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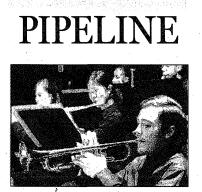
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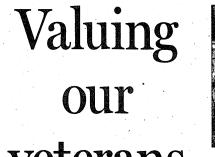
Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn takes the baton for the Celebration Youth Orchestras next season.

# CYO leader The Plymouth Canton

Symphony Society announced award-winning Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn will take the baton and lead the Celebration Youth Orchestra next season.

The Celebration Youth Orchestras are the youth ensembles supported by the **Plymouth Canton Symphony** Society. The CYO are dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of original repertoire. All ensembles are open by audition. Auditions for next season will be held at Evola Music in Canton June 12; visit www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org for audition information.

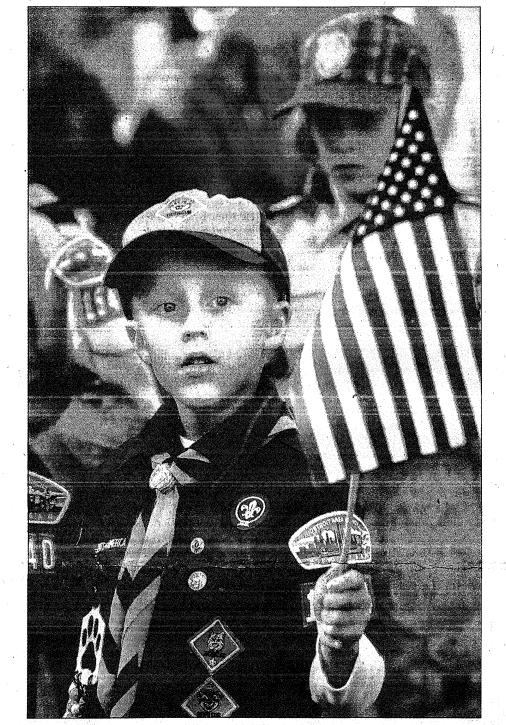
Winner of 17 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming, Washburn is concluding her 10th season as the music director of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton. Before moving to Michigan, Washburn served as artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra, music director of Orchestra Sonoma, the Camellia Symphony, San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra and the principal conductor of the Channel Islands Symphony, the Acalanes Chamber Orchestra, and the American Jazz Theater.



# veterans



The crowd lining Main Street stands with applause for the Vietnam Veterans.



# Six in the mix for city commission

• **BY MATT JACHMAN** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three challengers — a former commissioner and two first-time office-seekers — will join three incumbents in this fall's Plymouth City Commission race.

With only six candidates for four spots on the seven-member commission, no city primary is needed. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Mayor Phil Pursell is term-limited and not in the race.

The contest comes at a time when Plymouth faces budget pressures due to declining state aid and a continuing drop in property values, which is expected to result in a decrease in tax collections.

"Given the economic climate, it is important to have experienced individuals who care deeply about moving Plymouth forward," said Commissioner Stella Greene, via e-mail, when asked why she is seeking re-election. "I have a proven record of fiscal responsibility."

Greene, the executive director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, is seeking her fifth elected commission term. She was appointed to fill a vacancy in 1992, has won four elections and served two years as mayor. She took a two-year break from the commission because of term limits.

The other incumbents in the race are Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Gerald Sabatini. Dan Dwyer, a former commissioner and mayor, is seeking to return, and educator John Barrett and business consultant Tracy Hewitt are making their first bids for elected office.

Loiselle, an accountant and stockbroker with a local firm, has been a commissioner for 22 years, nonconsecutively, including two years as mayor, and served on the Planning Commission before that. Like others, he mentioned budgeting as a major concern,

# Calling crafters

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail, with 10-foot by 10-foot spaces costing \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30.

All other vendors are awarded spots on a first-come basis. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival. com or for more information email Colleen Brown cbrown57@ comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cub Scout Cole Hoover belongs to Pack 1540 at Isbister Elementary.

# Annual parade lets spectators pay their respects

**BY BRAD KADRICH** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Air Force veteran Dale Luebke, who served from 1963-67, called the feeling "warm" that came over him and his fellow veterans as their Vietnam Veterans of America chapter led off the annual Plymouth Memorial Day parade to the applause of a standing ovation from spectators lining the streets.

If that's the case, there was plenty of warmth to go around on a cool Memorial Day morning, as the thousands of spectators who lined the streets applauded and cheered the veterans — along with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and band members — who marched down Main Look for the Memorial Day photo gallery online at hometownlife.com

Street in a parade that looked, for a fleeting moment, as though it might not happen.

"I've been carrying this banner for several years now, and I feel an honor about it," Luebke said. "It (the applause) is very special. It sends a warmness all the way through your body."

The parade, sponsored by the community's two American Legion Posts, the Vietnam vets and the VFW, featured all of those veterans groups, plus their aux-

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and he touted financial skills and commission experience.

"I have a lot of inside knowledge, I guess. Pretty involved in the community," he said.

Sabatini, a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co., said he's been a voice on the commission for residents and business owners. He is a former planning board and Zoning Board of Appeals member and is

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle will seek re-election, while former Mayor Dan Dwyer will seek a return to the commission after sitting out a term due to term limits.

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Cookout raises fireworks funds

**BY MATT JACHMAN** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Picnic Basket, a neighborhood market and delicatessen, has provided food and drink for thousands of parties, picnics and cookouts during its 21 years in Plymouth Township.

Now, the store is turning the tables by hosting a barbecue of its own — with the purpose of supporting a community event at a time when finding donors is difficult.

The Picnic Basket's barbecue is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday outside the store on Ann Arbor Road. For \$2, participants will get a hot dog or a hamburger, plus chips and a soft drink. Owner Al Jonna says he'll donate the proceeds to the Plymouth Community

Fireworks, and write a check to match whatever is raised.

"It's a nice thing. People like it," said Jonna of the fireworks, which were revived last July after an absence of more than a decade. "It brings the town together," and anything that unites people is a good thing, he said.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards brought the fireworks back last year with the help of more than \$20,000 in donations and without spending township funds, and Jonna was one of the sponsors then. "The economy wasn't great last year. It's awful now," said Edwards, who nevertheless is confident he can raise the minimum needed for a Friday, July 3, fireworks show at Plymouth Township Park. Marking the Fourth of July

with a public event is important, Edwards said.

"We're celebrating our independence. I think you have to give the people something on Independence Day, even in bad times," he said.

Edwards expects \$1,500 to \$2,000 to come from Saturday's cookout, and said some donors have already come through and that he was working Wednesday to land a \$5,000 gift from a major corporate sponsor.

Edwards praised Jonna for stepping up again. It's the donors and volunteers who make the fireworks possible, he said.

"I think he's doing a very good thing," Edwards said. "He's community-minded."

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to solicit ideas from residents.

"In the last 15 years, the city's

"Either we believe in plan-ning or we don't. Why plan on

the cheap?" said Commissioner

Wright also objected to not

consulting with the planning

board about the move; Hewitt said the Planning Commission

had not been informed of the

David Workman in voting

Wright joined Commissioner

against the cut. Voting yes were

Commissioners Ron Loiselle,

Stella Greene, Ed Hingelberg

and Gerald Sabatini, who was

a planning board member in

1995 when the group took up

what he called an "extensive"

Loiselle, who is seeking

sion. The planning board's

re-election, defended the deci-

more extensive review process,

- if the city could afford it. He

called the budget cut "a sign of

Loiselle said, would be "great"

master plan review.

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proposed budget cut.

really changed," she said. Hewitt had allies on the City

Commission.

Michael Wright.

# **AROUND PLYMOUTH**

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife. com

# Bottle drive

Local residents can save themselves the hassle of returning cans and bottles and support the Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon Team at the same time by donating returnables to the Canton Chiefettes during their spring bottle drive on Saturday, May 30.

The Chiefettes will travel around neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton school district from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to collect returnable bottles and cans. Supporters can also drop off their returnable bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information contact Chiefette parent, Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast. net.

# Hike for Hope

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

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

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



# **Municipal mania**

More than 125 people turned out as the City of Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services recently held its first open house in an effort to let residents know more about what the department does. Children and their parents were able to climb in and out of municipal equipment and vehicles, see how they operate and learn more about services the department offers.

pate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115 or visit the center's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net

### Blood drive

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet sponsors a blood drive 1:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. The dealership is located at 40875 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-4600 to make

# Tiger trip

an appointment.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the firstbase dugout.

A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. If July 6 doesn't work, the museum also has tickets and a luxury coach reserved for the Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The Museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the admin-

istrative office on Mondays, but call (734) 455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's website at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html.

#### **Book signing**

Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin autographs copies of her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," at the Westland Borders Express 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 31.

The event will provide Borders customers with the opportunity to purchase copies of her three published books. She'll be autographing her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History,' and, her books, "Cheryl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer," a slice of life vignette and mini writing guide which was released in 2008, and her poetry book, "Woman Reclining" that was published in May 2006.

She'll also be autographing her books at the Waldenbooks & More in Saginaw 1-3 p.m. June 13, 2-4 p.m. June 20 at the Borders Express in Novi, inside of Twelve Oaks Mall and at the Southgate Borders Express, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

She's also the owner of Pero

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Inc., a full service writing, tutoring, instructional design, consulting, photography, editing, and, publishing company. Her phone number is (734) 397-1626; or e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net

# Day camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army is accepting applications for its 2009 Summer Day Camp.

The program will run for nine weeks, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 15-Aug. 14. Applications are available in the business office located at 9451 South Main St., in Plymouth.

The summer program will consist of field trips, structured recreation, character building, and crafts. Pre-care and aftercare are made available for working families. In recognition of current economic hardships, weekly rates of \$55 have not been increased. An application fee of \$10 will be necessary to secure a spot. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying families and proof of income will be required. Interested parties wishing to underwrite scholarships may contact Major Pat Irvine at The Salvation Army.

For details, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

# **Barbecue contestants**

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus are looking for contestants for their BBQ Cookoff (Chicken and Ribs) scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Interested contestants can call Steve for further information at (734) 546-8756.

#### Summer camps

**Plymouth-Canton Community Education is** offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

# City cuts budget for master plan review

#### BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Plymouth Planning Commission fell victim to the budget ax last week when \$12,000 set aside for a review. of the city's master plan was

City officials said the cut, approved by a 4-2 City Commission vote on May 18, was a reaction to the loss of nearly \$37,000 in state revenue the fiscal year, which ends July 1. But a planning board member argued the move would be

"It's a bad public policy decision to ask the Planning Commission to bear a disproportionate share of the cuts," Tracy Hewitt, a candidate for the City Commission, told commissioners before the vote.

was being undertaken in order to meet a state requirement amount merely to an updating of the city's land-use map.

detailed review process, including a public forum designed

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seeking his third commission term.

Sabatini said he wants to help find solutions to continuing budget challenges without compromising services.

"I have a good understanding of city government and zoning and planning regulations," he said in an e-mail. "Serving the community defines who I am as a person and as responsible citizen and leader in the communitv.'

Hewitt works for Business Insights and consults with area companies to help them use data in making decisions. She is a current member of the Planning Commission and the Zor



Stella Greene

recently, Dwyer said that would be a priority for him if he is elected.

The issue is "worth studying," Dwyer said. "There've got to be some savings."

Barrett is the principal at Farmington High School and is retiring this year after a 42-year career there, including 11 years as principal.

He said his work as an me educator, in an environment of constant change, gave him skills he can bring to the commission, and that the city must adapt to change. He cited FHS's place as one of the top high schools in the state and one that is regularly recognized by the magazine Newsweek. 'That's because we are open to change," Barrett said. "Things aren't going to stay the same. They can't stay the same." Barrett said he loves downtown Plymouth's dynamism and what he called the city's renaissance, and that he wants to help the city continue to thrive. The top three vote-getters in November will win fouryear terms, while the fourthplace finisher will win a two-year term. The winners take office the week after the election, and the mayor is chosen by fellow commissioners to chair the group's meetings. The deadline to enter the race was Tuesday, May 12.



**Gerald Sabatini** 

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**City Manager Paul Sincock** said the master plan review for such a review, which could

Hewitt argued for a more

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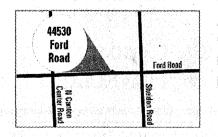
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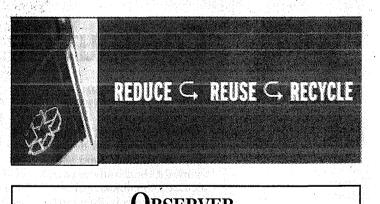
policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and said that gave her insights she can apply in Plymouth. She said she wants to bring a fresh perspective to the commission.

"I love policy. I love the challenges of it," she said. "I love working for the people."

Dwyer, a commissioner for eight years, is the administrator for the Washtenaw County Trial Court, a combined circuit and probate court. He's also worked as a state prison administrator, and said his experience with municipal budgets and forming partnerships in government would serve him well on a return to the commission. He said he wants to help the city in a time of change, especially budgetary changes.

As a commissioner, Dwyer had pushed for a regional fire department. With talk of such a department rekindled

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# Canton gets 2 more charter schools PARADE

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton Township will soon be home to three charter schools.

National Heritage Academies will open its second charter school in Canton - Achieve Charter Academy - in time for the 2009-2010 school year, and the waiting list is a long one.

"We held our lottery in March for 561 students," said Claudia Williamson, principal at Achieve. "We have 876 on the waiting list trying and insulation, and getting to get in."

Williamson was the founding principal at Canton Charter Academy, located at Ford and Ridge roads, when it opened in September first day of school on Sept. 2000. The waiting list has continually been so long school officials attempted to expand on the same property. The plan wasn't approved by township officials, so National Heritage Academies decided to open a had its roots in Detroit second school at Denton and Geddes roads.

"We've had more than a thousand children on the waiting list at Canton Charter Academy for several years," said Williamson. "The bulk of them are from the Plymouth-Canton school district. The next biggest

grouping is from Van Buren Schools.

The NHA model is to open with grades kindergarten through fifth, and then add a grade each year until the school becomes k-8. Williamson said because of the demand, Achieve - which is chartered by Grand Valley State University - will open as a K-6 school.

"The building is erect and the brick work on the outside has been completed,' Williamson said. "Inside they're putting up dry wall ready to lay the asphalt and concrete for driveways and the parking lot.

"We'll be in the building by late July and open for the 8," she said.

Cathy Henkenberns is now principal at Canton Charter Academy, which is chartered by Central Michigan University.

Universal Academy has near the Dearborn border - since 1998, with approximately 450 students in grades k-12. Superintendent Nawal Hamadeh said the school, chartered by Oakland University, focuses on the Michigan core curriculum standards and international cultures.

"With emphasis on the Arabic culture; preservation of our own culture and assimilation in the American culture," said Hamadeh, who noted the new school will add pre-kindergarten. "For the most part, our students have a middle eastern background. However, enrollment is open to the public and we would love to have students from everywhere.

"We've been looking for years and not been able to find a suitable facility to house our programs and students," she said. "We want to have a complete program with an athletic field, a gymnasium, bigger media center and science and computer labs." The 66,000-squarefoot, single-story school will be located on Cherry Hill Road, between Canton Center and Beck roads. The school is expected to be constructed in time for the 2010-2011 school year.

"We found Canton has more properties available that will allow for new construction," Hamadeh said. "The middle eastern community is growing in the Canton area and there's a need for a program like ours.

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iliaries, along with a variety of Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. At the ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park, the Village Voice singers — a select part of the BeckRidge Chorale - led the crowd in the national anthem and God Bless America.

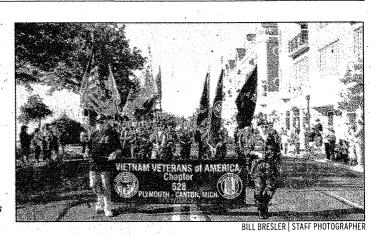
Stephen Monaghan, commander of American Legion Post 112, made sure everyone understood why they were there.

"Today we honor all fallen men and women from all wars," Monaghan said. "Memorial Day is a day for remembering all men and women who have died, but especially those who've died in battle. We must never forget those who died for us, so that we could enjoy days like today."

It was a theme echoed by guest speaker Lt. Col Ted Wells, a Marine Corps reservist from Terre Haute, Ind., who serves his duty at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Wells served in both the Persian Gulf and Iraqi wars and said military men and women who "stepped to the plate" to make a difference knew what they were getting into.

"Everyone who wanted to help out knew the dangers," Wells said. "They understood



The local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America led the 2009 Memorial Day Parade along Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park in front of **Central Middle School.** 

that one day we might be standing here in honor of them."

In addition to challenging the young people in the audience to learn and understand more about the veterans, Monaghan thanked the Plymouth Lions Club, which took up the mantra of fund raising to pay the assorted costs of putting on the parade.

But Doug Hincker, president of the Plymouth Lions Club, said taking on that task was a no-brainer.

"We couldn't imagine letting a small thing like money stop us from having a parade," Hincker said. "Many of us are veterans. This is about our community."

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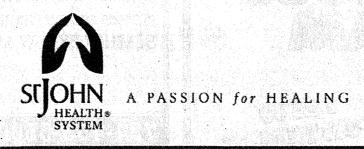
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# Vehicles fall prey to burglaries, vandalism

Automobiles parked around Plymouth Township were targeted for vandalism and burglaries in recent days, township police reports say.

Stereo equipment was reported stolen Saturday from two cars, a Ford Focus and a Mazda 3,

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parked in a lot at the Heritage

that had been

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Drive Apartments on Heritage Drive. A police report said the theft occurred between 2:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. A window had been broken on each car

# Stereo stolen

In another burglary, stereo equipment was reported stolen Friday from a 2001 Ford Ranger pickup parked in the driveway of a house on Morgan.

Another vehicle in the same driveway had been rifled through, the complainant told police. The complainant said both vehicles had likely been left unlocked and that the incident had occurred on the night of May 21.

# Vandals strike

In an episode of vandalism, a man told police on Tuesday that his Oldsmobile Bravada had been "keyed" while parked outside his house on Chandler Drive. The vandalism had occurred some time between midnight Friday and 11 a.m. Tuesday, the man told police.

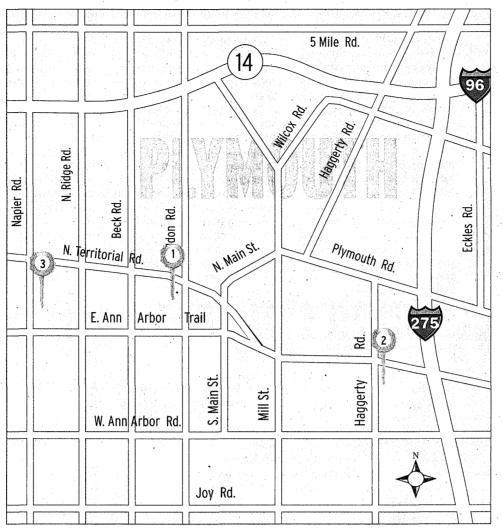
According to a police report, an officer found that not only had the car been scratched in several places, including on a tinted window, but that a door had been dented, an interior door panel pulled off and thrown in the street, and a window mechanism broken, as the window was part-way down and could not be raised or lowered.

By Matt Jachman

### **FIRE RUNS**

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 20-26:

• Tuesday, May 26 - Residential rescue runs on Elmhurst, on Clemons, on Sheridan, on Riveroaks, on Eaton, on Marlowe and on Haggerty; rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; vehicle accident (with wash-down) on



westbound M-14 west of Sheldon; special run on Hartsough; vehicle accident on westbound M-14 ramp to southbound I-275.

• Monday, May 25 - Vehicle accident on Mill; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Eastside, on Newport, on Haggerty, on A Drive and on Linden; rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; wash-down on northbound I-275 at I-96.

• Sunday, May 24 - residential rescue run and investigation on Newport; residential rescue runs on Concord, on Hackberry, on Russell and on Byron; special run on Northville Road.

• Saturday, May 23 - Residential rescue runs on Roe, on Five Mile, on Hartsough and on Ann Arbor Road; special runs on southbound I-275 at

Ann Arbor Road and on Haggerty.

• Friday, May 22 - Residential rescue runs on Morrison and on Newport; mutual-aid-given run on Fieldstone; mutual-aid-received runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Haggerty and on Plymouth Road; commercial rescue run on Cherry.

• Thursday, May 21 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Dewey, on Burroughs, on Haggerty and on Harvey; downed wires on North Territorial west of Sheldon; vehicle accident on Main; rescue runs at eastbound M-14 and Sheldon and at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

• Wednesday, May 20 - Residential rescue runs on Blunk, on Haggerty, on Northville Road, on Westbury, on Parkview and on Newport; fire on Chandler Drive.

# Splash into summer water safety for kids

#### BY TOM KIURSKI

ach year, more than 800 children drown in the United States. It happens in backyard pools, lakes and ponds, as you would expect. It also happens in places you may not expect, like puddles and bathtubs. Let's take a look at some safety tips that we can take into the summer months where water is in the plans. It doesn't take long for children to drown, and they

do so quickly and silently. The key is adult supervision



Tom Kiurski

when children are near water. Adults are often close by but get distracted from their duties. Take supervision seriously and make sure a phone is nearby to call for help in case it is needed.

Children are attracted to water. Many of these children don't understand how dangerous it can be and may be discovered in the water too late to help. Make sure your pool has

four-sided fencing and a self-closing and self-latching gate. Hot tubs should be covered and locked when not in use. Consider installing motion sensors on your pool.

Children can be pulled from the water and may be in need of high-quality cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) prior to the arrival of the firefighter/paramedics who work for Livonia Fire & Rescue. Prompt action can be the difference between life and death. Take a CPR course and get plenty of time practicing on the mannequins.

Children from non-swimming households are eight times more likely to be involved in a drowning. Enroll in swimming lessons. Lessons are available for all age groups, and some classes are offered for parent and child together.

More than 700 people drown each year in boating accidents in open waters. In the drowning incidents, 90 percent are not wearing a life jacket. Alcohol is involved in about 20 percent of boating fatalities. Make sure your child is wearing a life jacket every time you go out on the water. Avoid or limit alcohol consumption when boating or designate a "water watcher," who keeps track of children near the water and does not consume alcohol. Consider enrolling in a boating safety class to advance your knowledge of safety on the water.

Tom Kiurski is training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.





# LOCAL NEWS

# Mike Cox announces gubernatorial run for 2010

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Attorney General Mike Cox officially announced Wednesday that he is running for governor in 2010. Cox, a Livonia resident, will run as a Republican in a field that includes



Hoekstra, Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land, Ann Arbor businessman Rick Snyder and state Sen. Tom George. Cox points to his

roots in western Wayne County in growing up in Redford and living in Livonia,

watching the automotive industry and statewide recession take its toll on the quality of life in those communities and personal lives.

"I've had three friends who recently lost jobs, I have a brother-in-law who lost a job in the last year, and I'm

Cox said he can't fault Gov. Jennifer Granholm with the restructuring of the Big 3 and bankruptcy hearings on Chrysler and General

Motors as those proceedings are beyond the governor's control. But Michigan has the third worst business tax according to the Tax Foundation, Cox said. Michigan is ranked 48th in the foundation's corporate tax index rank, according to www.taxfoundation.org.

Cox wants to see the business tax cut in half and initiate a \$2 billion tax cut. He wants to see Michigan compete with Virginia, Georgia and Indiana for jobs and businesses.

"We need to give hope to Michigan businesses, that it's OK to invest in Michigan," Cox said.

Cox said he wants communities to maintain their quality of life through job growth.

"We are now competing with 49 other states and say that Michigan is a place to come to with its great uni-

mad as hell and frustrated," Cox said. versities and the great Midwestern work ethic," Cox said.

Cox believes the tax cuts can help business investment and tackle Michigan's high unemployment rates. which exceeds neighboring Indiana by 3 percentage points. Indiana also managed to land Honda to build cars there. "It's really an artificial border, but they don't have the great universities we have," Cox said.

Cox also cited Granholm's approach to the film industry and wondered why that can't be expanded on all levels. "If we look at how the governor pushed the film tax credit, the one thing we learned is that taxes matter. When you change the tax structure, they'll come here.'

With a lowering of the Michigan Business Tax, that means state spending will need to be cut beyond cuts already made to address the state budget deficit. "I've made cuts in my budget," Cox said. "Unfortunately I've had to lay people off."

Cox believes state employees should

· pay more of their health insurance premiums as employees do in the private sector. "State government shouldn't be a sacred cow," Cox said. As auto companies like the Big 3 or newspapers like the Observer & Eccentric restructure, so should state government, Cox said.

Cox added that he would expand on his energy plans, health care and infra structure campaign platforms as the campaign unfolded, but for now, the state needs to focus on the economy. Cox remembers his days in the U.S. Marines when he was stationed in

North Carolina in 1982. Back then, that state's Big Three was

textiles, furniture and tobacco.

"Today they have food procession, auto accessory manufacturing and biotech," Cox said. "Their economy has grown and they've done it under Democrats and Republicans, by keeping the costs of state government competitive."

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# Investors should take proxy statements seriously

emorial Day has come and gone and summer has unofficially begun in Michigan. When I was a kid, summer was the time that everything slowed down, even in the business world.

Unfortunately, that is

no longer the case. We

live in a society that

When it comes to

we cannot afford to

take the summer off.

true this year with all

the financial difficul-

That is particularly

our personal finances,

operates 24/7, 365

days a year.



**Money Matters** 

**Rick Bloom** 

During this financial crisis, many people have been outraged at some of the excesses on Wall Street. Whether it was bonuses paid to executives who then invested in risky investments to pad their bonuses or the mismanagement of company finances, at times it appeared there was no accountability

and no one was protecting the shareholder's interest.

One way to hold people responsible and put some accountability back into the system is to take advantage of the opportunity to vote.

Over the course of the year, investors receive proxy statements from stocks and mutual funds they own. These proxy statements seek shareholder permission to do a variety of things. For example, in a mutual fund proxy statement, permission may be sought to raise fees. Other proxy statements may seek a vote to elect members of the board of directors.

The general argument against voting is one vote here and one vote there will not make a difference. Often this is true, but occasionally a few votes here and there can sway an election. We have seen elections for political offices where a few votes here and there made the difference. Another benefit to voting your proxy and being involved in the process is the opportunity to learn a great deal

about your investment.

Unfortunately, when most people receive a proxy statement, it goes into the shredder. What they don't realize is that statement contains a wealth of information about the company or mutual fund, the members of the board of directors and information about the management team.

An investor who was complaining about executive salaries didn't understand how corporations could pay the amount of compensation they do. I explained that, generally, for top executives, the board of directors sets the policy as to compensation. I asked him if he voted his proxy regarding the members of the board of directors and he said no.

Not only could he vote his shares, but it was possible for him to submit his own proposal regarding compensation or other corporate issues to be included in the proxy statement. There is a process involved in regards to having a proposal included in a proxy statement. Although it is not easy, it is possible for ordinary

individuals to attempt to influence a company's direction by the proxy process. You don't have to be a major shareholder in the corporation, or even a large shareholder, you simply have to be a shareholder.

In voting your proxy, most companies and mutual funds have made it easier than ever before. Options include mail, the Internet and telephone. There is no reason not to vote.

I believe the more someone knows about an investment, the better it is. When an investor understands an investment, they tend to be a more successful investor. So when you receive a proxy statement, take some time to read the materials. No one ever said being a successful investor is easy.

Good luck!

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

# LOCAL BRIEFS

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# Walk to Beautiful

In celebration of International Day to Take Action on Women's Health, the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is showing the documentary, "A Walk to Beautiful" free to all. "A Walk to Beautiful" deals with the topic of obstetric fistulas and is one of many service projects funded by Zonta International. The film tells the story of five women in Ethiopia suffering from devastating childbirth injuries. The documentary follows each of these women on their journey to a special hospital in Addis Ababa where doctors are being trained to recognize and correct this problem.

The event takes place 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-3728.

# Women's evening

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts an evening of reflection for women on Friday, May 29, beginning with Mass at 6 p.m. celebrated by Most Rev. Daniel E. Flores and Rev. John C. Riccardo.

Dinner will follow in the parish social hall with guest speakers Genevieve Kineke and Teresa Tomeo. Both women were invited to attend the prestigious 2008 Pontifical Council for the Laity's International Conference.

Kineke is the author of "The Authentic Catholic Woman" and the founding editor the Catholic women's magazine, Canticle. Wife and mother of five, she will explore the vocation of woman of every age and state of life, celebrating the joy found in the true feminine genius. Teresa Tomeo is the nationally syndicated Catholic talk show host of Catholic Connection, as well as author of several books, and a professional speaker and media consultant.

Cost is \$25 and seating is limited by reservation only. Contact Mary at jomary913@aol.com, or call the parish offices at 734.453.0326.

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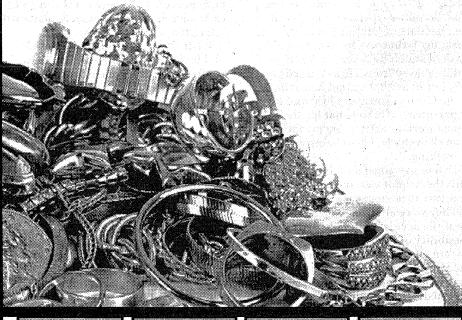
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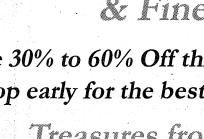
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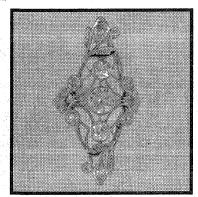
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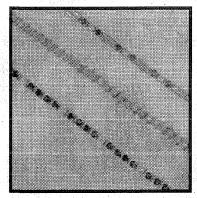
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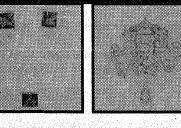


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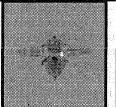
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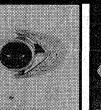
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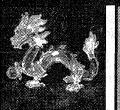


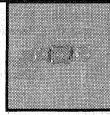
















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# **OUR VIEWS** Homeowners associations need to get with times

Canton's Dan Hall wanted to save a little money on his bills each month, plus get on the "green" bandwagon at the same time. But Hall's efforts to take advantage of federal tax credits by installing solar panels on his roof that could heat his home's water were grounded by his homeowners association.

Despite the fact that he received a mechanical permit from Canton Township to install the solar panels on his roof, Hall failed to the get an approval from the Pheasant View Homeowners' Association. The group's architectural review committee denied Hall's request to install the four-by-eight-foot panels because they

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"would not be consistent with the aesthetics" of the subdivision.

Our reaction was initially: what planet is the association from? Haven't they been paying attention? Don't they know America is in the middle of an energy crisis?

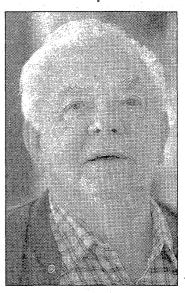
But after some consideration, we'll cut the association some slack. Let's face it, Pheasant View is one of rewrite their bylaws to allow Canton's premier subdivisions, featuring plenty of 3,600-square-foot they can save energy. homes like Hall's. The association has been charged

with trying to keep it a desirable place to live - and maintain property values at the same

"No, we're not going anywhere. We're trying to save money to go to Florida next year." Becky A'Hearn, 45, Canton

"No, because we're having a baby and that's a lot of money, too."

Lora Montgomery, 30, Canton



"No, because we don't go on vacation in the summertime. We wait until winter - less people and less kids."

Ted James, 82, Canton



"Not really, I'm a teacher (at **Plymouth High School) and I feel** pretty secure in my job. I usually go camping out east or out west with friends." Karen Ludema, 42, Ann Arbor

Knew the rules

As a resident in the Pheasant View sub, I can certainly see what both parties are up against ("Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green," Canton Observer). Association representatives work as volunteers and do their best at interpreting association bylaws.

Mr. Hall is justified in his desire to use technology to improve the energy efficiency of HIS home. However, it was his decision to live in the Pheasant View sub. Most residents of the sub look to the association representatives (again, these folks are volunteers) to enforce the bylaws (a thankless job, I'm sure) that ultimately retain not only the intended aesthetic look of the sub but property values, as well.

It is that aesthetic look that makes the

# LETTERS



# **COMMUNITY VOICE**

Is the recession putting a damper on your summer vacation plans? (Asked at the Canton Public Library)

That's what this dispute is really about. The association is trying to protect the neighborhood. We understand that. It is commendable.

On the other hand, it's not like Hall is trying to paint his home purple. He wants to install some flat panels on his room that will be able to harness the everlasting, clean, cheap energy from the sun.

This is an issue bigger than the Pheasant View subdivision. Battles like this are probably going to play out in subdivisions all across the nation, as more and more people try to go green. It is something the federal government is pushing. Even Canton Township is taking steps down this road and has proposed installing solar panels at Summit on the Park.

Previously homeowners associations have had to consider things like paint colors, flagpoles and different types of shrubbery. But the fact is we as homeowners — whether we live in an association or not — are on the frontlines of the energy battle. Most of the energy we as individuals use is in our home. Hopefully homeowners associations will come to realize this and rewrite their bylaws to allow members to make reasonable alterations to their homes so they can save energy.

At some point we as Americans are going to have to bite the bullet and start caring about what kind of future we are leaving our grandchildren and their grandchildren. In a way, you might say Dan Hall's fight against the Pheasant View Homeowners Association is a case study in America's efforts of going green.

# Join the discussion

# What are the chances that General Motors can avoid bankruptcy?

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sub a desirable place to live (and perhaps the reason Mr. Hall ended up here). Susan Henson Canton

# Play a positive role

Just a quick note. I read the article in the Canton Observer regarding the resident that wants to add solar panels to his home to lower his energy costs. In fact, he is my neighbor and I have talked to him about the project. I think it is a great idea and good way for residents to play a positive role in preserving natural resources.

**Jeff Blake** Canton

# **Fund DAV officers**

As of May 7, the Veterans Service Organization's state funding has been slashed by 25 percent, which has put many service officers positions in jeopardy. These men and women are the front line for returning servicemen and women who have been disabled in the line of duty or through the trauma of combat.

Furthermore, the service officers through the DAV and other organizations are veterans themselves and have experienced the trauma of an injury. They understand how to effectively guide a returning Iraqi veteran, or former service member, through the paperwork that needs to be filed through the Veterans Administration. As the veteran's advocate, they work tirelessly to procure the needed benefits for the service member. These benefits include treatment at the VA hospitals and medical centers, and, earned compensation for those veterans. Many veterans return without the ability to take care of their families because of injuries sustained, and, they need to have their monetary compensation to pay for everyday living expenses.

These earned benefits are not comparable to anything else out there. It is not a handout. It is the opportunity to take care of their lost income and wages and help them to procure a new career too, when, they utilize vocational rehabilitation benefits. Compensation for military-induced injuries is not welfare.

It is imperative that funding is restored to the DAV service officers, and those that are with the American Legion and other veteran service organiza-

tions. For the veterans in the community it is important to ask to see how your group can assist by donating money to

# What do you think?

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help keep the veterans service officers available. They are not getting rich off of what they make and many volunteer their time to help other veterans outside of their normal work hours.

As a veteran, or a concerned citizen, it is time to take action. Please ask your chapter, auxiliary, unit, or other organization to help fund the DAV service officers. They have always been there for our veterans, and it is time for you to be there for them.

> **Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin** past commander of DAV #51 volunteer service officer Canton

# Give them thanks

I am writing to you today in the hopes that this letter may be printed in the Observer newspaper so it may reach the residents of Canton Township. Last week, my father was in an automobile crash of which he is very lucky to be walking away from. He sustained injuries, but none that cannot heal, thanks to the Canton Township Fire and EMS Department. If it were not for their strong work in extricating my father from the vehicle, he probably would not be walking.

He has sustained a C2 fracture that with the help of wearing a collar for the next two-three months will heal properly. They were able to recognize the severity of the accident, and the increased possibility of injury my father could have sustained not only from the accident but also from the procedures needed to remove him from the vehicle. As a fellow paramedic, I know that any additional movement very well would have caused him paralysis. I am forever in their debt. I know they do not do this job for the glory. But, I also know they do get the thanks and support they deserve.

So, please, the next time you see them, even if it's just while they are at the store picking up something for dinner or outside testing a fire hydrant, you thank

them for what they do. The next time, it may be a member of your family they are called to help.

> **Jennifer Cespino** Beaufort, S.C. (formerly of Canton)

# Learn for ourselves

Last year was an eye-opening year when people nationwide had to make giant "course-corrections" in lifestyle. I believe many people came to the realization that it was about time. Not only "about time" in the sense of "about time to be making a change" to a simpler way of life like one our grandparents knew ... but about TIME.

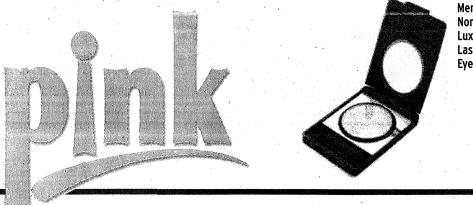
Once people's disposable incomes were reduced and spending could no longer be the form of entertainment that it had come to be, other means of finding pleasure had to take spending's place. Some people began to look at the television as an annoyance, because its advertising-driven nature became a tease of things they could no longer buy. So the inexpensive entertainment television once provided (if you don't factor in the expensive spending that went along with television) fell by the wayside.

What to do with one's time then? Suddenly some of those people, now confined to their homes because travel was no longer affordable, began to notice that they wanted to and could make home improvements. For some of them do-it-yourselfing became a new form of entertainment - one with real rewards and a feeling of accomplishment. Some people even began to grow vegetables and fruits along with their families, as another new form of entertainment. Once again real rewards appeared, and that feeling of accomplishment.

Where those people had been feeling discontented with their lot, and always in need of making some new purchase of some manufactured thing, they now felt a sense of self-sufficiency and satisfaction. Life made simpler had been made fuller. Those were the lucky ones. I count myself among them, and give daily thanks.

Our grandparents could have told us this. But it seems we had to learn it for ourselves.

> **Kathy Browne** Canton



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# Makeup 'pretty charming' at Merle Norman studios

Love and nature combine this season to create romantic fashions with an organic flair. For makeup, sweet pastels blend with mineral tones to create a look that's timeless, wearable and beautiful. Merle Norman Cosmetics captures the all-out feminine trend with its Spring 2009 Color Collection, "Pretty Charming."

# **BEAUTY TO BEHOLD**

Lids are aflutter in the ladylike classics of Delicate Pinks or softly shaded with the mystique of Berry Enchanting. For a dose of girliness, try the sweet pink and grey mix of Luxiva Eyecolor Duet in Ballerina/Lava. For those with violet tendencies, pick the regal pairing of Luxiva Matte Shadow Duét in Freesia/Grapevine. To add a touch of sparkle, top with Luxiva Crystal Eyes in Paparazzi Pink or Mauvie Star. Complete the eye effect with liner. Try Purely Mineral Eye Pencil in Platinum

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in with dual-sided Satin Lip Pencil in blushing-nude Caramel Pink or lilac-laced Angel Mist.

# NAIL THE LOOK

To finish the look, give fingers and toes a coat or two of Salon Formula Nail Color in ethereal Heavenly Pink or decadent Cranberry Rose. 4

The "Pretty Charming" Spring 2009 Color Collection is available now for a limited time only, at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios.

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## **GIRLS LEADERSHIP CAMP**

**REDFORD** — Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs, based in Redford, will offer two camps aimed at helping young girls become creative, confident, and self-sufficient. Leadership Camp will take place from May 29-31 at YWCA Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and BizCamp from June 13-July 25 at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. Call (313) 363-4075 or visit www. YoungEntrepreneurSeries.com.

#### **GAL PAL WEEKEND**

LIVONIA - Grab the girls and book a Gal Pal Weekend at The Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia June 5-6. The package includes wining and dining at Andiamo of Novi; discounts and shuttles for shopping at Laurel Park Place mall; margaritas at On the Border; and a two night stay at Embassy Suites with complimentary happy hour cocktails, cookedto-order breakfast and a Saturday

#### morning champagne toast. Packages are \$189 per person and include a \$10 donation to Susan G. Komen Fund for the Cure. Embassy Suites is located at 19525 Victor Parkway. R.S.V.P. with

Rachel Boyd, (734) 462-6000.

#### LOWE'S FUNDS MDA

At the conclusion of the 26th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign, Lowe's reported \$4.3 million in sales, nearly doubling the previous record of \$2.3 million raised by one retail grocery two years ago. The \$1 and \$5 Shamrocks donations have now raised more than \$200 million for Jerry's Kids.

Generous customers of the more than 1,600 participating Lowe's locations showed their commitment to the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign through donations starting at \$1. Several partners, including Lowe's, extended the program beyond the original March 17 deadline due to its overwhelming success. All money raised stays in local communities. Visit www. mda.org.

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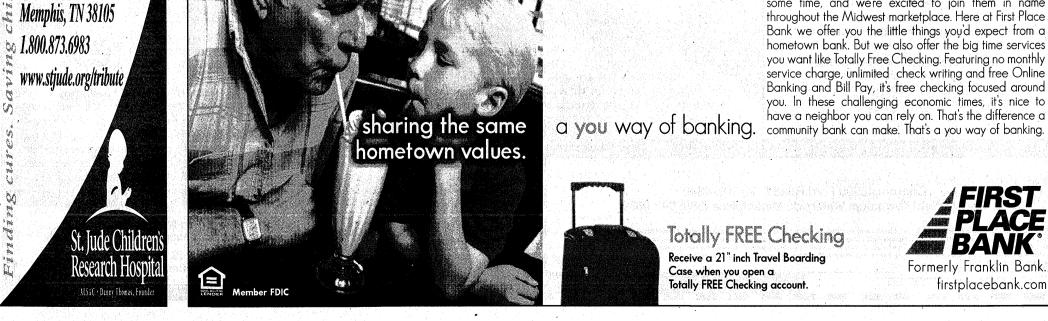


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# Heroes honored

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# Plymouth, Canton take time to remember

It was a day for family, a day for fun, a day to barbecue with neighbors and friends.

Most importantly, though, it was a day to remember. In Plymouth and Canton,

In Plymouth and Canton, locals took the time to remember fallen heroes, military men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

In Plymouth, the annual Memorial Day parade, rescued by the fund-raising efforts of the Plymouth Lions Club, made its way down Main Street, led as always by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

The parade ended at Plymouth's Veterans Memorial Park, where Lt. Col. Ted Wells, a Marine Corps reservist who does his service at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, reminded spectators of the military men and women who "stepped to the plate" to make a difference.

"Everyone who wanted to help out knew the dangers," Wells said. "They understood that one day we might be standing here in honor of them."

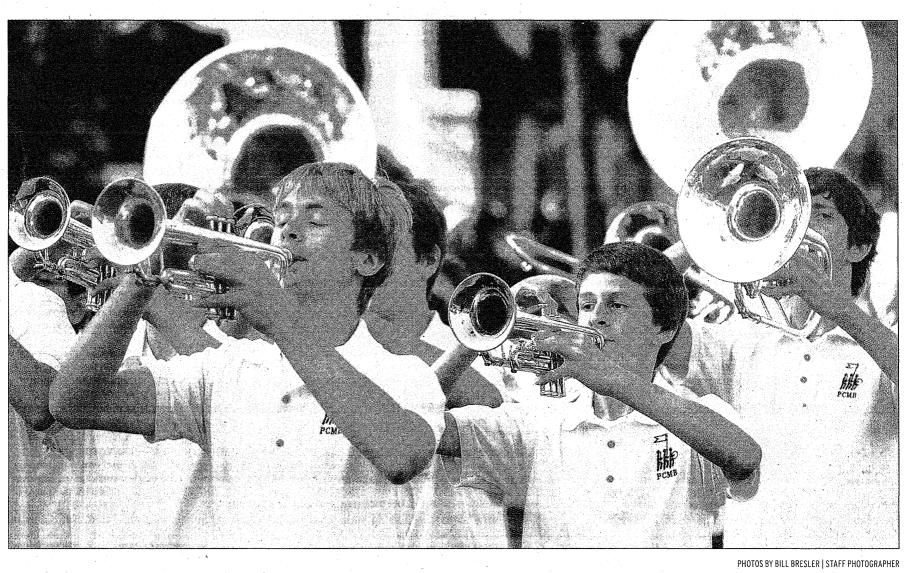
In Canton, John Spencer of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association read the names of Canton's servicemen and women lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq.

He said there was a good turnout.

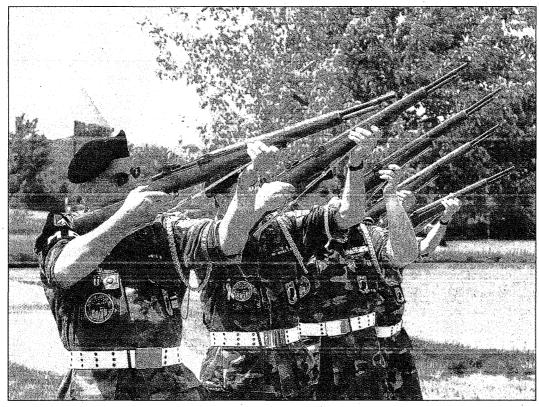
"We had about 90 people out this year, which was better than last year when I would say about 60 showed up," Spencer said.

Jan Blumberg, mother of Trevor Blumberg, who was killed in 2003 in Iraq, laid the wreath at the Canton Veterans Memorial honoring all the community's lost servicemen.

"A lot of people there were former military people and their families. It's kind of a family of veterans," Spencer said.



and women who "stepped to the The Plymouth Canton Marching Band made its annual appearance in the Memorial Day parade.



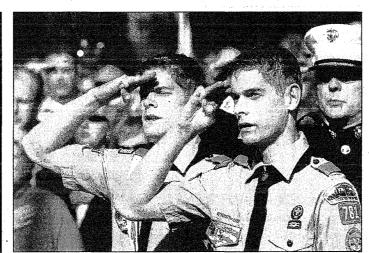
A final salute to fallen veterans at Canton's Veterans Day observance.



The Plymouth Canton Marching Band color guard.

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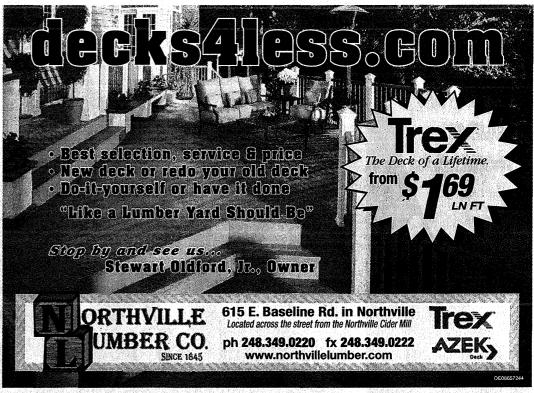
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Veterans Mike O'Malley, John Spencer and Jerry Thomason conduct the memorial ceremony for fallen veterans during Canton's Memorial Day observance.





# Thanks for all the awesome memories

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day that I picked up the phone and Observer Managing Editor Hugh Gallagher was on the other end, offering me the position of sports editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers?

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Where do I sign? Once I accepted the job, this sportsloving writer instantly became more than just the proverbial kid in the candy store. I was Willy Wonka. And if you had told me that same day in September 2004 that a little less than five years later I'd be losing my dream job along with thousands of other metro Detroiters because of a massive economic tsunami, I wouldn't have believed you.

#### Time to move on

But it has happened, I accept it, and once my last written word is printed in Sunday's *Observer*, I am determined to step into the next phase of my life a better person — not a bitter one — because of what has transpired.

I will go forth with some incredible memories thanks to the countless number of amazing coaches, athletes, administrators and co-workers I've been blessed to work with and write about the past five years.

I can't tell you how many times I interviewed a student-athlete for a "Prep Profile" article, then hung up the phone thinking to myself, "That kid is going to be a senator or a brain surgeon someday."

And it's easy to understand why so many of the local high school athletic programs are perennially among the best in the state once you get to know their coaches and athletic directors like I have.

I won't mention them by name for fear of excluding someone, but they're winners not only because they know the X's and O's of their sport, but because they know how to inspire and lead in good times and bad.

### Unforgettable memories

I have held an Olympic medal, thanks to Allison Schmitt.

I have covered a Division 1 final football game at Ford Field, thanks to the Canton Chiefs.

I watched Plymouth's brand-new athletic program grow and flourish before my eyes.

And I have learned that it's possible to deal with life's most daunting adversity with courage, humor and

class from a man I consider a true hero — the late Jeff Phillips.

I learned so much from my veteran

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# Defense leads Plymouth to 1-0 triumph

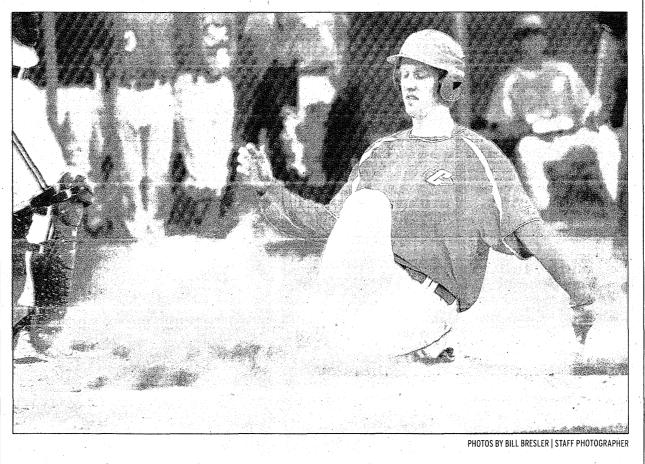
**BY ED WRIGHT** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not this time, Northville.

That was the message Plymouth's girls soccer team emphatically delivered to the Mustangs during Tuesday night's thrilling 1-0 Wildcat victory in a first-round Division 1 District showdown at Northville High School.

With the win, Plymouth (12-3-1) halted a string of three straight season-ending District losses to the Mustangs that dated back to the spring of 2006. Just as importantly, coach Jeff Neschich's team earned a ticket into Thursday's 7 p.m. semifinal clash against cross-campus foe Canton at Northville. Salem will battle Livonia Stevenson in the other semifinal set to kick off at 5 p.m.

Senior forward Liz Koet's rebound goal 10 minutes into the second half held up thanks to an air-tight defensive effort by the 'Cats and out-of-this-world goal-keeping by sophomore Marissa Williams.



Canton senior Zane Birchler slides home with one of Canton's 15 sixth-inning runs in its 20-0 triumph over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon. Birchler went 2-for-3 with three runs scored.



# GAME WRAPS

On Tuesday at University Liggett, Plymouth Christian Academy's girls soccer team — the No. 2-ranked team in Division 4 — advanced to the second round of the District tournament with a tension-packed, 2-1 doubleovertime shootout triumph over Liggett.

Plymouth Christian struck first when Brooke Williams converted a penalty kick. Liggett answered a short time later to even the contest at 1-1.

"The second half was very tough and physical and both teams did very well in keeping the other from scoring," noted PCA coach Nathan Yates.

Following a pair of scoreless 15-minute overtimes, both teams scored on two of their first five shoot-out attempts, which led to a second shootout round. The Eagles eventually prevailed when freshman Amy Zinn scored the only shoot-out goal.

The Eagles advanced to Friday's District championship game against Lutheran Westland.

# Bucks edge Invaders

The Michigan Bucks survived a physical battle on Memorial Day to escape with a 1-0 soccer win over the Indiana Invaders in South Bend.

Following Saturday's 3-0 victory over Cincinnati at the Canton Cup, the Bucks capitalized on a first-half penalty kick from captain Kevin Taylor as the difference in a game that featured more than a half dozen yellow cards and two red cards to the home side.

The Bucks escaped with only a yellow card to Taylor, but did see head coach Dan Fitzgerald sent off in the first half following a brief verbal disagreement with the referee. The result brings the Bucks record to 2-1-1 (seven points) in the USL's Premier Development League, but leaves them out of the 2009 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup after Chicago beat Ft. Wayne 1-0 on Saturday to claim the Great Lakes Division berth to the nation's oldest soccer tournament. The Bucks return home Sunday, May 31, to host the Toronto Lynx at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For more information,

"This feels good," said Williams, moments after she stopped an estimated 20 Mustang shots. "In practice the past week I was talking to our seniors — we have eight of them about how they've always drawn Northville in the first or second round of Districts and how they've never beaten them. It feels good to finally do it, especially for the seniors."

Williams' most remarkable save came with 1:31 to play when Mustang forward Mallory Weber managed to dribble within eight yards of the net. The threat was wiped out when Williams lunged to her left to suffocate a hard, rising shot launched by Weber's right leg.

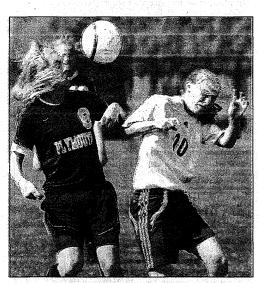
"On a play like that, goalies are supposed to stay near post to cut down the offensive player's angle and make them cross-over," explained Williams. "I started cheating a little bit toward the post and fortunately for me that's where she went with the shot."

Koet was understandably ecstatic moments after one of the biggest victories in her standout varsity soccer career.

"I've been waiting four years for this!" the game's lone goal-scorer said while flashing a million-dollar smile. "To beat a state-ranked team like Northville; this is huge."

Koet described her goal better than any ESPN play-by-play announcer could. "McKenzie Hengesh crossed the ball, Kelly Dobbs went for a header and their goalie

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Plymouth's Liz Koet (left), pictured in a game earlier this month against Westland John Glenn, scored the only goal in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over Northville Tuesday night.

# Chiefs visit home 20 times in pre-District romp

**BY ED WRIGHT** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Long ball, small ball, curve ball, fast ball — you name it and the Canton baseball team executed it to near perfection Tuesday afternoon in its pre-District contest against Livonia Stevenson.

The Chiefs will be riding a tidal wave of momentum into Saturday's District tournament at Plymouth thanks to a resounding 20-0 whitewashing of the Spartans, who finished 11-19.

The most impressive of Canton's 18 hits was Alex Dixon's lead-off, intothe-wind home run in the top of the fourth inning that cleared the 355 sign in left-center field by the length of a Winnebago.

But just as damaging to the Spartans were five Canton hits including three bunt singles — that never left the infield.

"We lost a couple of games during our seven-game losing streak (earlier this month) because we couldn't get a bunt down," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield, whose team will take a 22-11 mark into Saturday's District semifinal clash against Livonia Churchill. "So we started spending more time in practice on bunting. We told them no one on this team is too good to bunt.

"The kids have to believe that it's an important part of the game. Today, they did the best job they've done all year."

Canton starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz was nearly flawless on the mound. The junior left-hander nohit the Spartans over the first five innings by keeping them off-balance with an unpredictable blend of sharp-breaking curve balls and mittpopping fast balls.

Delapaz was lifted for Dixon to start the bottom of the sixth after the Chiefs nearly short-circuited their scoreboard with a 15-run sixth frame during which they sent 19 batters to the plate.

Canton's Nick Sweda (10) is congratulated by Tim Hemmelgarn after he scored a run in the Chiefs' 20-0 win Tuesday afternoon.

"Our game plan going in was to build a lead with Kevin in there and have Alex come in and throw, too," said Blomshield. "We didn't want to take Kevin out if it was 2-1. When we scored 15 in the sixth, it was a perfect time to make a pitching change because we want Kevin ready for Saturday."

The closest Stevenson came to producing a hit was in the bottom of the third inning when the speedy Josh Strautz laid down what appeared to be a perfect bunt between the mound and first base.

However, Delapaz — despite the fact the momentum of his delivery took him away from the ball — was able to retire Strautz by gloving the ball while lunging toward first and flipping it with his mitt to first baseman Cody Blakita.

"I'm not sure if there's anybody else who could have made that play," said Blomshield. "It was unbelievable."

Delapaz struck out six and walked just two. His efficiency was reflected by his five-inning pitch count: 60. Dixon chalked up two K's and a

walk in his lone inning of work.

Jeff Sorensen suffered the loss for

the Spartans, yielding four runs in • three-plus innings.

"We were short on pitching, which is one reason we had a tough year," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman. "We had three sophomores starting on the infield, so it's a young group. We just have to find some kids who can pitch."

Junior third baseman Andrew Tidwell paced the Chiefs' hit parade by going 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Dixon (3-for-4, five RBI) came within a triple of hitting for the cycle.

Canton senior center fielder Nick Sweda had a prototypical game for a lead-off hitter, reaching base four times (twice after getting hit by pitches), scoring twice and laying down a slick sacrifice bunt in the fourth.

Other offensive standouts for the winners were Zane Birchler (2-for-3, three runs, two RBI), Tomilenko (2-for-4, three RBI, run), Blakita (2for-4, two RBI, two runs) and senior catcher Dan Stoney, who went 2-for-4 with three RBI and three runs.

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# Bucks blank Cincy

Two University of Michigan stars, Mauro Fuzetti and Julian Robles led the Michigan Bucks by heading home goals during the first half en route to a 3-0 win Saturday over the Cincinnati Kings before a crowd of 1,200 as part of the Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

The Bucks (1-1-1) evened their PDL record with the shutout win.

As in the first two games of the season, the Bucks dominated time of possession during the first half, but for the first time took a more direct approach toward goal.

The Bucks started the scoring in the 32nd minute when Dave Hertel (Michigan State) crossed a ball into the 6-yard box where Fuzetti headed home his first goal of the season. The Bucks would continue to press late in the first half when U-M teammates Robles and Fuzetti hooked up right before halftime.

Fuzetti's corner kick cleared the back post to the tall defender, who buried a perfect header in the side netting for a 2-0 Bucks lead. **B2** (\*)

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# Swing & Save options in Michigan golf 2009

#### By David Graham

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voucher during the month of June.

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#### Swing & Save with GAM

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golf course near you. The suggested annual fee is \$35 and you may sign up on line with a credit card or visit the member facility and sign up in person. In addition to the Swing & Save program benefits, you will be able post your scores to maintain your own USGA Handicap index, receive Michigan Links quarterly magazine and Golf Digest monthly, discounts on tickets to the Buick Open and more. It is a membership that truly pays for itself when you use it!

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David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan.

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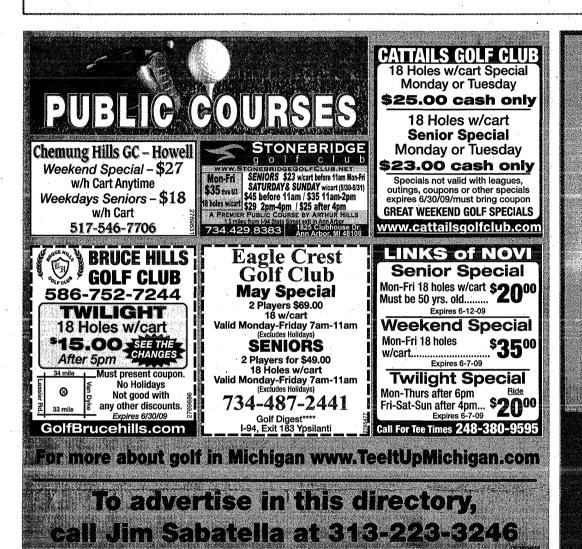
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# Salem baseball team preps for District tourney by winning Eagle Invitational

Salem's baseball team will be fine-tuned heading into Saturday's Division 1 District tournament thanks to its championship effort at Saturday's Eagle Invitational at Eastern Michigan University and Tuesday's 6-5 triumph over always-tough Southgate Anderson.

The three wins boosted the Rocks' record to 23-10.

Tuesday's victory over the Titans included late-game tension that should help the Rocks come Saturday. With the game knotted at 5-all, Dave Loos laced a one-out single. Heath Parling walked and Kyle Powell singled before Sam Ott ripped a game-ending, bases-load single.

The rally made a winner out of one-game reliever Joe Posler, who pitched a scoreless seventh.

"(Southgate coach) Dave Fast and I are good friends and we always try to schedule a scrimmage at the end of the season if both of our teams have a bye in the pre-Districts," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "Well, this year it turned out we both had points left, so we play a game that counted. It's good for our kids to play competitive teams like Southgate Anderson right before the District tournament."

The Rocks outhit the Titans, 7-6. Ott added a solo home run to his game-winning hit. Drew Grabowski rocked a three-run tater in the bottom of the third.

At Saturday's 12th Annual

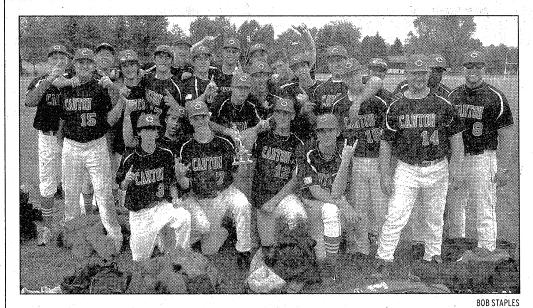
Eagle Invitational, Salem ousted North Farmington 12-4 in the opener before edging Ypsilanti Lincoln, 3-1, in the title tilt.

Leading the Rocks' 14-hit attack against the Raiders was Kyle Powell, who went 4-for-5 with three runs and three RBI. Grabowski also swung a hot stick, going 2-for-4 with three ribbies and a double. Loos and Chris Kordick contributed two hits a piece.

Ott earned the win after scattering eight hits.

In the championship game, Posler tossed an eight-hit complete game. The hard-throwing senior walked two and struck out four.

Powell led the winners' offensive attack with two hits and two RBI.



# **Red-letter day in Bay City**

Canton's baseball team is pictured after it captured the Bay City "Tune-Up" Tournament Saturday. The Chiefs won the first game, 5-1, over Bay City John Glenn, which entered the day as the No. 9-ranked team in Division 2. Dane Staples earned the win on the mound, yielding just two hits in five innings. Offensively, Canton was led by Dan Stoney, whose triple plated two runs, Kevin Delapaz (2-for-3) and Nick Tomilenko (2-for-3). In the title game against Birmingham Groves, the Chiefs won 6-5 in 10 innings. Delapaz knocked in Andrew Tidwell with the winning run in the 10th. Pacing the Chiefs' 15-hit attack were Cody Blakita (4-for-5), Seth Tschetter (2-for-5) and Tidwell (2-for-4, two runs).

# Salem kickers rock Redford Union

#### BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Redford Union's girls soccer team found itself behind the "8" ball early and often during Tuesday night's Division 1

District opener against visiting Salem. Led by an offensive explosion that was ignited by junior forward Brett de Bear. the Rocks rolled to an 8-0 decision. The red-hot Rocks (9-5-3) will battle Livonia

Stevenson in a District semifi- smart decisions leading to nal match-up set for Thursday at 5 p.m. at Northville High School. A win would vault Salem into Saturday's noon final against the winner of Thursday night's Canton-Plymouth showdown.

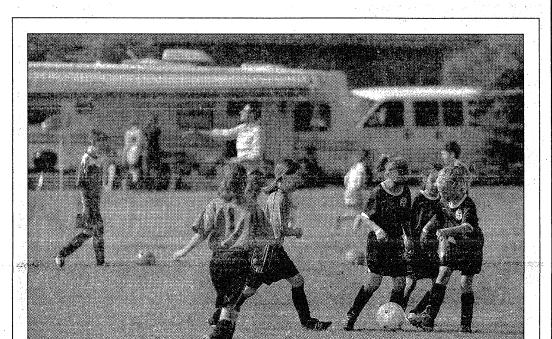
"We wanted to start fast and create lots of chances and the girls did just that," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Our outside mids and defenders did a great job of showing composure and making very

quality possession, and things progressed from there."

de Bear registered two goals and two assists.

Kristina Klusek continued her sizzling play with a pair of net-finders.

Abbi Giaier, Emily Lundh, Tabitha Mann and Kaylyn Brzys added single goals. Notching assists were Lundh (two), Brzys, Madeleine Vala, Lauren Jones and Lauren Ascherman.



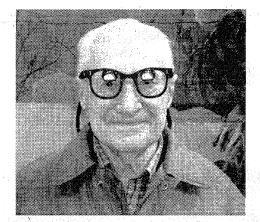
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"After we scored that

just play defense."

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Koet's wish came true

practice.

Multiple soccer games, recreational vehicles, parents, kids and vendors turned Canton's Independence Park into a bustling town of its own Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the 27th Annual Canton Cup was held. Pictured above are the CSC Blue Jays and the Plymouth Tigers squaring off in a girls under 9 yellow division battle. For complete Canton Cup results, see Sunday's Observer sports section.

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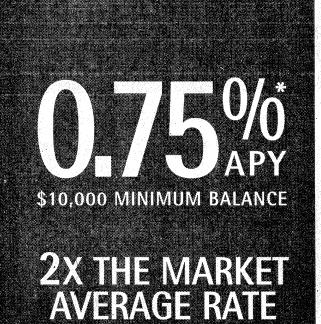
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- especially during the game's final 20 minutes when the Mustangs' relentless pressure was repelled time and time again by Wildcat defenders Meeghan Hughes, Katie Moss, Jessica Heck and Katie Krajewski. "Our defense did an awesome job all night," said Neschich. "Northville has a strong, fast team and it

took everything we had to keep them at bay.

"This was a nice win, although it's not as big of an upset as some people might make it out to be because the two teams' records were pretty similar and we both played a tough schedule."

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# Salem golfer medals at KLAA meet

#### BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Northville, the state's topranked team in Division 1 boys golf, withstood a stiff challenge to capture the inaugural **KLAA Kensington Conference** Tournament Tuesday at Salem Hills.

The Mustangs carded a fourplayer total of 301 to stave off a bid from runner-up Salem (307) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (308) for the team title.

The Mustangs boasted five All-Conference (top 18) players led by senior Wes Gates' 74, who was co-runner-up, followed by Trevor Grigg, 75; Steve Brown and Eric Goebel, 76 each; and Alex Bernstein, 77.

Salem got a boost from Eric Duprey, who earned individual medalist honors with

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT May 21 at Tanglewood G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 qualify for regional): 1. Northville, 320 strokes; 2. Livonia

Stevenson, 325; 3. Canton, 326; 4. Livonia Churchill 327; 5. Plymouth, 338; 6. Dearborn, 344; 7. Garden

City, 348; 8. Livonia Franklin, 349; 10. Salem, 350; 11. Westland John Glenn, 355; 12. Wayne Memorial, 393.

Northville (320): Trevor Grigg, 39-39-78

Steve Brown, 38-42-80; Wes Gates, 41-40-81; Alex Bernstein, 31-40-81; Brandon Cameron, 43-40-83 Stevenson (325): Christian Debay, 40-39-79; Drew Mossoian, 39-82-81; Dan Dufour, 39-42-81; Tom Cullum, 39-45-84; Adam Giordano, 46-38-84.

Canton (326): Zach Conrad, 39-36-75

TEAM-BY TEAM RESULTS

a 72. Teammate Alex Murray also made All-Kensington Conference with a 75.

Churchill, 6-4 during the KLAA's South Division dual match season, pulled off the biggest surprise as senior Matt Charnley and junior Adam Yarber each shot 75, while senior Dan Bostick added a 78.

"This is by far our best effort of the season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "The guys played really well today. I'm hoping we are peaking at the right time of the year. I would love for them to shoot 308 on Friday (regional at the Lakes of Taylor). That would put us right in the hunt for a spot at 'states.'

Seniors Kevin Robinson and Erik Newman each added 80s for the Chargers, while Ryan Cioch contributed an 81.

"The course today was playing fast," Worley said. "The

**GOLF RESULTS** 

(medalist); Andrew Rickerman, 39-43-82; Jeremy

Churchill (327): Kevin Röbinson, 39-41-80; Matt Charnley, 40-41-81; Adam Yarber, 39-43-82; Dan

Dearborn (344): Evan Bowser, 40-41-81; Kosta

Ramirez, 42-42-84; Daniel Dent, 43-42-85; Nathan Taschler, 48-46-94; Patrick O'Brien, 47-48-95.

Garden City (348): Ron Pummill, 42-39-81 (rq); Nick Walker, 41-41-82 (rq); Mike Downey, 46-43-89;

Salem (350): Josh Perrin, 43-39-82 (rq); Adam

R.J. Wright, 53-43-96; Jared Cusmano, 49-52-101

Plymouth (338): Justin Bauer, 40-40-80;

James Brvan, 40-44-84; Trevor Birdwell, 44-42

86; Andrew Overmeyer, 44-44-88; Ryan Bauer,

Lindlbauer, 42-41-83; Brendan Muir, 45-41-86; Dominic Bonell, 48-46-94.

Bostick, 48-36-84: Frik Newman, 40-46-86

47-44-91

greens were just firm and fast enough not to give up any really low rounds. It was a pretty fair test. Guys who could play the bump-and-run today had better opportunities to shoot a good round."

Canton, the KLAA South Division champ at 10-0, was led individual co-runner-up Andrew Rickerman, a senior, who shot 74. Teammate Zach Conrad, a junior who earned Division 1 district medalist honors last Thursday at Tanglewood G.C., added a 79.

Other All-Conference players included Novi's Brent Womack (76) and Nick Hansen (77); Plymouth's Justin Bauer (77); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (77); South Lyon's Kyle Gordon (79); and Livonia Stevenson's Christian Debay (79).

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Powers, 43-42-85; Brandon Duprey, 47-44-91; Eric

Jimmy Johnson, 42-44-86; Jordan Chisholm, 45-43-88; Jacob Wirgau, 46-44-90; Doug Nagy, 46-50-96. John Glenn (355): Andy Myers, 41-40-81 (rq); Josh Duprie, 45-43-88; Alex Rochette, 42-49-91; Tim

Boes, 41-54-95; Conner Monroe, 53-46-99. Edsel Ford (373): Tom Prato, 41-47-88; Chris

Wayne (393): Kevin Sample, 41-44-85 (rq); Jacob Smith, 48-41-89; Zachary Williamson, 49-55:

104: Jarret Williamson, 62-53-115: Shane Schooley,

(rq): additional individual regional gualifier.

Wech, 47-4 3-90; Robert Neff, 48-46-94; Greg Barbour, 47-54-101; Nick Lyscas, 52-57-109.

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Duprey, 47-45-92. Franklin (349): Chris Grund, 43-42-85 (rq);

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Canton's Christy VanEsley high-fives Heide Lucke after she scored a run in the Chiefs' win over Stevenson Tuesday afternoon.

# **Canton softball team withstands** Spartan rally to win pre-District



Observer sportswriting colleagues – Brad Emons, Dan O'Meara and Tim Smith - that I can't thank them enough.

And the individuals who built my sports sections twice a week for the past 200-plus weeks – Beth Jachman, Dan Dean and Jennifer Foley - are the true unsung professionals of this business – people who rarely, if ever, get their name in the newspaper, yet make it so pleasant to look at.

# Inspiring passage

Ironically, not long after I found out about my fate here at the Observer, I read the following line in an ESPN The Magazine article that I will use as inspiration during the upcoming sure-to-be-challenging weeks: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

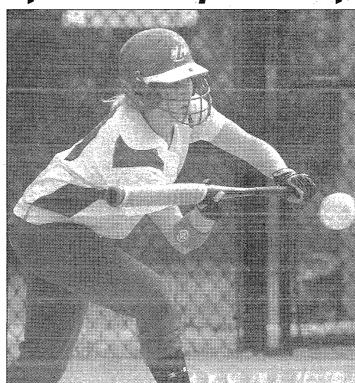
I have fallen, tripped up by a combination of factors. that were well beyond my control.

But I am determined to rise again in the face of a nearly invisible job market.

The French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery once wrote: "What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well."

Beginning Monday, I will be searching for my well. Thanks for reading my stuff the past five years. It's been a blast.

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



Canton's Christy Van Esley lays down a bunt during the Chiefs' 5-4 victory over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon at Plymouth.

Winning pitcher Amy

Dunleavy helped her own cause with a two-run triple in the third inning Tuesday as Canton held off Livonia Stevenson, 5-4, in a Division 1 pre-District game at Plymouth

The Chiefs improved to 30-6 with the win while the Spartans' season ended with a 16-15 mark. Dunleavy stuck out 11, walked

one and allowed eight hits. Kaitlyn Mattson walked twice

and added an RBI single, while Sam Partain went 2-for-3 for the victorious Chiefs.

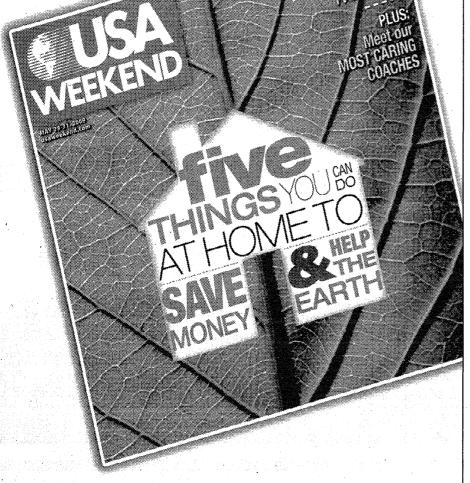
Losing pitcher Laura Deacon allowed six hits, walked four and struck out six in going all seven innings.

Offensively, Deacon doubled twice, while Katie Bone went 2for-3 for the Spartans.

Stevenson trailed 5-0 through three innings before rallying for three runs in the top of the fourth and one in the seventh on a Becca Zarros RBI single.

But Zarros was left stranded at first with two outs.

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# Chiefs football camps

The Canton High School football program will host three camps next month. On June 8-11, the Canton

Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades 7-9 will be held each night from 5-7:30 p.m. at the varsity stadium. The cost is \$35. For more information, call Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738. On June 15-18, the Canton

Chiefs Wing T/3-4 Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 10-12. The camp, which costs \$30, will run from 2-5:30 p.m. June 15 and from 5-8 p.m. the other three days. For more information, call Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

On June 22-25, the Canton **Chiefs Fundamental Football** Camp will be held for kids in grades 3-6. The camp, which

costs \$75, will run from 9 a.m. to \$20 (if you bring your own table noon. Call Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

**SPORTS BRIEFS** 

# **HVS swap meet**

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host a Swap Meet on Saturday, June 6, from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to the community. A \$2 per-person donation will benefit Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

Channel 95.5 will be on hand with promotions and giveaways. The Carnival of Inflatables will also be free to use and HVS staff will supervise children ages 4-12 while their parents shop.

Those interested in selling gently used clothing, toys, sports equipment, and other yard/garage sale items should call Elaine Matthews at (734) 487-7678. Spots are available for and chairs) or for \$30 HVS will include space, a six-foot table, and two chairs. Call (734) 487-7678.

## Canton cheer camp

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

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

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

The registration deadline is June 1. Call (734) 765-1998 or send an e-mail to carriers@ comcast.net.

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# **RELIGION CALENDAR**

To submit an item for the religion calendar, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Linda Chomin. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

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# **Clothing donations wanted**

Donations of clean, used clothing are being accepted through May 30, at Memorial Church of Christ, Five Mile. Leave donations at the east door or call (734) 464-6722 to arrange pickup or to volunteer to pack on May 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. On Sunday May 31, at 1 p.m. volunteers will pack up the lightly-used clothing for shipment to Ukraine, Honduras, Kosovo, India, and Niger by Master Provisions, a group that supports missionary activities through clothes distribution in those countries. Last year, more than four tons of clothing were shipped from Livonia.

#### **Church food pantry**

Trinity Church is holding another food pantry for May, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pickup time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. through Thursday, May 28. Pickup day is Saturday, May 30. Yard sale

#### 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia, For information, call Mary at (248) 471-1322. There will be starter plants, children's toys and miscellaneous household items for sale.

#### Lost innocence vigil

Shared Hope International is kicking off a National Awareness Campaign to End Demand for child sex slavery in America with a candlelight vigil 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Members of the church and Shared Hope International are collaborating to raise awareness about child sex trafficking occurring here in Michigan and across our nation. If possible, wear a red shirt for unity and come at 1 p.m. to learn more about trafficking.



## ARLENE LENORE LENOX

Funeral Services for Arlene Lenore Lenox will be held Friday, May 29, 12:00 noon at Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI with Rev. David Fernlund of Algoma Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am-12 noon prior to the services. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783.

## BLAIR MORTON

Born January 14, 1944. Passed from this life, surrounded by his loving family at home on May 24, 2009 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving wife Ellen Tomasovich. Proud father of Ian, Nicole and Danielle. Also survived by his brother David (lackie) Morton, and many family and friends whose love and support have been invaluable. The family suggests donations to the Salvation Army. Please sign Blair's online guest book at: www.rggrharris.com.

#### **GLENN LELAND WHITE**

Formerly of Livonia. Born October 16, 1929, died May 22, 2009. LJ Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI

to the

Loved One

LAWRENCE BOSTON

May 24, 2009, agc 74 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Patricia. Dear

father of James (Linda), Patricia (Patrick) Harkins, Sandra (Tom) Kava, Mary (Dennis) Russ, Anne

(Kevin) O'Haire. Grandfather of 12

& I great-grandchild. Brother of Helen Brulez. Services were held at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia.

Arrangements by Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 734-425-1800.

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# MARGUERITE NELLIE RAWLINS,

Age 92, May 25, 2009 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late David Earl Rawlins. Loving mother of Dorothy Rawlins, Mary Rawlins, Alice Davis, Paul (Dee Dee) Rawlins, Donna (Eric) Pregitzer, David (Valerie) Rawlins, Jr., Norma Rawlins and Richard Rawlins. Sister of Zoe. 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, Functal Service 12 PM Friday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation 3-9 PM Thursday. Share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

# MICHAEL DENNIS MCGINNIS

Age 66, of Novi, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2009. He was born September 18, 1942 in Lima, Ohio, the son of Jack D. and Inez Jane (Ackerman) McGinnis. Dear brother Peggy L. McGinnis of Hartland. Michael had retired as a general fore-man for Detroit Diesel, Services will be Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. (visitation 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contribu-tions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. Please visit the family's on-line guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



#### TERESA ROBBINS

Died' May 21, 2009. She was born March 13, 1948. Preceded in death by father, Edward Weinhandl. Survived by husband, James Robbins, son Jimmy and wife Alina; brother David Burt; sister Marie Wiens (Gary); sister Dianne Horton (Chuck); sister Denise Erickson (Mike); sister Laura Lodin. Teresa served on the Westland School Board. She was active with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary. Spear headed Protection and Preservation of Sassafras Trail. Avid gardener. Beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Will be greatly missed by all. Memorials in lieu of flowers preferred to Westland Humane Society or John Bolde Food Depot at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, MI.



#### TATOM, JENNIFER L. (nee SCIANNA)

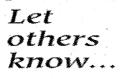
Age 39 May 25, 2009. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Michael, Samantha and Kelsey. Dear sister of Carrie (Al) Silveri and Dino. Cherished daughter of Aldino and the late Marcia Scianna. Visitation Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (biwn Sheldon & Beck). Funeral Service Friday 1 PM at funeral home. Memorial the Contributions may be made to U of M Center for Melanoma Cancer Research. To leave a message of condolence, please visit

vermeulenfuneralhome.com



#### WILLIAM S. THOMAS

Age 86, May 22, 2009 Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and VFW Post #6695. Beloved husband of Angela, Dearest father of Mary (Gordon) Hooper, Diane (Rick) Kelley, Charles Thomas, Angela K. (Timothy) Frost and son-in-law Michael (and the late Barbara) Keith. Also leaves 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



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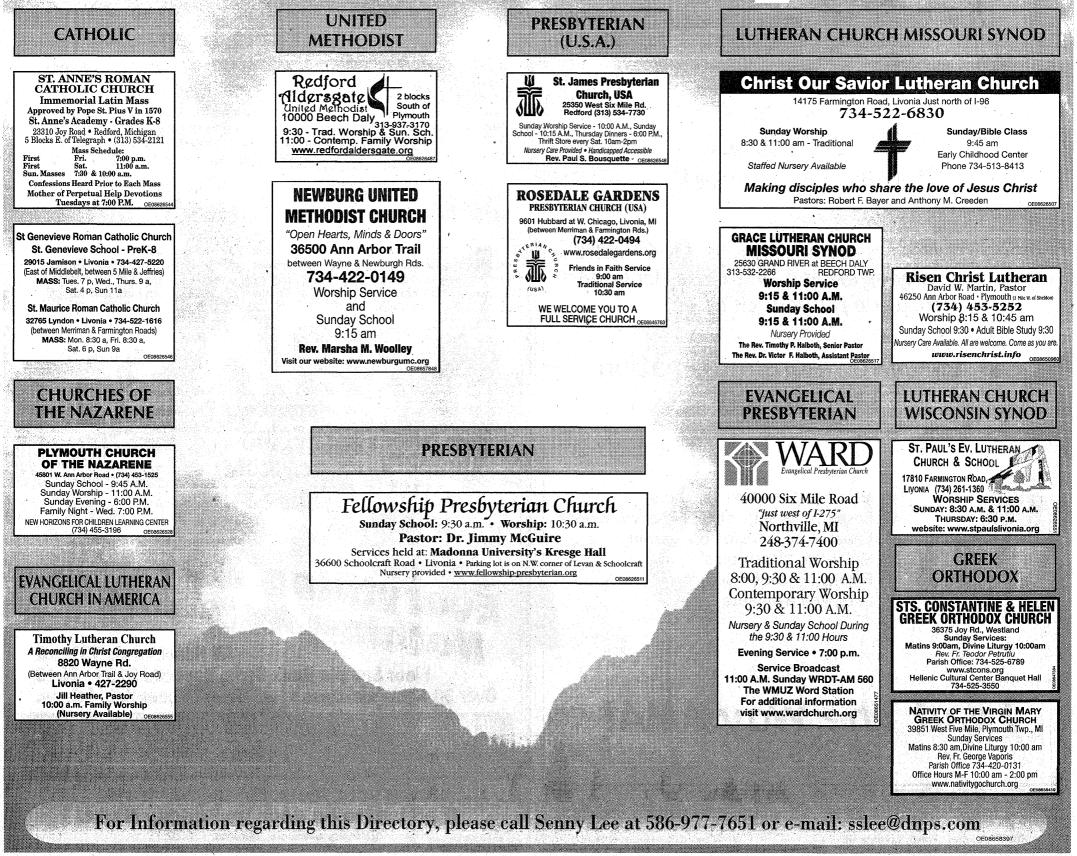


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"true grit". In her youth, she had to pass up a scholarship to Pratt Institute in New York to work as a secretary to help sustain her family during the Depression. Within two years after she and Patrick McKenna were married in 1937, he quit his job at Detroit Gray Iron and went into the wood pattern business for himself. Helen managed the office and the finances. They worked as a team complementing each other in their strengths until Patrick's death in 1953. When his business that had been converted to defense work during World War II closed in 1946, they produced wood candy cane Christmas ornaments until Patrick could restart his business once again. His death from an auto accident came just as he had reestablished his contacts in the automotive field. Helen, at the age of 39, took over the business and with help of some of Patrick's friends in the industry made McKenna Industries a success. She smartly invested her profits and financially supported her parents who lived into their 90's. She also helped her children and grandchildren iluough tough times. Helen believed family comes first and that is the way she lived her life. She was a great socializer and an excellent ballroom dancer Her impression of Marlene Dietrich singing "Falling in Love Again" at Ridgedale Players was a huge hit. She Ridgedale Players was a huge hit. She was a woman of courage and determi-nation. She often said "laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone." That's "true grit". Loving mother of Michael D. and the late Patricia. Dear grandmother of Patrick and Daniel Grant, Gael Giles, and Mick Brian and Stopharia McKemma Mick, Brian and Stephanie McKenna. Great grandmother of Courtney and Meghan Gowan, Grant Giles and Mickey and Aisling McKenna, Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 10a.m. until funeral service at 1:00p.m. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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# **Chamber Music Society closes** season with virtuoso pianist

Yefim Bronfman has been rec-

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most brilliant pianists. His

commanding technique and

exceptional lyrical gifts have

made him a stand-out as an

orchestral soloist as well as a

highly regarded solo recitalist

Born in Tashkent, in what

is now Uzbekistan, in 1958,

Bronfman immigrated with

As a teenager, he toured with

the Israel Philharmonic under

Leonard Bernstein and Zubin

Symphony in 1975 and his New

Recent highlights of his busy

York Philharmonic debut in

1978. In 1989, he became an

career include performances

Orchestra, Kirov Orchestra,

Berlin Philharmonic, Israel

Petersburg Philharmonic, as

tras in all major American

cities including Boston,

well as with symphony orches-

Vienna Philharmonic,

Philharmonic and St.

with the Royal Concertgebouw

Mehta before coming to the

United States in 1976. He

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his family to Israel in 1973.

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Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills (the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

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May 30. The

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The program includes: Tchaikovsky Dumka, Op. 59; Tchaikovsky Sonata No. 2 in G major (Grand Sonata), Op. 37; Berg Piano Sonata, Op. 1; Schumann Arabesque, Op. 18; and Prokofiev Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 14.

The evening also includes a Pre-Concert Talk by Steven Rings, Assistant Professor of Music, University of Chicago, who will discuss the concert repertoire. The Pre-Concert Talk is open to ticket holders at no additional charge.

For more than 30 years,

Philadelphia, Los Angeles and others.

Also within the past few years, he premiered a new concerto written for him by Esa-Pekka Salonen; completed a recital tour of Europe with mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kozena and a duo recital tour of the United States with pianist Emanuel Ax; recorded all the Beethoven piano concerti, as well as the Triple Concerto with violinist Gil Shaham, cellist Truls Mork and the Tönhalle Orchestra Zurich under David Zinman; and completed a recording and concert tour with flutist Emmanuel Pahud.

Among his many awards are a Grammy for Best Instrumental Soloist in 1997, for his recording of the thee Bartok concerti with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the 1999 Avery Fisher Prize, one of the highest honors given to American instrumentalists.

A member of the Artistic Advisory Board of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Mr. Bronfman's muchanticipated performances are always a highlight of the CMSD season.

The Tigers are playing well this year and tickets will

be harder to come by, so be sure to get your tickets

The Museum also has tickets and a luxury coach

reserved for the Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game

on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Museum is located at 155 S.

Main St., Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday,

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Call (734) 455-8940.

Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from

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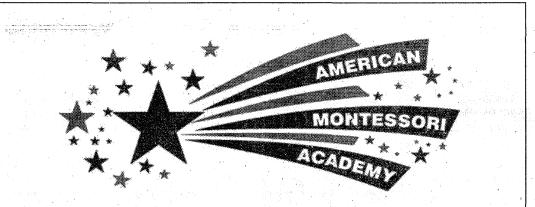
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now from the Plymouth Historical Museum.

# Tickets and luxury coach to Tigers game

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum.



May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com. Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Focus: HOPE Gallery: "Focus on the Mission" teen photograph exhibit, May 28 through July 30, Focus: HOPE Gallery. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. May 28. Second floor, Center for Advanced

Technologies, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497,

College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, through May 29. (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo. CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About ©," through

www.northvillearts.org. Northville Tipping Point Theatre: Behind-the-scenes of live theatre through artists's brush, through May, 361 E Cady St. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, June 5-20. (248)344-0479 or

# **GET OUT**

(248)-347-0003. Art House artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5. www.northvillearts.org. Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards,

demonstrations entertainment kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Student and Faculty Art Show, May 29-June 13. Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 5; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park. Plymouth Community Arts Council: Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734)416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com

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

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

# Cancer survivor stages singing debut in Southfield

Southfield resident and Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor Marcus Weatherspoon will be making his local singing debut to raise money for his Man and Woman of the Year campaign to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The event, "Life is a Cabaret," will take place Thursday, June 4 at Arturo's Jazz Theater & Restaurant, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"I just believe that my life has a calling and there's something so deep inside of me that wants to entertain and wants to perform," says Weatherspoon. "I can't leave here until I've done it. I can't leave here until I'm sitting across from Oprah and she's interviewing me. I refuse to die until that happens."

The event will feature the song styling of Weatherspoon, who will perform at the 170-seat jazz theater. WDRJ-AM gospel station 1440 will be in attendance to hear the local musician.

All proceeds will be donated to LLS and Weatherspoon's Man of the Year Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to provide support and a cure for blood cancer patients like LLS's Boy and Girl of the Year, Alex Wiser and Paige Malewicz.

Man and Woman of the Year participants work as a team to raise funds for the LLS mission, which is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Individual efforts are also tracked as the top fundraising man and woman from the team will be named as "Team Anchors" and will be recognized in a national advertisement in USA



Today. The advertisement will also feature photographs of the top man and woman fundraiser in the nation.

In April of 2008, Marcus Weatherspoon received news that nobody wants to hear: He had cancer. It was Stage 4 (out of five) Hodgkin lymphoma and it had spread to his throat, chest, stomach and pelvis. He was told by doctors that

Marcus Weatherspoon

surgery was not an option because of the severity of his tumors. Weatherspoon would have to fight to stay alive and accomplish his dreams. Eight months later, in December, he received news that his cancer was gone.

"I believe that if you give up mentally, physically, your body is going to give up. I just chose not to go that route," says Weatherspoon.

For more information about the Man and Woman of the year program, visit www.lls.org/ mi; or contact Miriam Imerman at (248) 581-3884 or miriam.imerman@lls.org.

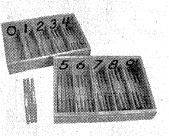
Hodgkin lymphoma is a type of blood cancer that affects the immune system. It can strike in people in their twenties or thirties. There were about 8,220 cases of Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosed last year in the United States. It is considered to be one of the most curable forms of cancer with a five-year survival rate of 86 percent. For more information about Hodgkin lymphoma or other blood cancers, contact the Michigan chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (248) 581-3900 or www. lls.org/mi.

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# FOOD & WINE

# **MAKE-A-WISH FUNRAISER**

LIVONIA - The Make-A-Wish Foundation is partnering with Baskin-Robbins for a 'FunRaiser' to raise money for their Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, a three-day, 300-mile bicycle ride from Traverse City to Chelsea. Baskin Robbins will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation from each ice cream cake they sell June 1-July 25. They aim to sell 5,000 cakes, raising \$5,000 for the Wish-A-Mile.

To kick off the program, Baskin Robbins will host an event 3-9 p.m. Monday, June 8 at the Livonia location, 17138 Farmington Road. Local media and Make-A-Wish representatives will join customers to enjoy entertainment, their favorite Baskin Robbin's flavor and an additional \$5-off coupon on any ice cream cake purchased that day, including pre-orders. Visit www.baskinrobbins.com.

# **CANTON COOK OFF**

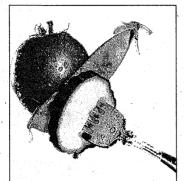
**CANTON** — Now is your chance to showcase your "pot-luck" favorite at the Spice Up Your Summer's Cook Off competition featuring "Summertime Sides and Appetizers" 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Canton Farmers Market.

Five categories include appetizers, salad, veggie, fruit, and pasta. Participants are asked to bring a prepared version of their dish to the competition, provide a list of ingredients, and supply all of their own ingredients and cooking utensils for on-site preparation. Great prizes will be awarded for the most succulent sides and appealing appetizers, with the top three moving on to compete at Liberty Fest 2009. Entry fee is \$15; \$10 for Canton residents. To Enter by June 1, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

# **NEW DINING AT TWELVE OAKS**

NOVI – Tin Fish, A&W and Sanders will open later this year at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The original Tin Fish in Fair Haven has offered a casually



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frosty mug of the world's number-one selling root beer. While the mixed-fresh-daily blend of herbs, spices, barks and berries remains a proprietary secret to this day, more widely known is the tasty brand of all-American food that A&W has served up since 1922. A&W will be located in the mall's Lifestyle Café Food Court.

To further sweeten the offerings, longtime Detroit-area favorite Sanders will open a flagship store at Twelve Oaks Mall by this fall. Since its first soda fountain opened in 1875, Sanders has tempted customers with its famous candies, fudge toppings and baked goods as well as desserts, including its popular ice cream sodas and hot fudge cream puffs. The new Twelve Oaks store will not only offer these signature treats, but will also be the first Sanders location to bring back - by popular demand - Sanders' vintage sandwiches, soups and light morning fare.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located at the intersection of three major highways, I-96, I-696 and I-275, at Novi and Twelve Mile roads in Novi.

# **BLU MYNT OPENS**

GARDEN CITY - The Blu Mynt, owned by Mo Berro, recently opened at 31408 Ford, just west of Merriman, in Garden City.

The restaurant serves Middle Date Nights, buy one entree Eastern cuisine like hummus,

# **CITY BITES**

"People smoke flavored tobacco — it's for the lounge and that time after dinner. It's been very popular," said Berro. "We have an area with couches like you would have at Starbucks and a television. Any age can come. It's a good place to hang out. There's no other place like it in Garden City."

# **COMERICA CITYFEST '09**

**DETROIT** — Comerica Cityfest 2009, formerly Tastefest, will dish up something to satisfy most anyone's summertime gastronomic desires July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. Taste tickets are \$10 for 16. Portion prices are two to five tickets for taste size, six to 10 tickets for sampler size and 11 to 14 tickets for meals.

Participating restaurants include Finn & Porter, Eastern Flame, Marwood Inn, Redwood Grill, Mozart Catering, Aw...Shucks, Bogartz Café, Centaur, Chan's Café, Clubhouse Tavern, Damon's Grill, Happy's Pizza, Harbor House, Kola's Food Factory, Lazybones Smokehouse, The Melting Pot of Troy, Motown Kabob, New Center Eatery, Pizzeria Venti, Rice Bowl Fresh Asian Eatery, Union Jacks, Unique Creations, and Waves Inn Fish Supreme.

Desserts will be provided by Good Girls go to Paris Crepes, The CupCake Kitchen, Trenton Ice Cream, Canopy Cheesecake Co., Casey's New York Style Ice, Sweet Potato Sensations, The Chocolate Gallery Café and the **Funnel Cake Place.** 

Beverages will be served by **Barefoot Wine, Doubletree** Guest Suites mobile coffee house, Town Pump Tavern, and more

Call (313) 872-0188 or visit www.comericacityfest.com or call 313.872.0188.

# **5IVE DAILY SPECIALS**

**PLYMOUTH** – 5ive Restaurant announces the following daily specials: Monday Happy Hour, half-off mixed drinks and other wine, beer and drink specials; Tuesday from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagne toast included; Wednesday Girls' Night Out, half-off drink specials, specialty drink features and free chef's tasting with tips and recipes from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, half off select bottles of wine; Friday and Saturday, live entertainment; Sunday, light fare entrees all day starting at \$10. 5ive is located at the Inn at St.

John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www.theinnatstjohns. com.

# **JAWS BURGERS EXPANDS**

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Jaws Jumbo Burgers in Farmington Hills is forming an investment group. Members will share 30 percent ownership and profits of all future Jaws Restaurant locations and a 30 percent commission on all franchise store sells. Jaws Jumbo Burgers plans to open multi-unit stores in the Metro Detroit area and throughout the United States. A membership fee and monthly dues are required. Members are allowed a low-cost ground floor opportunity to plan for their family's financial future with Jaws Jumbo Burgers. For more information visit www.jawsjumboburgers.net or call Craig Ellis, (248) 259-1326.

#### **MEIJER SCORES NUTRITION METRO DETROIT**

– NuVal, a scientifically-based food scoring system, launched in all stores in the Midwestbased Meijer retail chain. The NuVal Nutritional Scoring System gives all food a Score from 1 to 100; the higher the score, the higher the nutrition. All NuVal scores are provided on the shelf, making it easy for consumers to compare the overall nutrition of the foods they buy at a glance. The inventor of the "one-stop" shopping concept, Meijer operates 185 supercenters in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Consumers visiting their local Meijer will see thousands of items with the trademark NuVal blue hexagon, which contains the NuVal score. Scored categories include salty snacks, milk, yogurt, vegetables (fresh, frozen and canned), cereal, bread, cookies, and crackers, among others. Visit

# **Charley sports** green footprint

f you're a wine aficionado, have concern about the environment and plan to vacation Up North, do visit one of Michigan's

Foot Charley,

Grand Traverse

located in The Village of

Commons, Traverse City,

Left Foot

Mich.



# **Focus on Wine**

Charley came Ray & Eleanor on the scene Heald in 2007 as the

first Michigan winery to open in an urban facility, a former Michigan state hospital campus, currently under development as a mixed-use project in a Michigan Tax-Free Renaissance Zone. Jen and winemaker Bryan Ulbrich, LeftFoot's owners, renovated the former hospital'slaundry facility for its modern winery operations, classy tasting room and winebar, with a nifty small plates menu.

# **GREEN FOOT**

After only two years at the Traverse City location, Left Foot Charley has raised the environmental concern bar by sporting a green foot. "In calendar year 2008," Bryan Ulbrich said, "we went through 2,000 bottles (750mL each) for complimentary tasting and wine served by the glass (\$5) at the wine bar.

"Those bottles went from the bottling line to the tasting room to the recycling bin outside. They were picked up, crushed and turned into asphalt. The bottles had a closure and a label. All that cost a lot of money and created a greater carbon footprint for the winery."

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# WINE PICKS

Delicious new 2008 wine releases from Left Foot Charley. **PINOT GRIGIO, \$15; PINOT BLANC** Island View Vineyard, \$18 and **RIESLING MD, \$15.** 

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Now, wine for tasting on premise is drawn from a tank outfitted with nitrogen gas or carbon dioxide gas taking the place of the wine and keeping the remainder fresh.

"All this has been a learning curve," Ulbrich adds. "We're now planning to use 300L refrigerated tanks behind the tasting bar. They have a nitrogen line running to them under a pressure of 5psi." Wine on tap? You could say that.

# **GROWLERS FOR TAKE OUT**

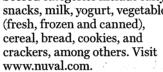
Locals and visitors alike can fill a standard growler with a shelf life in the refrigerator of two weeks - such as a stay Up North. Growlers can be returned for a refill. They're rinsed with 160degree water (same as the rinser on the bottling line). Danger of something impacting growler cleanliness is eliminated.

# **GOING INDEPENDENT**

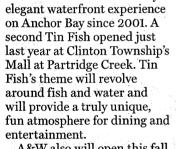
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tabbouleh, shish tawook and shwarma, as well as hamburgers and subs. Lunch specials start at \$6.99, and dinner specials at \$10.99. The Blu Mynt also offers a new feature aimed at attracting younger patrons later in the evening. Along with a coffee and juice bar — the business doesn't sell alcohol - Berro has a hookah bar for customers over age 18.



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#### Manager honor

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Charles (Chick) Bricker, Jr., of Kramer-Triad Management Group, an Associa company in Ann Arbor has been awarded the first-ever Managers of Excellence award. The award was established by Reserve Advisors, a national provider of reserve studies and transition studies, to recognize community association managers who are industry leaders.



Bricker, a Plymouth resident, is a vice president at Kramer-Triad Management Group and joined the company in

1999 as a portfolio manager. He has more than 40 years of experience in business and community management and has continually pursued professional development opportunities, such as his CMCA, AMS and PCAM accreditations through the Community Associations Institute (CAI).

#### Hella-Mercedes partnership

Hella will supply Mercedes-Benz with the world's first continuously adjustable headlamps. Available as an option in Europe on the company's 2010 Mercedes E-Class models, the new system adjusts a vehicle's headlamps to traffic conditions and provides drivers with the best possible road illumination without blinding oncoming vehicles.

"Jointly developed by Hella and Daimler engineers, the Mercedes' 'Intelligent High Beam Assistant' system uses a camera mounted on the

# **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

windshield to detect oncoming traffic or vehicles traveling ahead," said Steffen Pietzonka, vice president of Marketing for Hella Lighting. "The headlamps are controlled so that the light cone ends before reaching other vehicles."

The "intelligent high-beam assistant" automatically switches to high-beam when the road ahead is clear. As soon as vehicles are detected within 2,600 feet, the equipment adjusts the range of the headlamps within milliseconds. High- to low-beam adjustments are activated once the driver reaches 35 miles per hour.

### SKF appointments

Plymouth-based SKF announced several new appointments within its global Car Business Unit, a part of its Automotive Division. The appointments strengthen SKF's global automotive account management and better focuses its resources on strategic growth.

Jason Stocker is appointed global account manager for General Motors Corp., and will continue to be based in Plymouth. Previously, Stocker served as account manager in the Car Business Unit in the U.S.

Jean-Pierre Collognat is now responsible for Global Business Development, Ball and Roller Screws, and will be based in Chambery, France, in July. Prior to this, Collognat was manager of business development for Car Powertrain and Steering, North America.

Jean-Sylvain Migliore is appointed global account manager for Renault Nissan.

He previously was a business engineer in the Car Business Unit, and will continue to be based in Montigny, France. Invescor hire

Christl Heidtman of Plymouth has joined Invescor, Ltd. as a Licensing Specialist. Heidtman brings over four years of licensing experience to Invescor, and is responsible for researching and tracking changes in licensing



Heidtman

on a national and state-bystate basis. Heidtman also assists agents, registered representatives, and firms

regulations

nationwide in resolving life

settlement licensing issues. Heidtman joins Invescor from AAA - The Auto Club Group, where she managed insurance continuing education requirements for approximately 3,000 captive agents in eight states, and supported licensed employees with inquiries regarding pre-licensing requirements, appointments, and renewals.

Heidtman is an active member of the Securities and Insurance Licensing Association (SILA), and has an Associate (SILA-A) Designation.

Heidtman earned a Bachelor's of Accounting degree from DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio, graduating Cum Laude in 1998, and holds a Travel Certificate awarded with valedictorian honors from the Travel Education Institute in Southfield, Michigan in 2001.

# Shark Club offers affordable menu along with charity games

**IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A** 

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

Michael Mazza: We offer a plea sent atmosphere for you to enjoy food, drink, and sporting events. Our broad menu, generous portions of food, a full service bar puts us above the rest. We offer a value menu from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday with 12 items for \$5.99 that include soup or fries. Our corporate events are sectioned off for your group to enjoy your choice of our full service buffets, or just come in and play billiards and arcade games. We have the best charity casino in the area, with players able to come in every night and play Texas hold-em or blackjack. We were able to provide \$100,000 to the charities in the last year.

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

Michael Mazza: I wanted to open a comfortable and fun atmosphere that people could come in and enjoy sporting events, and have food that is not your average bar food. **Observer: Why did you choose** Canton?

Michael Mazza: It was up and coming when we moved in.

### **Observer: What makes your** business unique?

Michael Mazza: The size (12,000 square feet) can accommodate many events. Observer: How has it changes since you moved in?

Michael Mazza: With the current economy, we are striving to keep things fun with



Shark Club manager Kim Holtz in the charity poker area.

# THE CANTON SHARK CLUB

Address: 42070 N. Ford Road Your name: Michael Mazza, owner Your hometown: Clarkston Business opened when?: 1995

Your business specialty: Corporate parties, sporting events, charity

Business hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-2 a.m. Sunday (kitchen open until 1 a.m. every night) Business phone/Web site: (734) 844-7665, sharkclubcanton.net

the charity casino, and trivia ( Friday starting at 9 p.m.) Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner? Michael Mazza: We really want people to know that we

are not a "pool hall." We are a fun sports bar that has all the things you need for a fun night out. Billiards is just the second part of what we can show you. Go on our Web site for valuable coupons at sharkclubcanton.net.



Number of employees: 30 poker

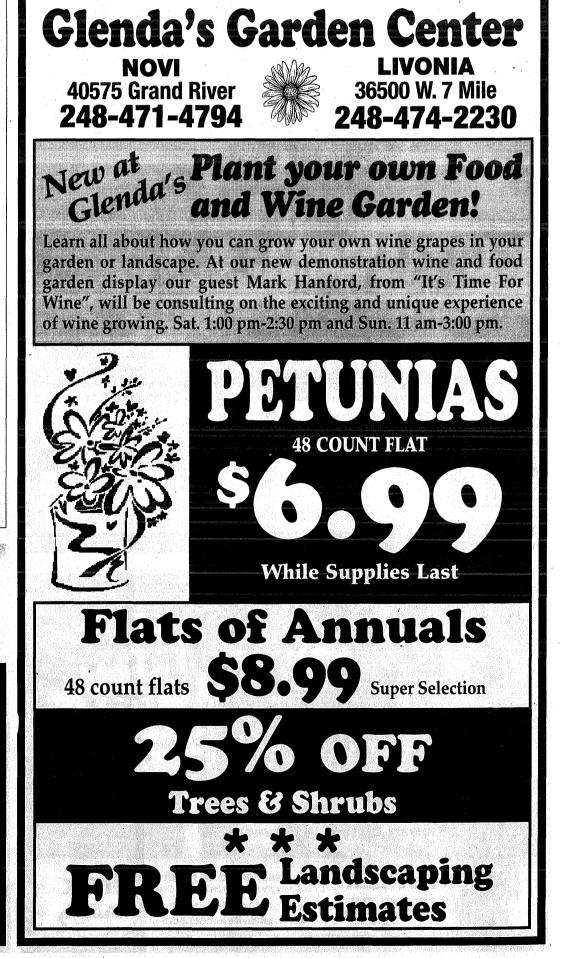
# On the move

Doctors Eric Broad and Karen Siupik of Broad Family Chiropractic (BFC) have officially moved their locallyowned wellness/chiropractic clinic to its new location at 43423 Joy Road in the Coventry Commons Plaza between Remax and H&R Block. The move was precipitated by BFC's continued success with families in the community and service additions to support the steady stream of new and continued customers. "We were fortunate to find a space that would allow for continued expansion, as well as take advantage of the Joy and Morton Taylor intersection we have grown to enjoy," said Broad. With the recent move to the new location, services and treatments have once again expanded to include massage therapy, reflexology, accupuncture, and custom orthodics. BFC will be hosting a re-grand opening BBQ and public open house on Saturday, June 6. The clinic is also offering current specials now through the end of June for massage (\$25 half hour massages) and chiropractic exams (\$45 complete chiropractic exams, including x-rays). For more information call (734) 354-9900.

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# REAL ESTATE THURSDAY May 28 2009



# Green designation: win-win for industry, buyer

#### BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

**Realtor Peter Maxfield knows** more than a little about the environment.

Maxfield, an associate broker with **RE/MAX** Four Seasons in Whitmore Lake, is among industry pros to earn the Green Designation from the National Association of Realtors.

"Michigan I think is in a good position to be very conscious of this," the Pinckney resident said. The area's long been attuned to the environment, he said, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm is talking about battery production and energy-related jobs.

More than 2,700 Realtors have completed the National Association of Realtors Green Designation Core Course and more than 1,250 NAR members have received NAR's Green Designation. NAR's Green REsource Council anticipates that 3,000 Realtors will have earned the designation by the end of the year.

Thus far, the NAR Web site shows relatively few such Realtors from Michigan, but that's expected to grow. Maxfield took training through the RE/MAX satellite network. "That was a good thing we could do it that way," he said.

He was able to complete training with the residential industry elective at an international convention in Las Vegas. Maxfield, in real estate 10 years, hasn't taken the commercial training as his work is primarily residential.

"Realtors build communities and understand the importance of green homes and buildings," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth. "Consumers recognize the relationship between green properties, cost savings and healthy living and are looking for Realtors to help them find the home that fits their needs."

According to a recent NAR survey, 90 percent of recent homebuyers thought energy efficiency was a very important consideration when searching for a home, and the demand for green buildings and environmentally sensitive home features is growing. According to the National Association of Home Builders, the green homes market is expected to increase to 10 percent by 2010. Realtors who have earned NAR's areen Designation are prepared to help consumers and clients in their search for environmentally friendly properties and work to incorporate green principles into their own practice.

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carpooling and combining short car trips.

Winter heating bills have also prompted interest in energy efficient, Maxfield said. He noted there are many designations, some government-sponsored. The training is helpful in understanding what designations mean.

Maxfield said tests can now be done to see how energy efficient a home is, as compared in the past to asking a seller for electric and gas bills. He sees importance in such things as a home's position on property, the overnangs, and is it sustain able.

up to speed as to what's happening in this whole field," said Maxfield, who hopes other area Realtors will complete the training for the designation.

He sees both economic and ecological considerations, such as use of recyclable materials and good building practices. "It's taking hold." Maxfield lives in a rural area with some animals, and has considered a windmill for his own property. "You get a respect for the farmers that have been working the land." They do their jobs as minimally as possible, he said.

rernaps some of that has to do with the excesses we're learning to live without," the local Realtor said. Tax credits are available for those going "green" in Michigan, he added, a particularly strong consideration if you're planning to stay in a home. "It's so valid on so many levels," Maxfield said. Realtors and affiliate members of NAR obtain the designa-

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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at www.builders.org.

tion after completing a 12-hour core course and six-hour elective course in either residential, commercial, or property management. Nearly 300 courses are currently scheduled across the United States and Canada in 2009. Consumers can now find Realtors with this designation in the "Find a Realtor" section at www.realtor.org. For more information about the Green REsource Council and the designation, visit www. GreenREsourceCouncil.org.

"NAR's Green Designation increases the value Realtors and to the transaction," said McMillan. "By arming themselves with the tools and training necessary to seek out, understand and market green properties, our members become a positive force for creating sustainable and energy-efficient communities.'

# Verify age to ensure fair housing

Q: I am on the board of a condominium association and I am wondering how often the government will inspect to see whether, in fact, we maintain the 80/20 ratio with respect to senior citizen exemptions under the Fair Housing Act.

A: HOPA regulations require routine procedures for verifying compliance with the 80 percent occupancy standard on an ongoing basis. It is recommended that



regular surveys of an age restricted community's residents be made. Initial information regarding residents may be obtained in conjunction with sales contracts, but the composition of the community's

residents must be independently verified on an ongoing basis at least every two years. Issuing, by way of example, a

community identification document or card for each occupant provides an effective method of capturing age data for the community.

#### Q: I am interested in buying a condominium but understand that there have been additional Fannie Mae requirements effective March 1, 2009. Do you have any information on that?

A: Yes. Almost all new changes to the FMNA guidelines present more stringent requirements making it harder to obtain lender approval. Some of the big highlights are as follows:

• Projects with excess sales/ financing structures are ineligible to get a new loan. This can include sellers paying abatements for HOA dues, mortgage interest payments, and builder/developer contributions - any payments that can help and often entice buyers to get in the property only to find out later that they cannot afford it.

• Second, projects with excessive non-residential space (more than 20 percent) — space devoted to nonliving areas - are ineligible.

Third, projects where a single

Maxfield saw increased interest in energy issues last year when gas prices went up. "When it hits the pocketbook it really hits their attention," he said. People became interested in

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern

Michigan (BIA) will present a Mid-Year Economic

John Augustine, CFA, Chief Investment strate-

gist, Fifth Third Private Bank, will lead the fore-

expect for the remainder of 2009. He is a frequent media guest on CNBC and Bloomberg. He has

cast, presenting what the housing industry can

been practicing portfolio management for more than 17 years. Registration fees, including lunch,

are \$30 for BIA members and \$50 for guests. For

registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or

Forecast on Wednesday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m.

to 2 p.m. at the Centerpoint Marriott, 3600

**Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac.** 

register online at www.builders.org.

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"Let's say you want to get off the electric grid," Maxfield said. There are options such as solar cells and windmills in the varied field which covers a lot of ground.

He acknowledged not all that's needed can be learned in a three-day course, and everyday work in the field reinforces training. "It really gets us

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development

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more energy efficient, more durable and more

entity owns more than 10 percent of the project are ineligible. Additionally, at any time, 15 percent of all association dues cannot be more than 30 days past due. Essentially, the master policy of a condominium generally covers community property of a condominium such as hallways, shared courtyards, etc. However, for personal property, "improvements and betterments," and property within the walls of a condominium, hazard insurance is needed and is now required which is commonly referred to as an HO6 policy.

 Additionally, previously only 51 percent of the project needed to be conveyed or under a legal contract. Now, in order to get Fannie Mae approval, 70 percent of the project needs to be presold to meet guidelines.

• Also, condominium projects with 20 or more units require fidelity insurance.

Finally, and perhaps the only less restricted change to the guideline, is a project eligibility review serve (PERS), which allows lenders an additional avenue to submit condominium projects to Fannie Mae for eligibility review.

You are best advised to consult with an attorney and your potential lender before considering a purchase of a condominium.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit eisner-associates.com. This col-'t be construed as legal advice.

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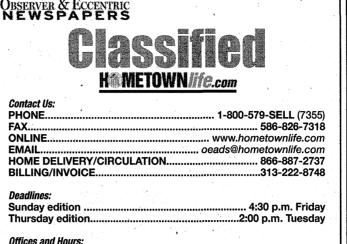
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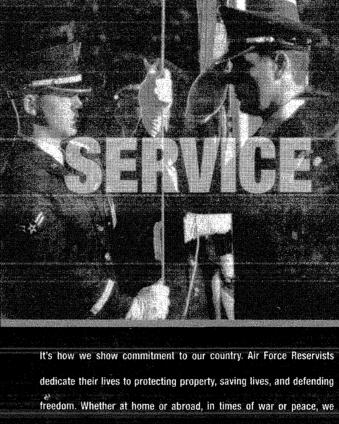


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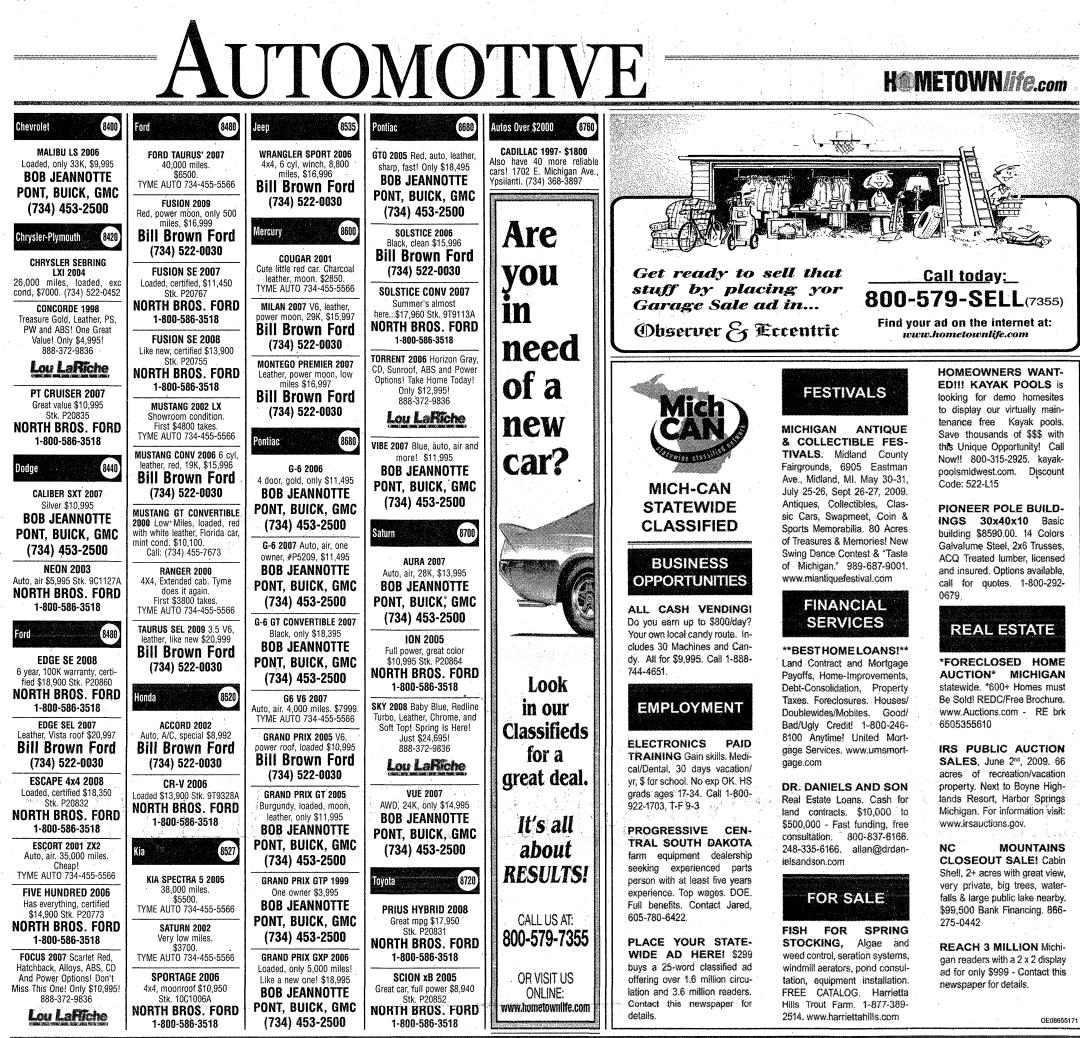


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#### Belleville 734-455-7000 LAKE FRONT HOME ON BELLEILLE LAKE! No need for a vacation home! Here's the best of both worlds! 3BR/2BA, lake front property w/30' deck, hot tub, pool & 75' boat dock – all on Belleville Lake. \$290,000



#### Belleville 734-455-7000 GREAT CONDO! Spacious 2nd flr ranch, 2BR/2 Neutral decor. Newer firing, lights & 3 ceiling fans. All appls. Huge closets. Deck overlooks pond.



734-455-7000 Berkley DECORATORS DELIGHT! Bring your fresh ideas to this well-kept 3 bedrm home. Newer windows, finished bsmt, 1.1 baths, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Priced to sell



#### 248-437-3800 Brighton Open Floor Plan, Shows Like A New Home! Maple cabinets w/granite counters, extensive use of ceramic. 2 story foyer & family rm. Brazilian hardwood in den. Fin. bsmt could be in-law suite. Lrg rec rm.

(29064090) \$274,900

Canton 248-851-1900 3 BR 2.1 BA HOME W/LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/master bath & large WIC.



248-348-6430 Novi Updates Galore! Wonderful 5 bedroom home w/fabulous addition of family room & mstr suite. Awesome oak kitchen will please any cook! Relax by the fire. Backos to park & schools



Dearborn 734-591-9200 A Must See-Completely renovatd bungalow Updts includ wind, roof, driveway, gar siding, plumb/elect. Refin hard/wd firs, new kit cabs w crueits there recert labiting at least steel applia granite tops, recess Ighting, stnless steel applia. Clean bsmt 1/2 carpet



#### Detroit 734-591-9200 Perfection thru-out-Move in ready. New kit w/cherry/wd cabs, nw counter tps & kit flr. Nw updted 1st flr lay, 2 nat fire/plces. Fin bsmt w/bar and its of clos space. Hrdwd firs thru/out. g form DR. Mst see



#### 248-348-6430 Farmington 2 BD Condo Steps Away From Farmington Offering 1 car grg w/opener, HDW Firs, vaulted ceilings, all appliances stay, great view & is conveniently located near shopping, schools & access to freeways.



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430 Amazing Quality, Million Dollar Features Great location & condition! Upgrades: High EFF furnace, granite kitchen, custom master suite, finished lower level family room, bar, multi-



Highland Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole



248-348-6430 Livonia Totally Renovated & Expanded Colonial! Spacious 4 BDRM, 3.5 BA Livonia home. Expansion includes 2 upper BDRMs, full BA & computer area Linderde KIT w(Corian counters computer area. Upda `w/Corian counters & oak cabinets fin'd BSMT & more.

(29029104)\$212,000

#### 248-348-6430 Livonia Renovated With Style! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including: updated ktichen, main bath, light fixtures. Finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck.



Livonia



# 248-684-1065 pond & fountain. Upgrades galore! Granite kit, SS appl, maple firs, formal DR, lib 2/ FP, MBR, fin LL w/o, patio.



Dramatic brownstone end unit condo. High windows, ceilings, open flr pln. HDWD, ceramic and carpet flrs. Balc. off oak kit/all appl incl. Walk to town



Monroe 248-208-2900 Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc.

(28192562) \$109,900



248-851-4100 Novi BEAUTIFUL HOME.DESIRABLE TOLLGATE RAVINE Everything looks new! Granite, wood & high ceilings. Both 1st floor & 2nd floor master suites. 3 car side entry garage. For

\$355,000



248-348-6430 Bargain Priced\*Novi Schools\*4 BR, 2 BA Sharp UPDTD KIT w/granite & SS appls. New carpet, main UPDTD BA, Andersen windows, fieldstone

FP, patio w/LG scenic yard! Comm pool & clubhouse. You'll love it!



# 248-348-6430

Spacious Updated 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch Newer windows, furnace & H/W. Granite, oak cabiets, ceranmic firing. Mstr ste w/wic & full ba. Lots of storage. All appl's. Novi schools, cloe to x-ways & mall.

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YOUR PERFECT SHANGRI-LA ON 1.24 ACRES!

Fabulous resort estate on priv cui-de-sac. Brick circular dr is gateway to this home w/ magnificent 2-story stone FP. Tennis, basketball, pool, sauna & hot tub. (29037228) \$985,000

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COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Come home to this warm and cozy bungalow w/natural fireplace and lots of natural wood. Oak cabinet kitchen w/laminate floor. 2 full baths. Large backvard (29047450) \$135,000



248-348-6430 Redford Cozy Brick Ranch with many updates: kitchen, appliances, roof, electrical, Florida room with wood stove and vaulted ceiling, finished basement with 4th bedroom & full bath.



Welcome Home! You'll Love This - 3 BD, 1 BA fenced yard, updated KIT, newer roof, HWH & furnace. C/A in 2006. Hurry this one won't last! Bring all offers! Subject to 3rd party ban



Enjoy Country Living On 3 Acres! Charming 3 BR ranch on high ground w/pole barn. Many updates. Large 24x28 rec room in LL w/bar area. Woods in rear. Great location.



Beautiful Ranch Home With Curb Appeal. 3 car garage on large lot in prestigious neighborhood. Gorgeous landscaping to provide private back yard, paver patio, & beautiful views from every window.



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM** 

Just Listed! 55+ community, secluded, clean, updated, finished walkout basement.





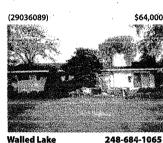
Southfield New Construction in Southfield Two elegant 4 BR, 2 BA homes in beautiful neighborhood. Sunny, gourmet KIT, sumptuous mstr ste and elegant DR. Colonial style. Not too late to pick Sunny, ge elegant [ surfaces. (29008997) \$250,000



248-208-2900 Southfield Extra large lot! Nice 4 bdrm, 1.5 bath home. 1 car attached garage. Located on one of the largest lots in the area.



Taylo 248-208-2900 Super Price! Roomy 4 bdrm home. Bonus room in finished bsmt. Custom carport w/awning in in finished bsmt. Custom carpor front of garage & over rear deck.



Enjoy over 100 frt ft on all-sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at rear. 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates!

\$350,000

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# Milford Shows like a model! On 3 park-like acres w/

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# barn w/ 12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gormet kitchen. Mst suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/ FP. Much more!







So much for money. Short sale approval. Orig own, new blt col w/upgrds. New fin bsmt w/wet bar, full bth & egress window.Roof replac 07.Furn & CA 4yrs old. Heat gar, 2 story LR w/skylghts. Much more (29064953) \$182,900



734-455-7000 Canton DON'T WAIF+ THIS HOME WON'T LAST LONGI-Well-designed & maintained. Updates incl: newer roof, furn, windows, counters, sink, A/C, HWT, etc. Close to shopping, x-ways, churches, etc. Ply/Canton schools (29049208) \$174,900



Canton 734-455-7000 PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT W/TREED BACKDROP! Shows like model! Newer kitchen, bamboo flooring t/o 1st flr, gas FP, garden tub, sep shower, true dbl drive, decorator colors, etc. So much home for the money! (29040724) · \$139,900



734-455-7000 Canton DELIGHTFUL CONDO-LINKS AT FELLOWS CREEK! 2BR/2BA, neutral decor, clean & well maintained. Priv patio, ample storage. Pool, workout rm, billiards. Offers beautiful views, discounted golf. X-way access. (29055073)



248-684-1065 Clarkston onderful site condo w/ 2 BR and 2 full BA and BR/full BA in Fin W/O bsmt. GR w/ FP. Nonderful site Association fee includes yard, street maint, garbarge pick-up.

(29014294) \$239,900 (28198474)



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430 New Price! Canterbury Commons Spacious 2,958 sq. ft. colonial in Canterbury Commons, 4 could be 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New roof & HWH, hdwd floors under all carpeting, huge

FR with fireplace. (29063534) \$215,000 1911 - 111 -

734-591-9200 **Garden City** VERY CLEAN BUNGALOW; MOVE RIGHT IN 3 bdrms, FRoff the Ig eat in kit New flight in kit. BA remodeled, hwf refinished, new windows, dishwasher, & hot water tank. Completely repainted. Large double lot



Beautiful Rolling 2.57 Acres! 50x24 pole barn w/concrete fir, Open fir plan, nat. fireplace in GR. Fin. W/O bsmt w/wet bar, wood burner accessable. Fresh paint & carpet in main living area. (29065182) \$279,900



248-684-1065 Highland Stunning Cobblestone beauty, stately home w/ custom quality t/o. Approx. 1 acre. Upgrades & unique details. Dual stairways, terrace, 3,600 sq.ft. 4 BR/4.5 BA.



248-684-1065 Highland A wonderful home in-law apartment A wonderful home on 2.35 acres. Attached in-law apartment. 1st floor living! 2 kitchens, 4 BR, 3 BA, attached garage, barn/garage w/ loft & heat.

\$297,000

(29057240)



248-348-6430 cres in Milford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Gree entertaining. Move-in condition. Great house for

\$249,900



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AN ADVENTURE INTO ELEGANCE! Most Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st

time marketed in 45 years! 5 bedrms/5 baths.

734-591-9200 Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek; Very Open Fir Plan.Lg kit & BFT rm;all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP&D/W o Ig deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp





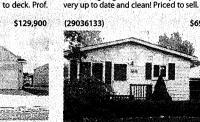
248-437-3800 Ready To Move In Ranch style condo w/open fir plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br 2/2 closets. 2 full baths, gr rm w/gas fp,dining rm w/doorwall to deck. Home is handicap accessible.



This Home Is Meticulous! New concept in contemporary w/versatile fir plan & vaulted ceilings. Too many upgrades & improvements to list. Beautiful backyard setting. Must See!



248-437-3800 South Lyon Outstanding Tow ouse Condo! Private setting w/great view of McHattie Park. Features living rm w/lrg front window, updated kitche dining area w/doorwall leading to deck. Prof. fin hs (29062812)



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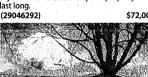
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White Lake Come see this adorable ranch with great curb appeal & many updates: paint, septic, kitchen & bath. Extra deep garage. Fenced yard w/ shed. Home Warranty.

MOVE IN CONDITION Newer roof, paint, flooring etc. Fenced yard with a deck out back. 1 car det. garage. 1st fir laundry. This home is



BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Full Basement. 2 car garage. New Roof. Hardwood floors thru-out. All appliances stay. Stove and dryer are new. Better hurry this property won't



734-284-5400

\$69,900

\$125,000





\$72,000





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\$539,900



Milford 248-684-1065 3,411 sq, ft. ranch on 4+ wooded acres close to Kensington Park. Huge pole barn, built-in swimming pool, super condition & waiting for you and your horses.

# (29039605) \$375,000



Milford 248-684-1065 Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft,

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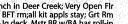


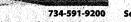
248-684-1065 Milford On 2.5 wooded acres. Hdwd flrs. Designer Thomasville hickory, granite & slate kit. 22x16 cedar deck. Covered front porch. New SS appls. 27x20 mstr. Lg WIC. W/O.

(29019262) \$277,900



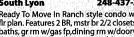
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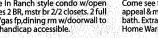




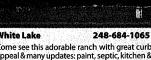


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\$129,900













\$234,900

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(29005969)

South Lyon Aspen Model Home. Great opportunity to live in prestigious Hidden Creek Community. Open flr plan, neutral decor thru-out. Beautiful hm in excellent condition. Private back vard.





Brick Detached Condo. Interesting artistic flair w/tasteful decor and a sleek look. Hardwood floors in kitchen, dining, great rm, master bedroom & 1st floor den. Move in condition. (29061397) \$169,900

South Lyon Large Novi Condo with Basement! 3 BRs,1.5 BAs! 1,300sqft+! Fin'd bsmt! Novi Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warranty! All appliances included! Lots

248-437-3800