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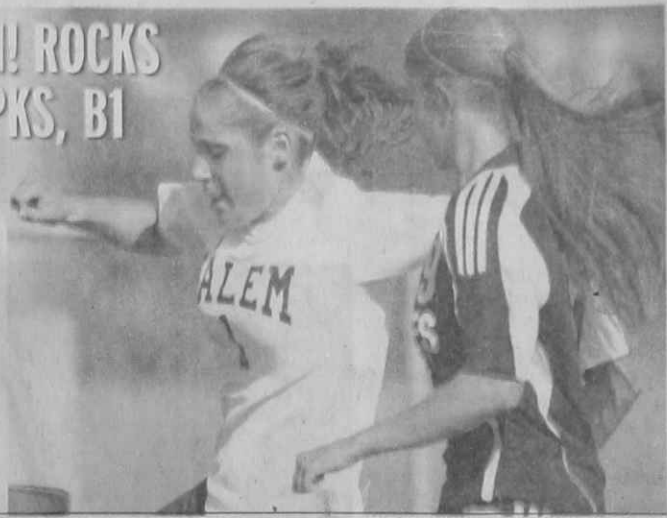
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Memories of dad

Got a particularly fond memory of your father? What's the most important lesson your dad ever taught you? What would you like people to know about your dad? We'd like to know, and we'd love to help you share them.

Just e-mail them to *Canton Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com, along with a photo of you and/or your dad (in JPEG format, please) by Thursday, June 17. We'll print as many as we can in our Sunday, June 20, edition to honor Father's Day. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can send a note and photo via the U.S. Postal Service to *Canton Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

Got a question?

The *Canton Observer* will soon begin talking to candidates for political office including the state Senate, state House and Wayne County Commission races about the issues facing the state and the county, and we'd like to know what you'd like to know. Anyone who has a question they'd like to have asked can e-mail the question directly to *Canton Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com. Questions will be used during the interview process.

Goin' golfing

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation is looking for duffers of all levels to take part in its annual golf outing.

The outing is scheduled to be played Wednesday, June 23, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club in Plymouth. Registration starts at 6 a.m., with a shotgun scramble at 7:30 a.m. Players get hot dogs, chips and a drink at the turn; lunch and the EEF program starts around 1 p.m. Cost is \$165 per person and \$660 for a foursome.

Tickets can be purchased on the district's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us or ticket information can be obtained by e-mailing Carole Kody at Carole.Kody@pccsmail.net or calling her at (734) 416-2718.

Radio books

Staffers at WSDP 88.1, the radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will sell used books when the City of Plymouth hosts its Community Garage sale next week. Proceeds from the station's used book sale will be used to supplement programming at the student-run radio station. The garage sale runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth. Admission is free.



Maxine Ellis as a younger woman.



Helen Burns as a younger woman.

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Longtime pen pals Maxine Ellis and Helen Burns are visiting each other again.

Women cherish 65-year pen-pal friendship

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Maxine Ellis still has the first letter she received 65 years ago from her pen pal, Helen Burns, then a mere schoolgirl in England.

Burns still wears a locket Ellis gave to her in 1969, the first time they met face to face when Burns traveled to America to cement a letter-writing friendship that had begun 24 years earlier.

"As soon as I got off the plane, it was like I had known Maxine all my life," Burns said.

True friendship knows no distance. It survives the deaths of husbands, the birth of children, then grandchildren, then great-grandchildren.

"Helen knows more about me than my own sisters do," Ellis said. "She's a gift from God."

Burns, 79, has visited Ellis, 80, several times, and she arrived Tuesday in Michigan for what the women say could be their last meeting. They're getting older, and traveling has become more difficult.

Ellis made just one trip to England, in 1977.



Maxine Ellis and Helen Burns, holding hands, celebrate 65 years of being pen pals.

"That was the year Elvis died," she said.

"My mother died that year, too," Burns said.

Sitting in a gazebo behind Waltonwood at Carriage Park, a senior independent living center near Canton Center and Ford roads, they held hands like schoolgirls as they laughed and talked about their friendship. They sat with one of Ellis' seven children, Wendy Niccoli, and one of Burns' two children, Penelope McMillan, who accompanied her from England.

On a two-week visit that includes a trip to Niagara Falls, Burns and

her daughter are staying in their own Waltonwood guest unit.

"I have to get away from Maxine," Burns said jokingly.

Ellis was only 15 and living in Aurora, Ill., when she and Burns, then 14, began a school-orchestrated pen-pal friendship in early 1945. They have no idea how many letters have crossed the ocean, but now they seem to finish each other's thoughts.

"It cost me five cents to mail a letter back then, and it took two weeks to get there," Ellis said.

"World War II was still on," Burns chimed in.

Ellis recalled the time she sent Burns five sticks of chewing gum by mail.

"Her teacher told her to get rid of that filthy American habit," Ellis said.

Burns, the obedient British schoolgirl, said, "I did what I was told."

Over the years, their letters documented happy times, such as the birth of their children, and sorrowful episodes, like the time Ellis' first of two late husbands, Elmer Askeland, was killed in a car accident, and the time Burns' only husband, Peter, died 11 years ago.

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Foundation to unveil health study

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Key findings of how a faltering economy has affected community health care — and potential solutions to the problem — have emerged from a months-long study spearheaded by the Canton Community Foundation.

The study by a research team from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business has uncovered the magnitude of the problem, the populations most impacted and possible solutions such as a part-time, Canton-based, primary-care charity clinic.

The research team's findings, partly based on interviews with health-care and food-pantry organizations, will be unveiled during a meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, near Canton Center and Palmer.

"It's truly open to the public," foundation President Joan Noricks said, adding that 350 letters of invitation also have been mailed out.

Anyone who plans to attend is asked to contact the foundation by calling (734) 495-1200 or by sending an e-mail to info@cantonfoundation.org.

Concerned about how an economic downturn has affected community health care, especially for residents who lack coverage, the Canton Community Foundation initiated the study in late 2009 and enlisted the U-M research team.

In part, researchers found a broad need among existing area health departments and free clinics, some of which need more doctors and larger facilities as a growing call for help has pushed them near their capacity to provide care.

The study also found "significant gaps" in charitable specialty health care and pharmaceutical coverage.

"Anecdotally, we have felt there was an unmet need for access to health care," Noricks said, "and this study validated what we felt."

Foundation leaders hope the study can serve as a springboard for action to help those in need. The study was made possible by the Helen L. Kay Charitable Private Foundation, Comerica Bank, Herb and Olivia Scott and the Canton Community Foundation.

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Grub crawl hopes to rustle up some customers

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't tell weight-loss guru Jenny Craig, but food connoisseurs can chow down at 12 Canton restaurants for just \$35.

The tab amounts to less than \$3 per restaurant — a palatable price for penny-pinching patrons who need a reprieve from dining at home.

It's all part of the ninth annual Grub Crawl, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, a restaurant-promoting event hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township and the Downtown Development Authority.

"We usually get between 500 and 600 people," chamber President Dianne Cojei said.

It works like this: Participants pay \$35 for a T-shirt that serves as their admission to 12 restaurants, which set aside special sections for the event. Each patron is assigned a start-

ing point. From there, they can make their rounds by boarding shuttle buses and vans that travel the Grub Crawl route, or they can drive themselves.

"We even have some people who rent their own limos," Cojei said.

This year's restaurants include 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's Grill & Bar, Crow's Nest Bar & Grill, Rose's Restaurant, Shishkabob Cafe, Super Bowl of Canton and T.G.I. Fridays.

Grub Crawl started nine years ago as a way to let participants sample select food from restaurants.

"It's an opportunity to reach out and possibly gain some exposure from new guests," 4 Friends manager Deana Brotherton said. "We have participated every year. It's a good social event."

Brotherton and a group of her friends usually join the fun as Grub Crawl patrons, too.

Antonio's Cucina Italiana became involved in Grub Crawl soon after the Canton restaurant opened in early 2007.

"We have a lot of regulars that enjoy participating, and they're always asking us to get on board," owner Anthony Rugiero Jr. said. "It also helps to introduce our restaurant to people who have never been here before."

Some patrons who try Antonio's during Grub Crawl return and bring other family members and friends, he said.

Event organizers decided to sponsor the event on a Tuesday night because it is typically one of the slower times for the restaurant business.

To participate, print out an order form from the chamber's website, www.cantonchamber.com, and drop it off at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, west of Canton Center and north of Ford — or call (734) 453-4040.

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Chuck and Lindsey Woods of Midlothian, Texas, have traveled a couple of times to Canton for the Grub Crawl.

Exchange students soak up U.S. culture, bring their own

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Their school year is winding down, but the appetite of two exchange students for the U.S. and its culture is not.

Simon Kohlhasse, of Neuberg, Germany, and Eray Balunca, of Izmir, Turkey, will head back to their countries this summer, after trying to fit in more quality time in Plymouth — and places around the country.

Their appearance and their English — Simon has studied it for years and speaks with barely an accent, while Eray arrived knowing none and picked it up quickly — belie the culture shock each must have felt. Both go to school at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, which, with about 6,000 students, dwarves their schools at home.

"School is really different here than in Germany," said Simon, 16, who attends Plymouth High School, which has an enrollment of about 2,000. In Germany, he said, a high school of 1,500 is considered large.



Simon Kohlhasse (left), from Germany, and Eray Balunca, from Turkey, with the flags of their respective countries. The exchange students are finishing out the year, Eray at Salem High School and Simon at Plymouth High School.

"It's a huge school and the students are really good," said Eray, 18, who attends Plymouth Salem. "They're better than I thought."

Eray's home school, Izmir

School of Arts, has about 200 students, who spend eight hours a day there, taking up to 16 subjects in the course of a week.

Eray, who is currently

staying with Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock and his wife, Traci, is in an exchange program sponsored by Rotary International. Simon, staying with the family of Edward and

Ashley Yashin, is a member of the Youth For Understanding exchange program. They spoke at Sincock's home on Tuesday.

Simon, who has already been to New York City ("Such a collage"), Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, is hoping to take some day trips, plus get to Chicago and Niagara Falls, before he leaves at the end of the month.

Eray has already traveled to Florida ("My country's warm and we have palm trees. It was like my city."), North Carolina and Mackinac Island, and is planning a trip with other Rotary exchange students to Chicago, and then some Western states, for July. He heads back to Turkey at the end of that month.

Other cultural differences for Eray include food ("Greek restaurants are selling Turkish food. I hate that!"), living arrangements (apartments are typical in Izmir, and people have vacation houses on the nearby Aegean), and the weather.

"You can't trust the weather in Michigan," he said. He does like the snow, and snowboarding, though.

Eray also said Americans pay more attention to their regional differences (in speech patterns, for example) than Turks do to theirs.

Simon, whose hometown is on the outskirts of Munich, noted that the pace of life in Germany is slower — stores aren't open around the clock, restaurants close one day a week, and families take leisurely walks together, stopping

for coffee or dessert.

"In Germany, people enjoy their rest," he said. "In the U.S., everything goes for 24/7."

Simon also noted a lack of public transportation, and a scarcity of bicyclists, compared to his part of Germany.

Eray, an art student at his hometown school, will have a year left there when he returns. He is mulling the idea of trying to attend college in the U.S. — he recently visited Detroit's College for Creative Studies — and perhaps applying for scholarships.

Eray, an only child, lives with his mother, Senay, who runs a pharmacy in Izmir. "My mom misses me a lot," he said. "That's hard for her."

Simon, who will have two more years at his school, Neuberg Gymnasium, when he returns, studies languages — Spanish and Latin in addition to English. He is pondering a career that would involve travel, he said, perhaps as a diplomat.

He has an older brother, Ken, a college student. Simon's father, Armin, works in the semiconductor industry; his mother, Yasuko, who is from Japan, is a homemaker and involved in outreach to the Japanese community in the Munich area.

Eray and Simon both say they like Plymouth and its many attractions.

"I think Plymouth is the best city in Michigan," Eray said.

"I pay him to say that," joked Sincock.

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Lumber theft suspect gets probation

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Wilber

An Ypsilanti man accused of spilling a load of lumber on Michigan Avenue after he stole it from a Canton company has been placed on probation for three years.

Robert Dale Wilber, 51, still could face prison if he violates the terms of a recent probation sentence he received in Wayne County Circuit Court, where officials say he pleaded guilty amid allegations he took expensive outdoor decking boards from Mans Lumber & Millwork and used a stolen company truck to move the

materials to a storage unit.

Wilber, who has an extensive criminal history, could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison because of his status as a habitual offender. Yet, his plea brought a probation sentence and a long list of court orders that, if violated, could land him back behind bars.

Canton police arrested Wilber following reports of a large spill of expensive Trex outdoor decking boards

on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road around 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

A passing motorist reported the incident, which authorities say occurred as Wilber was making his second trip from Mans to a nearby storage unit. He was accused of stealing materials worth thousands of dollars.

Police spotted a stolen Mans truck on Michigan Avenue and chased it back to the lumber

business.

"He jumped out of the truck while it was still rolling, and it hit another company truck that was parked at the site," Gajeski has said.

Police then engaged in a foot chase and captured the suspect.

At the time, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner credited Wilber's capture to an alert motorist who reported the lumber spill and a quick response by township police officers to arrive on the scene

and nab the suspect.

Wilber, who spent some time in jail after his arrest, has been ordered under the terms of his probation not to violate any more laws, not to leave Michigan without permission and to report for monthly probation appointments. He also is subject to drug testing and was ordered to pay certain court and crime victim's fees.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Wilber previously served several years in prison and had

been released about four years ago. His crimes, some dating back to the 1980s, include unlawful use of an aircraft, receiving stolen property, illegal use of a financial transaction device, firearms possession, and breaking into a building.

According to the MDOC, Wilber's previous charges stemmed from incidents in Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

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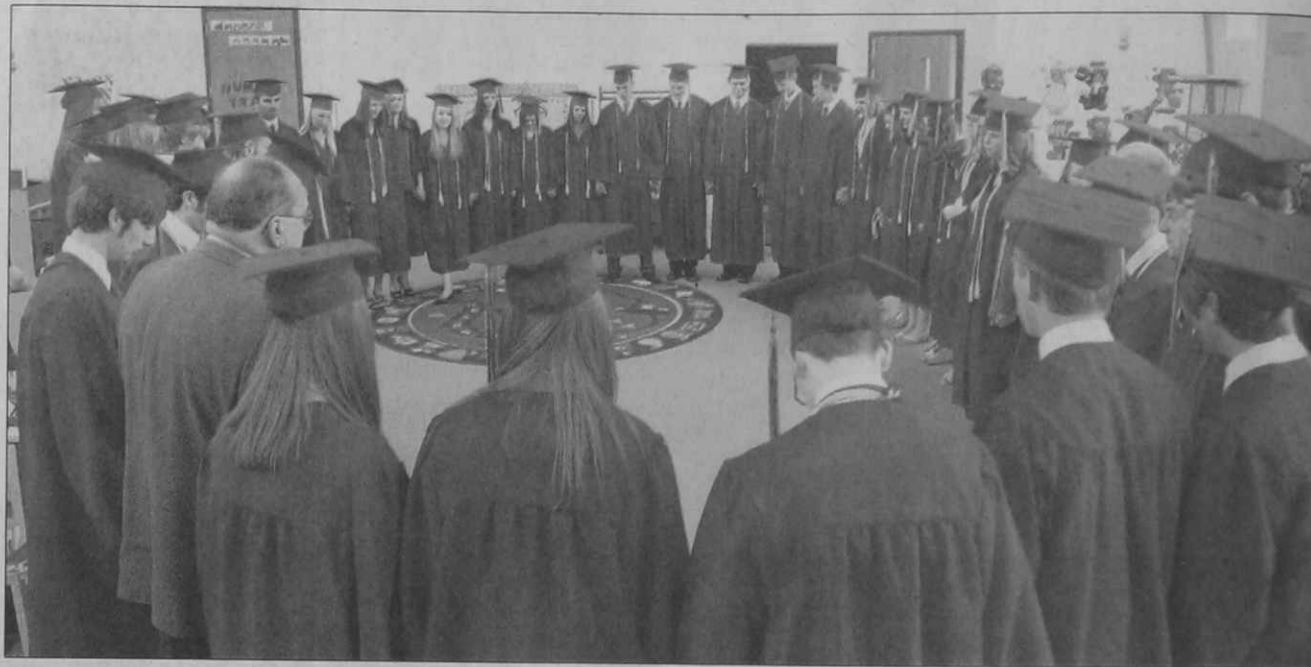
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PCA's Class of 2010 includes 1,000th grad

Plymouth Christian Academy hosted its annual commencement ceremony Thursday night, and the graduating class included the 1,000th graduate in PCA history.

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The senior class of Plymouth Christian Academy gathers for a prayer before commencement.

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Maggie Slagenwhite and Chelsea Myers offer a musical selection, accompanied by Matthew Zandee.



The forty-four graduates of Plymouth Christian Academy stand as Dr. David Butler offers a welcome.



Valedictorian Ariel Rock makes a last minute adjustment to Blair Robinson's cap and tassel.



Joshua Grant Johnston hugs senior class sponsor Karen Davis.



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2nd Annual Electric Vehicle Rally & Show
 June 12
 Visitors will have the opportunity to see more than 50 Electric Vehicles of all shapes and sizes, talk to the EV owners, go for a short ride in an EV with the owner driving, and watch the EVs in a Rally-style competition. The event is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the college's North Parking Lot of the Livonia campus.
 More information visit www.michiganeva.org or www.schoolcraft.edu.

American Harvest Friday Lunch Buffets
 June 11, 18 and 25
 On Fridays in June you can enjoy a delicious lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the college's American Harvest Restaurant for only \$10 per person. The theme for June 11 will be California Splendor; June 18 will feature Old Fashioned Midwestern; and on June 25 enjoy Fresh from the Garden.
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PEN PALS

FROM PAGE A1

Putting the past on pause for a moment, Ellis shared a little good-natured gossip.

"Helen has a boyfriend," she said.

"He's only 84," Burns replied.

Ellis had moved to Raytown, a Missouri suburb of Kansas City, by the time Burns paid her first visit. They have traveled to places such as San Diego, the Grand Canyon and Tijuana, Mexico, and they had a scare during a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

On the way back to Ellis' home, Burns had a flare-up of appendicitis.

"Helen left her appendix ...," Ellis started.

"... at St. Joseph Hospital ...," Burns added.

"... in Denver, Colorado," Ellis concluded.

Ellis' one visit to England proved memorable, too.

"I saw the queen. She was in a distance, but Helen stood on a picnic bench with my camera and got a picture for me," Ellis said.

Though their lives were different, the pair shared a love of family, church and traveling. Burns retired as a schoolteacher, while Ellis did pedicures for senior citizens and worked in a drugstore, though she devoted most of her time to raising her seven children.

"I spent 22 years in the PTA," she said.

As modern communication has evolved, Ellis and Burns admit they occasionally correspond by telephone or e-mail, but they still prefer their letters.

A few special letters have been saved over the years — memories of a friendship that has never faded, even if



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Maxine Ellis, left, and Helen Burns reunite again.

the written pages have.

"My mother has gotten a really good friend out of this," Niccoli, Ellis' daughter, said.

"My mother loves writing letters, and she loves getting letters," Burns' daughter, McMillan, said.

Smiling, Burns fondles the locket Ellis gave to her the first time they met. It sports small drawings of the U.S. and British flags and a sailing ship.

Underneath, the year 1945 is written — the year two school-girls became lasting friends.

Even after Burns returns to her Cottingham Village home in East Yorkshire, England, and after Ellis has bid her friend farewell, the letters will continue to cross the ocean.

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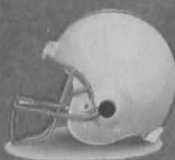
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Rhonda Farah center waits for her butterfly to take flight. It took many of the butterflies a few minutes before they flew off.

Butterfly release gives seniors message of hope

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a science experiment when 120 butterflies were released at John Glenn High School. It was a ceremony of sorts meant to send seniors on their way with a message.

Sponsored by Glenn's Students Against Destructive Decisions and D.A.R.E. program, last month's ceremony brought students together during their lunch periods for the release of the painted lady butterflies. Members of SADD spoke to students about the decisions that they'll make and encouraged seniors "to stay safe," said sponsor Angela Beauchamp.

"The groups wanted to do something hopeful for the seniors who were leaving," she said. "They talked about a candlelight vigil, but decided a butterfly release would be more hopeful. The idea came out while we were brainstorming. The kids really seemed to like the idea. They researched it and saw that it's been done for weddings and funerals."

The students were inspired to do the ceremony because of the deaths of several students in the past few years, including Lance McKay, who was killed

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in an automobile accident in Canton last month.

Beauchamp along with teacher Wendy Grimm sponsored the ceremony which was based on the native American legend of the butterfly. It was meant to celebrate the culmination of high school and to encourage the seniors to make wise decisions as they move forward.

"One student did a speech and told them that as they change through life make sure they make decisions to stay safe and stay with us," Beauchamp said.

The live butterflies were purchased from a business that raises them. They cost \$5 each and the clubs were able to recoup some of the expense by selling them to the students for \$2 each. They were shipped overnight to the school in blue origami envelopes. Students

who purchased a butterfly also received a postcard Grimm made containing the legend.

While the ceremony aimed at sending seniors off with a message of hope and freedom, all students were invited to participate. Many of those who bought a butterfly brought a friend with them, Beauchamp said.

The two teachers have deemed the release a success, and they're already looking at how to do it next year, including raising the butterflies inhouse. Beauchamp has a friend who has done that in her day care. The butterflies come in boxes with all they need to live and are less expensive. Beauchamp also believes there's a few places in the school to store the butterflies until their release.

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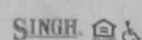
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Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours.

Slavens will host coffee hours on:

- Monday, June 7, from 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.
- Monday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Brown Bag Deli, 562 Main St. in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business or organization is interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

'Phantom' auditions

8th Wonder Theatre invites ALL actors to attend an open audition for one or both of these musicals: Blackwater Ballad or "Phantom" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton June 14 or June 15, 6-10 p.m., with callbacks on June 16 from 6-9 p.m. There are paid positions available for equity and non-equity actors.

Auditions and performances will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 50400 Cherry Hill (at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge) in Canton.

Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections. These selections should be contemporary and can be either musical theatre or pop.

8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience (including Broadway veterans) and

faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University.

For more information visit www.8thwondertheatre.com or call Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316, ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com

Cheer clinic

The Canton High School Cheerleading "Summer Kids Cheer Clinic" takes place Monday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at Phase III-Canton Gym.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen.

Cost is \$50 (\$90 for two family members, \$120 for three), which includes the clinic, lunch, afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag. Registration deadline is June 11.

For more information, e-mail allkl62@gmail.com or visit the website at www.cantoncheerleading.com

Summer Camp

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will have Preschool Summer Camp for four weeks beginning on Monday, July 12, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Camp will meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. Two-day and four-day options are available, depending on your preschooler's age.

In the three-year-old and young four's class, the weekly themes will be: I am Special/a Super Hero, Treasure Island and Exploring Nature, Science Spectacular and Water Works, and Transportation and Space. In the older four's class and five-year-old class, the weekly themes will be: Digging in the Dirt, Treasure Island, Exploring Nature, and Playing it Safe.

All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood for a Summer Camp Application.

Preschool Enrollment

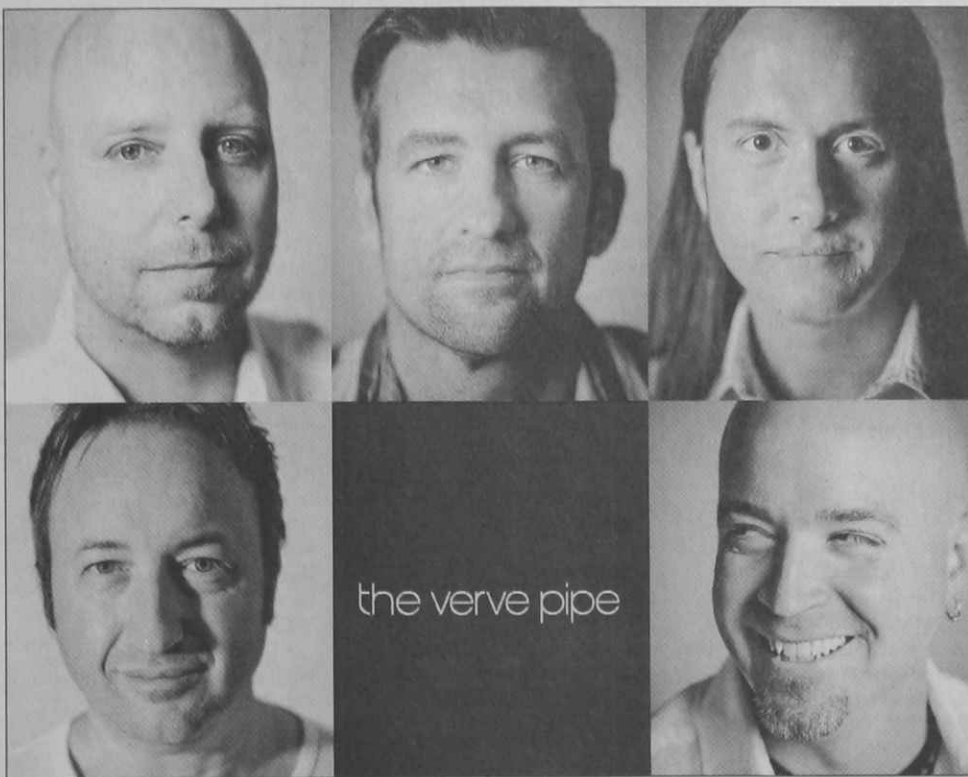
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. We offer classes for two-, three- and four-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at 734-416-6190 or visit web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Spanish camp

Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities,



'Pipe'd in

Multi-platinum artist, The Verve Pipe, is set to perform on Friday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Canton's Liberty Fest, hosted by Canton Leisure Services. This free concert will take place at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located adjacent to Canton's Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway. For additional information about The Verve Pipe's appearance at Canton's Liberty Fest, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.

music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, outdoor play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at info@bilingualfun.com or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

Chieffette fund-raiser

Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chieffettes Pom Pon team 5-9 p.m. June 23. During this time, 20 percent of qualifying purchases will be donated to the squad by BW3 by presenting an event sponsor form.

Forms are available at www.cantonchieffettes.com (no forms will be available at the restaurant). Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 41980 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Center.

Scottish fun

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun summer Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. Partial proceeds from the second annual fund-raising event by the group will go to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Post 154 in Roseville.

The Ceilidh will feature a Scottish meal of steak pie, mushy peas, chips (fries) and cole slaw, plus great entertainment including Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band, solo piping competition, Highland dancers, Celtic fiddler, Raggle Taggle Band, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids 4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 150 and the cut off for tickets is Monday, July 21. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please visit www.scotsofmichigan.org or send e-mail to scotsofmi@yahoo.com.

Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club's foundation is having its annual "dream vacation raffle."

The cost of the ticket is \$10, with a \$3,000, all-inclusive trip to anywhere in the world up for grabs.

All profits will go into the club's foundation for use in community and world programs, including high school scholarships, The Salvation Army, Goodfellows, senior citizens, literacy, fighting polio, clean water and health.

Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the Farmer's Market each Sunday through June 13. Also look for the sign at your local business where a ticket maybe purchased.

For any ticket information, contact Gerry Folk at (734) 455-3344.

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for

children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road in Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presentations, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

"Our program is especially designed to meet the developmental needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org. Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

Adventure camp

Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center, 951 N. Canton Center, announced enrollment for its summer Adventure Camp program, designed for school age children ages 5-12 years old. (Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate).

Summer camp children go off-site four days a week on field trips. They go all over and do a variety of activities related to each of the week's themes. Examples of the themes are Operation Rising Dough (cooking week) and Creature Feature (animal week).

Tutor Time offers fulltime or flexible schedules which allows families the option for children to attend the entire summer or just a few weeks. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure availability.

For additional information about Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center and the summer camp program, call (734) 981-8463 or visit www.tutor-time.com.

New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4- 6 year olds this fall.

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual program.

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Q: Dear Rick: I read your column about gifts for graduates. In it, you mention the Michigan Education Savings Plan. A friend's daughter just had a new baby and I was thinking of opening an account for the baby. Does this type of gift make sense for a newborn? Another idea I had was to buy U.S. Savings Bonds. If you think this is a good move, should I open the account in my name or in one of the parent's name? Lastly, what happens to the money if the child ends up not going to a Michigan school?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I believe it makes sense to name one of the parents as custodian (person in charge) on the account. The custodian selects the investment portfolio and makes withdrawals from the account. In this situation, I definitely recommend that you name one of the parents. In situations where the grandparents are opening an account for a grandchild, I suggest using the grandparents as custodian. One of the beauties of the MESP is it does not have to be used exclusively in Michigan. The money accumulated within the plan can be used for virtually any public or private institution in the country. If the future student does not go to a Michigan school, no problem.

In addition, the MESP is not exclusively for tuition. It can be used for room, board, books and required fees. If a child is lucky enough to receive a scholarship, there are still plenty of uses for the money in the plan. One side note, the MESP also makes a great gift for birthdays, graduations or for the holidays. It is easy to establish and takes only \$25 to start a plan. Therefore, if you are looking for a gift for a newborn, a toddler, or a teenager, consider MESP. MESP money grows tax free, it is a commission free investment and most importantly, it's a gift that truly can affect someone's future in a positive manner. Good luck!

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

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• Learn About CantonWiki with creator George Hotellin, July 7, noon - The newly created CantonWiki.org is a great place to list your business so locals can find you. Learn how to create an entry, edit a post or leave comments and how CantonWiki can be a marketing tool for your business.
• Facebook for Business, July 13, noon - Create a

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• Twitter for Business, July 22, noon - Learn how to use Twitter to connect with customers, build relationships and engage potential customers. Prerequisite: Existing email account.
• Google Business Center, July 28, noon - Discover how to advertise online, maximize your revenue, reach new customers, enhance your website and increase your productivity.
• Business Book Discussion: Escape from Cubicle Nation by Pamela Sim, Aug. 3, noon - Featured in the Wall Street Journal, Entrepreneur and other publications, this book helps you move from employ-

ee to entrepreneur. Discuss the author's ideas and what you can glean from them as a business person. Books are available at the Canton Public Library Reference Desk.
• How to Start a Small Business, Aug. 12, noon - Let the professionals at SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Businesses) help you get started or grow your own small business.
• Demographics Now and Reference USA, Aug. 19, noon - Learn how to mine Demographics Now and Reference USA to get accurate, up-to-date information to market your business, research competitors, get customer leads and more.
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W-W program gives at-risk students help

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to helping struggling students, it's all hands on deck for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

That's the idea behind a Response to Intervention program that will be rolled out in the district's elementary schools this fall.

RTI is a general education intervention model for students with special needs. Its goal is to provide services to struggling students before they end up in special education.

"I'm extremely excited with this program," said Jennifer Munson, elementary special education director. "This makes us proactive rather than doing a waiting game. It is general education and special education working together. We do it before something before it becomes a problem."

The program focuses on students who have deficiencies

in mathematics and reading with a goal of making them established in the subjects.

"The idea is to keep them moving as much as we can," said Munson. "We see what they need and target it quickly."

RTI has a four-tiered approach that looks at the student and what needs to be done and providing intervention in small groups of four-five students or one-two students who those need more intensive intervention.

The building principal, grade level staff, counselors and trained interventionists are part of RTI which was piloted this year in five elementary schools — Hoover, Lincoln, Patchin, Taft-Galloway and Wildwood — this year. It will be expanded to the district's 11 K-4 buildings next year.

"The trained interventionists were the key to what worked for me in the classroom," said Audrey Bennett,

a first-grade teacher at Taft-Galloway. "Because of its newness I didn't expect to see a first-year improvement, but it helped struggling students achieve grade level content. Fifteen minutes a day offering one-on-one ... it works."

District data for the current school year has shown an improvement due to RTI. There was a more than 10 percent decline in deficiency from the fall to the winter for initial sound fluency among kindergartners and a more modest decline of 3 percent in mathematics among fourth-graders.

"We work with all students using best practices in English language arts and math," said Munson. "We have a cohesive plan to use across the district so we're all following the same path."

According to Munson, parent participation is an important part of RTI. Parents are informed about the program and what they can do to further it.

Registration open for outdoor women workshop

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a totally different way for women to pamper themselves.

But, Carol Fink, of West Bloomfield, who helps organize the annual Women Outdoors: Kensington Adventure says the day devoted to outdoor fun for women is just that.

"It's taking care of yourself," said Fink. "We are all so responsible in taking care of our jobs, our homes, our families. This is a day just to have fun."

The 11th annual event is set for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Kensington Metropark Farm Center in Milford. The day includes educational and instructional workshops in kayaking, archery and camping.

The workshop will teach women the basic paddle strokes and safety, as well as the opportunity to paddle a kayak; learn how to use a bow and arrow safely, and have some target practice. REI outdoors store staff will give basic camping tips, and participants will practice setting up a tent.



Participants in the BOW program learn basic kayaking skills before heading out on the water.

"It's a day of new adventures, stepping out of the box and learning new skills while having fun," said Fink.

The Adventure is a "Beyond BOW Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" program hosted by

the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Heavner Canoe Rental, REI, Safari Club International and Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Women, 18 or older, are eligible to attend this workshop. The \$60 fee includes instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of demonstration equipment and lunch. Registration deadline is June 18. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants.

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Partnership with U.P. school opens new chapters

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Les Cheneaux Community Schools District, a district of just 300 students tucked into a small corner of the Upper Peninsula, gets some \$7,700 per student from the state, has a budget of just \$2.3 million and serves a district where 50 percent of its students live below the poverty line.

Many of those students live 20 miles or more from the school, and not many are any closer to a library. With funding so low and incomes even lower, it's tough for the youngsters in Cedarville to lay their hands on a book.

Enter the students of Workman Elementary School in Canton, one of 15 elementary schools alone in the massive Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, the state's third-largest. Plymouth-Canton has more students in any single grade level than Les Cheneaux has in its entire district. For Plymouth-Canton, \$2.3 million is but a drop in the bucket of a \$156-million annual budget.

Those numbers were more than enough to convince the students at Workman Elementary to help the students of Les Cheneaux. With the Cedarville kids in mind,



Workman Elementary students Yensi Goerge, (left) and Luke Janack help the mascot keep track of how far across the bridge the donation package got.

Workman Elementary students tackled their "March is Reading Month" project with gusto: Get some books to those kids.

"First, we wanted to do some good," said Sue Iwema, literacy intervention teacher at Workman. "Everyone is helping

places like Haiti, but we thought, 'Michigan is in dire straits. Let's help someone here.'"

Iwema has a friend working at the state level, and that friend gave her a list of four school districts with which Workman could partner to help out with the project.

Iwema connected with Amy Scott, who is not only the K-12 principal for the district, but also serves as its superintendent.

The project started out as a way to get some much-needed books to Cedarville, but grew into much more than that.

Workman students started collecting coins - pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters - for every minute they read at home and tossed those proceeds into the project.

In the end, Workman students donated more than 1,000 books, a number of school supplies, three big boxes of gently used clothing and, incredibly, more than \$2,000 in cash for Les Cheneaux.

"We thought, 'keep it local,'" Iwema said. "There are lots of Michigan people who are hurting. Most of the books will go into classroom libraries, some will go home to families with young children who have no books."

The partnership comes as a blessing to students in Les Cheneaux, where enrollment has dropped from 425 to 300, and where the budget has forced the district to cut nearly half of its employees (they went from 50 to 29).

"It was fantastic," Scott said. "It gives our kids more opportunities for literacy. To have some quality books is just wonderful. Our kids don't have the resources for that. Getting books into the hands of kids is really important. The money is being used to teach a lesson, that we always have something to give. Hopefully,

that becomes part of the fabric of our school, that even though we are in tough times, we can find ways to give back."

Along the way, students learned a lot about each other. Les Cheneaux students learned what life was like for students in the suburban community, and - through power-point presentations created by Les Cheneaux students - Workman students learned things like how Les Cheneaux students snow-shoe at recess.

"What was cool about it was the reciprocal relationship we developed," Iwema said.

Scott and the Le Cheneaux students were so impressed with the response from Workman kids they want to pay the kindness forward. The cash portion of the donation will be used as "seed money" for Les Cheneaux students to perform service-learning projects of their own.

"We want to take what Workman learned from helping us and translate that into learning going forward," Scott said. "I think that's very powerful. The standard they're setting at Workman is of helping others, and I applaud that. The more we can get our students thinking that way, the more it will spill over into our communities."

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2010 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

GOALIES SAVE THE DAY

Wildcats stun top-ranked Northville, 1-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth head varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich, junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams and the rest of the Wildcats knew Thursday night's Division 1 district tilt against Northville would be a defensive struggle.

They prepared for it, knowing keeping the high-powered, state-ranked Mustangs off the scoreboard might be the only recipe for success.

When the contest at Livonia Stevenson was over, after double overtime and penalty kicks, Plymouth owned a 1-0 victory and a berth in Saturday's 12 noon title matchup with Salem.

"We had to stop them, had to," said Neschich in the aftermath of his team's win — which featured a pair of diving, desperation stops in PKs by Williams and a 4-for-4 mark by his own shooters.

The coach could barely get the words out when talking about the way Williams performed.

"Marissa was just awesome," he said. "Stoning them on the first two was huge."

NOTHING BETTER

Williams provided the exclamation point to her shutout by diving to her left to block the first PK (by Kelsey Fiscus) and going right to get in front of Caroline Castelli's attempt.

"Yeah, those were pretty lucky," said Williams, smiling. "PKs, they're supposed to go in on you so you got nothing to lose. It's mostly a guess, you dive, it hits you. It's the best feeling in the world."

Those stops provided the difference because the Wildcats made all four PKs. Scoring in succession against Northville senior goalkeeper Shelby Foerg for the Wildcats were Abigail Livingston, Jessica Scott, senior co-captain Jessica Heck and Katelyn Moss with a blast under the crossbar.

After Moss scored, the Wildcats

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Salem's Kristina Klusek (No. 1) stays a step ahead of Pinckney's Brianna Amat during the first half of Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district match at Livonia Stevenson.

Oh, Mann! Rocks win on penalty kicks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

High school soccer fans really got their money's worth Thursday at the Livonia Stevenson-hosted district.

Both games went through two, 15-minute overtimes before needing to be decided on hit-or-miss penalty kicks.

In the opener, Salem senior goalkeeper Tabitha Mann used her bulldog mentality to get in front of and catch two PKs and enable the Rocks to earn a 3-2 win

over Pinckney.

Plymouth followed suit, winning 1-0 over state-ranked Northville behind sensational play by junior goalie Marissa Williams.

The two dramatic victories set up an all-Park district final, noon Saturday between Salem and Plymouth. (Meanwhile, Canton is also playing for a district title on Saturday, at Dearborn Edsel Ford.)

"She plays basketball, she's a big rebounder," said Salem head coach Joe

Nora about Mann. "So we tell her to get some rebounds."

Mann agreed that playing center for Salem's varsity girls basketball team definitely gave her confidence.

"That, plus my height," Mann said. "I didn't want it to end today, especially since we all played well."

Burying the Rocks' fourth straight PK goal to clinch the triumph was sophomore forward Emily Lundh.

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Plymouth going to finals for 1st time

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So close, but yet so far.

Livonia Stevenson wasn't perfect like Armando Galarraga, but the Spartans came painfully close to their preseason hopes of qualifying for the Division 1 state boys golf finals in Thursday's regional hosted by West Shore Golf Club in Grosse Ile.

The Spartans missed the third and final team qualifying berth by a single stroke as Temperance Bedford (297), Plymouth (300) and Northville (300) earned a trip next weekend to Michigan State's Forest Akers (East Course) in East Lansing.

DI BOYS GOLF

Plymouth earned its first trip to the state finals in the school's brief history with a new school record for 18 holes. Top Wildcats were Ryan Rieckhoff (73) and Josh Heinze (74), followed by Justin Bauer (76), Ryan Bauer (77) and James Bryans (77).

It was a bittersweet finish for the Spartans, who got through one individual qualifier when sophomore Dante Cicchelli, who shot a 72, won a playoff against Canton's Zach Conrad for the third and final spot.

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Celebrating after setting a new school record for 18 holes and qualifying for the state golf finals with a second place finish at Thursday's regionals is the Plymouth varsity boys golf team. In the back row (from left) are Ryan Bauer, James Bryans, Justin Bauer and head coach Chris Moore. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Ryan Rieckhoff and Josh Heinze.

SIDELINES

Salem streaks into districts

Lopsided victories in Wednesday's twin-bill against Dexter gave Salem's varsity softball team a nine-game winning streak entering Saturday's Division 1 districts at Canton.

The Rocks swept Dexter 8-0 and 6-1 to up their record to 23-11.

In the opener, junior pitcher Briana Lee struck out seven of the nine batters she faced in the first three innings to get Salem off and running.

Following Lee to the mound and pitching well were Heidi Schmidt (two innings, no hits) and Alyssa Meagher (two innings).

Offensively, Salem tallied 11 hits with Alexis Powell the big gun — two fence-clearing homers along with a single and three RBI.

Schmidt knocked in four runs with two doubles and a single, with two hits each by Brianna Berberet and Lexi Epley. Driving home a run with a double was Lizzy Mazorowicz.

In Game 2, Schmidt allowed two hits and struck out six in five innings for the victory. Meanwhile, Megan Johnson pitched for the first time this season and gave up two hits in two innings.

Offensively, Lee collected two hits, with RBI hits by Katy Meade and Epley (double) helping the cause.

"It was nice to see Meade and Epley get hits at the right time today," coach Bonnie Southerland said. "(And) they both made some great catches in the outfield to save some runs. It shows we have some depth which you need this late in the season to compete."

The Rocks also defeated Southgate Anderson Tuesday, with Lee striking out 14 and giving up just two hits.

RBI hits included singles by Sam Maksimovic and Mary Johnson.

Rocks mat fund-raiser

Salem's wrestling team will be sponsoring a car wash Tuesday at the Plymouth Super Center at 400 Ann Arbor Road.

A portion of the proceeds from all car washes will be donated to the Salem wrestling program.

Celebrate Salem baseball

Salem Alumni Baseball is looking for players to participate in the first alumni game, scheduled for noon Sunday, June 27, at the Salem baseball field.

Those interested in playing should e-mail salem-rocksbaseball@gmail.com.

All Rocks baseball alums are invited to play to help mark 35 years since Salem's last state championship.

By the way, players will be asked to meet 11 a.m. June 27 at the Salem field for stretching, catching and batting practice.

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ROCKS

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"We work on that a lot in practice, and I just put it where I always do," said Lundh, adding that she tried to just kick it and not worry about the pressure-packed situation.

But, if not for outstanding work turned in by aggressive Pinckney senior goalie Lauren Weber Wright — who repeatedly came far out of her goal area to snuff out Salem rushes while making several clutch stops — the Rocks might have finished the job in regulation.

Pinckney actually led 2-0 before the contest was four-minutes old. Vija Veinbergs drifted a high, floating penalty kick from the left side over the head of Salem starting keeper Ali Eggenberger.

Rachel Clark, off a scrum added a goal about 35 seconds later and Nora decided to switch things up with a goalie change.

CHANGING IT UP

"Both our goalies are sound, they've been flip-flopping in starting games all year," Nora said. "We came out flat, yeah, the goalie looks bad on those



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Looking to maintain control of the ball Thursday is Salem's Madeleine Vala (No. 19), who is begin pressured by Rachel Clark of Pinckney.

plays because she was the last one to get beat. But we did a lot to mess those plays up in front of her.

"But it seemed they were going to go high. If the ball's in the air in the box, Tabitha's our

best option so we immediately made the switch and Tabby played the game of her life. I thought she was awesome."

Salem (11-5-3) began to chip away at the early deficit when junior midfielder Kristina Klusek spun and ripped a shot from short range into the right corner with 35:25 to go in the second half.

Setting up the play was a corner kick by junior midfielder Victoria Kaye.

Just eight minutes later, the Rocks evened things up. Junior midfielder Madeleine Vala punched a pass up to sophomore forward Emily Lundh — who stretched the field all day along with Klusek.

Lundh threaded her 15-yard shot into the left corner, shooting in that direction while moving to her right.

HOW IT GOES

Pinckney assistant coach Tim Green praised his team for playing well, although he admitted it was a big disappointment to lose on PKs.

"It's a guess where the shooter's going to go, it's a guess where the player's going to put it in," Green said. "That's all it is is luck of the draw."

"Two great teams played their hearts out and one of

us had to walk away a loser, and penalty kicks is a terrible way to end the game in high school. But that's the way the rules go."

Nora concurred, noting losing via penalty kicks is almost unfair.

"I have so much respect for Pinckney, they're classy, they work hard," Nora said. "... no team deserves to lose today and it's a shame. But my hat's off to them, they played great."

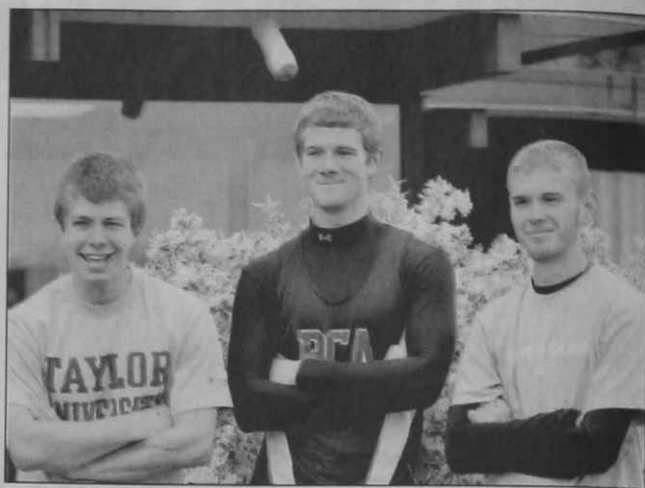
Pinckney's Veinbergs nearly won the game at the end of regulation and the first OT only to have the sure-handed Mann deny her each time. Veinbergs also clanked a shot off the right post in the final minute of the second extra stanza.

In the PK round, Veinbergs started it off with a goal and Salem's Abbi Giaier hit the right post.

After Cat Olson scored for the Pirates, Salem's Lindsey Newton came through with a tally. The third and fourth shooters for Pinckney (9-6-2) couldn't beat the diving Mann.

The Rocks then finished it off with PK goals by Kaye, Katelynn Krause and Lundh.

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Stating their case

Plymouth Christian's (from left) Chad Ibach, Riley Groenewoud and Jordan Allen will compete at Saturday's Division 4 state finals after qualifying at the recent D4 regionals hosted by Lutheran Westland. Other Eagles making the trip to Jenison include Jessica Soblesky (two individual events) and her teammates on the 1,600-meter relay team — freshmen Karen Windle, Lindsay Roedding and Sydney Carpenter.

Big wins for Blazers, Chiefs

Kelly Capoccia's two goals and two assists propelled Livonia Ladywood to a 4-2 Division 2 district semifinal soccer victory Thursday over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Blazers, who improved to 15-5 overall, will take on Dearborn Divine Child, an 8-0 winner Thursday over Redford Thurston, for the district championship beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ladywood.

Ladywood led 3-1 at half-time as Capoccia got things rolling in the third minute on a header from Paige Brennan.

Crestwood's Bianca Berry tied it three minutes later off a corner kick from Loyal Haidar, but Capoccia gave the Blazers the lead for good off a restart with Brennan assisting in the 12th minute.

Brennan then made it 3-1 when she scored off a 20-yard shot that caught Crestwood goalkeeper Andrea Clemmons off her line. Capoccia drew the assist.

"Kelly got us off to a great start and just continued to play outstanding from there," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We knew they had an extremely talented player in Loyal Haidar to deal with. We used Mary Vance and Kelly (Capoccia) to man mark

her throughout the game. Both of them did an excellent job limiting her to no shots on goal."

In the 57 minute, Rachel Maceri finished off a header on a cross by Capoccia.

Berry and Haidar then teamed up for Crestwood's final goal in the 74th minute.

Ladywood had the edge in shots, 14-7.

The Blazers' Maddie Reed had three saves, while Clemmons had four for the Chargers, who bowed out at 15-5 overall.

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0: In a Division 1 district semifinal Wednesday at Dearborn Edsel Ford, it was all Chiefs (16-1-3) from start-to-finish against Livonia Franklin (2-16-2).

Allison Krause tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal as Canton led 5-0 at intermission. The Chiefs ended the game early on the eight-goal mercy rule with three more in the second half.

"Canton controlled the game and did whatever they wanted," Franklin first-year coach Dean Kowalski said. "They finished their opportunities and played very well."

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 16 saves.

Gnonaj and Stacy Clough did beat Williams on the two following kicks, it was not enough because the Wildcats clinched the game when they scored their fourth PK goal.

When Moss scored to end it, Northville's Foerg threw her glove down on the field and buried her head in her hands in agony.

Not to minimize Plymouth's smart, hard-working defensive effort, Foerg wouldn't have been put in such a tough spot had Northville's usually strong offense produced as usual.

"We've already experienced this once, against Canton in our conference crossover," Brucker lamented. "So we're well-versed on what happens when we can't find the back of the net after 110 minutes."

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WILDCATS

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(10-4-4) mobbed each other on the Stevenson turf field and took a joyous victory lap.

For Northville (15-3-2) it was a shocking end to the season.

"Look at my girls," said Mustangs head coach Eric Brucker. "I have 11 seniors that are never playing high school ball again. They're crushed."

Brucker said he would welcome a system where teams played overtime until "somebody scores a goal naturally. I hate going to PKs and having it dictated by six people when it's a game of 11."

All night, Plymouth employed a bend-but-don't-break style of defense, mostly keeping Northville's dan-

gerous forwards such as Mallory Weber on the outside. Williams was ready whenever the Mustangs did threaten.

"Our defense, our four on the D and our four in the mid were incredible," Neschich said. "It was great how we collapsed on them and really limited their opportunities all night."

The lone downer for Plymouth was an injury sustained by junior defender Katelyn Quinlan. She was hit in the face by a hard-kicked ball late in the second half and had to leave the game.

"I'm sure it (the Quinlan injury) did to some extent," said Neschich, about whether that gave the Wildcats another reason to dig deep. "But we bought into this a long time ago. This is what you practice three months for, the state playoffs."

Williams, who thought all day about the challenge at hand, said her defense really supported her. "They came through for me in the game like no other. I applaud those girls highly."

As for her poise in front of penalty kicks, she credited plenty of practice in recent weeks as well as drawing from her experience at goalkeeping camps such as Five Star.

GAMESMANSHIP

Before each Northville kicker, Williams would ask officials to give her a little more time to get set. She said it was strategy, picked up at those goalie camps.

"It's really just to psych them out as much as possible, to freeze them, just like a baseball timeout (called) by the pitcher," she said.

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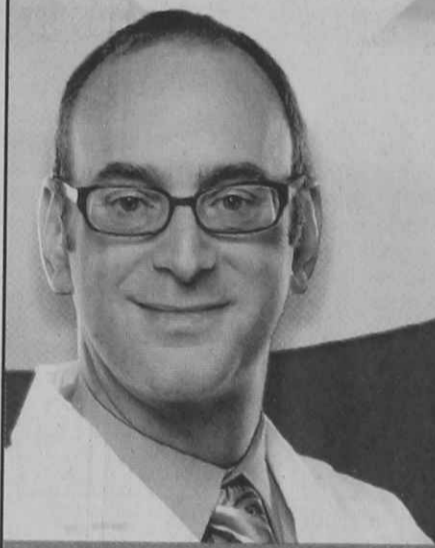
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Following that will be the 1-Mile Walk/Run (8 a.m.), 5K Walk/Run (8:30 a.m.) and 10K at 8:45 a.m.

Serious runners shouldn't forget there also will be a unique 10.3-meter MDG Triple Race, sponsored by

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Register online at www.active.com or for more race information and a printable registration form visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

The Father's Day Run is endorsed by the Governors' Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Those who enter the race qualify for the lottery of 300 selected runners to run the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run, www.michiganfitness.org.

Proceeds support the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign.

PCA on hot streak entering districts

Plymouth Christian swept Roper Tuesday to finish the regular baseball schedule in grand style.

The Eagles now are hoping that momentum will carry over into this weekend's Division 4 districts hosted by PCA.

Head coach Joe Bottorff said his team (9-3, 2nd in the MIAC) scored four runs in the fifth to earn a 12-8 victory. The game had been suspended due to lightning with the score 8-8.

In the winning rally, Daniel Slater knocked in two runs with a double and extra-base hits followed from Matt Dodson (triple) and Jon Slater (double) to cap off the surge.

Ethan Walker was the winning pitcher, striking out six Rough Riders in three innings of work. Before the game originally was halted, Slater homered, singled and walked.

In Game 2, Slater was in complete control fanning 12



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Plymouth Christian's Matt Dodson broke out the heavy lumber in a doubleheader sweep against Roper.

while only giving up one first-inning hit as the Eagles rolled to a 9-0 win in five innings.

The big hitter was Dodson, who homered and doubled — continuing his hitting prowess from the opener.

Hawks fall to C'ville

A four-run opening inning set the tone Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville's baseball team registered a 13-4 non-conference win

over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Ben Gehan ripped a 2-run double and John James added a 2-run single in the frame as the Trojans quickly rebounded from 1-0 deficit in the top of the first inning.

Clarenceville would add three more in the second and single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to ice the win.

Damien Quarles collected three hits and an RBI, while Gehan double twice and knocked in four runs as the Trojans improved to 14-17 overall.

Mike Schiffman worked five solid innings on the mound to pick up the win. Reliever Eric Trotter fanned five over the final two innings to seal the triumph.

Andy Barber was the losing pitcher for the Hawks (15-2), the Red Division champions of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

GOLF

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Stevenson's fourth-place 301 was followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer (309), Salem (310), Saline (316), Livonia Churchill (320), Ann Arbor Huron (320), Brownstown Woodhaven (321) and Southgate Anderson (323).

Stevenson had three other players shoot in the 70s including Drew Mossoian (75), Christian DeBay (76) and Adam LaPorte (78). Adam Giordano added an 85.

"We thought if we'd shoot 300, I thought that would get us in," Stevenson coach Jim Omietski said. "It's heart-breaking because it was our goal at the beginning of the season. To come that close... I'd rather lose by 10. It's a tough blow for our four seniors because for awhile I thought we'd be in. But overall I'm happy and proud of them."

Bedford's Justin Gross was

medalist with a 69, while Evan Bowser of Dearborn and Brendan Muir of Canton earned individual qualifying spots shooting 70 and 71, respectively.

Two sophomores led Churchill as Ben Proben and Eric Hill carded 78 and 79, respectively. Junior Chris Theile added an 80, while senior Adam Yarber carded an 83. Sophomore Dominic DiLisi contributed an 85 for the Chargers, who return five of their top six players next year.

"If you kept the ball in the fairway, you could score," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "But once you were in the rough, it was pretty thick and you couldn't hold shots."

Junior Drake Hermann's 79 led Franklin's three individual qualifiers. Senior Jimmy Johnson added an 81 and junior Jon Holmes, who blistered the tough front nine with a 35, finished with an 83.

— Tim Smith contributed to this report.

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U8	4:30-5:30 pm	4:30-5:30 pm	Dickinson Center	1 TEAM
U9	6:00-7:15 pm	6:00-7:15 pm	Dickinson Center	3 TEAMS
U10	5:45-7:15 pm	5:45-7:15 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U11	4:30-5:45 pm	4:30-5:45 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U12	5:00-6:30 pm	5:00-6:30 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U13	10:00-11:30 am	10:00-11:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U14	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM
U15	6:00-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	2 TEAMS
U16	4:45-6:15 pm	4:45-6:15 pm	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U17	8:00-9:30 am	8:00-9:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U18	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM

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U10	6:30-7:45 pm	6:30-7:45 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
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SIDELINES
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Whalers Seguin, Hayes collect CHL awards

Canton Cup a success

Despite a few bumps along the way, Canton Cup tournament director John Vaughn said the 2010 event was a big success.

In fact, it might have been the biggest ever since there were nearly 100 more teams playing this year along with the first-ever Celtic Invitational (featuring a team from Scotland).

Vaughn noted that sweltering heat and issues such as a malfunctioning scoreboard didn't keep the games from being played all over Canton.

"I have such a good team of people and everyone knows what they have to do and reacts accordingly when there are issues," he said. "It really is like a little city or business focused on meeting the needs of our participants."

Go to www.hometownlife.com for results from the Canton Cup finals.

The Canadian Hockey League announced 10 national award winners for the 2009-10 season including two players from the Plymouth Whalers, forwards Tyler Seguin and Ryan Hayes.

Winners were presented with their awards at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium as part of the recent 2010 MasterCard Memorial Cup festivities.

Seguin was named the Jack Link's Top Prospect of the Year. He is the number one ranked player for the 2010 NHL Entry Draft as determined by NHL Central Scouting. He finished the OHL regular season tied for first overall in league scoring with 106 points including 48 goals and 58 assists in 63 games for the Whalers, with a plus-minus rating of plus-17 and 54 penalty minutes.

An 18-year-old from Brampton, Ont., Seguin recorded 29 multi-point games and tallied five hat-tricks, captained Team Orr at the 2010 Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game, and was named the OHL's Most Outstanding Player. Also considered for the award was Brett Connolly of the Prince George Cougars and Brandon Gormley of the Moncton Wildcats.



Plymouth Whalers forwards Tyler Seguin (center) and Ryan Hayes (right) were presented recently with national awards from the Canadian Hockey League. Seguin and Hayes were named the top prospect and top humanitarian of the year, respectively.

Hayes followed up winning the Dan Snyder Memorial Trophy as the OHL's Humanitarian of the Year by being named the Home Hardware Humanitarian of the Year for the CHL. He led the Whalers organization in his third OHL season with 54 official

community appearances representing participation in nearly a quarter of the team's total community events.

This season Hayes took on a leadership role for the Whalers in the "Friends of Jaclyn" program which supports the non-profit charitable

organization that improves the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors.

He also showed extensive participation with Special Olympics Michigan at their annual hockey tournament cheering on the participants, passing out the medals, and staying afterwards to pose for pictures and sign autographs. Also considered for the award was Matt Fraser of the Kootenay Ice, and Nick MacNeil of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

Seguin and Hayes are the first Whalers to win a Canadian Hockey League Award since James Wisniewski was named the CHL's Defenseman of the Year in 2003-04.

Other Whalers who have won CHL awards include David Legwand (1997-98) and Bryan Berard (1994-95), who both won the CHL Rookie of the Year Award, while Berard also was named Best Defenseman in 1995-96.

Pete DeBoer was named CHL's Coach of the Year in 1999-00, while Rob Zepp was named the CHL's Scholastic Player of the Year in 1998-99. Pat Peake captured the franchise's first CHL Award when he was named the CHL's Player of the Year in 1992-93.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rocks wrestling fundraiser

Salem's wrestling team will be sponsoring a car wash Tuesday at the Plymouth Super Center at 400 Ann Arbor Road.

A portion of the proceeds from all car washes will be donated to the Salem wrestling program.

Thackaberry golf outing

The 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Memorial/Salem Baseball Golf Outing is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center (8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth).

Those interested should e-mail Steve Gordon (sgordon88@sbeglobal.net), Denny Devine (devinev@aol.com) or go to www.rocksbaseball.com.

Entire proceeds of the event will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club, of which Thackaberry was a huge supporter. Milt Thackaberry passed away from cancer in 2008.

Free golf clinic in June

Meanwhile, Bealert is hosting another free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course — located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

For more information, go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

Golfers coming out that day will be encouraged to donate to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk campaign to raise money for research to find a cure for breast cancer. "We will be taking donations (June 26) for those who would like to support the cause," Bealert noted.

Golf for Canton cagers

The 3rd annual Canton Chiefs Basketball Golf Fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Salem Hills Golf Club. This fundraiser supports both the boys and girls basketball programs.

The cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes w/cart, free range balls, dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a putting contest at 12 p.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The registration deadline is May 28, 2010.

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Yvonne Pelachyk says she feels blessed to see her parents mark their 70th anniversary. "It's great because you don't often see that connection between people who have known each other for 70 years. You don't see that with a lot of people today."

Ira and Gisele Wing of Farmington met in 1938 and were married on Aug. 31, 1940, in St. Anne's Church, in Detroit. Ira will be 95 years old on Oct. 26 and Gisele will be 89 on June 18. The following day her children will honor the couple with an anniversary celebration.

"We haven't really told them yet. If we tell our dad, he shares everything with our mother. To him it's still like they're 18 years old. They love each other very much. He's so good to her," Pelachyk said.

Although Gisele suffered a stroke two years ago, she recovered almost completely and has no significant disability other than short term memory loss. She still loves to crochet and make blankets.

Ira enjoys taking care of the house and yard and often walks through the Botsford Hospital underground tunnels several times a week for additional exercise.

"My dad still cuts the grass. He's still driving. Until two years ago he was still deer hunting. My dad reads a lot and does a crossword every day."



Gisele and Ira Wing mark their 70th anniversary this year.

Ira, a U.S. Navy veteran, also marches in the Farmington Memorial Day parade every year. Pelachyk said he hoisted the flag this year and recited "In Flanders Fields" from memory.

"Five years ago we sat down with a video camera and let them talk. They both shared stories," Pelachyk said, adding that many detailed their lives as children during The Great Depression.

Gisele was born in Quebec and moved to Detroit as a small child with her parents and older sister. Ira was born and raised in Cheboygan. He was one of 14 children.

When he was about 17 he decided to try his hand at local, organized boxing in Cheboygan and was involved in matches in the surrounding towns. He moved to Detroit in 1935 and continued his short-lived boxing career in the light/heavy weight category. Because he didn't win many matches, he had to work at other jobs to pay his bills. He



Gisele and Ira Wing's wedding photo.

worked briefly for Turnstead Manufacturing, General Motors (now Detroit Diesel) in the metal shop and also at Briggs Body. He worked on the side installing furnaces and ductwork in homes.

LEAVING THE RING

When the couple met, Gisele demanded he quit boxing because she feared he would be hurt.

"My mom was only 18 when they met. She knew right away that he was 'the one.' She got kicked out of senior year high school because the nuns saw her being picked up by my dad in his car. When she was in her 60s she went back and got her

GED," Pelachyk said. "My dad never finished. He went to maybe seventh grade. But he worked for all of those companies ... for Detroit Edison and Chrysler. He's a good guy. I don't think ever heard Dad swear and he never laid a hand on us."

After the couple's first daughter, Jeannine, was born, Ira joined the U.S. Navy rather than wait to be drafted. Meanwhile, Gisele took in boarders and baby-sat to make ends meet. Although she was a stay-at-home mom for most of her career, she also assembled sections of airplane cockpits in 1943 at Willow Run.

Please see **LOVE, B8**

Two couples mark major anniversary milestones

Gisele and Ira Wing of Farmington make a great love story. So do Charles and Isabel Rollins of Farmington Hills. The Wings, marking 70 years of marriage in August, will celebrate their anniversary with family this month. The Rollins look forward to their 71st anniversary this fall. They celebrated their 70th milestone with a party last summer, and are expecting a new great-grandchild in August. Their children were eager to tell us more about their lives and we couldn't resist sharing it with you.

Farmington Hills couple met at the lake

Diane Joki says it was her parents' "commitment to the family" and "their love for each other" that helped cement their marriage of nearly 71 years.

Charles and Isabel Rollins of Farmington Hills were married Nov. 29, 1939, at St. Michael's Church in Pontiac. Last August they celebrated 70 years together with an outdoor celebration that included food, games, music, dancing and a slideshow of memories. The party drew more than 100 relatives and friends together.

"We're looking forward to their 75th and 80th," Joki said. "We'll probably have a big celebration for Mom's 90th birthday next February. And there is another great-grandchild on the way this August."



Charles and Isabel Rollins will mark their 71st anniversary this year.

Her mother was born Isabel Francis Weber, on Feb. 16, 1921 in Weston, Wis. Her father was born Aug. 16, 1919 in Detroit. Isabel's family lived on a farm in Wisconsin before moving to Michigan when she was 15. The couple met at Elizabeth Lake in Pontiac, where both of their families lived.

Please see **COUPLE, B8**

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Ronnie Marmo

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Passionate about his craft, Ronnie is a great champion for whatever project he is involved with. He is excited to be in Michigan for this fun and memorable weekend. It's a "can't miss event" and tickets are limited, so reserve yours today!

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476-8222.

PLANNING CRAFT SALE

St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland seeks crafters and vendors for its craft sale on Saturday, Oct. 9. For more information call the church at (734) 721-5023.

APPETIZERS AND WINE

Seedlings Braille Books will hold a fund-raiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets

are \$40 and include wine and appetizers, with 80 percent of the proceeds going to Seedlings, the Livonia-based nonprofit that provides high quality, low cost braille books for children. Reserve tickets by calling (734) 427-8552 Ext. 301 or by e-mailing to seed-link7@ameritech.net.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

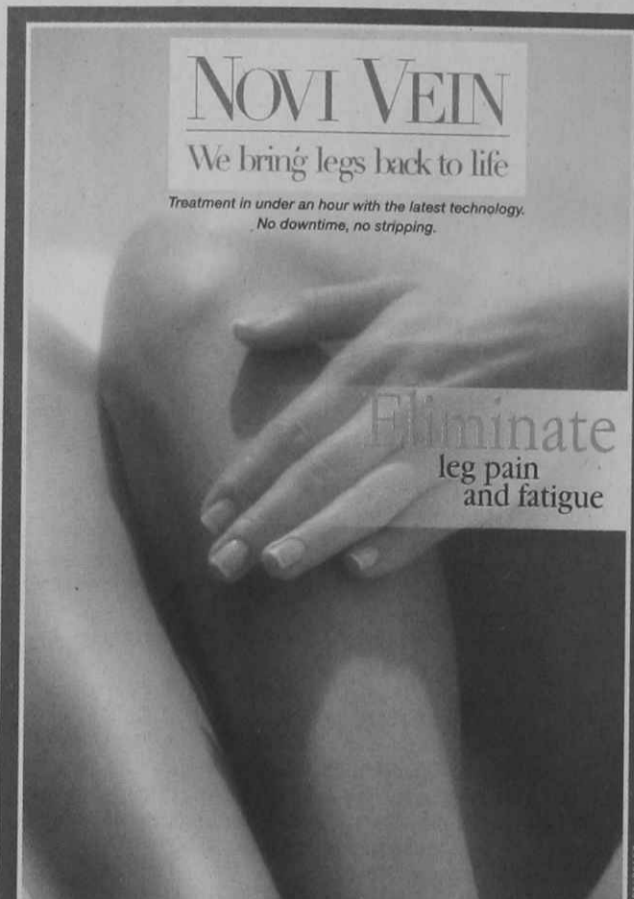
The Westland Goodfellows hopes to attract new volunteers to its program at a Volunteer Open House, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, in Westland. Learn about the group's efforts to ensure that "No Child is Without a Christmas" and how you can become a volunteer. For more information call Heather at (734) 721-5100.

PICNIC AND AUCTION

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will hold its annual potluck picnic and auction at noon, June 21, at the Alexander Blue House, at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. The gathering will include a plant and craft auction and a silent auction. Participants should bring a white elephant item. For more information call (734) 459-4764.

CAR WASH

Before you head to the Canton Liberty Fest on Saturday, June 19, let the Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club make your car sparkle. The group will wash cars from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Rose's Restaurant, 201 Canton Center Road. Proceeds benefit Canton cheerleading.



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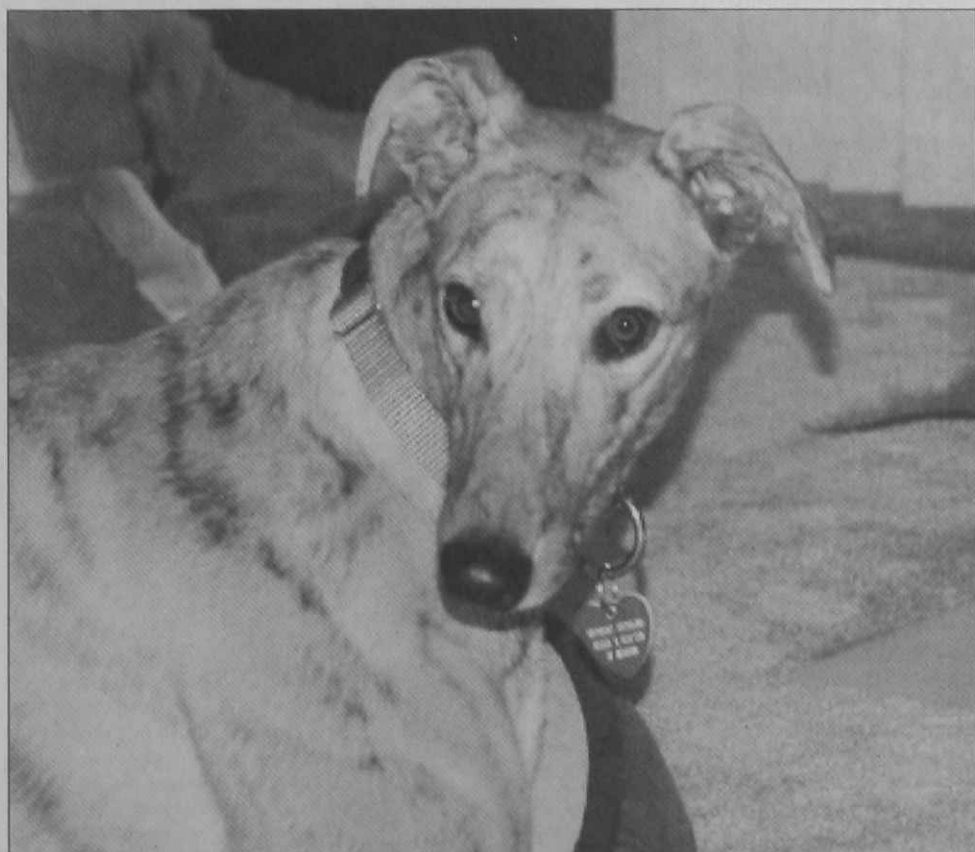
Cali is the featured greyhound this week from Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption.

She is one of the newest hounds added to the rescue from a track in Florida. Like all of the group's available dogs, she is being fostered by a family and learning the ropes of being a family companion.

Cali is 2 years old, with a light brindle coat. She's a very happy dog and seems to love everyone she meets. If you're interested in meeting Cali, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and check out the organization's Web site — www.greyheart.org — for another cute photo of her.

Learn more about greyhounds at Greyheart's "meet and greet" events:

- 1-4 p.m. today, Sunday, June 6, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton
- 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.



Cali, a 2-year-old greyhound, is available for adoption from Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption.

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Clarenceville band members plan reunion

Clarenceville High School band alumni will meet — and roast their former directors, John Neztek and Ted Mallires — in a reunion 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at the Doubletree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., in Novi.

Anyone who was involved in band from 1959-1995 and played in the band under the direction of Neztek or Mallires, may attend. Guests are welcome.

Cost is \$30 per person

and will include a luncheon, the roast, and lots of stories, pictures and original band recordings. Former students also will perform.

To reserve tickets, send a check by June 10 to Lee Leibold, 3210 Hill Dale, Highland Village, Texas, 75077.

For more information call (972) 896-8725 or (800) 259-8408. Or check out the Clarenceville Alumni page on Facebook.com.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION**

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval Of A Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, June 23, 2010
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL** for a gymnastics center in the Industrial District (IND) on Tax ID R-78-014-01-0121-002, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2-3. The property is located south of Five Mile, north of Helm Street, west of Sheldon, and east of Cleat Street at 15155 Fogg Street.

Application: 2031/0510 Applicant: Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-014-01-0121-002

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

**KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Milk Products** for the 2010-2011 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter at 734-416-2741. **Sealed bids** are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Products Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m. EST, Thursday, June 24, 2010 where they will be opened and read publicly. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger,
Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting June 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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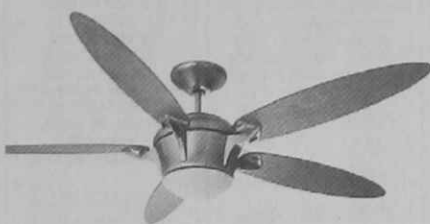
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2010-05

REPEAL OF THE MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 55, THE MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section repeals the Mechanical Amusement Devices Ordinance, codified as Chapter 55, of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk

Introduced: May 11, 2010
Adopted: May 25, 2010
Published: June 6, 2010
Effective: June 6, 2010

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LOVE

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LOVE LETTERS

"My dad wrote to her every single day. We have a copy of each letter. It is pretty amazing to think that back then, he was in the war, and wrote every day."

He returned from duty in December 1945. He worked at Detroit Edison for three years and then at Chrysler Corporation as a sheet metal pattern maker, retiring after 25 years.

The couple raised five children: Jeannine lives in Florida for 6 months of the year, spending summers in Bay Harbor. Pauline lives in Texas; Pelachyk in Leonard; Allan in Milford and Joanne in Farmington. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Waterford, Farmington, West Virginia, Maine, California, North Carolina, South Lyon, Rochester, and Canton.

While raising their own brood, the Wings also took in foster children. They cared

for more than 80 babies and older children from Catholic Charities and Plymouth State Home for Children during a 50-year period. Many of the children had developmental challenges. One foster daughter still keeps in touch with the Wings.

"It was good because we had to share. It was hectic, but we grew up that way. Somehow my mom still managed to come up with 50 cents a week for piano lessons for me and my older sisters."

Gisele also befriended injured animals in the neighborhood.

"There'd be a knock at the door and some kid who found a hurt animal would be there with a shoebox. She'd take the animal in."

Pelachyk, who is licensed to rehabilitate wildlife, said her parents' compassion and kindness have influenced all of the children in the family.

"They really stayed on us, especially my mom. They were always kind people and I think we're all kind people today."

- By Sharon Dargay

COUPLE

FROM PAGE B5

"My mom made friends with a lot of his half-sisters. He had asked which one of the five Weber girls was the prettiest and they said my mom. That's how they started a friendship," Joki explained.

The couple has lived in Farmington Hills, where they raised their five children, for 63 years. As soon as their children all were in school, Isabel took a job as a caretaker and continued in that role for the next 20-plus years. A devout Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday, Isabel passed her love of baking, crocheting, and gardening to her children and grandchildren.

Chuck is a veteran of WWII and is retired from GM. He is a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Pontiac and attends services there every Saturday where he sings with the choir. He also enjoys playing the organ, singing, and doing brain teasers and puzzles.

"They both have such a deep faith in their religion," Joki noted, pointing out that in spite of their religious difference, the couple made the marriage work.

FAMILY MEMBERS

In addition to Joki, who lives in Harrisville with her husband, Joel, the Rollinses' children include

Sharon Provo (Allan) of Farmington Hills, Charles (Bonnie) of New Hudson, Stephen (Karen) of Howell, and Daniel (Joan) of Alpena. Chuck and Isabel also have 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and several step-grand and step-great-grandchildren. Their youngest great-grandchild was born on Isabel's 89th birthday.

In earlier years, Chuck and



A prized family painting of a young Isabel Rollins.



A painting of a young Charles Rollins.

Isabel enjoyed square dancing, golf, and camping with their children. They have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. primarily by RV, visiting 49 of the 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii. Until recently, Chuck and Isabel spent their winters in Arcadia, Fla.

Joki said they continue to enjoy good health, traveling, playing cards, watching the Detroit Tigers, and visiting with family and friends.

"My dad still drives. My mom still picks up the great-grandkids and plays with them. She's like the Energizer bunny."

- By Sharon Dargay

Front load washers remain an issue

Stephanie's e-mail is just one example of the many I have received since I expressed my views on the front load expensive washing machine.

She writes: "Love your column in the Observer and try to listen to the radio show, but not often. I was very interested in your living commentary on front load washers, and wished I had paid more attention. We have had ours for just about a year and wished I had made a different choice."

"I remember you had an article about a

musty smell and how you could remove 'something' to clean 'something' out to remove the smell. Is there any way I can get that information or a reprint or a date of that article? I have such mixed results with the washer, that my husband has threatened to purchase a top loader in addition to the front loader. My husband is quite the handy man and has repaired all our previous washers; this was our first purchase in about 30 years. What I wouldn't do for an old sudsaver."

A while back I wrote about the man who discovered a lint filter located inside the lower front panel and how he got rid of the odor by simply cleaning this filter. The shame is that the manufacturer never wrote one word about this filter in their literature which leads to millions of consumers unaware of a simple solution. By the way, only certain models of these front loaders have this filter that can be cleaned. You may have to remove the lower front panel to see if you have one on your product.

I also mentioned smelly washer.com which sells a product proven

successful at getting rid of odors. I also talked about using less detergent than recommended and leaving the door open.

It is of my opinion — and not only mine — that you may never be satisfied with the smell of your washing machine or the clothes you wash. The Internet is filled with complaints and even though this washer can save a lot of money on energy consumption and water usage, many people today wish they had purchased an old-fashioned top load washing machine. It is totally wrong that an industry can design a new product, double the cost of it for consumers, promote it with advertising that creates a huge demand, sell it and have millions of dissatisfied homeowners. But it's legal and reminds me of how government works sometimes.

There are now top load washing machines available in stores which don't have a hot cycle for wash. Even though the dial may say "hot," the water for a hot wash will be no higher than 120 degrees. The person who's been washing clothes a certain way for the past 30 years will not appreciate the fact that the water is not hot enough to do the job she has been accustomed to. No more clean underwear (bacteria free) or whites that are white. Wait until you see how big a complaint factor this becomes.

This is all being done so the manufacturers can build a product that reaches a certain standard of energy savings which helps to sell the product to an unsuspecting consumer who wants to be a good citizen. Politicians should keep their fingers out of technical matters that require tools and dirty fingernails.

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 apldr@twimrr.com

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 The proper name for Lupus is Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or for short, S.L.E. The cause of S.L.E. is an inappropriate antibody response by the body to a constituent of the body itself. For a person to develop S.L.E. that individual needs to have an immune system predisposed to not completely recognizing the body's own cells. In S.L.E. an immune response to an outside irritant causes the immune system to make antibodies which react against both the irritant and the body itself.

Furthermore, the immune system continues to make antibodies to body cells after the original irritation is gone.

One feature of S.L.E. is that it attacks many parts of the body, that is why the condition is called Systemic L.E. Lupus can cause inflammation to the brain, lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, joints and skin. Doctors take advantage of this far reaching aspect of S.L.E. to make the diagnosis. To confirm the widespread nature of the patient's condition, doctors do a number of laboratory tests.

A popular test is the A.N.A. This marker reflects a response by the immune system that is characteristic of S.L.E. However, the A.N.A. test becomes positive after the body's exposure to a variety of insults such as infection, past antibiotic use, or following an allergic reaction. People often think a positive A.N.A. means they have S.L.E. but that is untrue. The hall mark of S.L.E. is inflammation involving several body organs and that occurrence is the focus of a physician's effort in diagnosis.

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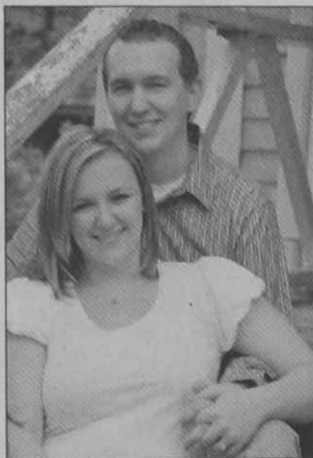
MILESTONES

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Lisa Kaput and Robert F. Keith announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Thomas and Linda Kaput of Prudenville, Michigan. Her fiancé is the son of Robert A. and Cynthia Keith of Canton. An August 2010 wedding is planned.

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Kristen Nicole Dobias and Craig Matthew Biehl announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Cathy and David Dobias of Canton, is a graduate of Salem High School in Canton. She also graduated from the College of Education and Honors College at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She holds a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, with an emphasis on literature, language and writing. She teaches 11th and 12th grade English classes at Columbus East High School in Columbus, Ind. Her fiancé, son of Barbara and Dennis Biehl of North Manchester, Ind., graduated from Northfield High School in Wabash, Ind. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology from the College



Dobias-Biehl

of Technology at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He works as a heavy duty service engineer for Cummins in Columbus, Ind. A July 2010 wedding is planned at Lyon Oaks Golf Course and Banquet Center in Wixom.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Carlee Rodriguez and Josh Churella of Ann Arbor announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Randy and Sandy Rodriguez of Plymouth, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and currently substitute teaches in elementary school. Her fiancé, son of Mark and Leslie Churella of Northville, graduated from the University of Michigan. He is director of operations for the University of Michigan wrestling team. An Oct. 15, 2010, wedding is planned at The Inn at St. Johns.



Rodriguez-Churella

WEDDING PLANNED FOR 2012



Gordon-Rzetelny

Farmington Hills residents Lainie Gordon and Ryan Rzetelny announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Lawrence Gordon of Ann Arbor and Laura Pearson of Ypsilanti, graduated from Lansing Community College and is employed by Out Back Steak House. Her fiancé, son of Randy and Kim Rzetelny of South Lyon, is the proprietor of Out Back Steak House in West Bloomfield. A September 2012 wedding is planned.

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED



Goodenow-Hovorka

Stacy Goodenow and Benjamin Hovorka announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Vincent and Rochelle Goodenow of LeRoy. Her fiancé is the son of Fred and Lori Hovorka of Plymouth. An August 2010 wedding is planned in LeRoy.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

FAMILY BUTTERFLY EVENT

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association offers crafts for children, a tour of the Butterfly Garden, a movie on Monarch Butterfly migration and a Butterfly Plant sale by Barson's Greenhouse of Westland, noon-3 p.m., Sunday, June 13 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. For questions call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com

RAISE BUTTERFLIES

Learn how to find butterfly eggs, how to care for them until mature butterflies are born, and how to nurture them in your yard, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA). The meeting starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. Meeting fee is \$3 for non-members. For more information call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

GROW IN FARMINGTON

The Chesley Street Community Garden in Farmington is accepting new gardeners. The garden is open to residents and business owners in the city of Farmington. Each 7-foot by 11-foot plot costs \$15 for one growing season. Rent a plot at the treasurer's department at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street. E-mail to info@growfarmington.org for more information.

Book signing, wine-tasting benefit animals

Ryan Newman, his wife Krissie Newman, and other NASCAR personalities will sign copies of their popular *Pit Road Pets* books from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Michigan International Speedway's Acceleration Club in Brooklyn. All proceeds will benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

The couple's original book, *Pit Road Pets: NASCAR Stars and Their Pets* offers an inside look at your favorite NASCAR drivers and how their furry friends impact their family lives. The newest addition to the series, *Pit Road Pets: NASCAR Stars and Their Pets, the Second Lap* takes readers even further into the heart of NASCAR by including more drivers as well as fans, television personalities, and behind-the-scenes workers, all with their beloved pets.

Only 400 tickets to the book signing will be distributed at



10 a.m., Friday, June 11, at the Pit Road Pets booth, located near the Kids Zone in the New Holland Fan Zone area at the speedway. To receive a ticket for the autograph session, participants must have a copy of one of the *Pit Road Pets* books on-hand. The newest edition of the book will be on sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the Pit Road Pets booth for \$24.95. Books can also be purchased at Newman's trackside

merchandise trailer or ordered online at www.ryannewman.org.

FUND-RAISER FOR GOLDENS

The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM) will host a "Night of Wine and Goldens" wine tasting event from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at The Oxford Inn, 1214 S. Main, Royal Oak. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$45 at the door. Space is limited and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

Guests will sample red and white award-winning dog-themed wines by Mutt Lynch Winery of California, including 2008 "Unleashed" Chardonnay, a gold-medal winner at the California State Fair Wine Competition. At the tasting, participants also will enjoy a selection of finger foods to complement the wines, a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle. Artist

and designer Link Wachler will be available to assist guests in designing custom LifeLinks jewelry. Partial proceeds from jewelry sales will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan. Rescued dogs will be on hand to provide unconditional love and affection.

"Funds raised through this first annual wine tasting will help cover the cost of food, shelter and medication for the homeless and displaced golden retrievers we rescue," stated Jeff Angell, treasurer of Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan. For more information or to donate silent auction items, e-mail Angell at grromtreasurer@gmail.com. To RSVP and order tickets by mail, send a check to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, P.O. Box 250583, Franklin, MI 48025. For more information about GRRoM, visit the organization's Web site at www.grrom.com.



Denny and Andrea Shorkey with their son, Jameson.

JAMESON RON SHORKEY

Jameson Ron Shorkey was born on April 11, 2010, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Denny and Andrea Shorkey of Redford Township.

Grandparents are Dennis and Patricia Shorkey of Redford Township and Ron and Cheryl Graunstadt of Westland. Great-grandparents are Winnie Shorkey of Kissimmee, Fla., Delores Graunstadt of Westland and Don (Jerry) Mushinski of Dearborn Heights.

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MARY ALLEN

Age 84. The Villages, FL. Formerly of Detroit, Livonia and Howell, MI area. Died May 10, 2010. Mrs. Allen was a devoted wife of late husband Frank, mother of deceased son Jim. Mrs. Allen was a Real Estate Agent before retiring to FL. Survivors include sons, Robert, Brian, Frank Jr. and Greg. Daughter Patricia and son-in-law Robert. Also cats Lilli Bell and Nikki, Nikki, who she rescued. A memorial mass will be held this Sat. June 5, 2010 at Orchard Lake of St. Mary's Catholic Church, 11am. Donations to benefit abused animals All Creatures Sanctuary, PO Box 723, Oklawaha, FL 32183. Mrs. Allen was buried at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Online condolences at: beyersfuneralhome.com

DONNA MAY HODGES

Of Howell died June 3, 2010 in the loving care of her family. She was 76 years old. Donna was preceded in death by Frederick her beloved husband & best friend for over 60 years. She is survived by her loving children Kelly (Shelby) Perkins, Ken (Dawn) Hodges, Brenda (Tom) Goring and Jill Lynn (Dan) Colfer; dear grandchildren Tony (Tera) Horvath, Brian (Kara) Horvath, McKenna (Jason) Laurie, Shannon (Jeff) Geldhof, & Cally Perkins, Joshua (Tammy) Goring & Darek Goring, Melessa, Maggie, Jacob, Zachary Hodges and Natalie & Emily Colfer; adored great-grandchildren Micah, Josiah, Avery & Renaya Horvath, Addison & Malachi Horvath and Ella Perkins; sisters Kathleen Nieto & LaVonne Gass. Also survived by extended family members and dear friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, Sunday 4-8 PM and will continue Monday 10 AM until time of Service. Funeral Service Monday 12 Noon. Brian R. Horvath will officiate. Memorial contributions encouraged to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For further information, please call Lynch & Sons at 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

CLARENCE J. LAWRENCE

Age 89, May 31, 2010 of Westland. Beloved husband of Phyllis. Loving father of Linda Schuler, Carol Thomas, Sharon (Glenn) Roberts, Susan Ehrmantraut and the late Cynthia Hendricks. Proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren. Family & friends gathered Thursday 2 PM until 4 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. Memorial Contributions to the Disabled American Vets would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

FRANCES TOTH

May 26, 2010; Age 69 Of Troy, Mother of Jennifer Howe. Services June 3 at Noon in White Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by: Simple Funerals, (248) 227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

In Memory Of

MARION AGNES ADAMS BUNT AND FLOYD WALTER GORDON BUNT

Marion Agnes Adams Bunt (1916-2010) and Floyd Walter Gordon Bunt (1910-1999) - Internment Services will be held at the Adams-Wakeham-Bunt family gravesite, Lakeside Cemetery, 3663 Tenth Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan (810/984-9708) on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, at the Lakeside Cemetery Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Bunt are survived by their four children: Floyd W. Bunt, Jr. (Nancy Macduff), MaryElizabeth A. (Harlan) Bunt, Terrence L. Bunt (Amelia) and Theodore J. Bunt (Elizabeth); eight surviving grandchildren: Laura M. Bunt, David M. Bunt, Jennifer-Lynn E. (Harlan) Leo, James-Michael G. Harlan, Susanna-Elizabeth K. Bunt-Harlan, Christopher-Matthew G. Bunt, Tyndall M. Bunt and Travis M. Bunt; great-grandchild Gabriel Bunt; and sister-in-law Lois Marie Boman Adams (wife of Lewis Richard Adams, Jr. 1919-2007) and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Please contact MaryElizabeth A. Bunt if you have any questions at: 616/575-2079

In Memory Of



DONALD KRAFT CURRIE May 30, 1931 - June 7, 2004 from Melanoma

This ain't no time for the weary kind This ain't no time to lose your mind This ain't no time to fall behind Pick up crazy heart and give it one more try. With love always, Leni, your wife, Jim, Matt (Leslie), Dan, our sons, Owen Kraft Currie, our grandson.

Thanks for taking care of Jan.

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JASPER 'JAY' CACIOPPO

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy. Brother of the late Russell and Nick. Dear uncle of David Cacioppo, Diane Schmitt, Laurie Patterson and Cathy Johnson. Memorial Service Friday, June 11, 7pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Friday 3-9pm. Family requests memorials to Hernando Pasco Hospice or American Cancer Society. Please visit and post a note of condolence at: www.uhtfh.com

JEAN MARIE COGILL

Age 79, June 2, 2010 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Dear mother of Katherine (John) Karolski, Andrew, and the late Bonnie. Past President and current Director of the League of Women Voters - Livonia Chapter, active in the Greenmead Historical Society. Teacher, counselor, and administrator for Livonia Public Schools. Services will be private. For further information or sympathy cards, contact Manns - Ferguson Funeral Home (734) 425-1800.



LORRAINE RHEA JEFFE

84 of Oro Valley, Arizona, and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on May 27, 2010, after a courageous 21-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Lorraine was born on February 24, 1926, in Fargo North Dakota, where she spent her childhood. After graduating in 1947 from Northwestern University, Lorraine became a social worker in Chicago. She moved to the Detroit area in 1950. In the 1980s, she returned to school and earned her master's degree in marriage and family counseling, and found work with underprivileged children to be especially rewarding. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Lorraine was very active in a wide variety of organizations. Especially interested in the promotion of local, state and federal government improvements, Lorraine served as a board member of the Bloomfield Hills chapter of the League of Women Voters, and was a leader in advancing the Constitutional Convention that modernized the Michigan state constitution. Lorraine also worked on behalf of a variety of health, educational, and religious organizations, and served at one time as the president of the Birmingham Unitarian Church. During the last 20 years of her life, Lorraine was an indefatigable leader in the fight to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. A long-time board member of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, Lorraine received the prestigious Louis J. Fishman award for outstanding advocacy on behalf of Parkinson's. Senator Paul Wellstone and Representative Mark Udall made the presentation in Washington, D.C. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 61 years, Sidney; her son, Robert A. Jaffe of Greenwich, Connecticut and New York City; her daughter, Leslie A. Jaffe of Las Vegas and New York City; her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Jaffe; and her two grandchildren, Alison Walsh and Peter Jaffe. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Keep your skin healthy, get a free screening close to home

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with 3.5 million cases in more than 2 million people diagnosed annually. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer. The Skin Cancer Foundation offers these prevention tips for staying healthy in as summer:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest. An extra rule of thumb is the "shadow rule." If your shadow is shorter than you are, ultraviolet (UV) exposure is high; if your shadow is longer, the UV exposure is lower.
- Do not burn. Sunburns are serious and should be avoided at all costs. A person's risk for skin cancer doubles if he or she had had five or more sunburns at any point in life. Not only can they significantly increase your chances of getting skin cancer, but severe burns can make you ill. For severe burns, you should see your doctor.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths. Ultraviolet radiation from tanning machines is cancer-causing to humans. Indoor UV tanners are 74 percent more likely to develop melanoma than those who have never tanned indoors. Additionally, the more time a person has spent tanning indoors, the higher the risk.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For proper UVB protection

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends using SPF 30 when spending extended time outdoors. For effective UVA protection, select products that also contain some combination of avobenzone, oxybenzone, mexoryl, zinc oxide and titanium dioxide.

- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating. This means that a 6 ounce bottle of sunscreen offers two full days of sun protection for prolonged outdoor activity.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses. Clothing can be your most effective form of sun protection, so make the most of it with densely woven and bright- or dark- colored fabrics, which offers the best defense. The more skin you cover, the better, so choose long sleeves and long pants whenever possible.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months. Children are extremely vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation. Just one severe sunburn in childhood doubles the chances of developing melanoma later in life.
- Examine your skin from head-to-toe every month. While self-exams shouldn't replace the important annual

skin exam performed by a physician, they offer the best chance of detecting the early warning signs of skin cancer. If you notice any change in an existing mole or discover a new one that looks suspicious, see a physician immediately. To find out more about how to spot a skin cancer and for information on self-exams, visit www.SkinCancer.org/selfexamination.

• See your physician every year for a professional skin exam. Check www.SkinCancer.org/tour to keep tabs on when the Skin Cancer Foundation's Road to Healthy Skin Tour will be in your area. The Tour provides free, full-body skin exams by local dermatologists. The tour will stop in Michigan this week. Look for it from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 9-10 at Rite Aid, 2971 W. Maple, Troy; 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, June 11, at Rite Aid, 37399 Six Mile, Livonia; and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Rite Aid, 2980 Packard, Ann Arbor. Screenings are first-come, first-served.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is committed to educating the public and medical professionals about sun safety. As leaders in the fight against skin cancer, the Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. For more information, visit www.skincancer.org.



Physician honored

On May 19, colleagues, hospital officials and family were on hand at the annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician's Service Awards Dinner to help Dr. Herbert Mendelson, M.D., (middle with tie) celebrate 45 years of service at St. Mary Mercy Hospital including (from left) hospital Chief of Staff Prasad Mikkilineni, M.D.; and members of the Mendelson family including son, Stephen Mendelson, M.D., holding his daughter, Shira Mendelson; Ben Mendelson (standing in front of his dad, Stephen); Herbert Mendelson, David Mendelson, M.D., son; Alice Mendelson, M.D., daughter-in-law; Ella Mendelson (standing in front of her mother, Alice); and David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy. The Mendelsons are of the Mendelson Orthopedics in the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

U-M researches Parkinson's

University of Michigan researchers are a step closer to understanding how medications affect learning in patients with early-stage Parkinson's disease.

The research, published in the *Journal of Neurophysiology* shows that patients are better able to learn tasks necessary for adapting to their disease — how to button their shirt differently or how to use a cane or walker for steadiness — when they are not medicated during early stages of the learning process. This is particularly true for early-stage Parkinson's patients.

Most Parkinson's patients suffer from four main symptoms: Tremors, stiffness or rigidity of the limbs and trunk, slow movement, and impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced and the disease progresses, patients may have difficulty walking, talking, or completing other simple tasks and often require physical therapy to help them learn how to manage.

Previous research showed that Parkinson's patients performed learning tasks better off medications than on medications, but

U-M researcher Rachael Seidler was particularly interested in the effects of medication early in the learning process. Parkinson's disease often affects the upper region of the brain first, gradually working its way down to the lower region of the brain, where learning sequences of actions takes place. Normally, the brain relies on the chemical dopamine for communication between its parts. In people with Parkinson's disease, reduced levels of dopamine hamper such communication. Several drugs currently used in Parkinson's treatment boost dopamine, but some of these medications can "overdose" unaffected regions of the brain, interfering with learning.

Seidler and colleagues figured that patients would learn new sequences better and faster when "off" medication early in the learning process. The researchers expected this to be particularly true of patients with early-stage Parkinson's, because the lower parts of their brains would not yet be affected by the disease.

The study tested Parkinson's patients over two days, both on

and off medication. Healthy people with no neurological impairments also were tested for comparison. The Parkinson's patients stopped taking their regular dose of dopamine-boosting medication 12 to 18 hours before testing.

All subjects in the study were given a learning task that involved pressing a key in response to something flashed on a computer screen. Participants also were instructed to press the appropriate button as fast as possible when an "X" appeared, and to press the key in a specific sequential pattern. Different sequences were tested over the two-day period to assess new sequence-learning behaviors, the idea being that as patients learned the sequences, they would become faster at pressing the appropriate buttons.

Seidler and colleagues found that Parkinson's patients off medication responded exactly like healthy controls, while patients on medication showed clear signs of impairment. The researchers concluded that dopamine overdosing in healthy parts of the brain indeed hampers early stages of sequence learning.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Audra Frye, from Arden Courts Assisted Living, will be the speaker at 7 p.m., June 9 at a program, Building Mental Muscle, that will teach how to "exercise" your mind to improve or maintain cognitive skills and memory. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation open to the public. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabe-

tes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for information. The hospital is at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

• 15th Annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital "Tee It Up" Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 21, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Proceeds will support a new initiative at St. Mary Mercy Hospital - a new Senior Emergency Center. This funding will assist in providing special equipment, staff training and create a healing envi-

ronment to accommodate the needs of elderly patients. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts, one at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1 p.m. Individual Par Golf Package is \$350 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. Package includes beverages and refreshments at the turn; breakfast and lunch for morning golfers and afternoon golfers will receive lunch prior to golf, followed by cocktails and dinner after the turn around. To register, call (734) 655-2980, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.



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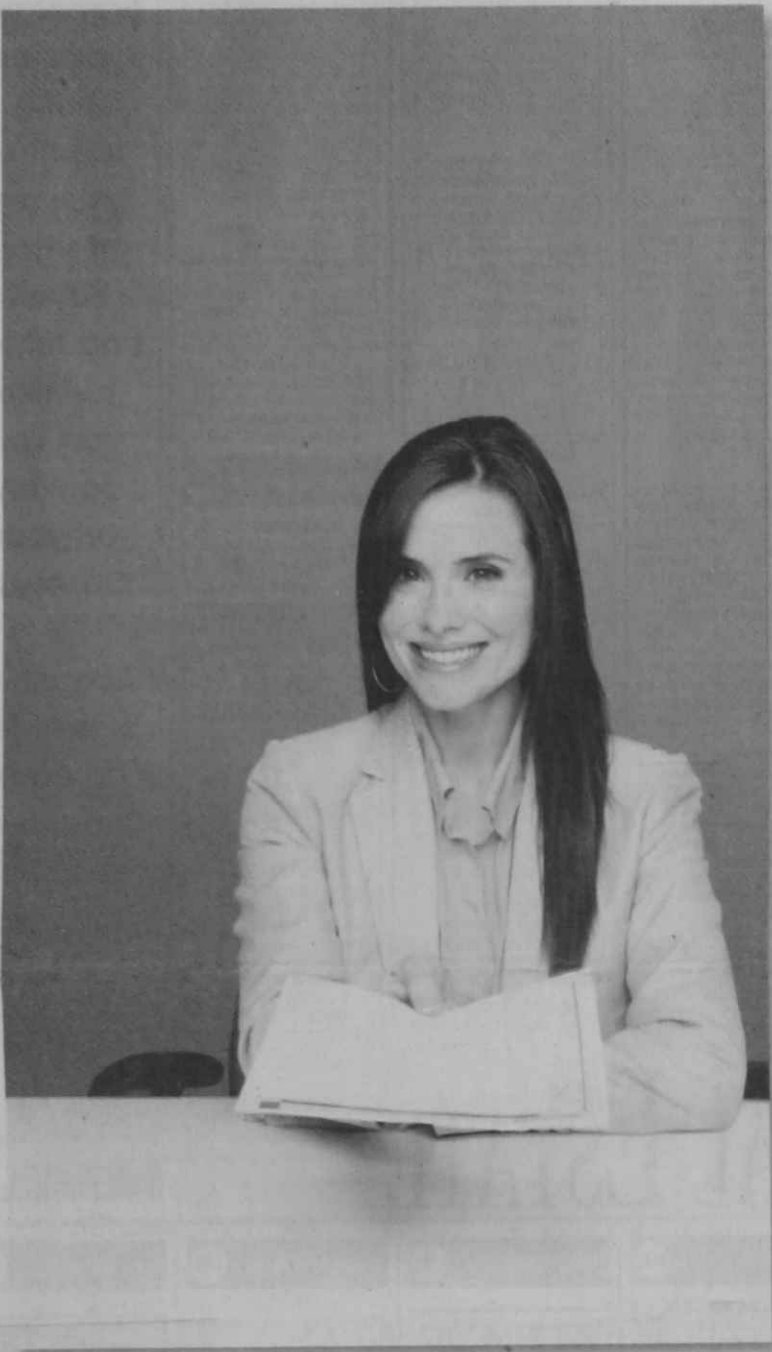
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Throughout the résumé, aim for action. Using words like "I was responsible for..." don't get to the heart of your abilities. Be specific about accomplishments, punctuating them with hard numbers — increased production, sales figures — where applicable. Use details to explain your work story. A résumé isn't just about what you've done, but about what you have learned, achieved and produced.

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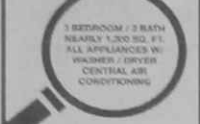
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Everyone dreams of having the finer things in life. You know, the things you secretly long for — the \$1 million cars and the supersized homes you see in the pages of Robb Report Magazine and on popular TV shows like MTV Cribs.

The Rolls-Royce falls in that wish for category: you may not ever buy a Rolls-Royce, but isn't it fun to imagine that one day you'll actually own one, even if you've got a caviar appetite on a champagne budget?

You can't get any more luxurious than the Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupe. Launched at the 2007 North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January, the Phantom Drophead is the second new model from Rolls-Royce since BMW acquired the luxury marque in 1998.

It was well worth the wait. The two-door, four seat convertible stands apart from the classic Rolls-Royce design. It's built using a lightweight, all-aluminum frame for ultimate technology and a streamlined body. But there are unmistakable Rolls-Royce cues — the long bonnet, long wheels and short front and long rear overhangs.

What's amazing about the Phantom is that Rolls-Royce made the Drophead coupe practical and pleasing to the eye. No wood-like grain and chrome-like materials here. The Phantom has hand-crafted wood, leather, chrome and brushed steel throughout.

The coupe isn't simply a Phantom with the top removed; it's unique, with new

exterior panels. The rakish front end and the sweeping rear create an elegant and classy vehicle. Inside, Rolls-Royce tried to keep the design as natural as possible with brushed steel and teak backdrops in favor of heavily-manipulated finishes.

The Phantom Drophead is more than a typical convertible. It has front coach doors — unique to Rolls-Royce — that make getting in and out of the car easier. A rakish grille finished in steel matches the Drophead's steel bonnet and A-pillar.

A more streamlined front end caps off the Drophead, with slim LED side lights and large round driving lights and an integrated front bumper melding into the design. A camera built underneath the front of the car gives drivers a split-screen view of the road thanks to an on-board monitor.

Just because you own a convertible doesn't mean that you should have substantially less space. A picnic boot on the Drophead affords access to the luggage rack and allows two adults to sit comfortably. There's enough space back there to hold here sets of golf clubs, and the 11 cubic feet of space remains even if the hood is raised or closed.

The rear hood cover is decked in teak, with a special process used to make the wood look as natural and as hand-finished as possible. More than 30 pieces of teak are built into each deck, bathed in a special formula of oils for protection.

Again, this isn't your average convertible.



Phantom Drophead Coupe is awesome luxury on wheels.

Rolls-Royce claims the brushed steel hood of the Drophead is the largest of any recent convertible. The fabric roof is lined with a cashmere blend and five layers of insulation between occupants and the outside of the vehicle. Simply stunning.

Inside, the seats are smooth, with no ridges, to wipe moisture off in case it rains. Seatbelts are mounted on the seats, with seat airbags giving occupants added protection. The driver's seats are positioned higher for the driver to see over the Drophead's long bonnet, and curved seats in the rear make the rear passenger compartment more spacious.

The Drophead's sound system is unmatched with 15-speakers for listening enjoyment.

The Phantom's chassis is one of the strongest in any convertible today. Much of the Phantom's strength comes from its triangle-shaped A-pillar struts that extend to the floor of the car. Additional aluminum support, as well as wider sills, make the Drophead even stronger.

The rear frame has a rollover protection system that is activated from the rear head restraints during an accident. The Drophead is designed to absorb the shock of accidents with its special construction. Crumple zones are built into the chassis and understructure and strong side sills and side impact bars in each door give added protection for a vehicle that Rolls-Royce calls among the safest convertibles on the market.

More than 13,000 new parts were used in

the Drophead, adding to the coupe's lightweight yet strong aluminum frame that make driving the coupe a unique driving experience. A lower center of gravity, a smaller wheelbase and a stiffer body produce a comfortable ride, while new spring dampers and lighter anti-roll bars make the Drophead agile as ever.

The Drophead is powered by a 6.75-liter, V-12 engine with 453 horsepower and 531-lb feet of torque. The engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission that goes from 0 to 60 mph in under six seconds and a top speed of 140 mph.

When you spend this type of money on a car, you expect the best. Rolls-Royce tested the Drophead in a variety of climate conditions such as the deserts of Death Valley, Calif., and the Namibian desert, and the cold winters of Scandinavia.

More than 350 hours of labor are spent crafting each Drophead. More than a month is spent preparing, matching, shaping and finishing the wood on each vehicle. All this starting at \$407,000.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures auto critic Tenisha Mercer at avanti1054@aol.com.

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