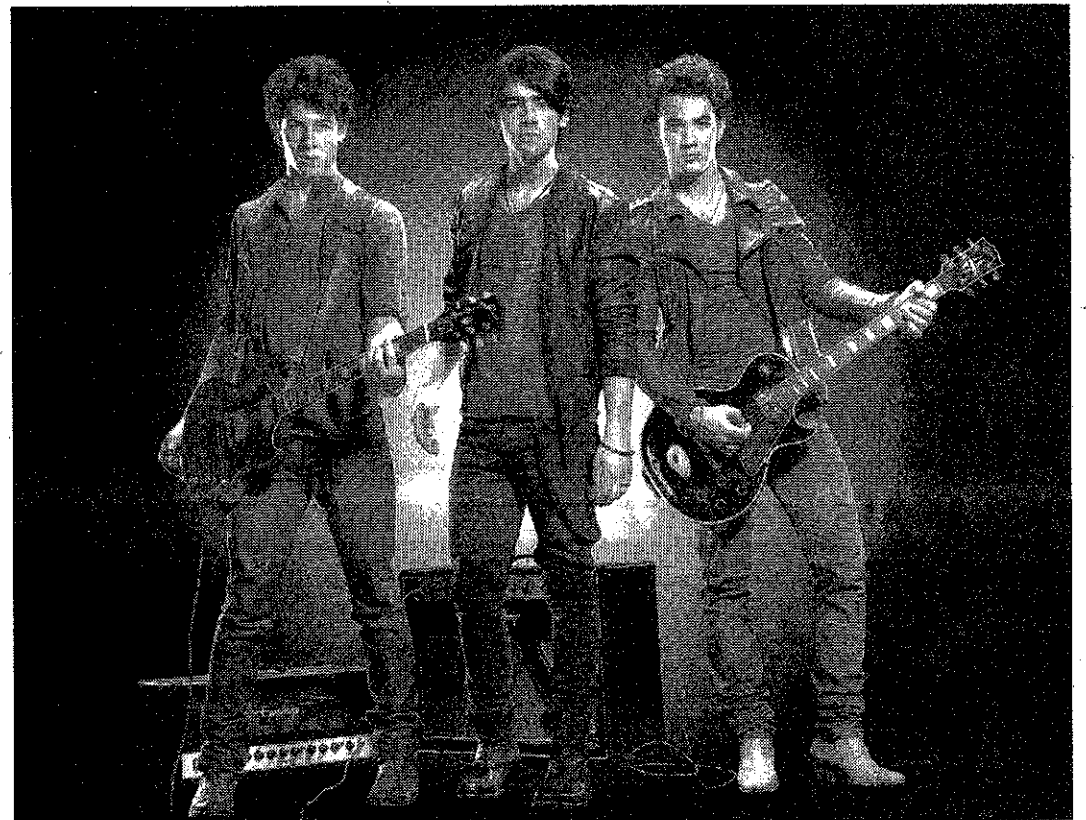


STEPHAN CRANEANSKI

Coldplay will rock DTE Energy Music Festival on June 2.



As is tradition, Eddie Money will kick off summer concert season at DTE Energy on May 22.



The Jonas Brothers, with special guests Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, play at the Palace of Auburn Hills on July 26.



AC/DC will play the Palace of Auburn Hills on Aug. 16.



No Doubt will take the stage at the Palace of Auburn Hills with special guests Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash on July 3.



Detroit's Anita Baker will play DTE Energy Music Festival July 31.



Beyoncé will visit the Palace of Auburn Hills on July 18.

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- Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21
 - Yanni, June 5
 - Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6
 - Dane Cook, June 12
 - No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3
 - Beyoncé, July 18
 - Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26
 - The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16
 - Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16
- DTE Energy Music Theatre**
- Korn/Avenged Sevenfold, May 15
 - Eddie Money, May 22
 - Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, May 31
 - Coldplay, June 2
 - Clay Walker, June 13
 - New Kids on the Block, June 25
 - Bad Company/Doobie Brothers,

- July 1 Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow.
- July 8 Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley.
- July 10 Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins.
- July 19 YES/Asia, July 20
- July 23 Smokey Robinson, July 23
- July 24 Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24
- July 25 Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25
- July 28 Dave Matthews Band, July 28
- July 31 Anita Baker, July 31
- Aug. 1 Travis Tritt, Aug. 1
- Aug. 2 Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2
- Aug. 9 Moody Blues, Aug. 9
- Aug. 12 Nickelback, Aug. 12
- Aug. 13 Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13
- Aug. 15 Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15
- Aug. 18 Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18
- Aug. 19 B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19
- Aug. 21 Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21

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- The Rat Pack Is Back, May 15
 - John Fogerty, May 29
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 - Counting Crows w/ Augustana, July 8
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 - ABBA The Tour, July 16
 - Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17
 - Chris Isaak, July 19
 - Gordon Lightfoot, July 23
 - Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2
 - Jackson Browne, July 27
 - Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7
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 - Peter Dinklage, Aug. 22
 - O.A.R. w/Brett Dennen, Sept. 4

Art Birmingham features live music and 180 vendors



Shop for quality art at all price points, like this scarf by Yvonne Stefani, during Art Birmingham May 9-10, presented by the BBAC.

National City Art Birmingham transforms Shain Park into an art gallery Mother's Day weekend with 180 artists from all over the U.S. in a variety of media. In addition to art for purchase, the event features hands-on family art activities and artist demonstrations. This year two performers who are newcomers to the Detroit music scene, Parisian Michelet Innocent and Mystic Warriors, will perform for free at Art Birmingham both Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10.

The free festival runs Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center produces the festival with support from community partner, the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber. It attracts nearly 80,000 during the weekend.

Parisian musician Michelet Innocent is always fast-paced, humorous, and never predictable. He may be right in the middle of one of the funniest songs or stories you've ever heard, and launch right into a show-stopping production number. What

makes his performance so smooth is that Michelet artfully weaves his show from splash, to nostalgia, to humor, to wondrous excitement, building up to a rousing grand finale that always leaves his audience wanting more. www.micheletinno-cent.com.

The Mystic Warriors believe their music is a fusion that crosses over many genres without leaving the boundaries of Andean music. More important than categorizing their style is their ability to deliver a message of universal peace and harmony transmitted by the combination of Andean ancient flutes and panpipes with contemporary instruments. Joining the ancestral sounds of the Incas with today's newest sounds, Mystic Warriors will transport you to places and times long forgotten, but yet

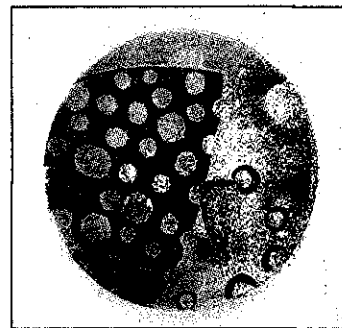
to come. www.mysticwarriors.com.

The 2009 Art Birmingham title sponsor is National City, now part of PNC. Additional support for the event comes from Health Alliance Plan, Renewal by Andersen, Infinity Windows, The New York Times, Bruce White Galleries, Dynamic Life Chiropractic, and 1-800-Mini-Storage as well as Costco and The Henry Ford. Promotional support is provided by Hour Detroit, MetroAlive.com, WWJ-AM, and WDET-FM.

ABOUT THE BBAC

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is a regional non-profit art center committed to promoting the visual arts with classes for all ages and abilities.

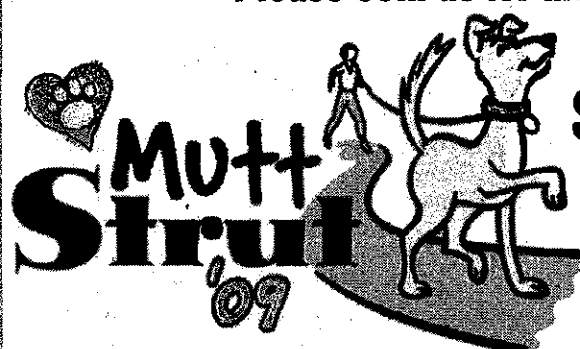
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Janelle Songer, creator of this ceramic platter, is among 180 artists expected at Art Birmingham, May 9-10 in Shain Park.

including year round classes and art camps, as well as a dynamic, growing outreach program. The BBAC campus features nine classroom studios, four galleries with free exhibits open to the public, art camps, special events, and a retail gallery shop. For more about the BBAC: BBArtCenter.org.

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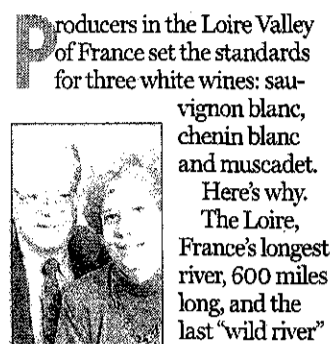
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If you like seriously dry white wine with citrus aromas, this is your wine. Many versions even have a sea spray salty-like tang that make it a perfect pairing with oysters on the half shell, fried clams, lobster rolls and fish tacos.

OUR LOIRE FAVORITES

The following Loire wines are available at the Holiday Market, Royal Oak, 1203 S. Main St. (248) 541-1414. Holiday Market is one of the area's best Loire wine sources.

- Reverdy 2007 Sancerre, Domaine Hippolyte, \$24
- Joseph Mellot 2007 Le Chatellenie Sancerre, \$27
- Michel Picard 2006 Vouvray, \$13 (off-dry)
- Vouvray Champalou 2007, \$20
- Domaine Pierre de la Grange 2006 Muscadet Vieilles Vignes, \$14
- Chateau de la Cariziere 2007 Muscadet, \$12 (certified organic)
- Domaine Francois Cazin 2007 Le Petit Chambord, \$18 (sauvignon blanc-chardonnay blend)

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Mother's Day on the menu at many local restaurants

No matter what your budget, you can treat mom to a special meal on her special day. Here's a roundup of some Mother's Day Brunches offered at local hot-spots on Sunday, May 10:



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Matt Prentice has moved his No. VI Chophouse westward across Novi Road to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and is offering a special Mother's Day menu on May 10.

MATT PRENTICE GROUP

METRO DETROIT — Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is offering brunches Sunday at Coach Insignia, Northern Lakes Seafood, Shiraz and No. VI Chophouse. Each brunch includes: Carved Prime Rib & Honey Baked Ham, Made to Order Omelet Bar, Breakfast Station, Signature Entrée Station, Peel & Eat Shrimp & Lox Station, and Chef Tiffany's Fabulous Sweet Table.

Seatings are available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults, \$29.95; children 12 and under, \$15.95; children under 5, free. Call Coach Insignia, GM Renaissance Center, 71st & 72nd Floor,

Detroit, (313) 567-2622; Northern Lakes Seafood, 39495 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900; No. VI Chophouse, Crown Plaza Novi, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi, (248) 305-5210 (new location); or Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, (248) 645-5289.

ERNESTO'S

PLYMOUTH — Ernesto's Italian Garden is serving Mother's Day Brunch 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Ernesto's is located at 41661 Plymouth Road. Call (734) 453-2002 or visit www.ernestos.com for complete menu and details.

1 UNDER

LIVONIA — Mother's Day Brunch at 1 Under Banquet Facility and Catering will seat at 11 a.m. and 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Sunday. The menu includes a carving station with turkey, prime rib and pork tenderloin, and a made-to-order omelet bar. Other offerings include Parmesan Crusted Whitefish, Portabella Ravioli, Smoked Salmon, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Basmati Rice, Lyonnaise Potatoes, New Zealand Green Tip Mussels, Shrimp Cocktail, assorted salads, and a pastry and dessert table. Kid's choices include pizza, tater tots, mac and cheese, chicken tenders and more. Prices are \$17.99, adults; \$12.99, seniors; and \$7.99, children. 1 Under is located at 35780 Five Mile Road. Call (734) 464-5555.

SACRED HEART

LIVONIA — Sacred Heart Banquet Center will offer Mother's Day Brunch 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. The menu includes Assorted Breakfast Quiche, Hashbrown Casserole, Apple Raisin French Toast, Apple Smoked Bacon, Sausage Links, Baked Ham, Beef Tips over Noodles, Garlic Sage Oven Roasted Chicken, Roasted Seasoned Redskin Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad with Dressings, Assorted Muffins, Euro style Baked rolls, assorted scones, danish and pastries, and a fresh cut fruit tray. Prices are \$25, adults; \$12, children 4-12; free, children 1-3. Sacred Heart is located at 29125 W. Six Mile Road. Call (734) 522-3166.



BUDDY'S PIZZA

METRO DETROIT — Treat Mom to pizza on Mother's Day. All moms who dine at Buddy's on May 10th will receive a complimentary dessert, special gifts and a chance to win a day at the spa. Buddy's Restaurant Pizzeria has locations throughout Metro Detroit, including Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4600; Livonia, (734) 261-3550; Bloomfield, (248) 645-0300; and Royal Oak, (248) 549-8000.

GEORGE MURPHY'S

LIVONIA — George Murphy's at the Creek, boasting the best view in Livonia, will host a Mother's Day Celebration Buffet Sunday with seatings at 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. The outdoor patio is now open. The restaurant is located at 36000 Seven Mile Road, in the clubhouse at Fox Creek Golf Course between Newburgh and Farmington roads. Call (248) 473-1300 or visit www.georgemurphys.com.

FOUR FRIENDS

CANTON — Four Friends Bar and Grill will offer Mother's Day Dinner Specials on Sunday. Choose from Crab Cakes, \$13.95; Grilled Chicken Kebobs, \$10.95; Broiled Whitefish, \$11.95; Roast Turkey Dinner, \$11.95; Steak and Shrimp, \$15.95; Shrimp Scampi Alla Romano, \$11.95; Jumbo Lobster Ravioli, \$11.95; Aunt Ruby's Salad, \$7.95; or Italian Sausage and Mozzarella Cheese Baci (Mama Kisses), \$9.95. Four Friends Bar and Grill is located at 44282 Warren, east of Sheldon Road. Call (734) 416-0880.

FIAMMA GRILL

PLYMOUTH — Fiamma Grille unveils its new summer menu, and opens its outdoor patio, just in time for Mother's Day. Choose from Lobster Mac, Piedmontese Filet Mignon, Lake Superior Walleye, or Tofu, Vegetable and Cashew Stir Fry among many other favorite and new dishes. Fiamma is located at 380 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 416-9340.

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