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### Biz forum

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, hosts a meeting Monday, May 11, in Northville for companies interested in doing business with the state and competing for government contracts.

"Our businesses are playing a critical role as we work to get Michigan's economy back on track," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "The state strives to support local businesses by providing a fair, inclusive way to learn about opportunities and bid on them."

The event runs 9-11:30 a.m. at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E. Main St. 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.

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



Central Middle School student Brittney Berkey talks with Brian Foust, the teacher who, along with homebound teacher Gina Tock, nominated Brittney for the Turnaround award.

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## About face

### Students honored for turning things around

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Samantha Thompson's mother died some five years ago, she was angry — at life, at her mom, at pretty much everything.

A Fenton resident at the time, Thompson at one point failed every class she was taking. She was soon shuffled to different school districts, including Clarkston and Dearborn Heights, before landing in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

It was in Dearborn Heights where her life really spiraled downward. Her studies suffered, she started making bad choices, hanging out with what she now calls "the wrong people." She was busted stealing at Westland Shopping Center and ended up in the Growth Works program for troubled teens.

And it was in Plymouth-Canton where she started to turn it all around. That's why she was one of 25 students honored Thursday at the 13th annual Turnaround Achievement Awards ceremony.

"After my mom died, I was very angry at everyone," acknowledged Thompson, a senior at Salem High School. "I started making pretty bad choices in my life."

When she got to Plymouth-Canton, she met the man she now says helped her see things



Students stand and are recognized at the 13th annual Turnaround Achievement Awards.

better — Allie Suffety of the co-ed Student Service Center (now an interim assistant principal at Salem High School). Suffety's friendly manner and honest counsel helped Thompson, now a mostly A-B student, see the error of her ways.

"He offered a friendly hand," Thompson said of Suffety. "He'd talk to me about things I really needed to talk about."

Thompson downplays his role, pointing out that Thompson, like the other students honored the last 13 years, saw things that needed to be changed and developed the desire to change them.

Her success, Suffety said, finally came because she started believing in herself.

"Samantha is indicative of the power of buying into something," Suffety said. "She's been somewhere where it's difficult to find a sense of self. The one thing she did (to succeed) is buy into herself."

That's the crux of the reason all of the students are honored at the Turnaround Achievement Awards. Sponsored annually by Community Bowling Centers, the awards are designed to recognize students who have made a significant change in their lives. They're celebrated for the changes they've made, whether they were in their academic or personal lives.

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## Police could cut outreach programs

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Police Department's community outreach may be curtailed as township officials look for savings to balance a recession-related revenue shortage.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington, following a Tuesday meeting with the Board of Trustees, said that while no final decisions have been made, programs like the citizens police academy, the police booth at Plymouth's Fall Festival, and having officers speak to homeowners groups could be dropped or cut back in order to save money.

"We're not going to be able to do all of the things that we've done in the past," Tiderington said. He said he would attempt to staff community programs with officers already scheduled for duty, without having to call others in on overtime.

"We'll have to look at the requests as they come in and make a determination," he said.

Trustees on Tuesday appeared to be supportive of that direction.

"We can't provide everything we've provided in the past, and we know that," said Trustee Kay Arnold.

Tiderington said he will draw up for board members a list of major community outreach activities and their estimated costs.

The police TEAM program (Teaching Educating and Mentoring), which provides resource officers to public schools in the township, appears to be safe. Two officers work in the program, with the principal resource officer spending 60 to 70 percent of her work week on it, the chief said.

TEAM officers interact with students, teachers and parents and handle school-related issues ranging from parking problems to bomb threats, Tiderington said. Without them, he told the board, officers on regular patrols would have to spend time in the schools responding to such issues. The police department has 30 officers, including the chief, as officials decided against filling a vacancy due to budget concerns. In addition, an officer was laid off late last year, just a few months after being hired. The police budget is about \$4 million this year.

Tiderington said he has not been authorizing overtime except when needed to investigate major crimes or when the department faces a shortage of officers available for patrol.

The trustees' Tuesday meeting, which had been planned the previous week, came on the day Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced nearly \$350 million in state budget cuts, including cuts in aid to communities. The move means the township will lose nearly \$97,000, according to a Department of Treasury document.

"We've cut all around here, and it's not going to get any better," said Treasurer Ron Edwards. He estimated the township stands to lose as much as \$300,000 this year if the state aid cut trend continues.

"Right now, I'm trying to save as many dollars as I can around here," he said.

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## Mom, sweet mom

### Local teens sound off on how they feel about Mother's Day

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mother's Day is all about mom and the special relationships they've formed with their children.

Matt Haslam, 18, of Plymouth knows he has a good thing in his mom, Cecilia.

"She's very kind and sweet and really takes care of me," Haslam said. "She drives me around everywhere and that's really nice. And she cooks a lot, that's really good."

And despite the hard work, Sue Knight, 37, of Plymouth Township loves being a mom. "Anyone who is successful has to work hard at it, and it's the

**'Whenever I'm feeling blue she's always been there. That smile is so captivating it lures me into talking to her.'**

AMY BHULLAR, 13, Canton

same thing being a mom and raising two kids," Knight said. "It's a lot of work, but good work seeing your kids succeed and do well. That's the reward."

Amy Bhullar, 13, of Canton Township knows exactly what she loves about her mom: Mom's smile.

"Whenever I'm feeling blue she's always been there," Bhullar said of her mother, Sara. "That smile is so captivating it lures

me into talking to her.

"She's very good at being a mother," added Bhullar. "She believes that children are a reflection of parents, so she's made sure to keep me and my sister in line to make sure we're kids she can be proud of."

Even though she constantly tries to fix his hair, 13-year-old Zach Cohen of Canton loves his mom.

"She's always taking me to my baseball practices and she's been to almost all my games," said Cohen. "She's always been supportive of my school work and always pushes me to do extra credit."

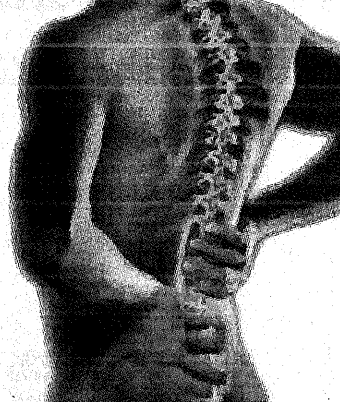
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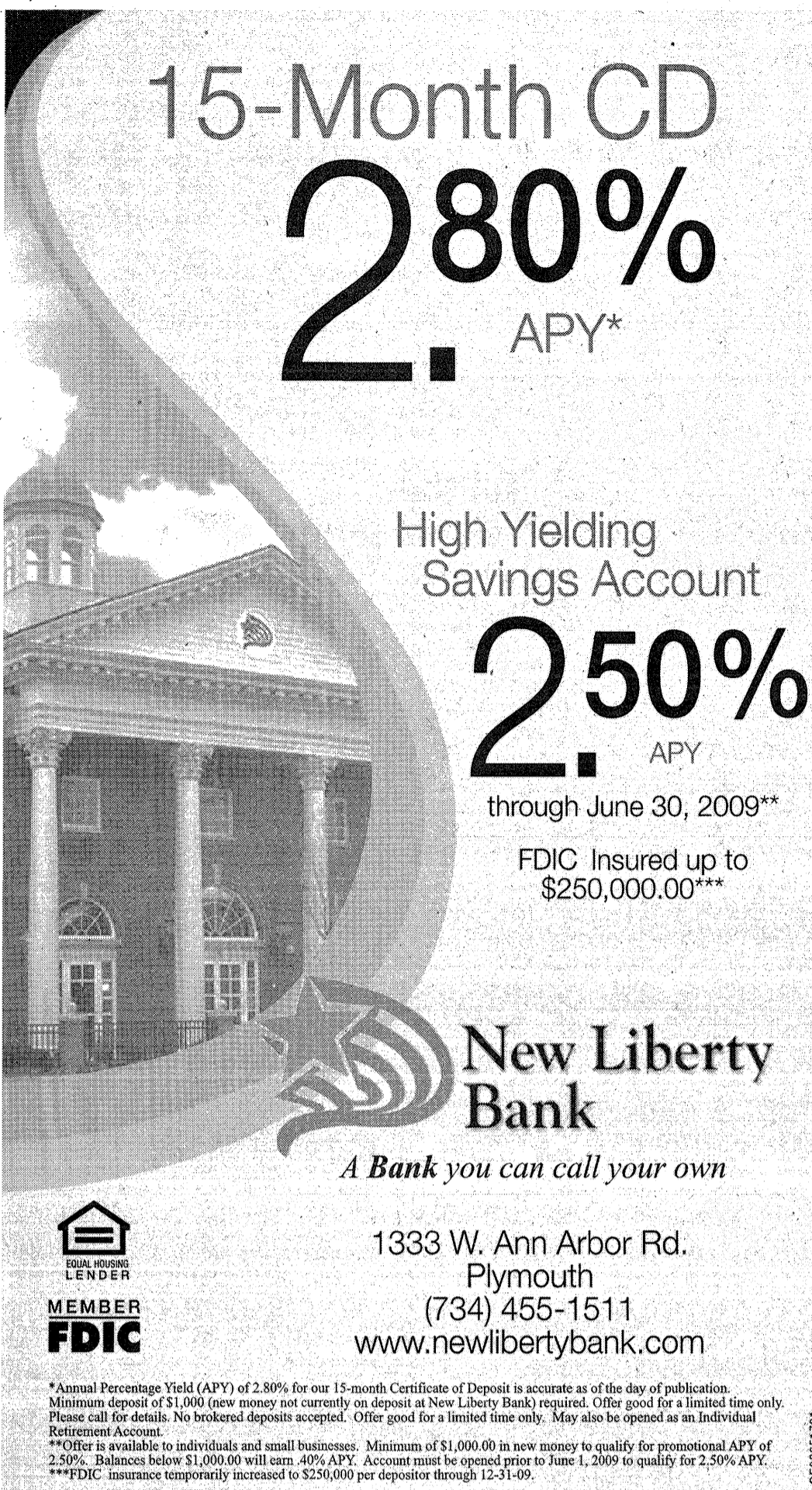
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Former Plymouth-Canton band director Amy Boerma spent the weekend directing an honor band at a concert at Jacksonville State (Ala.) University.

## Former band director takes reins of Alabama college band

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The fact Amy Boerma won't be directing either of her bands the rest of the year at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park didn't keep her from fronting a band again.

Boerma, currently on paid administrative leave pending reassignment, spent Friday and Saturday leading an all-star concert bands at the Jacksonville (Ala.) State High School Honor Band concert this weekend.

Boerma, who until recently had headed up the wind ensemble and varsity bands at P-CEP, is excited for the

Alabama opportunity.

"I've never done anything like this, and I think it's going to be a blast," Boerma said. "These are the top players from all over Alabama and Georgia."

According to Clint Gillespie, assistant director of bands at Jacksonville State, the concert features 476 musicians chosen from some 1,500 applicants from Alabama, Georgia and a couple of schools in Tennessee, all recommended by their band directors and chosen by faculty at the university.

The students were divided into five different bands, spent the day rehearsing Friday and then put on a concert for a huge crowd including between

7,000 and 8,000 parents at the university's Pete Matthews Coliseum.

Boerma was chosen to lead one of the five bands - the "White" concert band - based on the reputation she developed in 14 years leading various bands in the Plymouth-Canton system.

"We knew her through her excellent work with the concert bands," Gillespie said. "She's always received superior ratings with all of her groups, whether they were the younger or the older groups. Word travels quickly in the music world when you're good."

Boerma, who once turned down a chance to direct at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp because of scheduling conflicts, was excited about being able to take on this opportunity.

"I'll be working with the top kids coming in and choosing to spend two days to put together a concert," Boerma said before departing. "It's kids who love to play their horns and want to make music. It'll be a lot of fun."

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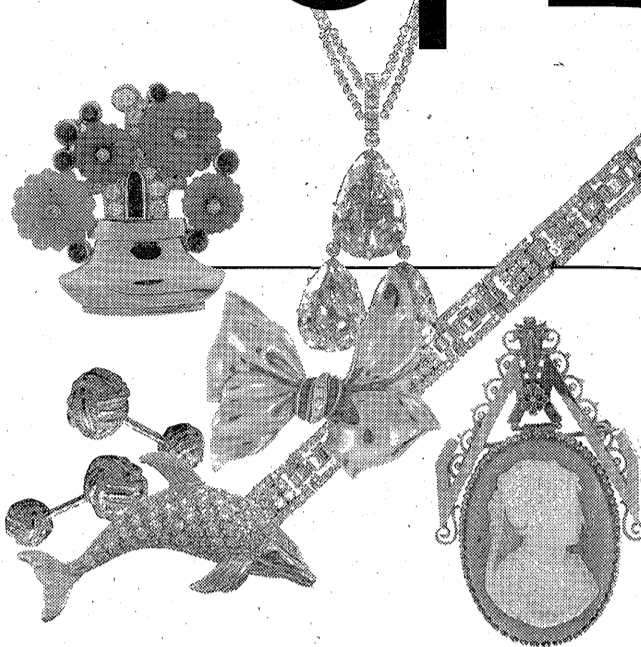


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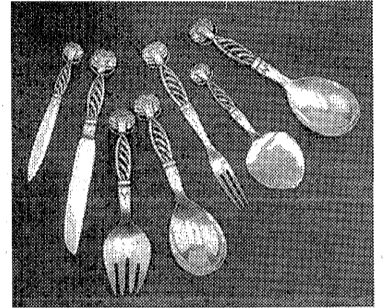
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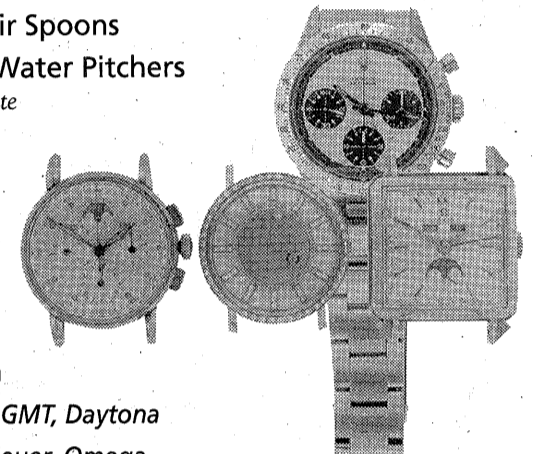
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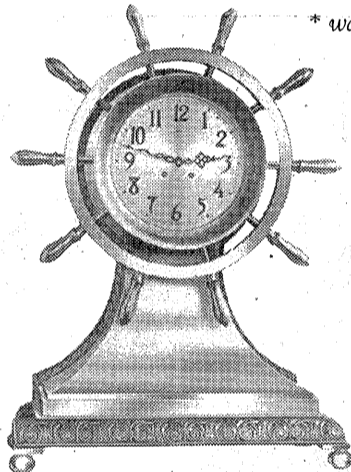
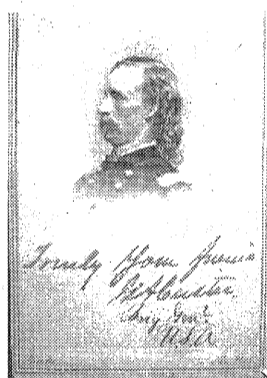
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### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Missouri honors Plymouth nursing student

Faith Phillips of Plymouth was honored by the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing with a \$3,000 grant from the Missouri Hospitals Association and a \$500 Aird-LeMone Scholarship.

The Aird LeMone Scholarship was established by Priscilla Koepling, former director of the nursing undergraduate program at MU. The scholarship is designed to help non-traditional students in the nursing school.

"I am incredibly grateful for these programs and the financial support they provide," Phillips said. "The support removes a great burden from my family as I pursue my goals."

Phillips, a registered nurse, currently works for University of Missouri Health Care as a clinical educator. She plans to receive her master's degree in nursing with an emphasis on nursing education.

Phillips, a 1985 graduate of Livonia Ladywood High School, is the daughter of Jerry and Janice Pinkerton. She is married and has three sons.

#### Oratorical 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.

#### Class reunion

The Plymouth High School Class of 1959 get together for their 50th class reunion Aug. 20-23.

The featured event will be a reunion dinner Aug. 22 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

For more information, e-mail janetmyership@aol.com or call Janet West Myers at (734) 261-0815.

#### Olivet honor

Heather Michalsen of Plymouth was recognized as one of the top five graduating seniors as Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual Honors Convocation.

The Donald A. Morris Awards are presented each year to the top five graduating seniors with the highest grade point average. Michalsen is a fitness management major.

The Donald A. Morris Award was named after a former president of the college. Morris served Olivet from 1977-92.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're high school kids from two totally different programs who come together during the school week to play Wii, shoot some hoops, toss around a football and even fly kites.

It's an eight-week pilot program that pairs students from Cambridge Alternative High School with high school-aged teens in Garden City's autistic program. The program draws students from the 34 school districts in Wayne County, including the Plymouth-Canton community.

After three weeks of interaction, the program is showing promise of being offered as a class in the 2009-2010 school year.

"It seems like a really good fit to mold the two programs together," said Debbie Eves, assistant director of adult and community education. "We wanted to get students more integrated into the high school, many come from other districts."

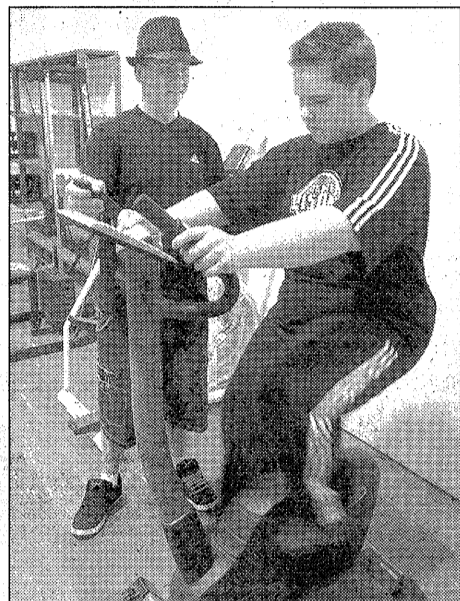
The Cambridge students, who have to have better grades and be community minded, teach their Burger counterparts to be good sports and show them coping skills by playing games, taking community walks or trips to the store. In the process, they build up their own self-esteem and improve their competencies.

Brandon Coffey of Westland was one of those students who "wasn't on the right path," but has changed a lot since enrolling at Cambridge. He's "done a 180" and is applying it to the program, he said.

He likes interact with the kids and gravitates to those who want to be by themselves. He's been able to get one boy who isn't always willing to participate to shoot some hoops.

"I love it, I look forward to doing it," said the 18-year-old. "It's something I enjoy doing."

Working with the Burger students isn't anything new for 17-year-old Carlton Smith of Detroit. His mother works with special needs people. He helps the Burger



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James Rollinson works with Dylan Nesbett on the stationary bike as part of a program involving students from the Burger Center for Students with Autism and the Cambridge Alternative High School.

students play basketball and catch a football. Gabriel Young II of Detroit adds Wii and UNO to the mix. His favorite activities is a split between basketball and playing Wii Guitar Hero and bowling.

"They're really good at it, they win most of the time and I'm not trying to let them win," he said. "They beat me at it."

According to Burger teacher Eric Selix, the program is something that can be looked at with the restructuring of the autistic program. Older students will be moved to Burger West, with the Burger center on the east side of town housing toddlers through middle schoolers.

"It's something we looked at doing now with a look to the future when the organization is more homogeneous," he said. "It's a cooperative relationship that can extend itself through the years."

The students have done some cooking, had a birthday celebration and done

some community walks to local stores to work on group skills in a retail setting. There also may be a trip to the Wayne Recreation Center pool for a swim day.

"I think that'll be really fun," said James Rollinson of Westland who has helped the Burger students pick out food at the Kroger store on Middlebelt and how to use a crosswalk not "run through the parking lot."

The students are keeping anecdotal logs, jotting down what they see happening. The data will be used to evaluate and enhance the program.

"We want it to be rewarding for the students," said Eves. "We may be able to create a class with credit as along as the data supports it and shows students are getting something out of it."

Taraylen Ford of Dearborn has learned a few things from the interaction.

"It really has taught me take advantage of life and to respect people who are different from me," she said. "At first, I was kind of nervous, it was the first time I was around people with special needs, but I've learned their language now. My student relates more to me because I've learned his language."

Burger teacher Carrie Olson said the two groups of students getting together has brought about change. The Burger students seem to be more willing to break out of their patterns.

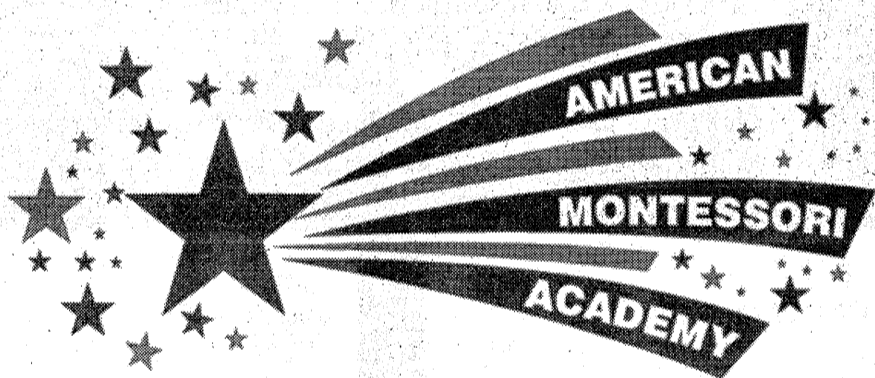
"One student recently started being closer to the group," she said. "He's off in a corner and he's still not part of the group, but he is closer to the group. He's becoming more socially aware."

The program lasts 90 minutes and Eves said they're finding the students are getting "a lot of altruistic rewards" because of it.

"They now think 'I'm here because I'm needed,' 'I'm here because someone is counting on me,'" she said. "And it gives them something bigger to count on. I think it's been rewarding for everybody."

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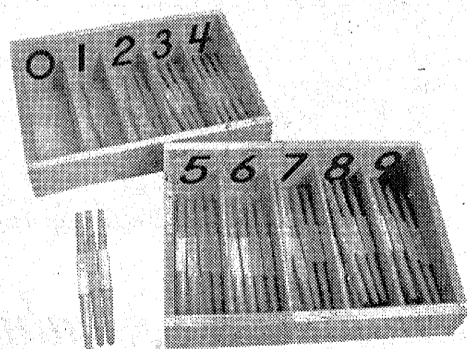
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selections from almost 20 local restaurants, meet another 70 businesses that exhibit and network with other attendees.

The some 70 vendors, in addition to displaying their wares, will hold drawings for raffle prizes, and the 21 restaurants and food vendors will provide a variety of tastes for the event.

For more information, call the Chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**PLAV car show**

PLAV Post 166, located at

39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

**Historic theaters**

The Plymouth District Library will host "Detroit's Historic Theaters" 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

Presented by Preservation Wayne, attendees will enjoy anecdotes, artifacts, photographs and discussion covering 20th Century Detroit theaters such as the Fillmore, Fox, Century, Michigan and Gem. This will be a sit-down presentation of the four-and-a-half hour walking tour fund-raiser held annually in August.

**Vendor fair**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its first "Spring Fling Vendor Fair" during Plymouth Art Feast 2009.

On Friday, May 15, visitors to Downtown Plymouth will be able to hop on the Art Feast Trolley and catch a ride to the PCAC. Proceeds from the event will go to supporting the upcoming Music in the Park summer concert season and future Saturdays @ the Penn season.

Over a dozen local and independent business owners will be displaying their goods and services for sale inside the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts located at 774 N. Sheldon. Admission is free. Some of the vendors to be attending include: QuixWorks Massage, Clearly You, Cookie Lee, Southern Living at Home and Tastefully Simple.

For more information, visit the PCAC's Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, meet 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The program will be on "Women's Issues - Managing Your Portfolio."

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Democratic Club**

The Plymouth Democratic Club hosts a Town Hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street.

The program will be "U.S. Health Care Reform," presented by Herbert Smitherman Jr. The meeting will explore the exploding cost of health care in America today, which is not just one of the greatest



**Diaper patrol**

Marybeth Levine, of the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank, and sons David and Nathan hand over 3,000 diapers to Kristen Chateau (left) of Starfish Family Services, a human service agency serving vulnerable families in Canton, Plymouth, Garden City, Westland and several other communities in Western Wayne County. Starfish became the first recipient to receive diapers from the newly-formed Detroit Area Diaper Bank. According to Starfish officials, the average infant uses up to 12 diapers per day, a toddler eight per day. But in low-income households, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems from skin diseases to hepatitis. "Our goal with launching the Detroit Area Diaper Bank was to partner with nonprofit organizations that work with families in need of diapers and build a network to help meet those needs," said Levine, who founded of the diaper bank. For more information on donating diapers please visit www.detroitareadiaperbank.org.

threats to the well-being of our families and the prosperity of our businesses, but to the very foundation of our economy.

Smitherman, assistant dean of community and urban health at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, presents his views on what needs to change in American healthcare, to improve health and improve competitiveness in the global marketplace.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to PlymouthDemocrats@gmail.com by May 25. For more, visit the club's Web site at www.plymouthdemocraticclub.com

**Scrapbooking workshop**

Are you looking for time to work on your scrapbook albums or crafting projects? Chrissy Detary hosts a workshop with fresh ideas, new techniques and tools available to use. The 12-hour workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Extended Stay America, 2000 Haggerty in Canton.

Cost is \$20 per person with lunch and dinner included; six-hour options with one meal are available for \$10 per person. Must be registered to attend.

Contact Chrissy Detary for more information at cldetary@hotmail.com or by calling (734) 546-5246.

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Visit www.bilingualfun.com or call (877) 686-7399 for more information.

**Garden Club election**

Plymouth Garden Club Branch of the WNF&GA will conduct its annual meeting for election of officers 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main Street.

After the election, there will be a slide show presentation of the recent Philadelphia Flower Show that will include members personal photos. Light refreshments will be served. The general public is invited.

For more information, visit the group's Web site at plymouthwnfnga.googlepages.com

**Career seminar**

Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth hosts a 59-minute Career Seminar for anyone who's ever thought about a career in Real Estate.

The seminar is designed to show why now is a great time to get into real estate, with answers to questions about commissions, costs and what it takes and the potential to succeed. It takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

**Garden walk**

The 14th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, rain or shine. Tickets cost pre-sale, \$8; and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half-price and there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted.

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main

Street, Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail, and Home Sweet Home on Ann Arbor Trail, all in Plymouth. Tickets will be available after June 1, 2009.

The gardens have a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Detmer at 734-454-4625

**Cheer clinic**

The Canton High School Summer "Kids Cheerleading Clinic" takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 22, with check-in at 8:30 a.m. in the Canton cafeteria.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Kids should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen and bring a water bottle. Cost is \$50, which includes clinic, lunch, snack/drink and a Canton Cheer sports bag.

Registration deadline is June 10. For information on the clinic and how to register, call (734) 765-1998 or e-mail carriers@comcast.net, or call (734) 397-3766 or e-mail cdrukemiller@gpworldwide.com

**Hike for Hope**

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Hike for Hope Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance," complimentary pre-race "fueling" of fruit, bagels, and juices.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The nonprofit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115 or visit the center's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net

**Rabbit sponsors**

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies.

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# TURNAROUND

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"It takes strength of character to make the effort these kids make," said Diane Voigt, who with husband Mark owns Super Bowl in Canton. "It's a message not only to them, but to their peers, that there are positive things that happen to you when you make the right choices."

Students are nominated by teachers and administrators. One student is chosen from each elementary school, two from each middle school, and the rest from the three high schools. Betty Bloch, who has coordinated all 13 ceremonies, said the hectic run-up to the event is well worth it when the students accept their honors.

"Every year I ask myself 'Why keep doing it?' and every year, by the end of the banquet, I know why," Bloch said. "It's the most meaningful event ever, so exciting to see students get recognition who wouldn't otherwise get any. These are students who work the hardest, but don't ever achieve the success other students might achieve."

Thompson attributed her desire to change to a quote she read from her favorite actress, Marilyn Monroe, who said, "I believe everything happens for a reason ... things go wrong so you can appreciate when they go right."

The quote, she said, helped her put everything in perspective, particularly the choices she was making. She has since told the "friends" she was hanging out with to hit the road, and she's much happier on the road she now travels.

"It's been very eye-opening for me," Thompson said Thursday. "I told the people who were bad influences to go away ... and now I'm actually pretty good."

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The Turnaround kids gather for a photo. They are: Jamey Eatmon, Nicholas Wibright, Dylam D. N. Peters, Demetrius R. Sanders, Thomas M. McMaster, Zachary A. Behr, Brittney Berkey, Kym Facto, Khadeja Albarkat, Caton Hacker, Cody L. Korpus, Alyson J. Corona, Matthew J. Newby, Enisha D. Dempsey, Dakota J. Bergevin, Chelsea D. Chavez, Megan M. Mills, Stephen R. Rosselle, Danielle J. McNew, Amanda L. Mog, Katherine L. Kenny, Patrisha N. Allred, Samantha R. Thompson, Paul R. Zeuner and Charles R. Chavez.

### TURNAROUND ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students were honored at Thursday's Turnaround Achievement Awards:

- Farrand Elementary - Jamey Eatmon
- Fiegel Elementary - Nicholas Wibright
- Gallimore Elementary - Dylan Peters
- Hoben Elementary - Demetrius Sanders
- Hulsing Elementary - Thomas McMaster
- Central Middle School - Zachary Behr; Brittney Berkey
- Discovery Middle School - Kym Facto; Khadeja Albarkat
- East Middle School - Caton Hacker
- Pioneer Middle School - Cody Korpus
- West Middle School - Alyson Corona; Matthew Newby
- Canton High School - Enisha Dempsey; Dakota Bergevin; Chelsea Chavez; Megan Mills; Stephen Rosselle; Danielle McNew
- Plymouth High School - Amanda Mog; Katherine Kenny
- Salem High School - Patrisha Allred; Samantha Thompson
- Starkweather - Paul Zeuner; Charles Chavez



Salem student Samantha Thompson reads a quote from Marilyn Monroe that gives her inspiration.

# Rep shares officials' frustration over cuts

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local officials are frustrated that, at a time when they're already cutting budgets, the state is withholding money for which they'd planned, meaning further belt-tightening. "The local government is where the rubber meets the road when it comes to municipal services," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock about delivering those services with less money.

"This stuff is changing on a daily basis, and it's becoming very, very difficult," said Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards. "We're trying to do the best we can to deliver the services."

The two were responding to Tuesday's executive-order budget cuts by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, which will mean the loss of about \$36,000 for Plymouth, which is in the final two months of its fiscal year, and nearly \$97,000 for the township.

Sincock said Plymouth officials have been scaling back for some time in anticipation of the current downturn. The state, however, has procrastinated, he said.

"Lansing's very slow to react to their budget issues," Sincock said.

Rep. Marc Corriveau understands.

"Obviously, times are tough

and they're all concerned, as we are at the state," said Corriveau, a Democrat from Northville who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township in the state House of Representatives. Corriveau met with officials from communities in his district on Friday morning.

But given the state revenue shortfall, which Granholm's office blamed on the recession and the shakeup in the domestic automobile industry, the House and Senate appropriations committees were "left with no choice" but to approve the governor's cuts, Corriveau said. The cuts totaled almost \$350 million.

Corriveau didn't disagree with Sincock's assessment.

"I think he's frustrated," Corriveau said. "For the last, going on a decade, local municipalities have been getting less and less from the state." It's a longstanding financial problem that's been passed from Legislature to Legislature, he said.

"I'm doing my best to right-size state government," he said.

Corriveau said he's optimistic about job-creation efforts but that it will be a while before the results take root and show up in the treasury.

"We just need to keep working together," he said.

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Local eatery shuts down to become a movie set

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Tasca de Plata restaurant on Canton Center Road had so many white tents surrounding it this week, owner Jose Montes kept fielding questions from customers about Cinco de Mayo festivities at the Spanish eatery.

In reality, the business was closed for three days as crews turned the eatery into a diner to film part of a children's movie.

"I was caught off guard when they asked me to use it, but pleasantly surprised," said Montes. "I didn't know it was such a big-scale operation."

"I didn't make a lot of money for closing three days," he said. "I did it mostly for the publicity and to draw attention to the business."

The movie — *The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure* — is produced by The Big Balloon Adventure Movie Production Company, which is based in Michigan. Kenn Viselman of Los Angeles, the producer of the show, is working with two Detroit-area investors.

With California the home of Hollywood, Viselman wasn't sure what to expect from Michigan workers. But that was short-lived.

"Michigan has been extraordinary," said Viselman. "There was some concern whether the production here was sophisticated enough to get this movie made. But I have never worked with more professional people."

"The tax cuts were really lovely, but we were committed to get Michiganders to work," he said. "My next movie, which was going to be done in L.A., is now going to be filmed in Michigan."

Brittany Pask, 23, of Canton is one of those benefiting from the tax incentives being given filmmakers. She's one of 15 family members who work in the movie business.

"I have a degree in psychology, but I just felt the energy and this feels right," said Pask, who worked costumes and was one of four family members involved in this production.

"It's been great for the businesses and great for Michigan."

Paul Isakson, 23, of Canton was involved in his third movie as a production assistant.

"It's kind of the lowest rung on the ladder, long hours (14 a day) but it's fun," said Isakson, who also worked on *Demoted and High School*. "I help make sure everything goes smoothly. I want to get into post production and editing, so this will be good experience."

As for the *The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure*, — a children's movie which is expected to be released at the end of the year — Viselman promises "it's quite unlike any movie you've seen before."

"There's live action, costumed characters and some animation," said Viselman.

"There's a lot of interactivity in this movie, designed to get kids dancing and singing. It will be fun for kids from 2 to 102."

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Yazaki is one of Chrysler's biggest unsecured creditors

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Chrysler weaves its way through Chapter 11 bankruptcy on its way to a marriage with Fiat of Italy, one of its top 19 unsecured creditors in southeast Michigan is auto supplier Yazaki North America in Canton Township.

Chrysler owes Yazaki \$18.3 million according to figures by crainsdetroit.com, which puts Yazaki 18th on the list.

The largest local creditor according to the automotive Web site, and ranking No. 2 overall, is BBDO North America with offices in Troy which is owed almost \$55.1 million, trailing only the \$70.3 million owed to a parts supplier, Toledo-based Ohio Module Manufacturing Co. L.L.C.

The 19 local companies on the list are owed a combined total of about \$291 million.

A call to Yazaki North America was not returned in time for this story. However, WWJ radio auto analyst and host of autolinedaily.com, John McElroy, said Yazaki is not in danger of not being paid by Chrysler.

"Unsecured debt means the suppliers have shipped parts without getting paid," McElroy said. "Which in a sense is like a loan, but unsecured. If a company goes bankrupt, generally they're flat out of luck."

"But, Yazaki almost certainly will get its money back," he said. "The federal government has agreed to funnel money through Chrysler and General Motors to pay their suppliers. The federal government has also made money available to suppliers to guarantee their receivables."

"Even if Chrysler doesn't pay the money, the federal government will pay them."

Chrysler also owes Johnson Controls Inc., of Milwaukee — which has facilities in Plymouth Township — \$50.3 million, which is third on the list of the top 50 unsecured creditors. Other unsecured creditors of Chrysler include Visteon Corp. in Van Buren Township, \$25.6 million; Varsity Kelsey Hayes in Livonia, \$10.1 million; and GT Technologies Inc. in Westland, \$5.1 million.

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# General Motors proposes a reverse stock split

**Q: Dear Rick: I heard that General Motors, in their latest restructuring plan, was doing a reverse stock split. Can you explain a reverse stock split? I currently own 1,000 shares of General Motors stock.**

**A:** General Motors has filed a new plan of reorganization with the Securities and Exchange Commission that



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includes a reverse stock split. The typical stock split is a 2-for-1 which means that for every one share of stock you own, you receive two shares. In your situation, if you had 1,000 shares of General Motors and they had a 2-for-1 stock split, you would have 2,000 shares.

The opposite happens in a reverse stock split. Following the split, you own less shares. According to the plan proposed by GM, the split is 1-for-100. That means for every 100 shares of General Motors stock you own in the new reorganized company, you will receive one share of stock. So instead of owning 1,000 shares you would own 10 shares.

One final note, whether GM enters bankruptcy or restructures outside of bankruptcy, the future for current shareholders is bleak at best.

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**A:** Thanks for being a reader of my column and a listener of my radio show.

The one totally tax-free investment I recommend you consider would be tax-free bonds. They are tax-free from federal taxes, and if you buy Michigan tax-frees, they will be tax-free too.

There are other types of investments that do not have current tax consequences, but will be taxed in the future. For example, there are certain annuities that I like, in particular, fixed and equity-indexed annuities. These products grow tax-deferred but eventually, when you withdraw the money, the money is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. In tax-free bonds there are no income taxes. There is, however, one caveat and that is the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Although the AMT is not considered income tax, it is a tax. It is a very complicated tax to explain, but basically depending upon your income and your deductions, the income generated from tax-free bonds is subject to this tax. The consequence is that it removes the benefits of the tax-free investment. The only way to determine whether you are subject to the AMT is to run through the calculation using your last year's tax return as a guide.

In purchasing tax-free bonds, you have a couple of options. First, you can purchase the bonds individually from a brokerage house. Another option is using a no-load mutual fund. A mutual fund like Fidelity Michigan Tax-Free Bond Fund is tax-free from both state and federal taxes. The one caveat about purchasing a fund as opposed to an individual bond is that it is possible to have some capital gain exposure. In a mutual fund, the portfolio manager does sell bonds before maturity, thus, there is the potential of recognizing some capital gain tax.

One last note regarding buying tax-free mutual funds, if you buy a national tax-free bond fund, in other words, a municipal bond fund that contains tax-free bonds from numerous states, the portfolio would be better diversified but the income would be subject to Michigan income taxes. In addition, there are national tax-free bond funds that are alternative minimum tax free. Therefore, even if you

are subject to the alternative minimum tax, there are ways to avoid federal taxes.

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# Win lunch with Fox 2's Deena and Jay at Buddy's

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](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

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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.

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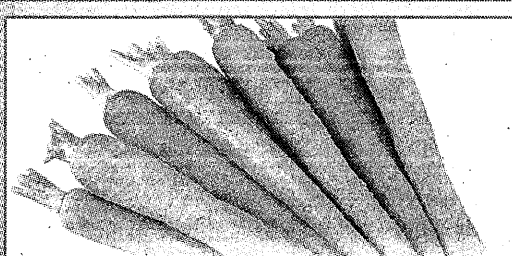


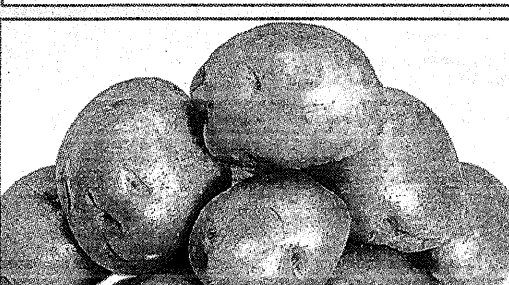
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SECTION B  
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# HOMETOWN LIFE

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## Happy Mother's Day - now grab a pencil



Ed Wright

Since this is the second Sunday in May, I thought it would be fun to offer the following quick quiz for all those incredibly dedicated sports moms out there in Observerland. As most sports families already know, we would probably be just fine with fewer coaches, referees and rules, but we'd be hurtin' for certain without moms.

For every one of the following sce-

narios you answer "yes" to, give yourself 3 points. I'll let you know how well you did once the quiz is over.

Dads, sons and daughters are encouraged to read along, too, (just to make sure mom isn't padding her score).

By the way, I am qualified to oversee this quiz because I've been married to the ultimate sports mom for 22 years.

O.K., grab your No. 2 pencils because we're ready to roll...

1. Have you ever sliced 10 or more oranges for your child's pee-wee soccer team?

2. Have you ever had to grab your pride-filled heart and figuratively pull it back into your chest after your child scored his or her first goal or swished his or her first basket?

3. Have you ever had to remind

your child to take his or her mud-caked cleats off at the door — only to discover the fresh set of muddy footprints leading directly to the refrigerator?

4. Have you ever felt the urge to politely correct the umpire on that called third strike that was definitely out of your child's strike zone?

Please see **COLUMN, B4**

## GAME WRAPS

### Chief linksters upend Patriots

Canton's boys golf team remained unbeaten Wednesday when it knocked off Livonia Franklin, 164-172, in a match played at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

After being sidelined Monday and Tuesday due to schools being closed because of a probable case of Swine Flu at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Chiefs shook off the rust and prevailed thanks in large part to medalist Andrew Rickerman's four-over 39.

"We were a little rusty, but fortunately we played well enough to win," said Canton coach Tom Alles.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Zach Conrad (40), Jeremy Lindlbauer (42) and Brendan Muir (43). Travis Hall carded a 48 for the winners.

Franklin was paced by Jordan Chisholm and Jacob Wirgau, both of whom shot 42's. Jimmy Johnson registered a 43 while Jon Holmes turned in a 45.

Canton improved to 5-0 in the KLAA South Division. Franklin slipped to 2-4.

### Plymouth boys soccer meeting

All Plymouth High School students interested in playing for the Wildcats' boys soccer team next fall are encouraged to attend a meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

### MU softball schedule

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its schedule for pool play at the 2009 NAIA Softball National Championship slated for May 14-19 in Decatur, Ala.

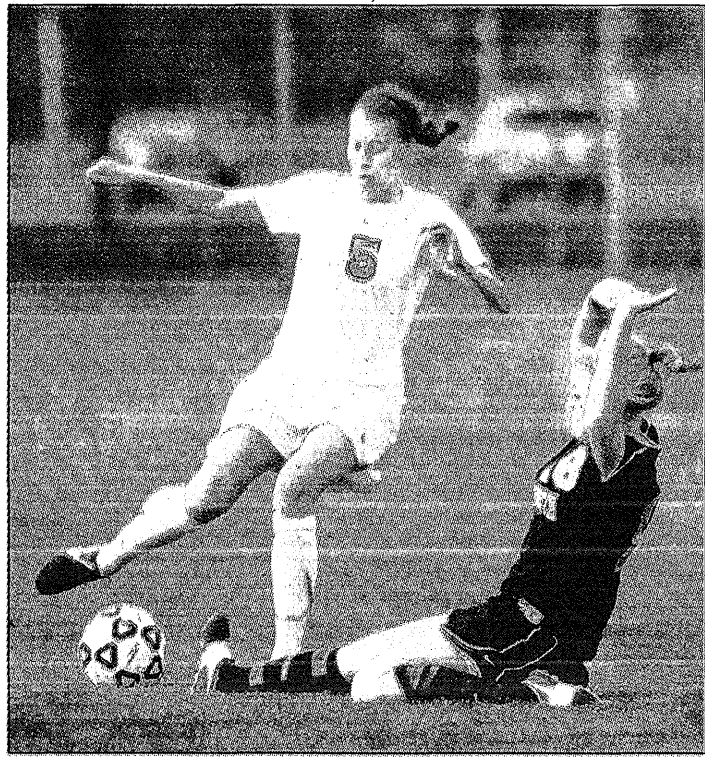
In the 32-team field, No. 13-ranked Madonna University (51-9) is paired with No. 4-ranked Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) along with Holy Names (Calif.) and McKendree University (Ill.), both of which received votes in the final Coaches' Poll of the season.

MU and Point Loma have already met once this season with the Crusaders taking home a 1-0 win in its season opener Feb. 28 in Arizona.

The Crusaders have a 1-1 mark against teams in their pool as they sit at 0-1 all-time against McKendree. The two teams met in 2002 with McKendree earning the 7-1 win.

The Crusaders, who will play once per day in pool play, open action at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14 against McKendree (30-14) followed by a 6 p.m. Friday, May 15 matchup with Holy Names (24-16). MU wraps up action in Pool D at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16 against Point Loma (44-11).

All games will be played at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex.



Canton's Lindsey Winters (left) and Plymouth's Jenna Livingston converge the ball at the same time during Thursday night's cross-campus clash at the PCEP soccer field.



Plymouth's Vittoria Miller (12) and Canton's Jessikah McClendon battle for possession of the ball during Thursday night's 1-0 Chief victory.

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## Zeroing in on a title

### Canton secures KLAA South lead with 7th shutout

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Looking for a quiet, secluded place to relax?

Try the back of the net the Canton girls soccer team is defending. It's proving to be a place that is rarely disturbed.

On Thursday against cross-campus rival

Plymouth, the Chiefs registered their seventh shutout of the season when they blanked the Wildcats 1-0.

The victory improved Canton's record to 7-1-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

The Chiefs are in the division's driver's seat and

will clinch the South title with victories over Wayne Memorial and John Glenn.

Junior goalie Samantha McPartlin has been the anchor for all seven shutouts, but Canton coach George Tomasso emphasized the team's brilliant defense is the result of a roster-wide effort.

"When you play well

defensively like we've been playing, it's not because one or two players have been playing well — it's because everyone on the team is doing their job," said Tomasso.

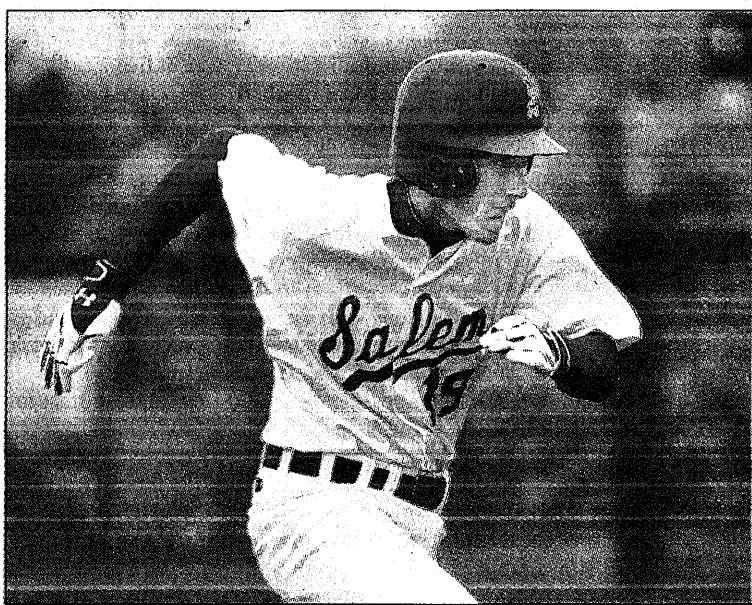
"Everyone understands it's a team concept and they're all playing to the best of their ability."

The game's lone goal

came with 32 minutes left in the first half when Canton forward Megan Staub secured a rebound of her own shot that caromed off a Plymouth defender and squeezed the ball past Wildcat goalie Marissa Williams and the goal post.

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Salem senior Sam Ott, pictured during a game last season, set the school's all-time career hits record Thursday with a first-inning double against Wayne in the second game of the Rocks' double-header sweep.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Hit machine

### Ott breaks record in Rocks' DH-sweep

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sam Ott's four-year hit parade at Salem High School has led the sweet-swinging lefty straight into the school's record books.

On Thursday in the second game of a double-header against Wayne Memorial, Ott's first-inning double off Zebra pitcher Jesse Dorow was his 122nd career hit — one more than previous record holder Steve Cox.

The sweet achievement was icing on the cake for the Rocks, who swept the twinbill, 10-1 and 7-6, to improve to 15-6

overall and 10-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"That's a nice record to have considering all the good players Sam had to pass," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "And with two or three weeks left in the season, Sam could end up making the record unreachable for anyone else."

"He's one of those kids that just loves to hit. He works hard at it and he has an open mind when it comes to learning new things. He takes batting practice seriously and he works hard in

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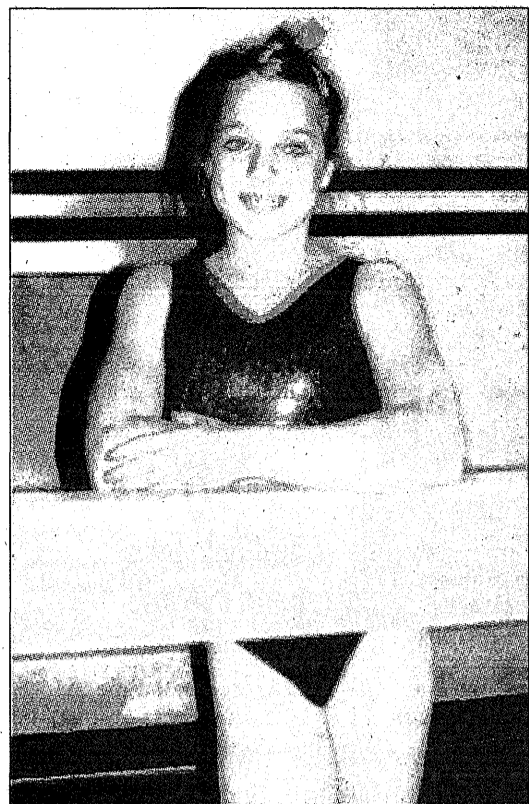
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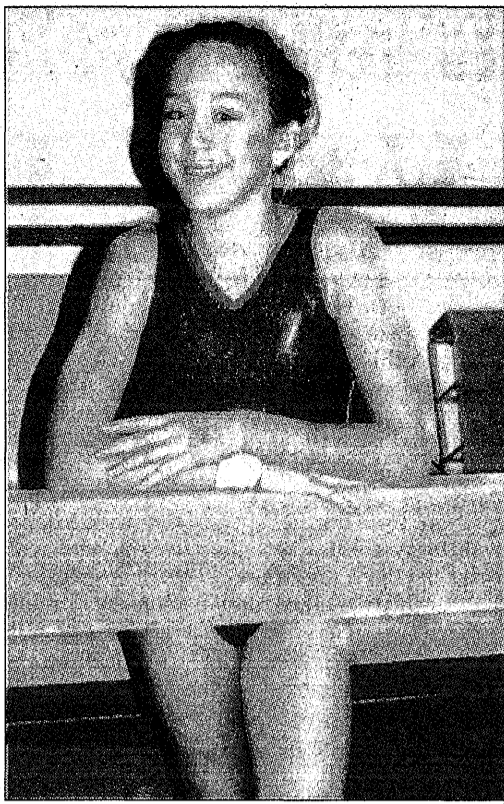
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Jacquelyn Bryden, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, competed for Gym America.



Olivia Ozeranic, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, also competed for Gym America.

## Local gymnasts shine at regional meet

Several local junior gymnasts excelled at the Level 8 Regionals, which were held April 25-26 in Findlay, Ohio.

Athletes from five states were represented at the championship meet. Among the nine gymnasts who competed for Gym America were Jacquelyn Bryden, a seventh-grader at West Middle School, and Olivia Ozeranic, a seventh-grader at East Middle School.

Competing against a field of 63 other gymnasts, Bryden was the all-around champion, registering a score of 38.125. She won the vault (9.775), the beam (9.6) and the floor-exercise (9.55) competitions.

Ozeranic placed ninth on the vault (9.375) and bars (9.2); and placed 19th in the all-around with a score of 36.525.

The duo are coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

Several athletes from the Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics team also performed well in Findlay:

- Plymouth's Jeani Hatkow, 12, placed fourth on vault (9.55) and 16th in the all-around (36.65) in the Junior C age group;

- Canton's Alyssa Peters, 14, placed second on vault (9.575), ninth on beam (9.425), 11th on floor (9.225) and eighth in the all-

around (36.85) in the Senior C age group;

- Canton's Kelly Valentini, 14, placed ninth on bars (9.15), fourth on beam (9.475), 11th on floor (9.225) and 11th all-around (36.60) in the Senior C age group;

- Canton's Nikki Pilmer, 15, placed fifth on vault (9.45), third on bars (9.20), third on beam (9.525) and second in the all-around (37.25) in the Senior D age group; and

- Canton's Kate Jung, 16, placed 10th on floor with a 9.15 in the Senior E age group.

The girls are coached by Tony Angel and Eileen Spicher.

## Wildcat netters wallop Zebras

Plymouth's girls tennis teamaced Wayne Memorial, 8-1, Wednesday afternoon in a match played on the PCEP tennis courts.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 5-3.

The 'Cats won three of the four singles matches. The Zebras' lone point came when No. 1 player Morgan Greig outlasted Plymouth's Chelsea Craig, 7-6(2) and 6-4.

The Wildcats swept the

remaining singles matches as No. 2 player Jessica Bracey defeated Madelyan Bevil, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3 Sarah Mitchell blanked Xiyan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; and Julia Fratila white-washed Megan McGregor, 6-0, 6-0.

Plymouth lost just one set in the five doubles matches. The duo of Lindsay Stemberger and Radhika Patel set the tone by sweeping Nancy Watson and Kelsi Thomas, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 1. Other winners for Plymouth

were Lauren Jeong and Allison Santori, who defeated Alicia Evans and Melinda Powers, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 2; Claire Marchesano and Mandy Martin, who nipped Robbie Tomlin and Stephanie Tomlin, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 3; Annie Mackenzie and Gina Debiasi, who upended Lynn Mathew and Cailee Parendo, 6-2, 6-7, at No. 4; and Adriana Berent and Anne West, who routed Ashlee Szabo and Zoie Smallwood, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 5.

## BASEBALL

# Blakita's blast sends Chiefs home happy, 5-2

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unfortunately for Livonia Churchill's baseball team, Canton junior first baseman Cody Blakita failed to master the lost art of bunting during the fifth inning of Wednesday's KLAA South Division showdown.

With his team trailing 2-0, Seth Tschetter on first base and no outs, Blakita was given the bunt sign by Canton head coach Mark Blomshfield. After fouling off Tad Evans' first offering and taking the second pitch for strike two, Blakita rocketed the third pitch over the left-field scoreboard to deadlock the game at 2-all.

Four batters later, Dan Stoney singled in Zane Birchler (who had doubled) to give the Chiefs a lead they would never relinquish in their 5-2 victory.

"A lot of coaches probably wouldn't have sacrificed down 2-0 in the fifth, but the guys were kind of playing in slow motion up to that point and I was trying to get something going," said Canton coach Mark Blomshfield. "I thought about keeping the bunt on with two strikes, but Cody's been swinging the bat well, so I wiped (the bunt sign) off."

"When he hit that home run, it changed everything. It put us right back in the game. It was a huge hit."

Blakita's heroics made a winner out of junior southpaw Kevin Delapaz, who improved his record to 6-0 with three innings of scoreless relief. Delapaz entered the game with a miniscule earned-run average of 0.80.

"He has great mound presence," said Blomshfield, when asked why Delapaz has been so successful. "He never gets rattled, he has good velocity and — most importantly — he can throw all of his pitches for strikes."

The Chargers seized a 2-0 lead in the top of the third when Jimmy Szymanski drew a one-out walk and scored two batters later ahead of Tyler Bledsoe's home run to right-center field.

Other than a Szymanski double two innings later, that was the only damage Churchill would inflict on Canton starting pitcher Alex Dixon, who gave way to Delapaz after Szymanski's lead-off two-bagger in the fifth.

"I thought Alex threw very well," said Blomshfield. "The home run he gave up was on a pitch I called, and I told him not to worry about it. He was coming



YVETTE DIXON

Canton's Cody Blakita watches his fifth-inning home run take flight during the Chiefs' 5-2 victory over Livonia Churchill.

off a great start against Jackson Lumen Christi on Saturday.

The Chiefs padded their 3-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth when Dixon and Blakita walked and eventually scored on a Charger fielding miscue.

The setback dropped Churchill to 8-9-1 overall and 5-6 in the KLAA. Evans yielded six hits and five walks in 5.2 innings of work.

"He started us out with a lot of first-pitch breaking balls for strikes the first four innings," Blomshfield said of Evans. "He kept us off balance. He was hitting the outside corners and we were trying to pull everything."

"Finally, Tschetter went with a pitch in the fifth and singled and then Cody hit the home run."

Blakita was the only Chief with two hits.

### Plymouth sweeps South Lyon East

On Friday at South Lyon East, the Wildcats won the first game, 11-0, before routing the Cougars in the nightcap, 17-4.

Brad Lineberry earned the mound win in game one while Luke Merandi won game two.

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## McRobb hurls Patriots past Plymouth

Pitcher Mark McRobb kept Livonia Franklin in the KLAA South Division baseball race Wednesday by winning both ends of a double-header against host Plymouth.

The senior right-hander went all seven innings in the opener as the Patriots rolled to an 8-2 triumph. McRobb allowed just five hits, struck out six and walked only one.

Offensively, McRobb and teammate Garrett Gumm both went 3-for-4, including back-to-back homers in the opening inning off Plymouth starter Cliff Buttermore.

Gumm finished with three

RBI, while McRobb, who also tripled, added two.

Ronnie Goble went 2-for-2 for the Wildcats, who committed five errors.

In the second game, Franklin improved in the KLAA South (tied with Canton) with a 5-3 triumph.

Plymouth took a 3-1 lead on Matt Skubik's 2-run homer in the fifth inning, but the Patriots answered with two in the sixth and two more in the top of the seventh.

Franklin tied it at 3-all on Dan Muller's RBI double along with Tyler Barnes coming home on a passed ball.

The Patriots kept the game even with a key defensive play in the bottom of the sixth when right fielder Mike Basner cut down a Plymouth runner tagging on a fly ball going from second to third for a double play as Nate Robinson made the putout.

Franklin won it on Gumm's RBI triple and Josh Weigand's sacrifice fly.

Gumm, the starter, exited in the sixth in favor of McRobb, who earned the victory.

Reliever Brad Lineberry, who came on for starter Mike Nadratowski in the seventh, took the loss for Plymouth (10-9, 4-6).

## OTT

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the off-season. He's become an expert at hitting."

Ott, who was hitting .529 through Thursday, and fellow senior Rock Joe Posler both announced this week that they would be attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall as preferred walk-ons to the baseball program.

Salem dominated the first game Thursday behind the 10-strikeout/five-hit performance of senior hurler Dave Hales and the 4-for-4 (including a home run) hitting effort of Posler. Shane Wilson suffered the mound loss for the Zebras, who were buried by the Rocks' 13-hit attack.

Ott belted his first home run and Justin Bashi had two hits and an RBI for the winners, who broke open a 3-1 game with three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Salem needed a seventh-

inning rally to nip the Zebras in the nightcap. Trailing 6-4 in the bottom of the last frame, the Rocks were sparked by a lead-off single by Heath Parling, who scored on Ott's double to reduce the deficit to 6-5. Posler knotted the contest at 6-all with an RBI single. After Bashi reached on a fielder's choice, Hales laced a two-out double to deliver the game-winning run.

Senior Dave Russell earned the victory after working two solid innings in relief of starter Corey Streck.

Parling finished with three hits and three runs scored. Ott (3-for-3, two runs), Posler (2-for-4, RBI) and Hales (2-for-4, RBI) also shone at the plate for Salem.

The Rocks are set to host Northville Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a game that could determine the KLAA Central Division champion. Both teams entered Monday's games with just one conference loss.

**SALEM 6-11, STEVENSON 3-2:** The Rocks (13-6, 8-1), KLAA Central Division co-leaders, won

both ends of a double-header Wednesday against host Livonia Stevenson (8-10, 6-4) at Ford Field.

Joe Posler pitched a three-hitter in the opener as Salem earned a 6-3 victory. He struck out five.

Dave Loos went 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead Salem's offensive attack. Heath Parling added two hits, scored twice and knocked in a run. Sam Ott and Dave Hales also had RBIs.

J.J. Petterson homered for the Spartans.

In the second game, Salem racked up 14 hits in an 11-2 triumph.

Hitting stars for the Rocks included Drew Grabowski (3-for-4; three RBI); Justin Bashi (3-for-4; two RBI); Ott (2-for-4; two runs); and Hales (2-for-4).

Ott, the winning pitcher, allowed just four hits and struck out 12 in seven innings of work.

Mike Tuttle knocked in a run for the Spartans.

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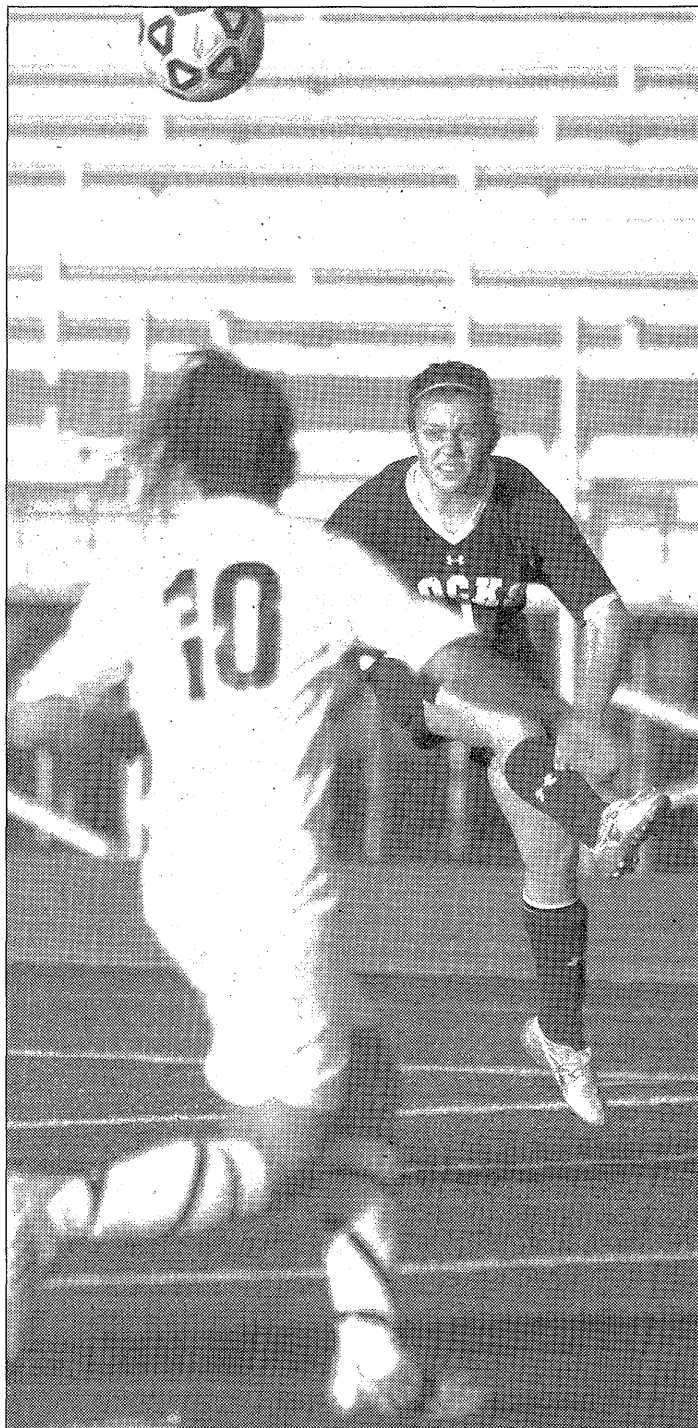
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Salem's Kristina Klusek (facing camera), pictured during a game earlier this season, played well in the Rocks' scoreless draw with Novi Thursday night.

## Defense rules in soccer match between Salem-Novi

Goals were difficult to come by during Thursday night's Kensington Lakes Activities Association showdown between Salem and visiting Novi.

The Rocks and Wildcats battled to a scoreless draw that left Salem with a 4-3-3 overall record and 2-3-2 mark in KLAAC Central Division.

Senior net-minder Tracey Whalen earned the shut-out for the Rocks, who also received stellar efforts from Lauren Booth and Kristina Klusek.

"Tracey made two out-

standing diving saves in the first half, which really inspired the team and gave us a little momentum to build with," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "I thought we played a smart, aggressive game."

"Lauren had another excellent game at center back, organizing the team and stepping up to create early pressure on the Novi forwards. Kristina had an awesome game creating chances and really running the flank up and down the field. She rang a shot off the cross-bar in the second half."

## Late Hornets' rally stings 'Cat LAX team

For 58 minutes Thursday night, Plymouth's boys lacrosse team was well on its way to an impressive road victory at Saline.

However, the Hornets stung the Wildcats with a late rally and escaped with a 12-11 victory.

Plymouth built leads of 6-2, 8-5 and 9-7 before Saline deadlocked the game with 3:54 left and one hit with a goal two minutes later.

The Wildcats nearly knotted the game with a few seconds left, but Ryan Renault's effort was denied by the Saline net-minder.

"This was as tough as it gets," lamented Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We fought so hard and played so

well. We were just a couple of possessions away from finishing them off. There is a fine line between winning and losing in this sport this year.

"Saline was ranked in the top 20 and we had them. I feel like Dennis Green, who was with the (Arizona) Cardinals at the time, when he said, 'We let them off the hook.' We've got to bounce back and get ready for our next games."

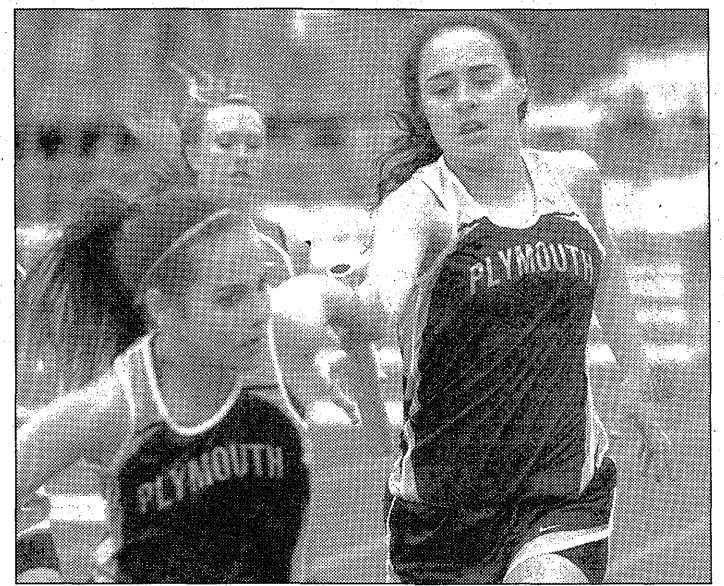
Pacing the Wildcats' attack were Connor Martin (one goal, four assists), Pat Smiatacz (two goals, two assists), Danny Norris (two goals, one assist), Renault (two goals), Brad Finch (one goal, one assist), Norm Freda (two goals) and Phil Flesch (one goal, one assist).

"Mike Justus was fantastic in net for us, stopping 10 shots — many of them from point-blank range," concluded Costello.



Martin

## TRACK & FIELD



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Plymouth's Paula Green, pictured handing the baton to Nicole Traitses in a meet earlier this spring, earned points in the Wildcats victory over Wayne Memorial Wednesday night.

### GIRLS TRACK STATS

**PLYMOUTH 112 WAYNE MEMORIAL 24 Wednesday at PCEP Stadium**

**Shot put:** 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 34 feet, 4 inches; 2. Isis Haywood (P), 27-6; 3. Askin (WM), 25-2.

**Discus:** 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 100-7 (school record); 2. Isis Haywood (P), 75-4; 3. Askin (WM), 65-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Rebecca Knox (P), 15-4; 2. Reagan Engstrom (P), 14-5; 3. Long (WM), 13-6.

**High jump:** 1. Jackson (WM), 4-5; 2. Kristen Sturtz (P), 4-3; 3. Rachel Hille (P), 4-3.

**Pole vault:** 1. Rebecca Knox (P), 7-2; 2. Reagan Engstrom (P), 6-8.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Molly Slavens, Jamie Roberts, Sophie Roberts, Julie Forster), 12:03.09; 2. 100 hurdles: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 18:01; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 19:95; 3. Michelle Friedow (P), 22:19.

**100 dash:** 1. Woods (WM), 13.5; 2. Krystal Whitlow (P), 14.3; 3. Buron (WM), 14.4.

**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Rachel Hille, Rachel Burnard, Reagan Engstrom, Krystal Whitlow), 1:56.7.

**1,600 run:** 1. Brianna Hessler (P), 6:12.1; 2. Paula Green (P), 6:24.2; 3. Kelsey Reineri (P), 6:25.

**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Rachel Burnard, Krystal Whitlow, Carey Curvin, Whitney Harmon), 55.8.

**400 dash:** 1. Woods (WM), 1:04.1; 2. Rebecca Knox (P), 1:05.2; 3. Carissa Buttermore (P), 1:05.3.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Mandy McManus (P), 52.1; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 55.1; 3. Michelle Friedow (P), 1:05.7.

**800 run:** 1. Jordyn Strahm (P), 2:54.4; 2. Brianna Hessler (P), 2:56.5; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:56.8.

**200 dash:** 1. Woods (WM), 27.9; 2. Rebecca Knox (P), 28.9; 3. Reagan Engstrom (P), 29.8.

**3,200 run:** 1. Molly Slavens (P), 12:22; 2. Kelsey Reineri (P), 13:56; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 13:56.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Carissa Buttermore, Jenna Hamed, Julie Forster, Krystal Whitlow), 4:32.

**PLYMOUTH'S RECORD:** 2-2.

### BOYS TRACK STATS

**PLYMOUTH 87.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 49.5 Wednesday at PCEP Stadium**

**Shot put:** 1. Jordan Birman (P), 40 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Kyle Brindza (P), 40-8.75; 3. Keith Choma (P), 39-3.75.

**Discus:** 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 132-5; 2. Keith Choma (P), 124-0; 3. Brett Keys (P), 104-10.

**Long jump:** 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 19-11; 2. Hailey (WM), 19-3.75; 3. Long (WM), 18-11.

**High jump:** 1. Mills (WM), 6-0; 2. Waston (WM), 5-8; 3. Jackson (WM), 5-6.

**Pole vault:** 1. Grant Senkbeil (P), 11-5; 2. Andy Binn (P), 8-11; 3. Van Conklin (P), 8-11.

**3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth (Derek Lax, Justin Heck, Ken Lomske, Jimmy Eiben), 9:59.23; 2. Wayne.

**110 high hurdles:** 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.9; 2. Brandon Piliigian (P), 16.6; 3. Bally (WM), 18.8.

**100 dash:** 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 11.3; 2. Clayborne (WM), 11.4; 3. (tie) Dante Fox (P) and Hines (WM), 11.8.

**800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Vic Hicks, Adabiya, Billy Smith, Dante Fox), 1:35.8.

**1,600 run:** 1. Joe Porcari (P), 4:42.9; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 5:02; 3. Matt Neumann (P), 5:02.1.

**400 relay:** 1. Wayne, 44.33; 2. Plymouth, 46.8.

**400 run:** 1. Jalen Woolridge (P), 52.5; 2. Vic Hicks (P), 52.6; 3. Ken Lomske (P), 54.0.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 39.9; 2. Doug Deykes (P), 43.8; 3. Bally (WM), 46.8.

**800 run:** 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:00.3; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 2:05.5; 3. Justin Hines (P), 2:11.3.

**200 dash:** 1. Clayborne (WM), 23.1; 2. Vic Hicks (P), 23.7; 3. Hailey (WM), 23.7.

**3,200 run:** 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:40; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:59; 3. Derek Lax (P), 11:07.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Warren Buzzard, Jalen Woolridge, Dante Fox, Ken Lomske), 3:33.

**PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD:** 4-0.

Jordan Wisniewski, Sheriff Hassanien), 1:35.1.

**1,600 run:** 1. Bradon Conley (C), 5:00.1; 2. Kyle Clinton (C), 5:04.3; 3. Jon Peck (C), 5:04.9.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn, 44.7; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, August Garrett, Nick Alaniva, Josh Nolan), 47.1.

**400 dash:** 1. Kenne (JG), 53.0; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.4; 3. Foster (JG), 54.1.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Hayatt Ali (C), 42.4; 2. Winston Roberts (C), 44.4; 3. Paven (JG), 44.9.

**800 run:** 1. Josh Hurst (C), 2:09.3; 2. Paul Rakovitis (C), 2:11.4; 3. Keith Zech (C), 2:11.7.

**200 dash:** 1. Langford (JG), 23.4; 2. Anthony (JG), 23.7; 3. Josh Nolan (C), 24.3.

**3,200 run:** 1. Greg Reed (C), 11:07.8; 2. Kurt Kowalski (C), 11:15.4; 3. Jon Peck (C), 11:22.6.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Canton (August Garrett, Hayatt Ali, Ryan Randall, Jordan Wisniewski), 3:35; 2. John Glenn, 3:36.

**CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD:** 2-2.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, May 11**  
 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.  
 Lenawee Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
 Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 14**  
 Salem at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
 PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Monday, May 11**  
 Novi at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Lenawee Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
 Greenhills at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
 Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 14**  
 Salem vs. Canton (DH) at Massey Field, 5:30 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 3:30 p.m.  
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 16**  
 Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA  
 PCA at Trillium Academy (DH), 10 a.m.  
**Sunday, May 17**  
 Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
 Canton at Holt, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 14**  
 Division 1 Regional, TBA  
**BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
 PCA at MIAC Conference Meet, TBA  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
 KLAAC JV Invitational at PCEP Stadium, TBA  
**Friday, May 15**  
 Division 1 Regional at PCEP Stadium, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, May 11**  
 Canton at Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.  
 Salem at Novi at Novi Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
 Wayne Memorial at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 3 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, May 15**  
 Canton at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.  
 Salem at South Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Friday, May 15**  
 Division 1 Regional, TBA  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 14**  
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.  
 South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.

### GOLF RESULTS

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 159 SALEM 164**  
**May 8 at Fox Creek G.C.**

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossioian and Tom Cullum, 38 each; Adam Giordano, 41; Joe Altard, 42; Dan Dufour, 44; Christian Deboy, 45.

Salem scorers: Adam Powers, 37 (medalist); Arron Thompson and Brandon Duprey, 41 each; Josh Perrin, 45; Tommy Hollins, 46; Klye Zink, 48.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLAAC Central Division; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAAC Central.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Canton cheer camp

The Canton High School cheerleading team will be hosting a summer camp for kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade on June 22 from 8:30 a.m. (check-in) to 4 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50, which includes the clinic, lunch, an afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag.

There are discounted rates for families with two or more siblings attending.

The registration deadline is June 1.

For more information, call (734) 765-1998 or send an e-mail to carriers@comcast.net.

#### 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 Amateur Hockey Association

A registration session/open house for the Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be held Saturday, May 16, at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Players of all skill levels and their parents are invited to attend.

All attendees will receive a free hot dog and pop, and there will be free skating available.

The first 90 kids to register for learn-to-play, mini-mite and mite hockey teams will receive free equipment for the season.

The learn-to-play league is for kids 4 to 9 years old. They will receive top-notch instruction on the fundamentals of skating and puck handling that will enable them to advance in competitive hockey.

The mini-mite cross and full ice hockey league is for kids age 6 and under. They will skate twice a week.

The mite hockey league is for 7- and 8-year-olds. They will skate the full ice twice a weeks.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIQUOR MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the City Commission of the City of Plymouth on Monday, June 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Kellogg Park or in the event of inclement weather at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan. The Public Hearing will consider the following:

- 1) Application for Added Space (Outdoor Service Area)/Entertainment for E.G. Nicks
- 2) Application for Added Space (Outdoor Service Area) for Liberty Street Brewing.
- 3) Application for a Transfer of a Class C into the City for Nico & Valli to include, Sunday Sales, Entertainment, SDM, Outdoor Service
- 4) Application for a Transfer of Ownership for Tavern 1999
- 5) Application for a Transfer of a Class C into the City for Ironwood to include various permits.

Items will be discussed at the Public Hearing ONLY IF their applications and Local Approval Notice from the State of Michigan have been received by the City of Plymouth in advance of the meeting agenda preparation.

This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend at the place and time stated.

Linda J. Langmesser,  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting May 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings scheduled for January 20, February 17, March 10 & 24, April 21, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23 are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org).

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

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# Patriots edge Wildcats in key KLAA South double-dip

Livonia Franklin used a combination of solid defense, good pitching and timely hitting to remain atop of the KLAA South Division girls softball standings on Wednesday.

The Patriots traveled to Plymouth came away with a double-header sweep, 1-0 and 6-1, to improve to 16-3 overall and 9-0 in the division.

Senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn improved to 12-1 on the year as she scattered three hits, fanned five and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

The Patriots also turned a key 4-6-3 double play in the sixth inning. Franklin, the home team in the first game, tallied its lone run in the first on a single by

Brittany Taylor and Sanborn followed by Brianna Taylor's sacrifice fly.

Losing pitcher Lauren Smith gave up just three hits, fanned five and did not allow a walk.

Erin Rodes singled twice for the Wildcats.

In the nightcap, Franklin collected 10 hits led by Jessica Emery (3-for-4, triple, two RBI); Brianna Taylor (2-for-4, double, home, two RBI); and Sanborn (2-for-4).

Brianna Taylor clubbed a 2-run homer in the third inning and Emery's 2-run triple in the seventh put the game away.

Smith took the loss for the Wildcats, who slipped to 11-3 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South.

## Rocks, Spartans split

On Wednesday at Stevenson, the Spartans won the opening game of a double-header, 1-0, before the Rocks bounced back to claim the nightcap, 11-1. The first-game loss snapped the nine-game winning streak of Salem, which was 17-6 overall and 8-3 in the KLAA following Thursday's sweep of Wayne Memorial.

Brianna Lee suffered a hard-luck loss in game one against Stevenson as she yielded just one hit and one walk while striking out eight. The Spartans' lone run was unearned.

Heidi Schmidt, Alexis Powell and Lizzy Mazorowicz accounted for Salem's only hits.

The Rocks exploded in game two, which ended in the sixth on Lee's home run. The sophomore also pitched well, giving up just six hits while racking up six strikeouts. Pacing the winners' hitting attack were Schmidt (two singles), Mary Cox (three-run triple and a single) Christina Parsons

(RBI double) and Powell (RBI double).

## Rocks sweep Zebras

On Thursday at Salem, the Rocks swept Wayne Memorial 11-0 (six innings) and 15-3.

Lee tossed a no-hitter in the first game, striking out 11 while yielding just one walk.

Offensively, Mazorowicz (3-for-3, two doubles, two RBI), Schmidt (two hits) and Mary Johnson (two hits) led the way.

Lee capped a spectacular two-way performance when she belted a game-ending grand slam.

Schmidt earned the mound win in the nightcap, yielding just four hits and one walk while striking out nine. The sophomore also sparked at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a triple and four RBI. Kelli Janiczek, Mazorowicz and Lee all contributed two hits while Parsons chipped in with a two-run double.

"Wayne has really picked it up a notch," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "The new coach is going a great job. They have some good hitters."

# COLUMN

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5. Have you ever exceeded the speed limit by, oh, maybe 8 to 10 miles per hour, while driving your child to a practice that started two minutes ago? (If you were pulled over as a result of your speeding but talked your way out of a ticket, give yourself 3 bonus points.)

6. Have you ever been alarm-clocked out of a deep sleep at 6 a.m. on a Saturday because your child had an 8 a.m. game and the coach wanted him or her there an hour early? (If you never hit the snooze button, give yourself 3 bonus points.)

7. Have you ever missed an episode of "Desperate Housewives," "Dancing With the Stars" or "American Idol" to attend one of your child's sporting events?

8. While watching one of your child's games, have you ever thought to yourself, "There's nowhere else I'd rather be right now..."

9. Have you ever sat through a drenching rain storm so that you wouldn't miss a minute of your child's soccer or football game? (Give yourself 1 bonus point for every time you did this without an umbrella.)

10. Have you ever been part of a human tunnel that was used during a pee-wee soccer team's post-game celebration? (If you provided the halftime orange slices for that game, give yourself 2 bonus points.)

11. Have you ever served as an emergency coach or helper at one of your child's practices — and heard one of your child's teammates say to your son or daughter, "Wow, your mom's pretty good?"

12. Have you ever wondered how incomplete your child's life would be without sports?

13. Have you ever felt your eyes well up with tears as your son or daughter walked off a high school field or court following their final high school game?

O.K., drop your pencils and add up your points. Truthfully, it really doesn't matter how many points you got — if you read this far, you get an "A-plus" in my book. Heck, I'll give you a "B" just for picking up the Sports section.

While I can't distribute gold stars, I can offer this: *Happy Mother's Day!* Youth sports wouldn't be the same without you.

Ed Wright is the Sports Editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

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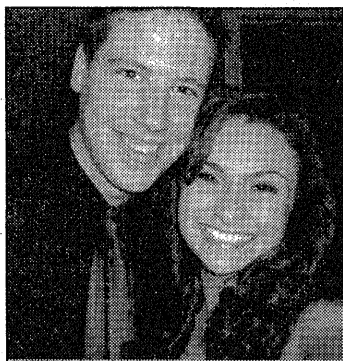
STINAR-AKINS

Priscilla Akins of Northville and Parker Stinar of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Mary Atkins of Northville, is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Kyle Stinar-Eckert of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor of administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He attends the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

A June 2009 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



Andary-Anton

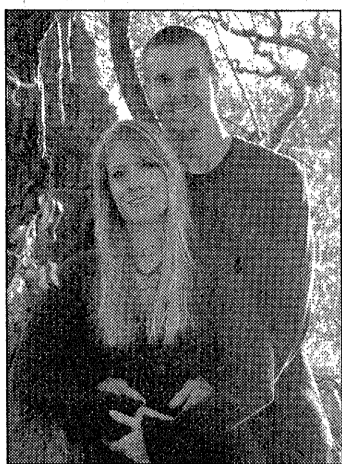
ANDARY-ANTON

Lyndsey Andary of Dearborn and Michael Anton of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis D. Andary, Jr. MD, of Dearborn, is a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University and works as a Web designer and events assistant at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Office of Development.

Her fiancé, son of Donna Ogilbee and Jack Anton, both of Livonia, is a doctoral student at Argosy University.

A May 2010 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth.



Johnston-Barrick

JOHNSTON-BARRICK

Shannon Lenore (Hilton) Johnston and Brent David Barrick, both of Canton, announce their engagement.

Shannon, the daughter of Ken and Cyndi Operhall of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and attends Schoolcraft College. She works in Accounts Payable at Lautrec Ltd., Farmington Hills.

Brent, the son of David and Terry Barrick of Canton, is a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He graduated from Schoolcraft College in 2003 and attended Eastern Michigan University. Brent is a reptile breeder in Canton.

The couple plans a June 2009 wedding and honeymoon in St. Lucia.

Will it be easy to get ripped off?

Many years ago when I first started writing this column I used to tell you stories about homeowners being ripped off by different service industries and how involved I was in getting restitution for these consumers.

Yes, most of these were appliance cases, but there were other fields as well and basically I went to wherever Esther Shapiro, the past director of Detroit Consumer Affairs, asked me to go.

Many times I acted as an expert witness for homeowners who filed a claim with their local district court and I was always armed with a copy of the Michigan Consumers Protection Act. This was the tool that people could afford to use in small claims cases when trying to right a wrong without the expense of hiring an attorney.

I can tell you that in all of the many cases, when I was helping a consumer who had been ripped off by an appliance repair company, that customer got their money back plus some. This is not the way it's going to work from now on.

The Consumer Protection Act isn't worth the paper it's written on.

Frank Kelley, the long standing attorney general in Michigan was in office when the Consumer Protection Act became law in 1976. He says he's sick over what has happened to this Michigan law which was praised as the best there was in the whole country. I am tired of legislators who profess their desires to help others and give back to their country, but are pulling the wool over everybody's eyes.

Today we have an attorney general who loves to see his name in lights and doing seminars on worthy projects which might just propel him to be the governor someday. Where has he been? Why hasn't he helped the very consumers who voted him into office? Isn't his job designed to protect the people?

used car dealers, auto repair shops, funeral homes, plumbers and electricians. Now here is something that is absolutely strange! Some of these industries I've just mentioned are the worst of the worst. How can they be exempted?

Does all this mean that we consumers have to depend on the agencies in Lansing that regulate these different industries? As far as I'm concerned, they've done very little these past 25 years. Michigan now ranks as one of the two most unprotected States in the country when it comes to consumer protection laws.

No longer will the Michigan homeowner be able to stand in front of a magistrate and hold up a copy of the Consumer Protection Act and profess to a court of law that what a certain company did to them is against the law. You will have to hire a lawyer to do what you could at one time do yourself. Maybe it's time Frank Kelley took up residence in his old office. The first question I would ask Mr. Kelley is, "Frank, how many of our current state legislators are attorneys?"

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm.rr.com.

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EXEMPTED BUSINESSES

Every year I receive the complaints list of businesses that are most often listed in communications with the attorney general's office. For the past 10 years, the list has usually been the same. Now here is what is totally bewildering: The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that businesses regulated by other laws are no longer subject to the Michigan Consumer Protection Act. Some of the exempted businesses are: Banks, mortgage brokers, debt collectors, finance companies, home builders, home improvement contractors, new and

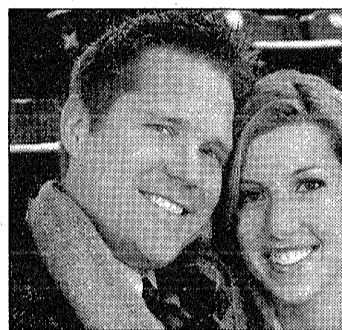
HEISE-BOHM

Andrew and Lisa Heise of Northville, formerly residents of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Heise, to Kyle Bohm, son of Dennis and Donna Bohm of Stevens Point, Wis.

Lauren is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2005 graduate from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree in biopsychology and cognitive science. She is currently a fourth-year medical student at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a residency in otolaryngology.

Kyle, a 2001 graduate of Stevens Point Area Senior High and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a bachelor degree in kinesiology, is also a fourth-year medical student at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a residency in orthopedic surgery. As an undergraduate, Kyle was the co-captain of the men's varsity baseball team and *ESPN The Magazine's* Academic All-American.

A September 2009 wedding is planned.



Heise-Bohm

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Ikebana floral art

Ikebana International Detroit Chapter hosts its annual fund-raiser featuring an Ikebana floral art demonstration by Professor Toshiko Shimoura, an exhibit of Ikebana flower arrangements by chapter members, a Japanese vocalist and pianist, and tea, 1 p.m. May 13 at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, between Lahser and Evergreen in Southfield. \$8 donation at the door.

The Rock Shoppe

The store, at 6275 Gottfredson, in Plymouth, will hold two free installation classes, Saturday, May 16. The first starts at 10 a.m. and will show participants how to install a brick paver patio step by step. Free design help will be available. The second, at noon, will focus on step-by-step installation of retaining walls and pillars. A free lunch will be served between the two classes. Register by phone at (734) 455-5560 or e-mail to rscustomerservice@gmail.com

Tomato Fest

Nancy Szerlag, "Detroit News" garden columnist and avid tomato enthusiast, will share her secrets to grow perfect, organic and prolific heirloom tomato plants and more, at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 16, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. The class is free. Reservations at (248) 332-6430.

Orchid Society

Carolyn Butcher will give a slide show presentation on "Growing

Orchids For Novices" 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at the Michigan Orchid Society meeting. Butcher is a past president of the Michigan Orchid Society and has been an active member for more than 25 years. Bill Porter of Porter Orchids will show his orchids. The group meets at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

Plant identification

Take a trail hike with the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, in Westland, and learn to identify native plants and trees. Wear proper shoes. Hike starts at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

\$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578 or www.sembutterfly.com.

Artist reception

Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.

Geocaching fun awaits at Metroparks

Explore the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and discover history along the way with the "Metroparks Geocaching Adventure '09" game. Now in its sixth year of operation, this high-tech treasure-hunting game lures people armed with GPS units to find caches hidden in 11 Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Those who find all 11 caches and enter a keyword or phrase from each cache into a crossword puzzle can compete for prizes to be awarded later this year.

Eleven volunteers put the game together this year by hiding a cache, or a box with trinkets or treasures inside, in their assigned park. "The Metroparks was one of the first park systems in Michigan to encourage geocaching, and we wanted to help out," said Greg Crump, of Harrison Township, this year's game coordinator. "We've received many good comments from other geocachers on how much they enjoy the Metroparks game, and that we are carrying on the tradition. This is truly from the heart; everyone really

looks forward to doing the Metroparks game." Volunteers have hidden caches at Hudson Mills, Huron Meadows, Indian Springs, Kensington, Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Metro Beach, Oakwoods, Stony Creek, Willow and Wolcott Mill Metroparks.

To get started, find the game location coordinates of the MGA09 caches listed on www.geocaching.com. A game brochure, with the crossword puzzle, can be downloaded from this site or the Metroparks Web site, www.metroparks.com. An annual picnic/geocaching event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Indian Springs Metropark.

Geocaching, or treasure hunting with a GPS unit, is an international sport. A cache is a hidden box that typically contains a visitor's log plus trinkets, such as toys, knick-knacks or refrigerator magnets. Thousands of caches are hidden worldwide. Players are honor-bound to leave a treasure if they take a treasure from a cache. Once the cache is found, cachers can sign the

log, and post their find on the geocaching Web site.

"Our geocache game volunteers take great pride in providing this game for everyone to enjoy," said Tim Phillips, HCMA park planner. "This type of volunteerism helps bring extra value to our parks."

Located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, the Metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and suburban life as well as year-round recreational activities and events. A regional park system, the Metroparks consist of 13 beautiful parks covering 24,000 acres, 10 public golf courses and two marinas on Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, respectively. The parks also offer scenic nature trails, beaches, educational activities and exciting winter sports. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is only \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors, or \$4 daily. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling (800) 47-PARKS.

POSTERS HAPPENING AT THE ZOO

Fifty-four poster designs submitted by students from the College for Creative Studies (CCS) for the 2009 Detroit Zoo Poster Competition will be exhibited at the Zoo's Ford Education Center May 17 through Sept. 7, 2009. The exhibition is open during zoo hours and is free with zoo admission.

The artwork judged Best in Show, submitted by Crystal Mielcarek of Harrison Township, has been reproduced as the official Detroit Zoo poster and is available for sale at Zoofari Market for \$3. In addition, Mielcarek's original artwork has become part of the zoo's permanent art collection.

The poster designs submitted for the competition were judged by a panel of jurors from

the Detroit Zoological Society, CCS and Doner. Award selection criteria included artistic merit, originality, creativity, innovation, and adherence and relevance to the competition theme.

The winning poster designs were unveiled at an awards ceremony at the zoo on April 9. Scholarship contributions were awarded to the best-in-show as well as first- and second-place winners. Third- through fifth-place winners received individual Detroit Zoo memberships, and four honorable mentions received Zoo admission, parking, concession and ride tickets.

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**ROBERT WILLIAM COOPER**  
Formerly of Wingcroft Court, died on Wednesday, May 6 at the age of 94. He and his wife of 67 years, Helen Douglass Cooper, lived on Wing Lake for over thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his four children Robert, Douglas, Kent and Betsy (Montjo), as well as their spouses; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mr. Cooper's body has been donated to the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Following cremation, the ashes will be buried at Acacia Park Cemetery. A memorial service was held May 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Henry Ford Village, Dearborn, Michigan. Donations in memoriam may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Lions Club International.

**CAROLYN HERN**  
Feb. 20, 1943 - May 5, 2009. Mother of Jacqueline and Jon. Grandmother of Steven. Sister of Jeff, Sueann, and George. Service will take place in Hartland. Once known, never forgotten.

**ARTHUR G. BEASLEY**  
Age 85, May 6, 2009. Beloved husband of Keiko. Loving father of Douglas and Linda Beasley and Peggy (Bill) Clink. Dear grandfather of Rachel, Jessie, Brian and Kumara. Arthur was a former officer of N.B.D. Bank and was a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corp., where he served as a pilot during WWII and the Korean War. Arthur will be dearly missed. No Service. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please share a memory at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com).

**GLORIA "KAY" DOBEK**  
Of Westland. Passed away at the age of 74. Beloved wife of Joseph Dobek Jr and devoted mother of Debbie Bridges, Joseph Dobek I (Kathy), Susan McKenna, and Mary Dobek. Loving grandmother of Elizabeth, Rich, Joseph II, Kelly, Laura and Halle. Cherished great-grandmother of Christopher, Katie, Bria, Ana, Joseph III and Matthew. Send your condolences or memories to the family at [www.neely-turowski.com](http://www.neely-turowski.com)

**LUTHER D. BIRD**  
May 2, 2009. Age 86 of Livonia. U.S. Army Air Force-World War II. Born in Charleston, WV on October 28, 1922. Beloved husband of the late Ina Joyce. Loving father of Samuel, Sunday (James) Dupue, David, and Luther Jr. (Barbara). Beloved brother of Kathleen Ketz and Dr. Samuel Bird of Beckley, WV. Also survived by grandsons Brendon Frazier and Steve Bird, great-grandchildren Matthew and Madison Frazier. Luther retired from the Livonia Public Schools as a teacher and counselor. He will be dearly missed. Private services were held. Condolences may be sent to the family via [email.birdmemories@yahoo.com](mailto:email.birdmemories@yahoo.com)

**CAROLYN E. DRESCHER**  
Age 82. Of Orchard Lake, formerly of Birmingham. May 6, 2009. Beloved wife of 57 years to William M. Loving mother of Rebecca (Jerome) Meldrum and Kristin (Christopher) Mumford. Cherished grandmother of Megan Elizabeth and Sarah Lynn Meldrum, Benjamin Miles, Alexander Hall, and Raleigh William Mumford. Preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Thorson. Carolyn was a founding and active member of West Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Service was Saturday, 11:30 a.m. at West Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home - Godhardt - Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor. Memorials to the church are appreciated.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Mothers provide strong role models for their children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mothers teach children valuable life lessons. The *Observer & Eccentric* communities are filled with women who work hard to support their families while silently demonstrating a compassion for all human beings.

Juliann Tuthill of Canton let us know about Gladys Gotts, who turned 104 on May 4. A few may remember the family's farm on Ridge, between Ford and Cherry Hill, where the Gottses grew sweet corn and melons and raised milk cows. Her daughter Dorothy Richards especially admires the strength her mother showed when Richards' father Percy died at age 53 and Gladys had to sell the 80 acres of land in the 1960s. The couple raised three daughters in the Plymouth/Canton area.

"I was 20-something when dad died, but had a younger sister still at home," said Richards, 76, of Canton. "My mother went to work at Julian on the corner of Canton Center and Ford as a clerk. It was a gas station and sold groceries like a party store. She waited on customers and dished up ice cream. She wasn't a person to complain and always had a smile on her face."

A friend eventually got Gladys a job at the Ford plant in Ypsilanti.

"She worked in the office until she retired as a secretary," Richards said. "She persevered. She's a durable strong woman, but gentle. She's very healthy except for breaking her hip at 100. She asks for no help at all at the assisted living home. She doesn't complain."

Theresa Zakrzewski still marches in the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit at age



80. The rest of the year, the Livonia woman volunteers at The Parade Co. and Angela Hospice in Livonia. She's had two knees and a hip replaced in the last four years, but keeps going like the Energizer Bunny. To stay healthy, Theresa does water aerobics and lifts weights in addition to walking two to four miles a day. In the summer, she golfs at the family cottage in Caseville.

"She's an active and free spirit," said Susan Zakrzewski, one of five children that Theresa and her husband Thomas raised during their 58-year marriage. "She keeps up on current events and family. She taught

us how important family is, to be objective and be independent, to always follow our dream and you're never too old to learn something new. I always tell people my parents were very political and charitable. She would shop at Stan's Market on Schoolcraft and would demand to see the box to make sure it's union lettuce. She really practiced her beliefs. You have to commit at all levels when something is important to you. She's very special and we love her dearly. We'll be planting flowers for her on Mother's Day."

**TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES**  
The Rev. Paul Perez learned

about cultural differences from not only his mother Jody, but father Ray. The 26-year-old man is director of program development at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Jody and Ray live in Livonia and raised three children.

"My mom is German, Irish and Dutch. Dad is Mexican heritage. Their marriage showed me love can transcend difference and that it takes more than tolerance, but trust, commitment," said Perez, of Rochester Hills.

Paul was named after his mom's favorite uncle, who died in a house fire when she was young.

the grandkids and her Uncle Paul was kind and paid attention to her," Perez said. "She taught me it's about remembering people. Reaching out in kindness was important to her and our family. His death made an impact on her, how fragile life is. My mom has tried to make the most of each moment."

"She's an X-ray tech for an orthopedist who treats deformities. She got to know the children. It's always very painful for them to get in positions for X-rays. Even though their bodies were in bad shape, she felt they were alive and deserved respect."

Becoming a father made Brian Spuck appreciate his mother Alice even more. Alice and Earl Spuck married in 1971 and raised two sons in Canton.

"You don't reflect upon the sacrifices they made to help you achieve your goals or dreams," said Brian Spuck, of Rochester Hills. "It's positive reinforcement that you can do it. They have confidence in us. That goes for my dad, too."

### TRAVELING TOGETHER

Brian Spuck's memories of family trips remain today, including ones to compete with his Livonia soccer team.

"We took family trips to northern Ontario to my mom's family cottage, where we learned to appreciate the outdoors and nature," Spuck said. "We would take soccer trips. My soccer team would travel to Colorado, Florida, out east to Virginia and New York. It was a financial and time commitment from the time I was 5 through high school. I remember them being coaches when I was younger and just being there, my mom teaching my younger brother Doug's soccer team."

"They gave us the confi-

dence to know the difference between what's right and wrong, taught us to treat people the correct way, and to do the right thing. When you become a parent, you appreciate how much your parents have done for you and continue to do for you and the sacrifices they make. My dad would drive me from Canton to Utica for soccer practice in rush hour three days a week. They put our development first. What we learned from them we apply to the next generation."

Brian's wife Angie couldn't agree more. Her parents, Laurie and Jack Downs of Garden City, raised three children. Brian and Angie have three children as well — Katrina, 5, Matthew, 3, and Sophia, 20 months.

"My mom is the strongest person I know," Angie Spuck said. "She's the oldest girl of six siblings and helped raised her siblings after her youngest sister had a closed head injury at 10. My mom was 17. She stepped up and took care of the others. The family fell apart when her sister died at age 31. She's the rock in our family. She taught me how to be a mom, to think for yourself, don't follow the crowd. She taught me how to be compassionate, how to put other people before yourself. When my kids get crazy, she helps ground me. We'll all be together this weekend for Mother's Day. We're going to have a fiesta because my mom's family is Mexican."

It's obvious Angie loves being a mom. "Seeing their little faces, watching them grow, seeing things you teach them, it's the coolest thing ever," Angie said. "You can't describe the feeling."

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**SPRING FLING**

Livonia Neighbors & Friends hold its Spring Fling Tea meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Gill, Livonia. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit [www.geocities.com/livonianighborsandfriends/](http://www.geocities.com/livonianighborsandfriends/) or call Dorrie at (248) 777-3848.

The club was originally started as part of the Livonia Welcome Wagon and in 1975 separated from it and became Newcomers Club of Livonia. The club later changed its name to Livonia Newcomer's and most recently to Livonia Neighbors and Friends. The nonprofit women's club strives to establish and maintain friendships, mutual help, social relationships, and to take an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community.

**HOMELESSNESS**

The plight of the homeless in Detroit will be featured at the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Unity of Livonia on the north side of Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The meeting is open to the public.

Fox 2 television's investigative reporter, Amy Lange, discusses homelessness here and elsewhere, shows videos and answers questions from attendees. Lange has been nominated for numerous Emmy awards and won an Edward R. Murrow award for a story on homeless veterans.

No admission fee, although the group will accept a \$5 dollar love offering. For more information, contact Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace president, at [cmills0079@yahoo.com](mailto:cmills0079@yahoo.com) or (734) 425-0079.

**USED BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Livonia Library hold a book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Hardcover are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, romances 25 cents, CD's and videos as priced. Sunday, May 17 a bag of books is \$5. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

**FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES**

Cellist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin perform Bach, Beethoven and Brahms for the Friday Evening Recital Series 8 p.m. May 15, in the VisTaTec Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students and available by calling (734) 462-4403 or online at [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music).

DeMaine has been praised by the New York Times as "an artist who makes one hang on every note." He has performed to critical acclaim as a soloist, recitalist, recording artist, and chamber musician throughout the world.

Martin continues to earn world-class recognition for her solo and chamber music performances and recordings. She has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and appears regularly with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FUND-RAISER**

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its annual schoolwide Eagle Fund Fund-raiser, a Celebration of Excellence, Friday, May 15, in the Calvary Baptist Church Auditorium, 43065 Joy, Canton. The event features vocalist Cheri Keaggy at 7:15 p.m. as well as a strolling hors d'oeuvres buffet at 5:30 p.m., with a silent auction, and dessert and coffee After Glow reception.

Tickets are \$20. For more information, contact Julie

Dart at (734)-459-3505, Ext. 169, or [JDart@plymouth-christian.org](mailto:JDart@plymouth-christian.org).

**RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT**

Garden City Relay for Life team Hunting for A Cure is having a bowling fundraiser May 15, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. Bowling is \$22 for 3 games, shoe rental and pizza. Sign in is 7:30 p.m. Call Bonnie at (810) 499-2092 or (734) 522-4458, or Kristina at (517) 376-3128 to reserve a spot.

**YOUTH CONCERT**

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic holds its spring concert at noon Saturday, May 16th at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Advance tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 children/seniors, and \$8 adults, \$6 children/seniors at the door. Contact David Lindenmuth, the organization's president, at (734) 634-5250 or [dlindenm@me.com](mailto:dlindenm@me.com) for tickets or information.

**TRACING HERITAGE**

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday May 18, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. The main speaker, following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting, will be Karen Krugman on "Stumble-My Favorite Way to Find Ancestors." Krugman will explain how stumbling has helped her find ancestors and how it can be applied to research. She is the current president of the Ford Genealogy Club. The 6:30 p.m. program topic will be announced. Meetings are open to the public. Guests

always welcome. For information, visit [www.rootsweb.com/~miwweegs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwweegs/).

**MEMORY SCREENING LECTURE**

Dr. Theodore Ruza, psychiatrist and medical director of Botsford Hospital's inpatient geropsych unit and Diane Zide, executive director of Botsford Commons Senior Community's Senior Living Services, discuss the importance of memory screenings at the *Observer & Eccentric* Senior Expo 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven

Mile, Livonia.

The Expo is free to the community.

The panel, conducted by Botsford Commons, is only one of many things to experience at the expo, which includes a number of exhibitors addressing a variety of senior issues.

Memory loss is certainly a concern of many senior citizens and their families. Alzheimer's currently affects more than 5 million Americans and is the leading cause of dementia in people over the age of 65, although Ruza stresses that proper

diagnosis is critical.

"Correctly identifying the cause of memory loss, or dementia, is so important, and can have a huge effect on a patient's quality of life," Ruza said, noting that dementia has many causes, some of which are reversible, such as vitamin deficiency and depression. "The quicker a true diagnosis is made, the sooner the best course of treatment can begin."

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**Birmingham Groves Class of 1969**

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or [grovesclassof69@aol.com](mailto:grovesclassof69@aol.com) for more information.

**Brighton High School Class of 1989**

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at [email4kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:email4kelley@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989).

**Cass Technical High School Class of 1959**

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit [www.casstech59.com](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com).

com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

**Clarenceville High School All Class Reunion**

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at [wragland2@hotmail.com](mailto:wragland2@hotmail.com) or (269) 720-5679.

**Dearborn Fordson High School Class of 1964**

45th Reunion 6 p.m. to midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) Aug. 8, 2009, at Stitt American Legion Post #232, 23850 Military, corner of Telegraph and Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door. Casual attire. Beer, pop & DJ provided. BYOB and wine. RSVP and send payment by July 23, payable to Sylvia Skelton, 1607 Edwin, Westland, MI 48186. For information, contact (734) 326-3964 or [silly1021@comcast.net](mailto:silly1021@comcast.net), or Barb Weide at (734) 416-9176.

**Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967**

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or [gwiatr@gmail.com](mailto:gwiatr@gmail.com).

**Detroit Blessed Sacrament Class of 1952**

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

**Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959**

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto:szonyek@att.net) with any information about classmates.

**Detroit schools**

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to [MarleneKutnickYamronhahatdc@yahoo.com](mailto:MarleneKutnickYamronhahatdc@yahoo.com). The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

**Detroit Mumford Class of 1959**

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50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit [www.mumford1959.myevent.com](http://www.mumford1959.myevent.com) or call (248) 788-7008.

**Henry Ford II Class of 1982**

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek Metropark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, [ford21982@aol.com](mailto:ford21982@aol.com) or visit [www.classreport.org](http://www.classreport.org).

**Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1989**

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at [JudyCoo@hotmail.com](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at [PJCruis@wowway.com](mailto:PJCruis@wowway.com).

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Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

**North Farmington Class of 1979**

Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail [nfhs1979@gmail.com](mailto:nfhs1979@gmail.com).

**Garden City High School East Class of 1959**

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

**Garden City High School Class of 1960**

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denby's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**Class of 1989**

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com)

or contact Paula at [gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com).

**Garden City West Class of 1979**

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to [gcv79reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:gcv79reunion@yahoo.com).

**Lincoln Park High School Class of 1959**

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

**Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1959**

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12. Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail [jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net).

**Classes of 1968-1970**

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit [www.bentley686970.org](http://www.bentley686970.org) to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembar class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

**Livonia Franklin Class of 1969**

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com), or Kathy Shoebridge at [klivingstone@nu-core.com](mailto:klivingstone@nu-core.com).

**Class of 1989**

20-year Class Reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to FHS Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include contact information. For information, e-mail Angie at [amiller@ctitle.com](mailto:amiller@ctitle.com) or Dennis at [dilorenzo@yahoo.com](mailto:dilorenzo@yahoo.com) or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott, (800) 228-9290, or

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**Milford High School Class of 1978**

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail [milford78@gmail.com](mailto:milford78@gmail.com).

**Mother Of Our Savior All class reunion**

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information, call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

**Northville High School Class of 1979**

30 Year Reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 15, at Genitti's in Northville. Tickets and more information at [www.classcreator.com/Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm](http://www.classcreator.com/Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm).

**Novi Orchard Hills Elementary**

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills Elementary School, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi. RSVP to (248) 449-1400 or [bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us). Program includes 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium, 3-4 p.m. sock hop and refreshments.

**Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School Class of 1970**

Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with the class or joined the class any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at [stecand@aol.com](mailto:stecand@aol.com).

**Plymouth Canton & Salem Class of 1979**

30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, with food stations open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit <http://home.rr.com/phs30yearreunion> or send e-mail to [phs1979@yahoo.com](mailto:phs1979@yahoo.com).

**Redford High School Classes of 1969-1974**

Yost/Lodge/Murphy Jr/ Redford High class and neighborhood reunion 6:30 p.m. till 7 Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Timber Wolf Tavern, 25641 Plymouth Road, Redford 48239. Cost is \$10 (pizza and appetizers), cash bar. For information, call (248) 388-2770 or send e-mail to [bobatude@yahoo.com](mailto:bobatude@yahoo.com).

**Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969**

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail [TedEnright@AOL.com](mailto:TedEnright@AOL.com).



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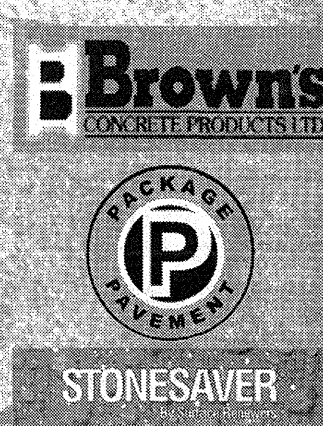
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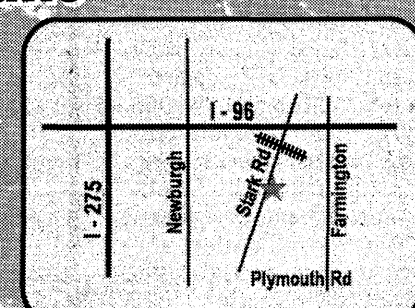


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After Clancy's stellar performance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Royal Oak, my sister, Gwen, and I thought our worries were over. Finally our big blond Irish Wolfhound walked perfectly and never once tugged on the leash or ran off even though there were many distractions in this ultimate test of our obedience training.

Clancy was the prime example of a well-trained dog. In the following months though he showed his true colors. Clancy once again was the poster child for bad boys. We'd just returned from shopping at Joe Randazzo's market in Westland when he pulled an entire bunch of broccoli from the bag on the counter. He ate all three stalks and left the rubber band which held the vegetables together. It was apparent that over the winter he'd forgotten all of his lessons. It was time to call Bonnie Wainz, our trainer. She suggested we send him to boot camp to learn a few manners before he stole something poisonous or ran into the street and got hit by a car because he pulled the leash from our hands. Clancy left for Bonnie's Boot Camp without looking back. He'd been working with Wainz for some time so he wasn't apprehensive about leaving with her. For Gwen and I it was a different story. Clancy had never been away from us since he was 8 weeks old. We

didn't want him to feel abandoned but we'd never forgive ourselves if he were hurt or killed. Wainz tailors her program to the individual dog and only works with one dog at a time in the boot camp. Clancy was about to learn he was no longer in charge.

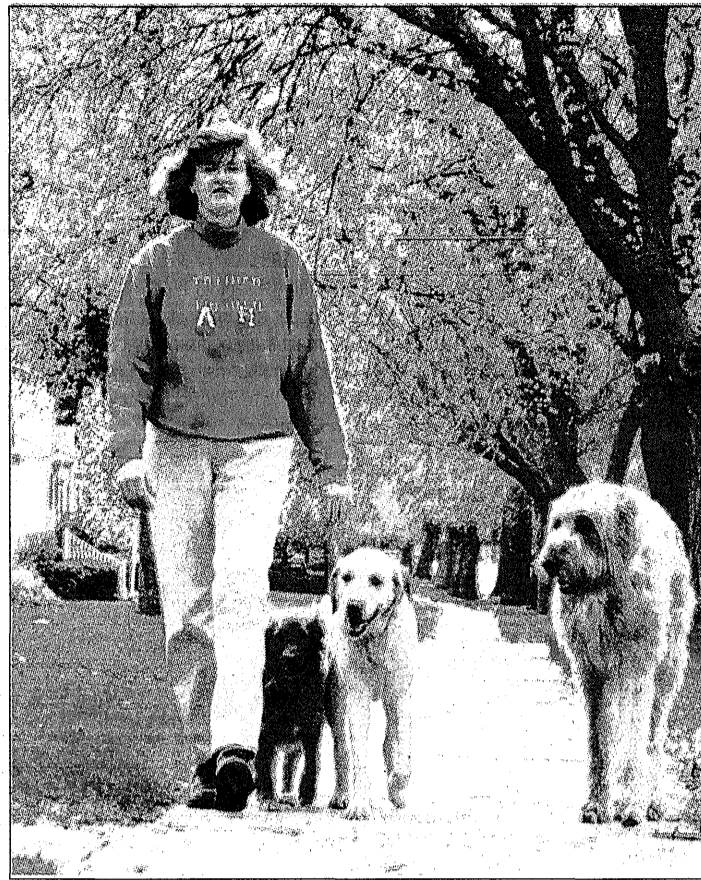
## SETTLING IN

Day one she let him explore her house and meet her dogs, Windy, Fireball and Eclipse, before beginning training. Normally she places the dog in a crate before and after each session but Clancy was too big so he stayed in the kitchen. This seemed like an ideal alternative since "counter surfing" is one of his problems. Wainz spent a lot of time making and then leaving bologna sandwiches on the counter for him to snatch. The lesson reinforced the thinking that she was leader of the pack.

"While I was making the sandwich I declared two feet of space around me like an alpha dog declares a boundary while they're eating so no other dog can approach. If he came too close it was a body block and an 'Aaaat' (verbal warning)," said Wainz, owner of Alternative Canine Training. "Then I tried to set him up and left the room with a bologna sandwich on the kitchen table."

Wainz hid around the corner with her mystical acoustic bag which she threw at his feet to startle him when he went for the sandwich. The bag contains a chain inside but doesn't hurt the dog.

"It interrupts him so you can praise him for good behavior by saying 'good boy.'"



By the end of a week Bonnie Wainz was able to walk Clancy (right) off leash with her dogs Fireball (left) and Windy. Wainz is a trainer as well as a behaviorist.

Every day Wainz set him up with different foods like liverwurst. Clancy was so clever he started stealing only when no one was watching so she had to set up a surveillance camera. For those who don't have equipment Wainz suggests placing food on a plastic bag or something that makes noise so you can hear the dog trying to steal.

In between the kitchen lessons, Wainz worked with Clancy on sit, stay, down and come. He already knew these

but didn't always respond. Next she taught Clancy to walk on a loose leash and finally off leash.

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"Before you can teach them anything you have to teach them to respect and listen to you. You have to get their attention. To walk on a loose leash they have to watch you. If they're ahead they're taking the leadership position," said Wainz. "They have to respect the narrow spaces like door-

ways to go outside. They need to know that leaders go first through narrow spaces. I used the old-fashioned European way of teaching him by continually working to get him to come off leash by attaching a clothesline to the collar and then tugging on it when the dog fails to come when called."

For the real test, Wainz took Clancy to a dog park in Royal Oak and then walked him around the city. He passed with flying colors. Eight days after beginning the boot camp he was a well-trained dog, but what would happen when he returned home? Wainz showed us how to claim back our house from this stealing pooch. We blew up balloons and placed them on the kitchen counter and table to scare Clancy away from the broccoli we'd left there. Each program or

boot camp is tailored to the dog's problems. It worked. The moving objects left him leery of the broccoli. Next we walked through our neighborhood off leash. When he strayed I'd correct him with a Aaaat.

Wainz guarantees the training and I'm sure we'll need refresher sessions but I think we're on our way to having an obedient dog. Clancy has a strong personality so it just took longer than our first three wolfhounds. I just didn't think he would be 3 years old.

To contact Wainz, call (734) 462-2810 or visit [www.alternativecaninetraining.com](http://www.alternativecaninetraining.com).

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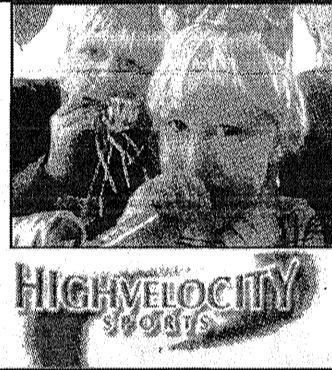
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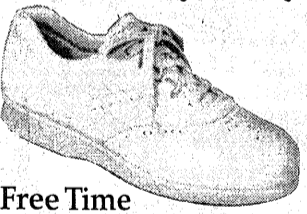
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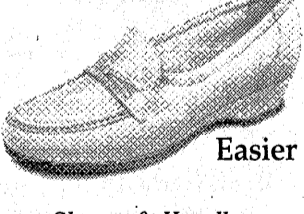
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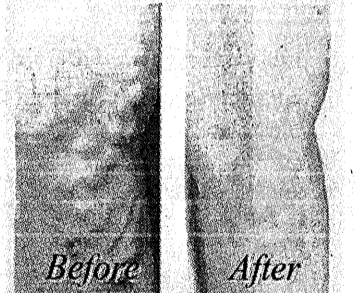
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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Patients to benefit from hospital's residency program

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Patient care has changed since Dr. Kenneth Grimm was a resident at the University of Michigan Health System in the mid-1990s. While good teachers have always emphasized the importance of communication and the patient-doctor relationship the two qualities became essential to training after the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which evaluates

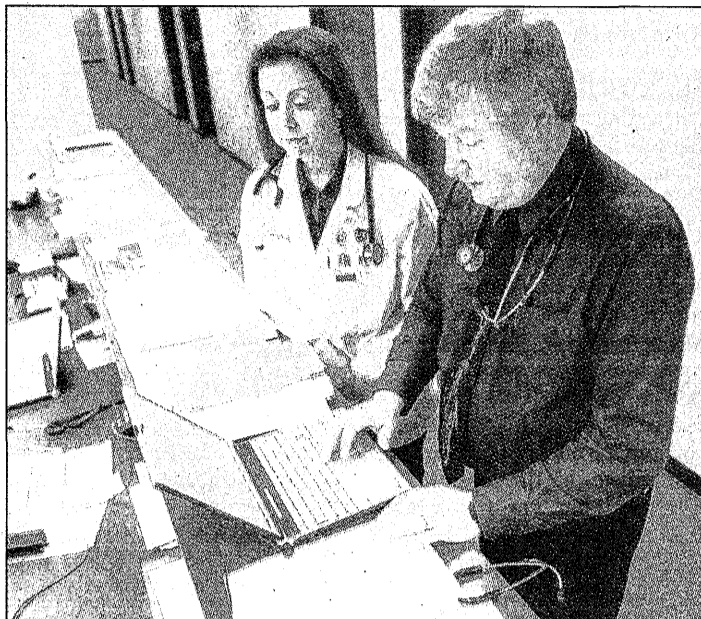
and accredits medical residency programs in the United States, established six core competencies. Beginning in July 2010, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will follow the guidelines when implementing a graduate medical education residency program through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine. About a year ago, Grimm began working with third year medical students. The move to train residents elevates St. Mary's status as

a provider of medical education.

A family physician, Grimm co-directs the St. Mary GME program with Dr. Jeffrey Yanez, an internist. Both are on staff at the hospital. Grimm earned his undergraduate degree at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and was chief resident at U-M. He is an instructor at U-M and the University of Toledo and taught in the residency program for the Oakwood Health System for 10 years. He practices family medicine at Infinity Primary Care at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Medical Center in Canton.

St. Mary will initially offer residencies in family and internal medicine with the intent to expand specialties. Length of residencies vary depending on the specialty.

"Graduate medical education is a huge step for the hospital," said Grimm of Canton. "The University of Toledo already has students rotating right now. They don't have degrees yet. The residency program to start in 2010 is to train those graduated from medical school. They have a restricted educational license. They have to do a residency program and eventually sit for exam and become board certified. Two years of residency are required before you get a license from Michigan in family medicine. You wouldn't want a doctor to take care of you from just reading from a book. They can write prescriptions and orders but in a supervised setting. They will have an encounter videotaped with a patient. In family medicine we take the patient-doc-



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tor relationship very seriously. bedside manner and communicating so the patient can understand you, not looking at disease but the patients." Initially 12,000 patients a year will benefit from the residency program which is part of an agreement with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and the university. St. Mary is a member of the Saint Joseph system.

"Over the last 20 years residency changed to center more on the patient, providing high quality patient centered care," said Yanez who started his residency in 1989 and is currently on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. "A graduate medical program benefits patients, gives a whole different look and feel to the

hospital. There's an additional person asking about their history, when did your pain start. It's continuing medical education with daily conferences, case reviews. This should enhance patient care. For physicians there's nothing like an inquisitive student asking you why. My job is to have a resident for three years, to evaluate the residents to make sure the community is getting the finest care possible. Did the resident explain everything to you well? Did they wash their hands before they examined you?"

In addition to increasing the quality of care, the residency program is expected to bring about 300 jobs to the area and add up to \$30

million a year to the local economy.

"We've been planning the program in earnest for about two years," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "It evolved as a natural next step in the evolution of our hospital. We've grown every year, made investments in technology. It's going to allow us to more completely fulfill our vision to be a comprehensive community hospital. We expect only to grow over time. The residency program will bring faculty on, create educational opportunity for medical students. We've long been involved in training nursing students through relationships with Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, radiology techs, lab techs, physical therapy. For the longer term we hope from a strategic point many of the residents will stay in southeast Michigan and St. Mary and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Grimm fears that in the future demand for primary care physicians could exceed supply.

"We're going to face workforce issues," said Grimm. "The medical system is training about 90 percent in specialty, only 10 percent primary care. The program is going to increase the number of primary care physicians. Primary care residents usually stay in the area they train. I expect 50 percent will stay. For people in the area, that means improved quality of care. It's very good now but takes it to the next level with more ready access to primary care."

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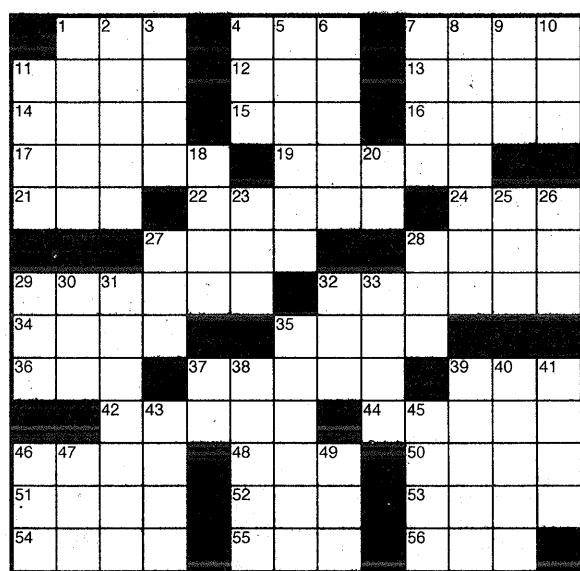
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tabby or tiger cager
  - 7 Look searchingly
  - 11 Rum's partner
  - 12 NASA excursion
  - 13 A Guthrie
  - 14 Paddle cousins
  - 15 Slippery fish
  - 16 Bistro
  - 17 Luster
  - 19 Cameos, maybe
  - 21 W-2 info
  - 22 Texas player
  - 24 Ms. Thurman
  - 27 Kinds
  - 28 Zodiac animal
  - 29 Untrustworthy
  - 32 Solitude enjoyers
  - 34 Feels crummy
  - 35 Menial worker
  - 36 Toothpaste choice
  - 37 Clumsy sort
- DOWN**
- 1 Barbecue pit need
  - 2 Rubber city
  - 3 Dick Tracy's wife
  - 4 High note
  - 5 Sidesteps
  - 6 Bravery
  - 7 Gait
  - 8 Deletion
  - 9 Fairy-tale being
  - 10 Beluga delicacy

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

W	E	T	R	A	R	E	G	R	I	M
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## SUDOKU

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		9	2	8				6	
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5			3						1
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		5	4						7

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### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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# Buick Lucerne: Luxury On The Cheap

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Since 2006, Buick's most elegant and, thus, high-priced, sedan has been the Lucerne. Replacing the LeSabre and Park Avenue when it launched as a 2006 model, the Lucerne remains planted firmly as Buick's flagship sedan.

The Lucerne is what Buick execs are calling "the contemporary embodiment of Buick's tradition of style, comfort and performance." However, any prestige associated with the Lucerne is due to its gene pool. The Lucerne shares its structure and chassis with its more popular, higher-classed corporate cousin, the Cadillac DTS.

The Lucerne also benefits from its kin, by being built alongside the DTS at General Motors' award-winning Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center. This facility earned consecutive quality awards in 2004 and 2005 from J.D. Power and Associates -- a company that provides consumer ratings. In 2006, the plant finally won the coveted Bronze Quality award by placing third in quality among all plants in North and South America.

All those accolades don't translate into auto sales for the Lucerne, though. Being categorized as an entry-level luxury sedan, the Lucerne faces direct competition with fan favorites like the Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Sable. The Lucerne offers an attractive package, but lacks the refinement associated with luxury cars.

The current Lucerne is available in four trim levels: CX, CXL, CXS and Super. The CX comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry,

full power accessories, cruise control, power driver seat, an MP3-capable CD stereo with an auxiliary audio jack, satellite radio, steering-wheel audio controls and an auto-dimming rearview mirror. The CXL adds 17-inch alloy wheels, leather upholstery, dual-zone automatic climate control, heated outside mirrors and a power passenger seat.

The CXS comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, the Magnetic Ride Control adaptive suspension, driver-seat memory, heated front seats, a power tilt-telescoping steering wheel, a Harman Kardon audio system, a heated steering wheel, rain-sensing wipers, rear parking sensors and remote vehicle start.

The Lucerne Super, which we'll review in another column soon, adds a firmer version of the adaptive suspension, unique wheels and exterior styling touches, suede interior accents and a heated wood steering wheel.

Optional on all Lucernes are a CD changer, a sunroof, a lane departure warning system and a system that warns the driver when other vehicles enter the Buick's blind spots. Available on all but the base CX model are heated and cooled seats and a navigation system, while the CX and CXL can be equipped with a front bench seat that increases capacity to six people.

Four exterior colors added in 2008 were White Diamond, Crystal Red, Dark Mocha Metallic and Dark Crimson Metallic.

The Super features a cocoa/shale mixture, with cocoa on the instrument panel upper trim, door upper trim, steering wheel, carpet and floor mats, and shale on almost every other interior

trim including seats, instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim. The cocoa/cashmere offering changes the look by placing cashmere on just about every other interior trim, including seats, instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim.

The CX and CXL are powered by a V6 that pushes out 197 horsepower. In addition, there is a V8 engine available on the CXL and standard on the CXS that is good for 275 horsepower; on the Super it's tuned to make 292 horsepower. All Lucernes share the same four-speed automatic transmission.

For whatever drawbacks it may have, the Lucerne has been highly touted for premium safety since it debuted. The current model keeps this reputation intact.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Lucerne earned a perfect five-star rating for its protection of the driver and front passenger in frontal impacts. A four-star rating was given for side-impact protection of front and rear occupants.

There's a reason for these great ratings. The Lucerne's safety is provided by a litany of standard safety features. Every trim comes with anti-lock disc brakes, traction control, a tire-pressure monitor, front side-impact airbags and full-length, head-protecting side curtain airbags at no added cost. But that's where the trims' safety similarities end. The invaluable stability control system and brake-assist features are only standard on the CXS and optional for the V8 version of the CXL.

The Lucerne's safety is matched by its practicality. The available touchscreen navigation

system uses signals from global-positioning satellites to locate the Lucerne's position and display it on a virtual map. This priceless device is integrated into the instrument panel for easy access. The system also lets you know where the nearest locations of gas stations, restaurants and other points of interest are upon your request.

Added navigational support is provided by OnStar's Turn-by-Turn navigation system -- a standard feature installed on all Buicks. The Turn-by-Turn service allows drivers to talk in real time to an OnStar advisor, who in turn downloads complete step-by-step directions to the vehicle through the OnStar system. Audio cues are then automatically played through the vehicle's stereo system. This will allow drivers to reach their destination worry free, without even taking their hands off the wheel.

Overall, with the exception of a heated steering wheel, an upgraded version of OnStar and the offering of a few new color schemes, the current Lucerne is the same old, same old as previous models.

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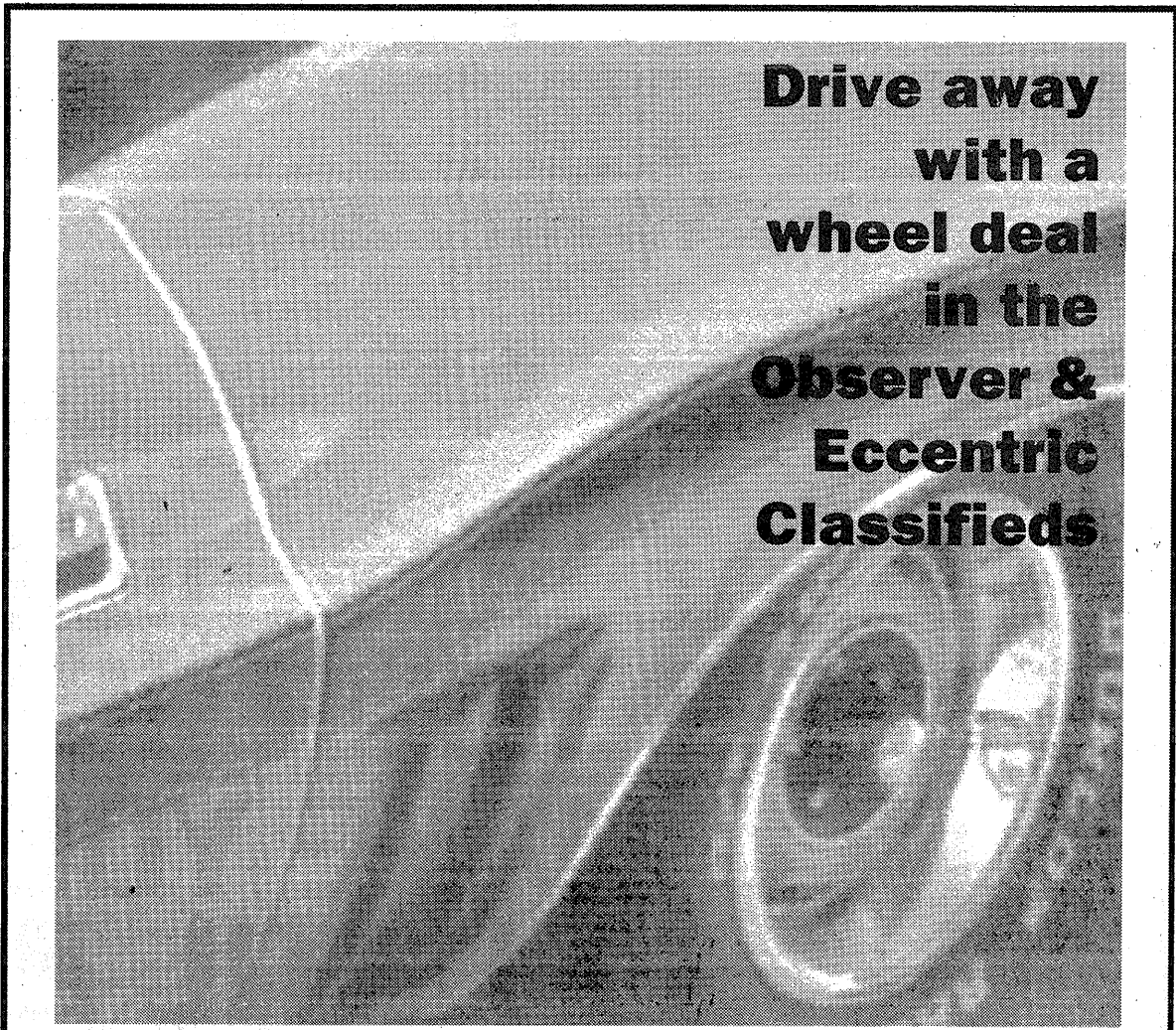
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