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Riders wanted

Plymouth Township officials are looking for 100 bicycle riders to take part in Plymouth's annual Fourth of July parade.

Participation is open to riders of all ages, as long as they're willing to decorate their bikes in Fourth of July style and wear a helmet (a requirement for all riders). Riders will meet at 7:15 a.m. July 4 on Main Street at Theodore.

Anyone wishing to sign up should call the Plymouth Township treasurer's office at (734) 354-3416.

Sign up today!

Kris Yankee of Plymouth is this week's winner of a pass for two to Emagine Theatres and a free Buddy's pizza after she was selected in a random drawing of folks who signed up for the Observer's new E-Newsletter.

The E-Newsletter helps readers stay plugged in to their hometown news with a free e-mail newsletter that will automatically send the latest news via e-mail to anyone who signs up at hometownlife.com.

To sign up, click on the E-newsletters tab on Hometownlife.com (top left of the home page). Subscribers will be entered into weekly drawings for Emagine Theatre movie passes, concert tickets at The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre and gift certificates for dinner at restaurants throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Getting the newsletter is easy. The first thing you have to do is become a member of our Web site by going to Hometownlife. com and clicking on the link Become a member, which is just above the main carousel of stories. Once you are a member, click on the E-newsletters tab at the top left of the homepage to sign up.

Light 'em up

The marquee at the Penn Theater will be blazing once again after a relighting ceremony 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

The marquee, which had experienced 67 years of weather and damage, was removed last month, and the new one was installed earlier this month. It's the latest step in the Friends of the Penn efforts to renovate the Penn and save it from the wrecking ball.

The Plymouth Community Band will provide fanfare and the evening's events will conclude with an afterglow at the Box Bar. Tickets (\$5 donation) for the afterglow can be reserved at the theater box office or by calling (734) 453-0870.

Doctor: Orlewicz 'operated in fear'

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Defense attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contends the testimony of Birmingham psychiatrist Gerald Shiener would have been enough for a Wayne County jury to find her client, Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz, not guilty in his first-degree murder trial last year.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jeffrey Caminsky obviously doubts it, painting Shiener's testimony as nothing more than a regurgitation of the things Orlewicz told him during a series of interviews following Orlewicz's arrest November 2007 arrest.

The two lawyers waded through



more than four hours of Shiener's testimony Friday in a hearing on Jacobs' request for a new trial.

Her client, Orlewicz,

was convicted last year of killing and beheading 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. Orlewicz claimed self-defense at trial, but the jury didn't buy it and con-

serving a life sentence without possibility of parole. The judge in the original trial, Annette Berry, refused to allow

Shiener's testimony. Jacobs said in

victed him on charges of first-degree

murder and felony murder. Orlewicz is

court Friday her client would have been acquitted had the doctor been allowed to testify.

"If (Shiener) had been allowed to testify, I believe the jury would have come back with a verdict of not guilty due to self-defense," Jacobs said.

Shiener's report, which he said was based on an examination of police reports and interviews with Orlewicz, concluded the teen was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he lured Sorensen to his grandfather's garage in Canton, stabbed him multiple times, then beheaded him and dumped his body in a Northville field and set it on fire.

The fear, the doctor testified, grew from Orlewicz's belief Sorensen was

involved with organized crime. The doctor said Orlewicz also told him Sorensen threatened his girlfriend and

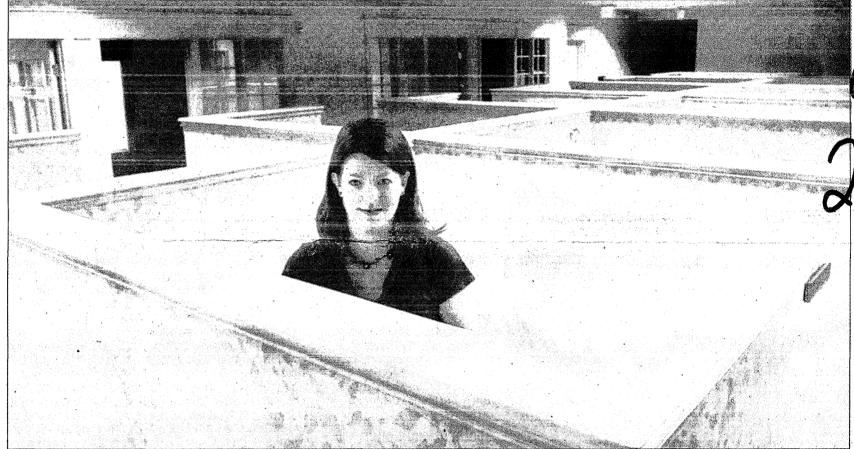
Caminsky doesn't believe the doctor's testimony would have changed any-

"The defense has to show (Shiener's) testimony would have made a difference." Caminsky said. "I don't believe that's true."

The hearing will continue before Judge Bruce Morrow. It was moved from Berry's docket because of strong statements she made about Orlewicz while sentencing him following the original trial.

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Home office



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Dorothy Twinney offers office space, cubicles, and office services to businesses at the former Century 21 building on Main Street in Plymouth.

Concept offers flexible space, shared services

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As businesses evolve in southeastern Michigan's challenging economy, their settings need to evolve,

That's the message Dorothy Twinney offers as she talks about her latest project, 705 South Main, a multi-tenant Plymouth building with flexible office space and shared support services, including conference rooms, a copy room and telephone and receptionist services.

Twinney is marketing the concept for D&P Leasing, which, she said is having trouble renting the building, the elaborate former Century 21 Town & Country building on Main Street. Town & Country moved out about a year ago in a consoli-

Twinney said 705 South Main, which totals 31,000 square feet, would be an ideal spot for home-based businesses that might need a little more room, or for businesses that have downsized and no longer need their current space.

"As a small business owner myself, it makes sense to me," said Twinney, a Plymouth Township resident whose marketing firm is called Pandora Outside the Box.

Traffic at the site, which is scheduled to open by mid-July, is steady, and a lawyer, an accountant and a small real estate firm are among those in

line to be the first occupants, she said.

Twinney said rentals at 705 South Main can range from a 100-square-foot office to a 15,000square-foot suite, furnished or unfurnished. "It's very flexible," she said.

Likewise, the Internet-based phone service has the flexibility to route calls directly to tenants' offices, to voice mail, or to home or cellular phones, depending on tenants' needs on a given

"They can tell us on an hourly basis how they want their calls to go," Twinney said. For a more traditional approach, a receptionist will take and prioritize messages, too. (Businesses can also bring their own phone systems.)

Rents start at about \$300 a month, including

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Young people launch new Jaycees chapter

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Career- and community-minded young people in the Plymouth area are reviving one of its many civic groups.

The Plymouth Area Jaycees, which recently gained recognition from the national Jaycees organization, is bringing together people ages 21 to 40 who work or live in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and surrounding communities and want to strengthen leadership and organizational skills, contribute to the community and build professional and social networks.

The group, which has its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, has 21 members so far; the area's original Javcees group, the Plymouth Jaycees, had its charter revoked in December 2007 when membership dipped too low.

Membership vice president Dominique Duong, a Plymouth Township resident, said she wants to see more young people take on roles of community leadership and civic involvement. Duong is a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce member and a chamber ambassador, and said she's always the youngest person at chamber gatherings.

"I saw this as an opportunity to make sure there's another generation" of leaders, she said of the Jaycees.

Duong said the new Jaycees are planning their community involvement and already had volunteers help with the recent Relay for Life, for which she was a committee member (independent of the Jaycees).

The new Jaycees plan to reach out through their events, said

Duong, who works in financial services for New York Life in Southfield. "We'd like to be able to involve the community," she said.

Duong said she's recruited her banker and other local young people she knows to join the Javcees.

Chamber director Wes Graff helped bring the Jaycees together after hearing that another local resident, Amy Flavell, who works for Sysco Corp., wanted to start a chapter. Flavell is the new group's chairwoman.

"They're learning great skills within the Jaycees and creating great leaders for us," Graff said. The Jaycees is officially known as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but Graff said there are no formal ties between the

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"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.

Mobile law office

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, is encouraging area veterans to take advantage of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's Mobile Law Office, which will visit Plymouth on Monday, June 29. The visit is part of Project SALUTE - a statewide program that provides free legal assistance on federal benefits claims to low-income veterans.

The mobile law office will stop in Plymouth on Monday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall. 201 S. Main St.

The mobile law office is a specially outfitted 31-foot recreational vehicle that has been on a statewide tour providing legal counseling and assistance. Volunteer attorneys and law students working with Project SALUTE have assisted more than 2,000 people at senior centers, churches and other community centers during the past year. According to Project SALUTE, there are more than 290,000 veterans located in Wayne County and the surrounding counties.

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

Preschool open house

The Goddard School will host an Open House on Friday June 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The school provides educational programs year round for children 6 weeks old through kindergarten. It is located at 6697 North Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren Roads.

Registration is now open for summer and fall programs. For more information contact Jennifer, Ashleigh or Carl at (734) 454-4737, or online at www.goddardschool.com/ Schools/Canton-MI/Schools.

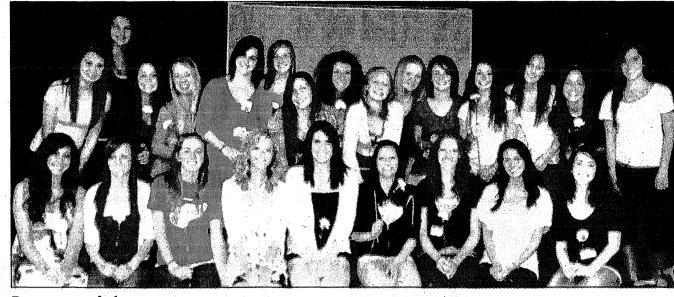
Ice cream social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts the annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck Roads. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA Members and \$3 for guests.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for information and ticket purchase.

Tour of hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a onehour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in



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AROUND PLYMOUTH

Auditions for the Canton High School Chiefettes were conducted recently and the squad has been formalized for next year. The new Varsity Chiefettes include (back row, from left) Abby Rice, Allie Stephens, Megan Young, Kara Bureau, Maggie Kokoszka, Ashley Polydoras, Renee Janisse, Julia Beydoun, Sarah Mabie, Ashley Garvin, Tori Parrelly, Sarah Lindlbauer, Samantha Juback, Melissa Webster, Nicole Webster; (front row) Eva Debeliso, Melissa Krug, Lexie MacDiarmid, Kirsten Holland, Kayla Channell, Emily Bouse, Courney Simpson, Alex Brekke and Lindsey Mason.

Northville. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough of Plymouth.

Tour dates include 5 p.m. July 15; 9 a.m. Aug. 21; 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16; and 9 a.m. Oct.

To attend one of the tours, RSVP to New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or e-mail griefhelp@

newhopecenter.net. Senior Olympics

The 2009 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics are set for Aug. 17-21, to be cohosted by the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Redford Township.

Registration packets are now available at the Plymouth Council on Aging office in City Hall, The Plymouth Cultural Center and the Friendship Station. You can also pick up them up at all other community senior centers.

Opening Day festivities will include Opening Ceremony, Breakfast with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and Opening Day Expo in Hines Park (Nankin Mills) on Aug. 17. The week long games close with a Banquet Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at Schoolcraft Colleg Tech Center.

Registration deadline is Monday, July 27. For more details call Plymouth Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, or the Redford Township Senior Center at (313) 387-2788.

Spotlight auditions

The Spotlight Players are getting ready to present Oliver, written by Lionel Bart and directed by Barbara Bloom.

Auditions take place Sunday, July 12 (for youth up to age 16). Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Auditions for all adult roles (age 16 and over) are Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, registration each night begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are September 18-20, 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 504300 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at the following times and loca-

- 10-11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville • 1-2 p.m. in the Council
- Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road • 3-4 p.m. at the Plymouth
- District Library, 223 S. Main St., in Plymouth

• 6-8 p.m. at 129 W. Liberty St. in Plymouth

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26th for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fund-raisers we host each year," stated Dennis Carnevale, president of the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our craft shows have built a reputation for being some of the best run arts and craft events in the area."

Plymouth High School is

located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day.

Admittance is \$2. Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma **Education Society hosts its** annual juried, handmadeonly Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST. NET

Summer dance

Registration is now open for the summer dance session at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth.

Dance classes for children, teens and adults in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels begin Monday July 6 and run for 6 weeks. Ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, ballroom, pilates and hip hop classes offered. Multiple class and family discounts.

For more information visit www.MetroDanceCompany. com or contact the studio at (734) 207-8970. Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S Mill St (Lilley) in Plymouth.

Tiger trip

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 is \$800 for the weekend. The 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 administrative 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 Web site at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html.

Barbecue contestants

The Plymouth Knights of

Columbus are looking for contestants for their BBQ Cook-off (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.

Fall Fest crafts

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. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$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 down loaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

Business booths

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

Prisoner family support

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com for more information.

This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain.

Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER **QUALITY REPORT**

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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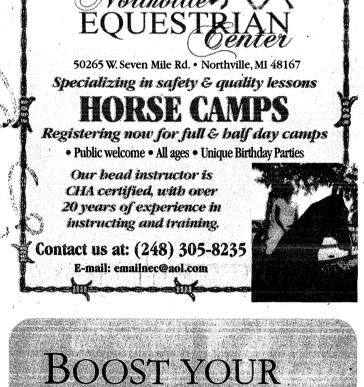
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Dorothy Twinney, trying to lease office space at 705 S. Main (the former home of Century 21), said space can range from a small office to a 15,000-square-foot suite.

all services. Amenities such as coffee service, snack machines and dry cleaning pickup will also be available.

Aside from the cost-savings that will come with sharing services, Twinney sees some intangible benefits at 705

South Main. "Our tenants will be networking together and they'll be supporting each other," she said.

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, agreed. "Hopefully, these folks can develop some rapport among each other," he said of the 705 South Main tenants.

Graff said Plymouth is a good location for the concept and that 705 South Main is a good option for business people who need services and flexible space. "Plymouth is a great place to be," he said. For more on 705 South Main, visit the Web page www.705southmain.com.

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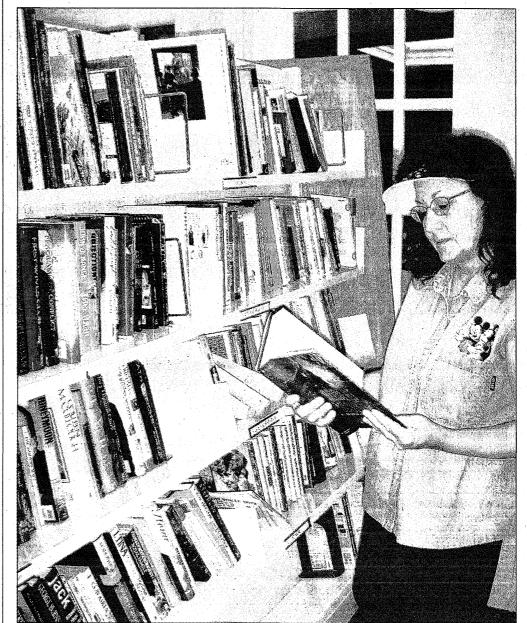
The Plymouth Area Jaycees' next general membership meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the chamber office at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, between Main and Harvey in down-

town Plymouth. The group is sponsored by the Plymouthbased Community Financial Credit Union. Duong and chapter president Mark Evensen will also be at the Panera restaurant in downtown Plymouth on the fourth Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7 p.m., to meet anyone who might be inter-

ested in joining the Jaycees. Duong emphasized that the new Jaycees are more than a service club. Members have already become good friends, she said.

"You're going to meet great people," she said. "We're not all work and no play." The Plymouth Area Jaycees can be reached via e-mail at PlymouthJuniorChamber@gmail.

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Used book expansion

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library have improved their successful ongoing used book sale. Expanded shelving has been placed in the Library's meeting room lobby, located to the left upon entering the building. The new location is brighter and with more space, making the books more accessible. 'We have increased our shelf space by 75 percent,' explained Nan Cooper, 'We're very pleased with our new spot.' Nan and Bob Cooper head up the Friends' used book effort, organizing inventory and managing a staff of 40 volunteers. Prices are \$1 for hardcover books and 50 cents for paperbacks, with some exceptions for gift-quality books or special sales. Proceeds help fund special Library projects such as summer reading programs, history series for adults, teen gaming tournaments, building enhancements and more. For more information on the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, go to http://plymouthlibrary.org/~friends/.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rabbit sponsors

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

The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per

To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org. For more information, call

(734) 461-1726. PLAV members PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia

(at the southeastern corner of

Amrhein and Eckles) is seek-

ing new veteran members (the first year is offered free).

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-



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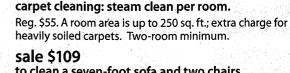
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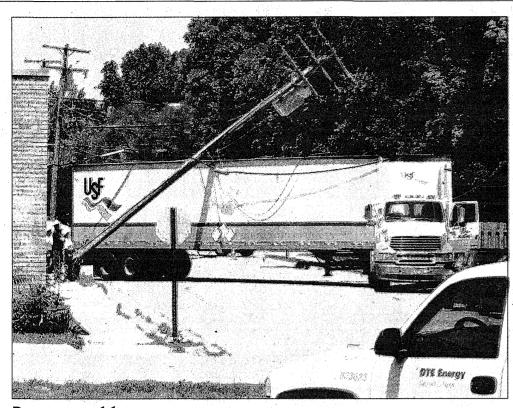
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PUBLIC SAFETY



Power problem

Residents and businesses in the Old Village area were forced to do without power for awhile Monday as a semi-truck collided with a power pole near Farmer and Amelia. City officials said DTE crews worked into the evening to repair the pole, pull the truck out from under downed wires and restore power to the area.

Storm shuts down Sheldon for nine hours, strands cars

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It must have seemed a little like deja vu Friday night for folks familiar with Sheldon Road.

After torrential rains pounded the area, officials were forced to close Sheldon Road - which was closed for nearly two years while the underpass was being installed — after displaced sod slid into the road, plugging drains and causing enough flooding to strand

No one was reported injured, ing that of Plymouth City

and city officials said the road was closed for some nine hours during a clean-up effort.

Mark Wendel, acting chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, said firefighters responded to a variety of runs during the storm, including the stranded cars, but that no injuries were reported.

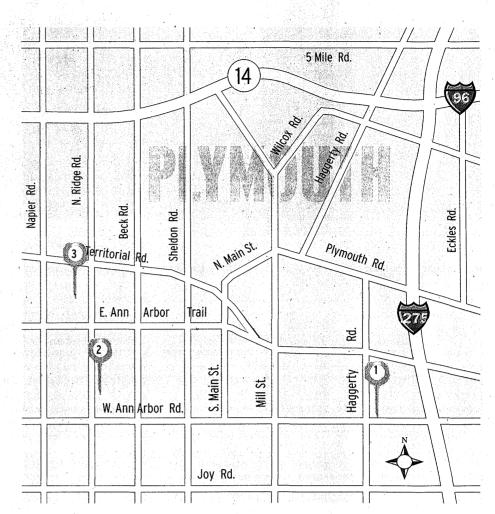
Meanwhile, residents reported the storm caused the Tonquish Creek to overflow its banks late Friday night, causing as much as a foot of flooding in neighboring yards. At least two homes, includ-

Commissioner Gerald Sabatini, reported flooding of some 12 inches.

That's less than was reported along Coolidge near Burroughs the last time it happened, when three inches of rain dropped on the creek in 24 hours in 2007.

One homeowner reported the rain saturated the newly installed carpet in his lowerlevel walkout. The homeowner had only recently recovered from some \$25,000 damage caused by the 2007 flood, Sabatini said.

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Police turn bad bulb into pot bust

When Plymouth Township police officers pulled over a driver on Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Road Sunday, it was simply because of a burned-out light over the car's license plate.

By the time it was over, his passenger was walking home and the driver was jailed on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

After pulling the car over because of the dim bulb, officers ran the driver's name through the system. When it turned out the driver was driving on a suspended license, he was taken into custody.

During a routine search of the driver's vehicle prior to impounding it, officers discovered what appeared to be a car-

POLICE BRIEFS

rying case for eyeglasses. Upon further inspection, they found 11 baggies containing what they suspected was marijuana. The case had been stashed under the dashboard on the driver's side of the car.

The substance was later tested and positively identified as some 15.7 grams of marijuana.

Smashed window

A homeowner on Chambury Court told police that someone smashed out the window on her 2008 Ford Fusion.

The owner told police the damage happened sometime between 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The

vehicle had been parked in the driveway when someone apparently threw a rock through the

passenger window. Nothing was reported stolen from the vehicle.

Smashed window, Part Deux

The owner of a 2000 Jeep Cherokee on Cooke Avenue wasn't so lucky.

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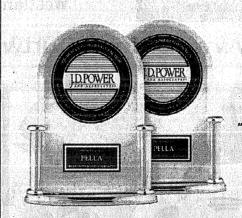
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NEWS BRIEFS

Museum gets 'Whimsical' for youngsters

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author.

"Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday' starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history about the city of Plymouth.

The schedule: • On July 1, Plymouth Historical Museum's **Education Coordinator Anna** Lopez reads Footsteps in History, a short historical story about Plymouth and how our community changed and grew to become the great area it is today.

• On July 8, Peggy Price Heiney reads her book about a teddy bear experiencing his own adventures after his companion Elizabeth forgets to take him back home with her to Seattle following a vacation at her Grandpa's house in northern Michigan. Heiney's book, Lonely Teddy, is available on Amazon.com.

• On July 15, first-time children's book author Beth Conway shares Rachel's story in her book Rachel and the Magic Beads. While on vacation with a dear friend and her family, the idea to write a book about Rachel, her friend's child with Down syndrome, was born. While Rachel's brother Johnny watched as his sister danced around with her beads, the author and he decided they wanted to capture her fun in this little book. Twenty percent of the proceeds of the sale of the book go to an organization called the "Belle Center" in Chicago, which mainstreams children with disabilities.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of



Artists wishing to exhibit in the Fine Arts Exhibition at Village Theater at Cherry Hill are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration.

admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit.

For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

Fine Arts exhibit

Artists wishing to exhibit ture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration. Entry forms are now available online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or artists may request an application form by calling The Village Theater at Cherry

All media is accepted. Slides and digital image files

talking to a client who unexpectedly had to bury a spouse. In the process of arranging the funeral he said he was in a very vulnerable situation and felt some people used that for their benefit. He asked for my advice in preplanning a funeral.

Although it is a topic that most of us avoid having to talk about, the reality is that we are all going to leave this great earth some day. Since we generally do not know the timing of our demise, it is a good idea to plan ahead. After all, during our lifetime we try to do the best we can for our loved ones.

Why not make our passing as

easy as possible on them?

One issue people run into when making funeral arrangements immediately after a death is that they do not want to appear cheap. Whether it is deciding on the type of casket or other amenities associated with a funeral, the prices add up. One of the great benefits of pre-planning a funeral is it gives one the opportunity to be cost-sensitive. Funerals can be expensive but pre-planning can help mitigate the cost.

If you are thinking about

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

type of funeral arrangements that you want. Do you want your remains cremated or do you want to be buried? In addition, you need to decide on the funeral home

your funeral,

there are a

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opting for a graveside service. If you decide on burial, another important issue is the casket. In the past, the only way to purchase a casket was through the funeral home. Caskets from a funeral home are a high-profit margin item and it is not unusual for caskets to be marked up

and the type of service that you

desire. Many people are no lon-

ger choosing a traditional ser-

vice at a funeral home instead

When I talk about pre-planning a funeral, I'm not necessarily referring to pre-paying. If you are considering pre-paying your funeral there are some things that you must consider. First, in today's world where people are constantly on the

500-700 percent.

move, what happens if you no longer live in your community? If you have prepaid through one funeral home can that money be refunded or transferred to another? In addition, determine what happens if the funeral home goes out of business. Do you have the right at any point in time to cancel your contract and get a refund? If you do decide to prepay your funeral you need to do some homework. Check with the Better Business Bureau and the Michigan attorney general's office.

Death, dying and funerals are subjects that no one likes to discuss, however, they are a fact of life. There is one reason we do estate planning and that is because we love our family. The same thing can be said with regards to pre-planning your funeral. We all know that the worst time to think about a funeral is after you've lost a loved one. Therefore, as difficult as it may be, it makes sense to pre-plan.

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.

Good luck!

Funeral planning can ease strain on loved ones few weeks ago, I was pre-planning

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton will once again host the annual Fine Arts Exhibition featuring works by some of the most interesting established and emerging talents in the area. Now in its 17th year, the annual Fine Arts Exhibit is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

are invited to enter their sculp-Hill at (734) 394-5300, Ext. 8.

will be accepted for review.

Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet wide or 6 feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet x 5 feet x 6 feet and 200 pounds in weight. These original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. Entry fees are \$15 for each submitted piece. All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21 to be eligible for consideration.

This year the competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: Best of Show - \$750; Second Place -\$500; Third Place - \$300; 2 Honorable Mentions of \$100 each, and 4 Merit Awards of \$50 each.

"This will be a great opportunity to view works by many popular artists in one location," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator. "We are delighted to offer our gallery for this special exhibition that will help introduce our community to the wonderful work of these talented artists."

For more information, please call 734/394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

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W-W board says goodbye to Turner, Becher

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There will be two new faces the table when the V Westland school board meets for its organizational meeting on July 14.

Joining the board will be Carol Middel of Canton who was elected to a four-year term and John Goci of Westland who will serve out the remaining two years of term that had been held by Frederick Weaver.

But as the board prepares for the change, school officials and trustees took time at this month's meeting to honor departing members Steve Becher and Ed Turner, and they, in turn expressed their thanks. Both men lost in their bid for re-election in the May school election.

"It's been a pleasure to serve on this school board, this district is amazing," said Turner.

Turner has served on the board for 12 years. He pointed out that he never missed a day of school, both elementary and high school, and never missed a school board meeting.

"I'm proud of my record, I served to the best of my ability," he said. "I always said I put students first, parents second and the administration and teachers third."

"I'm thankful that the residents allowed me to serve the



last five years," said Becher. "I've enjoyed my tenure on the board. It has done an excellent job in providing an education for our students with no major layoffs or program cuts."

Becher expressed confidence that the district will endure the economic crisis and become the "lighthouse in the state." He also thanked school officials for "putting up with me every year I proposed single sex physical education

"Great futures do begin right here," he added. "Thank you for allowing me to serve."

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger noted that the two men devoted themselves to the district and that they "surely will be missed by the board."

"I'm truly thankful for your years of service," she said. "By your willingness and dedication, you have enriched the lives of our students."

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield noted that Turner "set the standard for attending events in the schools and it

"People don't realize that besides the events, Ed provided scholarships to our students. He gave more than people realize," she said. "He set a good example for us."

She added that while she wasn't sure what to expect when Becher, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, joined the board, she came to realize he had "expertise on issues we didn't understand because you had been in the classroom."

Board Vice President Skip Monit told the two men he will miss their "devotion to what we do as a board" and said

their service was exemplary. "You both contributed a great dynamic to the board," he said. "Ed, you were devoted to the kids and that never changed. Steve, I will miss your ability to speak frankly, your knowledge and your

friendship." The newest member of the board, Shawna Walker, said the two men "were right there" when she joined the board last August.

"Mr. Turner, you went to every event and that made me want to do that. Steve Becher showed me a lot in a short period of time," she said. "I'm going to miss you both. You will be truly missed."

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OUR VIEWS

Concerts embody hometown feeling

There are many things that give the Plymouth community its small-town, hometown feel festivals and events, the people and the shops, parades and picnics.

Many people seem to feel — and we agree — having a park like Kellogg Park smack in the middle of the downtown is a huge asset. It's the fulcrum for the kind of lifestyle Plymouth people seem to enjoy.

No time of year is that more apparent than during the summer, when a steady diet of concerts dominate the schedule.

Music in the Park is hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council Wednesdays at noon and features music aimed at youngsters. Sponsored by Monroe Bank and Trust, the Carl and Isabelle Schilting family, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., the Wilcox Foundation and Huron Valley Ambulance, the shows feature a variety of entertainment that has kids young and old dancing in the aisles.

PCAC officials estimate some 20,000 people watch these weekly shows, which started two weeks ago and run through August. The schedule usually features a couple of newcomers and some old-reliables, such as Guy Louis, who opened this year's series two weeks ago.

The shows give parents and families time to come down, maybe eat lunch at the burgeoning number of Plymouth restaurants or, better yet, spread a blanket in the park and have a picnic.

The Music in the Air series targets an older audience, but is just as popular. Sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the schedule features music from a variety of genres — from blues to rock, from oldies to bluegrass.

Like the Wednesday concerts, the Music in the Park series provides families a chance to come down for some dinner or maybe a little shopping, then gather for the evening in the park, then maybe take advantage of Plymouth's night life

If those aren't enough, the Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, plays Thursday nights at 8, also in

Kellogg Park. If you've been to any of these concerts, you know how good they are, and should go again.

If you're new in town or haven't taken advantage, you don't know what you're missing.



Friends and families find the Wednesday Music in the Park series a fun way to spend an afternoon.

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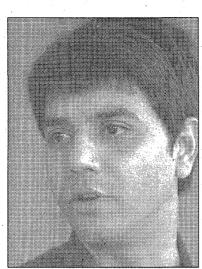
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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is the most important thing state officials can do right now to improve Michigan's economy?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

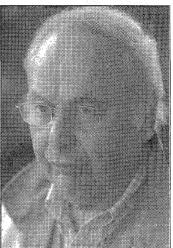


"They ought to just concentrate on the employment of the people." Ankit Patel **Plymouth**



"Lower taxes. A high tax rate is driving businesses out. ... I'd like to see all taxes lowered." Kevin Mueller

George Trudell Plymouth Township **Plymouth Township**



"I think they need to diversify the employment (from) manufacturing and production."



"I think, if they can do it now ... buy an Americanmade car. ... Give us some tax breaks." Louise Siekirk **Plymouth**

Bruscato good choice

I'd like to congratulate the City of Plymouth and Plymouth DDA for the outstanding choice of Tony Bruscato of Canton as the DDA's next director.

Tony's knowledge and commitment will be an asset to the Plymouth community, and the region. As one who has been interviewed numerous times by Tony in his previous role with the Observer, I know he will bring fairness, objectivity, and attention to detail to this important position, and will build upon the progress that has been made in downtown Plymouth.

I wish Tony well in his new role as a public servant.

Kurt L. Heise Plymouth Township

Multicultural lens

The Plymouth-Canton Diversity Initiative is moving forward and the efforts of the history working group bring a multicultural lens to reviewing the past in these communities.

They are discovering many things, some of which are surprising. While Plymouth has long been known as a stop on the Underground Railroad, the group has found hints of a long tradition of efforts to create justice.

During the abolitionist movement, antislavery sentiments were strong in the area. The group is currently exploring the case of William Dean, who may have been among the first African Americans to successfully sue for the right to vote as early as 1850. It also appears Plymouth may have been the site where three African American men joined the forces of the Union Army.

The group has also been exploring the Native American heritage in the area. To the surprise of many lifelong residents, Richard Reaume uncovered a local historical marker describing the death of Chief Tonquish.

The group hopes to provide a more complete history than those currently captured in publications by bringing to light the lives of people who were frequently overlooked in official stories.

At the town meeting May 28, Cathy Webster gave a progress report inviting people to contact the group with any information they had to share. This week, the group will be making recommendations to the soon to be formed strategic planning committee to encourage processes for reclaiming a more complete view of our past. Group members include Christine Peele, Lori Manoogian, Miguel Lopez, Pat Fisher, Phyllis Redfern and Richard Reaume. Dr. Karen Miller, chair of the Department of History at Oakland

University, is consulting with them. The next meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative will be held at 7 p.m. June 25, 2009, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Stacey Stevens at (313) 870-1500 or sstevens@ miroundtable.org, or to Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org. This is an effort supported by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

> **Dr. Shea Howell** Michigan Roundtable for **Diversity and Inclusion**

Protection from tyranny

There is no doubt times are changing. Many honest, hardworking citizens wonder "what has become of the individual freedom to choose our own path through life, in search of the happiness guaranteed under our Constitution?" To this question, one must answer, when was the last time you actually read the Constitution?

The U.S. Constitution was written and adopted under the principle of "positive grant." What this means is quite simple. The federal government is authorized to exercise only those powers which are "positively granted" to it by the Constitution. If a power is specifically listed in the Constitution, the federal government can do it — if not specifically listed, the federal government has no power. This principle was so important to the founding fathers that they codified it in law as the 10th Amendment.

The language of the 10th is clear and concise: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Thus, the federal government's powers are limited to a specific set of activities — the rest is to be handled by the state government, or locally, by the people themselves.

Each of the sovereign states has, through its own legislature, adopted a State Constitution and set of regulations, based upon issues important to its own citizens. It has always been the right of the people to decided under which set of rules they wish to be governed, simply by choosing which state in which to live. Those searching for certain employment may migrate to states with "right to work" laws. Entrepreneurs look for states with the lowest business tax burden. Parents seek states providing the best educational opportunities for their children. Gun owners choose states with strong Second Amendment protections. The sovereignty of each state to govern itself has, in turn, provided this diversity of

The federal government's attempt to impose legislative mandates meant to override State Constitutions and statutes is clearly unconstitutional, and has been ruled such by the U.S. Supreme Court in New York vs. United States, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), "... Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states."

When the federal government oversteps the powers "positively granted" to it by the sovereign States and We the People, the possibility for tyranny grows. It becomes incumbent upon the States, and the people, to rein in their servant government.

The State of Michigan, through its legislators in Lansing, is attempting to do just that. Rep. Paul Opsommer has introduced legislation in the Michigan House (HCR 004) which will serve to remind our federal government of the meaning of the 10th Amendment. Similar legislation (SCR 004) has been introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Bruce Patterson. Both Concurrent Resolutions have been referred to committee, where they will be agreed to and sent to the floor for debate and adoption by the whole body, or simply die of

Now is the time for the people of the sovereign state of Michigan to raise their voices and be heard all the way to Washington. Please call, write or visit your state representative and senator, urging them to

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co-sponsor and support these concurrent resolutions. The last protection from tyranny rests with the People. The time to act is NOW.

Health care reform needed

Melanie Collinsworth

Canton

In less than five months, President Obama and his administration have already achieved an impressive list of domestic and foreign policy accomplishments for the near term as well as longterm benefit of America's people. However, the president's remarkable successes thus far are merely a prelude of what is still to come. Topping the administration's current agenda is the most important and difficult issue of all, that of health care reform.

The obstacles to real reform are many, most notably the entrenched and arrogant health insurance industry, perhaps the only American industry that is actually sleazier than Wall Street bankers, big oil, defense contractors and credit card companies. Notably, and unsurprisingly, each of the preceding considers the Republican Party as a wholly owned subsidiary. Thus, it is equally unsurprising that obstruction to health care reform, especially the absolute necessity of a public option, is led by the troglodytes of the GOP as well as the rightwing media noise machine. Unfortunately, even a few cowardly Democrats have been unwilling to break free of the filthy campaign money of the insurance industry.

However, unlike the past when conservative and corporate slime campaigns derailed health care reform, the hundreds of millions of dollars of dirty money being poured into efforts to sabotage the Obama administration's reforms will this time be for naught. All the endless right-wing cheerleading against the common good of America's citizens cannot stop the inevitable progress of our nation toward ensuring that the fundamental right of affordable health care is available to every citizen. A public option is the only way of ensuring this as a reality.

The insurance industry is outright terrified of competition, especially competition that significantly lowers medical costs for all Americans while ensuring that everyone has equal access to high quality and affordable care. How ironic that the self-anointed Republican defenders of free and competitive enterprise are so obsessed with shielding their pet industries from actual competition!

It is time for our nation to break free from a health care system which is rigged to screw over American families. Never again should any citizen of our nation be refused coverage or have to declare bankruptcy because of health care bills. The arrogant conservative mindset of greed and selfishness blithely considers affordable health care as a "privilege." It is not. Rather, it is an inalienable right, directly derived from our intrinsic rights of life and liberty. Most of all, it is a right which America's citizens are about to reclaim once and for all.

> Joe Golonka Westland

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

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Book sale

The League of Women voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold a used book sale Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28 at Westland Mall, located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. Admission to the sale preview from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, is \$3. Free admission 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The League will sell books of interest to adults, children and youth; hard cover and soft cover books, cookbooks, fiction and books in many categories, some special books and some audio and video tapes. Most magazines and books are priced at \$1 or less. CDs, DVDs and videos are individually priced. Bag sale — \$6 per bag or \$11 for two bags — is Sunday.

This fund-raiser allows the League to honor a local political science student with a scholarship each year.

Comerica Cityfest

Two local merchants will set up shop at the LISC Street Market during the Comerica Cityfest, July 1-5, in the New Center area, on West Grand Boulevard, between Woodward and the Lodge Freeway. The street market will be located on Second Avenue within the festival boundaries. The local merchants are:

■ Middle Kingdom of Plymouth with Asianinspired treasures, including beautiful pearls, and silk items

■ Vaidehi Design of Westland with henna

Comerica Cityfest hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4 and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, July 5.

Trade electronics

RadioShack at Westland Mall will appraise your used electronics — MP3 players, GPS receivers, digital cameras, mobile phones, games and gaming systems, and camcorders — and give you their value in the form of a RadioShack gift card on trade-in. The program runs through December. Westland Mall is located at 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. (734) 421-0291

Wall the mall

Too hot or wet to hit the pavement outdoors? Head to Laurel Park Place Mall where the doors open to walkers at 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. You'll log more than a half mile for every completed trip through the mall, including hallways. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh, in Livonia.

Inline skating

Summit Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two

The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26, Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Midwest talent, locals, celebrities perform at comedy festival

Need a few laughs?

Head to Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia where the summer comedy festival continues through July 11.

Bill Bushard, festival organizer and a stand-up comedian, says the festival focuses on Michigan comedians from throughout the

"We have a variety of shows planned." Each show offers something different:

■ Thursday, June 25 — The Freaks & Geeks Show!" featuring Mike Bobbitt (Detroit International Comedy Festival, DC Comedy Fest). The stand-up fringe hits the stage with smart edgy comedy.

Friday-Saturday, June 26-27— "The 20 Midwest Comedy Showcase!" featuring Dave Landau (Comedy Central: Live at Gotham, NBC's Last Comic Standing) this weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

■ Monday, June 29 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 2!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's newest comedy talents compete for cash. and prizes.

■ Tuesday, June 30 — "Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza!" This one of a kind show will combine, music, dance and comedy resulting in a night of high-energy entertain-

■ Wednesday, July 1 — "Comedy Overdrive!" featuring Michael McDaniel (Detroit International Comedy Festival) and

the best talent on the Detroit comedy scene ■ Thursday, July 2 — "Red White and

Butland!" featuring PJ Butland. ■ Friday, July 3 — "Joey's Comedy Club All Stars!" A line-up of the best comedians in the Detroit area.

■ Monday July 6 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 3!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's youngest talents compete for cash and prizes.

■ Tuesday, July 7 — "The Roche Show!" featuring Frank Roche (Boston Comedy Festival, clubs and colleges across the US.)

■ Wednesday, July 8 —"Funny Top Cops!" featuring funny cops Dwayne Gill, Khurum Shiek and Henry Forbes. The fundraiser show will benefit M I Concerns of Police Survivors.

■ Thursday, July 9 —"1001 Laughs!" --- The best in Arab American comedy from all over the country featuring Amer Zahr and Mike Bataveh.

Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 —"The Midwest Comedy Showcase!" The weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

Show schedules subject to change. Admission prices will vary. Joey's is located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call the Joey's Comedy Club box office for details at (734) 261-0555.

Furniture company awards grants to nonprofits

In honor of its 50th anniversary, Art Van Furniture is spending \$1 million to fund 50 grants for Michigan-based children, health and human services programs. The grants will range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Art Van will design the grants as Challenge Gifts in order to encourage others to donate and maximize fund-raising opportunities. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) and not be a private foundation. Organizations must also submit to a financial audit by an independent, certified public accountant, and not discriminate based on age, race, creed, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity, in policy or in practice.

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a grant application through the Art Van web site at www.artvan.com. Grant applications are due by midnight on June 30. Winners will be announced July 31. For online application form questions, call (586) 983-2050.

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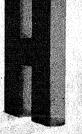
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Crowds storm **Liberty Fest**

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Bob and Andrea Brown watched the Canton Liberty Festival fireworks Saturday night with twin sons Darryl and Donnie from seats along Canton Center Road.

"The thing I like about it is it feels like you're watching the fireworks with thousands of your best friends," Bob Brown said. "Everyone is so nice, and they're all just focused on having a good time. It's a very neighborly thing to watch. It was fun."

The Browns' sentiment was apparently echoed from a mass of people, as Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Monday he was still hearing from people how much they enjoyed it.

Canton firefighters and the department's popular clown team had a busy Saturday, joining their police counter-parts, colorful floats, dance and cheer teams, and others in the festival parade that included Dodson Elementary second-grader Ryan Berger and Tonda fifth-grader Natasha Pietruschka riding on a fire truck after winning an earlier fire-prevention poster contest.

Firefighter paramedics gave minor assistance to a few festival goers, but no serious medical incidents were reported on the main grounds. Township police Sgt. Mark Gajeski also reported no major police incidents during what officials described as a peaceful, family-friendly event.

Firefighters did douse a mobile home fire that occurred shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday on Mott, officials said. The occupants and two family dogs safely escaped, but officials said several exotic pets including birds and snakes died in the blaze. The home was believed to be a total loss, and the Red Cross was on-site to help the victims.

Firefighters also had other calls including a boat fire, but no injuries were reported as the owner was able to move



Mrs. Michigan Jeannette Greco-Pawloski waves to the cheering throng lining Ford Road for the Liberty Fest parade.

that sustained minor damage. Officials said the owner was preparing the boat for the summer season when a fuel leak caused a fire.

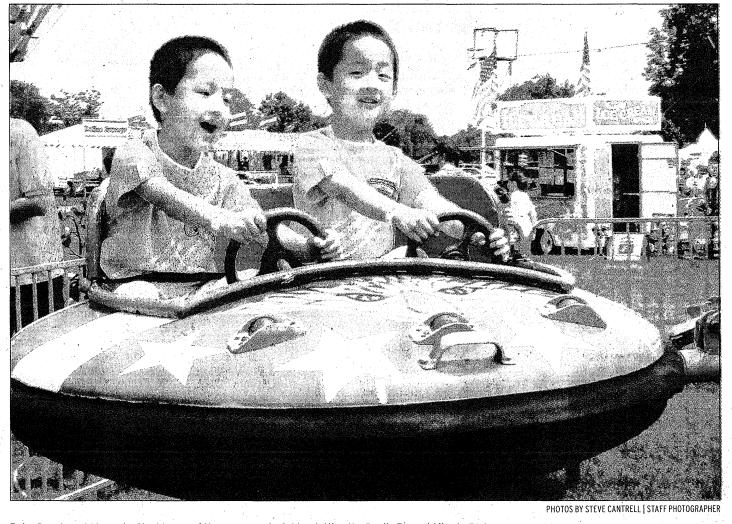
On-duty firefighters at times received assistance from some of their counterparts who were working Liberty Fest.

Police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said a traffic accident on Beck at Saltz slightly hampered some efforts to steer traffic out of the fireworks, and it took some festival goers a little over an hour to get away from the festival grounds.

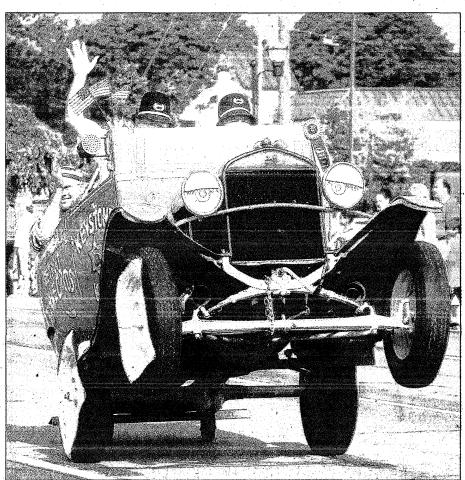
None of that dimmed the opinion of Teri Logan, attending the festival for the first time with her husband, Jack.

"It's our first time attending the festival and I was amazed by the variety of things they have here," she said. "The parade was great, and we spent the whole day out here. It's a very family-oriented event, and we liked that."

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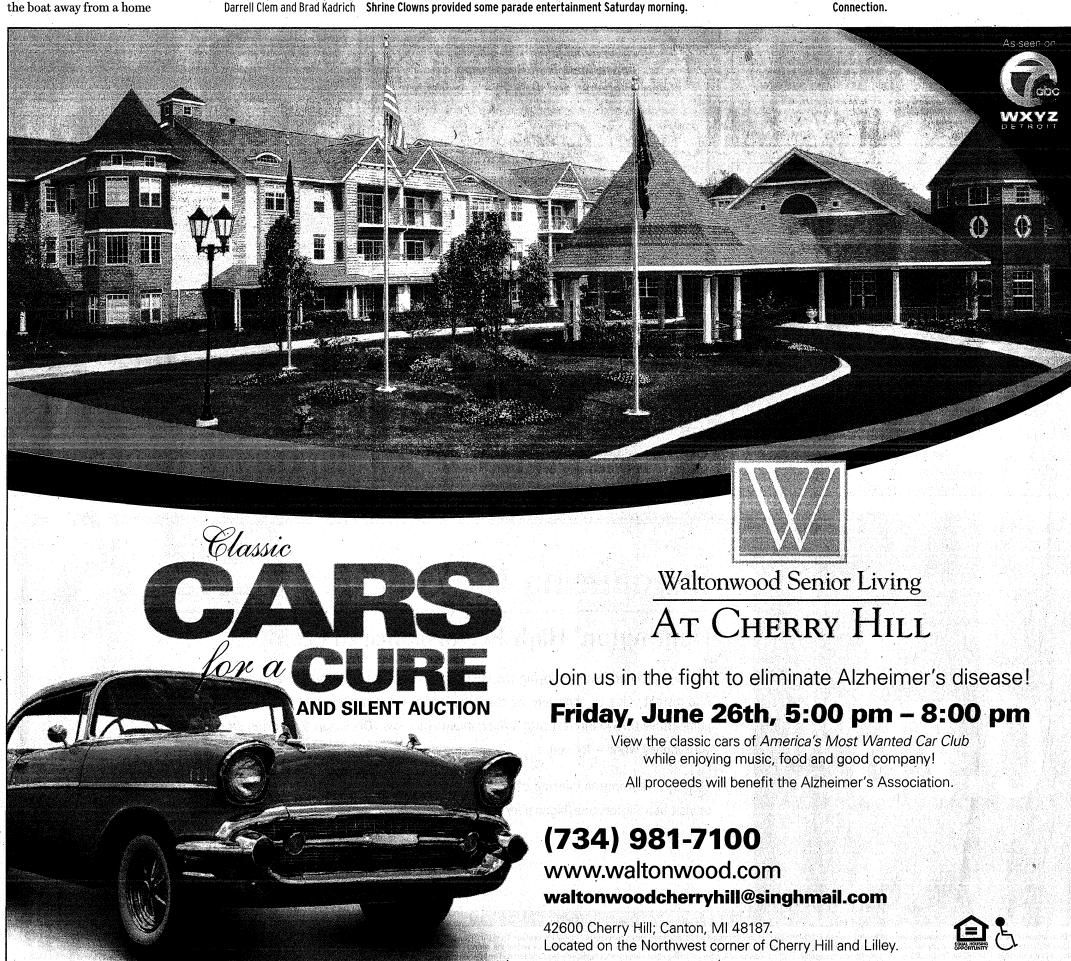
Twins Dennis and Alexander Ye ride one of the many carnival rides dotting the Family Zone at Liberty Fest.



Darrell Clem and Brad Kadrich Shrine Clowns provided some parade entertainment Saturday morning.



Nicole Lambourg dances with the group Dance Connection.



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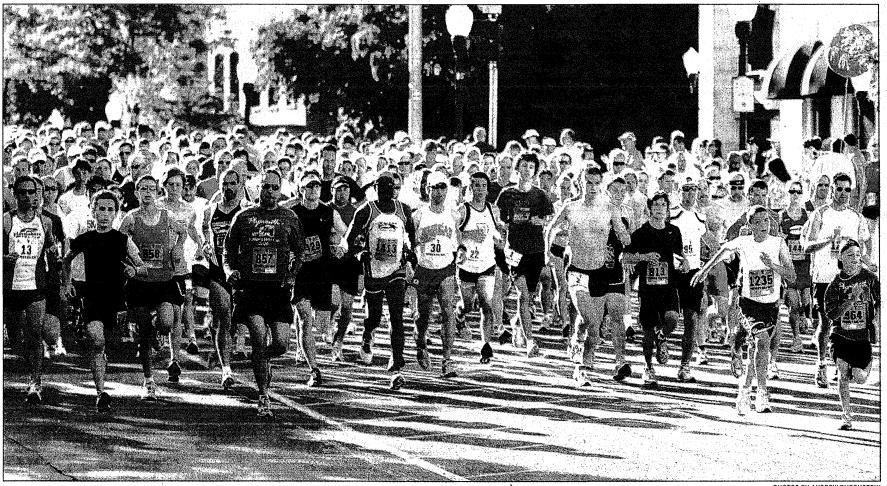
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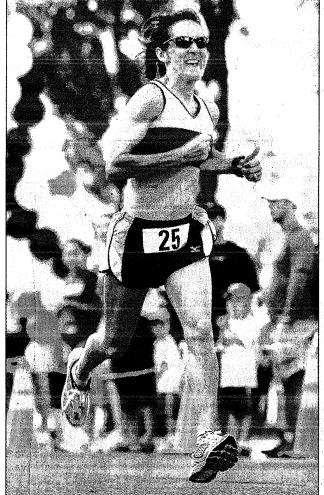




Participants at the 30th annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run try to get a jump on the competition as the 5K Run begins in downtown Plymouth. More than 2,000 people came out to compete in a number of running and walking events.

DASHING WITH DAD

Families enjoy holiday at Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run



Motoring toward a triple victory Sunday is Lisa Veneziano of Fenton. She took first in the 10K, 5K and mile runs.

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Father's Day tradition in Plymouth keeps getting bigger

Sunday's 30th annual Plymouth Family YMCA Father's Day Run provided families with a unique and hearty way to celebrate the holiday as more than 2,000 runners of all ages came out on "a beautiful day," YMCA spokeswoman Cindy Morency said.

"It was our most successful event to date," Morency said, estimating that overall registration was up about 500 from 2008.

There was something for everybody, whether seasoned race veterans from Michigan, other states and Canada or local families out to help raise money for the Plymouth YMCA Strong Kids Campaign (to benefit summer day camp programs).

One such "daddy daughter" tandem was Plymouth's Michael Sytniak and his 8-year-old daughter Francesco, who competed in the mile Run. In the 5K Run was Canton's Rob Shaver and his 14year-old daughter Shannon. Many others ran with their dads more for the cherished memory than for the sheer competition of the event.

"It's a family tradition," Morency said about why the event

'It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Dav.'

CINDY MORENCY, Plymouth YMCA

continues to grow. "It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Day."

Participants of different ages, experience and physical capabilities had plenty of choices. At 8 a.m., Gault Race Management simultaneously started the mile run and walk from downtown Plymouth, near Ann Arbor Trail and Union.

Fifteen minutes later opened the 5K run/walk, while the 10K run/walk started at 8:45 a.m. Some also raced in the MDG Triple — simultaneously competing in all three runs for a total of 10.3 miles, with all runners and walkers finishing up near the historic Penn Theatre.

Meanwhile, there were events for infants, toddlers and children. Those included the Diaper Dash (ages 0-1), Wee Walkers (ages 1-2), Kids Trot (ages 3-4) and Kids Jog

TRIPLE WINNER

The big winner of the day was Fenton's Lisa Veneziano, who

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Carl Rundall, of Birmingham, sets the winning pace in the 10K run on Father's Day in Plymouth.

Diesels avenge defeat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

It's all about redemption for the Detroit Diesels this year.

After avenging last year's first-round playoff loss to the Southwest Michigan Punishers last week with a 28-14 victory, the engines were really cranked for their bitter Great Lakes Football League Eastern Division rival, the Michigan

Vipers. And last Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School, that dish of revenge was served, as

Western **FOOTBALL** Wayne County's

minorleague football team rattled the Vipers, 24-0.

The Diesels opened the scoring with a 6-yard quarterback keeper by Matt McCullough (Livonia Franklin) early in the first quarter. JaKendall Brown caught the two-point conversion pass.

The Diesels would strike again on their next possession, as McCullough would fire a 26yard scoring toss to Jon Craven (Farmington). Venzal Russell caught another two-point pass.

The majority of the second quarter was give-and-take, as a fumble recovery put Detroit on their own 14-yard line. A turn of events caused the Diesels to get to the Vipers' 23, where Andrew Crushshon (Wayne Memorial) busted loose on a draw play for a 22-0 lead before halftime.

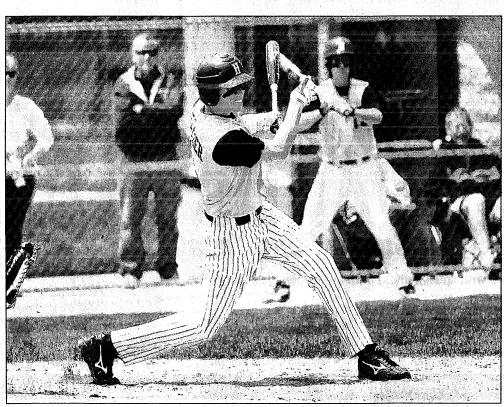
The Diesels sat on the lead for the second half, except for one play, as Jeff White crushed the Viper ball carrier in the end zone for a safety and a 24-0

McCullough finished 11-of-16 passing for 189 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed for 15 yards on three carries of his own, including the TD.

Craven, Brown, and Russell each had three receptions. Craven's 99 led the way. Crushshon gained 122 yards on the ground for the Diesels.

Defensively, Earl Blanchette led the charge for the Diesels with three sacks. Lamarr Miller, Brian Aneed, Rob Love, and White were also defensive standouts.

The Detroit Diesels, 3-1 overall and 2-0 GLFL's Eastern Division, will travel Saturday to Ada, Ohio, to take on the Dark Knights.



All-Area baseball team

Farmington Harrison senior third baseman Steve Pelletier connects for one of his school-record 56 hits during the recent baseball season. Pelletier, who will continue playing at Madonna University, is one of 15 players selected for the All-Observer first team. The area includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Farmington. Eleven schools are represented on the first team. See B2 for the story.

Bushart blazing trail in two sports

BY JIM TOTH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

For Julie Bushart, summer vacation seems more like a continuation of the recently completed school year.

Take away classroom activities and there seems to be little difference as the Redford native is engaging in some sort of athletic competition pretty much every night of the week. A two-sport athlete who just completed her junior year at Livonia Ladywood High School, Bushart is virtually taking no time off between school years as she continues to hone her skills involving the sports she loves so much — softball and hockey.

Two nights a week, the starting right fielder on the Blazers softball team that earlier this month advanced all the way to the Division 2 title game, can be found competing for the Blazers summer softball team. Three to four nights a week, she is lacing up the skates and working out with the girls ice hockey squad at Arctic Edge Ice Arena

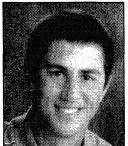
"I try to be a normal teenager, but this is keeping me real busy," Bushart said of her commitment to the two sports. "Most people wouldn't think a girl would be playing hockey, but it's something different and I really enjoy being around my teammates."

There were plenty of smiles expressed by teammates last spring on the softball diamond as the

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Redford native Julie Bushart, a two-sport athlete at Livonia Ladywood, played a key role in the Blazers' run to the Division 2 title game in girls softball.



Kevin Delapaz Canton



Justin Young



Harrison



Nate McHugh **Garden City**



Dan Stoney Canton



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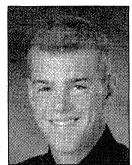
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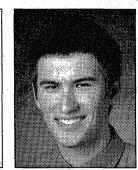
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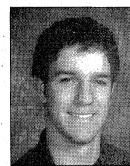
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Mark Blomshield Canton coach

Baseball season peppered with team, individual success

FIRST TEAM

Kevin Delapaz, Jr. P, Canton: What a sensational season the lefthanded Delapaz had for the Chiefs, going 10-0 with a 1.22 ERA while fanning 79 batters in 59 innings.

Icing on the cake was a victory over Detroit-Novi Catholic Central in the regional semifinal, allowing just one run in six innings. That followed a no-hitter in a predistrict game against Livonia Stevenson. He also helped out offensively, with a .315 average and 12 stolen bases.

"Kevin was a major component in leading the Chiefs to the second best record (25-12) in school history and back-to-back district and regional runner-up teams," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield.

Delapaz earned selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-

Region teams. Justin Young, Sr. P, F.H. Harrison: The senior left-hander was a quality pitcher, even in games his team lost. and recorded some impressive numbers. Young struck out 93 batters in 67 innings while walking just 24. His ERA was a solid 1.25. He threw a no-hitter and a pair of one-hitters, and he is third all-time at Harrison with 168 career strikeouts.

Young's 5-4 record (with two saves) is not an accurate indication of his ability, according to coach Pete Lamerato. His losses were to 22-win Farmington, state champion DeLaSalle, John Glenn and OAA White champion Seaholm.

"He pitched against every big team we played," Lamerato said. "He was our No. 1 all three years. I never saved him. He pitched in every game we had to have. More times than not, he came through.

"Every time I gave him the ball, I knew I was going to get 100 percent. He's all effort all the time. He never took a pitch off. He didn't care about his record. He wanted to go out there and pitch against the best teams, period.

"He lived for game day. He was focused on the game from 7 o'clock in the morning. I don't think I've coached a better all-around pitcher, someone who knew when to turn it on, how to hit the corners, how to drop in the curveball."

Nate McHugh, Jr. P, Garden City: This Cougar junior emerged onto the varsity scene in sterling fashion as he helped his teammates to 14 wins on the season and a berth in Division I state regional competition. The crafty left-hander posted a 6-4 mark with a 3.09 ERA in 54 1/3 innings of work. He struck out 47 batters and walked only 19. McHugh's contributions weren't limited to just the mound as he clubbed opposing pitchers at a .385 clip, scored 16 runs and drove in 24 more

from the clean-up spot in the order. 'He's a ballplayer," Cougars coach

Steve Herman said of McHugh, who also excelled in the field at first base. "He didn't start out really strong because his stamina wasn't there. but near the end of the year, he proved his mettle. He's a placement pitcher who can hit his spot. He can throw his breaking ball anytime for a strike and keep hitters off stride."

Dan Stoney, Sr. C, Canton: A glimpse into the all-around player Stoney is came at regionals, where he homered against Catholic Central and also made a defensive gem in the regional final against Birmingham Brother Rice to save a scoreless tie.

But he was a stalwart all season, batting .414 for the Chiefs, belting six homers (two against South Lyon) and driving in 36 runs. In addition to being a solid catcher,

Stoney helped out Blomshield by playing other positions when needed.

For his efforts, he was named to the All-KLAA Division and Conference teams and was selected to the All-District squad a second consecutive year.

Fred Sharp, Sr. C, N. Farmington: The senior catcher had a solid season for the Raiders, hitting .381 with seven doubles, four triples and six home runs. Sharp, who was voted team MVP, also walked 10 times, stole 11 bases, knocked in 28 runs and scored 26 runs. Sharp had 37 hits in 97 at-bats. Behind the plate,

he posted a .966 fielding percentage with 118 putouts, 24 assists and just five errors. He was durable and dependable, catching every game but two. Sharp will be a walk-on player at Bowling Green.

"If you take one person over the last three years, he might be the most improved," coach Kevin Kansman said. "I think he still has potential to develop and play at a higher level. He's athletic, he has a good arm and he has speed. Those are all things colleges are looking at. My hope for him is he continues to improve and finds a spot at Bowling

Matt Priebe, Jr. 1B, Plymouth: The junior first baseman was a cog for the Wildcats on offense and defense, batting .455 with 13 doubles, four homers, 26 RBI and registering a

.979 fielding percentage. Priebe was selected to the All-KLAA and All-District teams in recognition of his consistency.

"Matt has anchored the middle of our lineup since his freshman year," said Plymouth head coach Chuck Adams. "He's a power hitter that uses the entire field. He also has a very good glove at first base.

Ricky Scully, Sr. 1B, Liv. Churchill: The senior first baseman and third sacker was Churchill's most productive offensive player hitting .418 (41for-98) with 11 doubles, one homer and 33 RBI.

The All-KLAA South Division selection also slugged at a .561 clip and sported an on-base average of .504. He also scored 27 runs and only struck out 13 times. "Ricky was our most consistent

hitter at the three- and four-spot," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He got a lot of big hit throughout the year. He hit the ball hard whether he was on-base or out." Garrett Gumm, Sr. SS, Liv.

Franklin: The repeat first-team performer batted .469 (45-for-96) with 11 doubles, two triples, two homers and 39 RBI.

The senior shortstop also had a slugging percentage of .668 and an on-base percentage of .510.

Gumm, an All-KLAA South selection, also sparkled on the mound with a 7-1 record and a 2.77 earned run average. In 55.2 innings he struck out 45 and walked only 19.

"Garrett had another fantastic season for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He has a very smart baseball mind. For three years he

anchored our infield at shortstop and our batting lineup in the three-"This season he also elevated his

season on the mound. He loved coming to the ballfield and will be tough for us to replace."

Brad Lineberry, Sr. SS, Plymouth: The senior shortstop, headed to Madonna University, was All-KLAA, All-District and All-State along with team MVP after batting .400 with seven homers and 40 RBI for the Wildcats.

Lineberry, a slick fielder, joined Salem's Sam Ott in the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.

"Brad is just a flat out excellent baseball player," Adams said. "He comes to the park each day ready to go. I look forward to seeing him continue to improve at the next level." Sam Ahlersmeyer, Sr. 3B, Luth.

Westland: The Division 4 All-Stater (second-team) and All-Metro Conference pick led the Warriors in just about every statistical category this season including batting average (.508), doubles (12), homers (6), RBI (37) and runs (38). Ahlersmeyer also finished with

career records for hits (113), doubles (31), triples (9), homers (9) and RBI (90). He is the single-season school record holder for homers (6), hits (53), RBI (47) and slugging percentage (1.013). "Sam is an exceptional athlete and

has helped bring Lutheran Westland to a new level," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "As a junior he was instrumental in leading us to a state finals appearance, the first in school history. Sam is a great kid who will be truly missed."

Steve Pelletier, Sr. 3B, F.H. Harrison: The senior third baseman is the all-time hits leader at Harrison with 152, and his career batting average after four years as a varsity starter is .447. Pelletier broke Drew Stanton's single-season record (.560) with a .566 average this year.

His school-record 56 hits included eight doubles, a record 10 triples and five home runs. He had 39 stolen bases, 34 runs and 39 RBI. He was 3-3 as a pitcher with 34 strikeouts in 36.1 innings. Pelletier is the first player to receive a full ride to Madonna University.

"When you talk about an overall player, Steve is the whole package," coach Pete Lamerato said. "He hits with power, runs with speed, makes great contact and can bunt. He can

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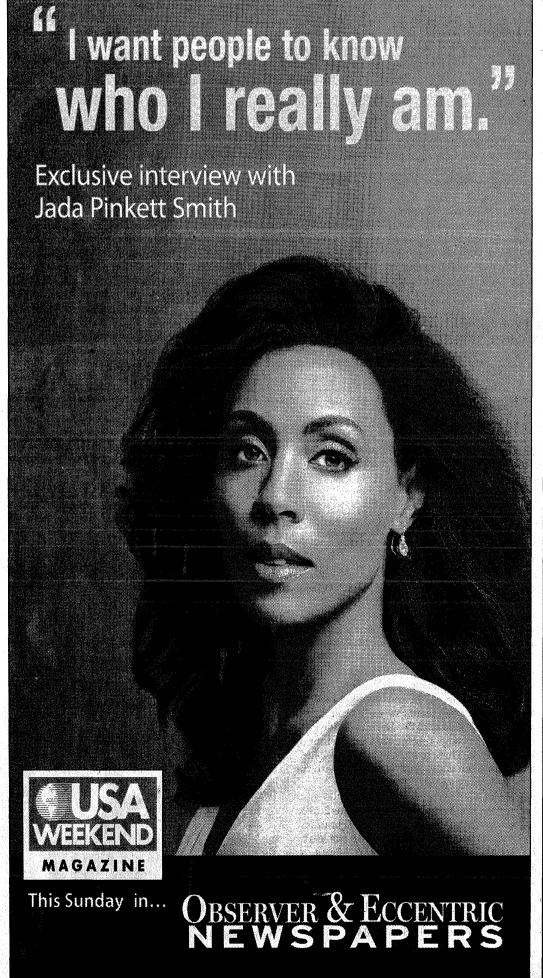
do it all on the field.

"He's a great defensive player, too extremely quick at third base. I can't tell you how many diving plays he made, coming up and throwing guys out at first.

"He's just a great kid, so easy to coach. You tell him to do one thing, and he's doing it as hard as he can in practice. He's dedicated and loves playing the game. He's as complete a ballplayer as you'll find."

Sam Ott, Sr. OF, Salem: The senior outfielder capped off an outstanding career with a base hit, run and inning pitched at the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.

Ott batted .486 for the Rocks. with 15 doubles, four homers and 40 RBI and was team MVP. Other honors included selection to the All-KLAA squad and All-State teams.





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one of the top five players in the long and storied history of Salem baseball," said Rocks head coach Dale Rumberger. "He holds eight individual hitting records, the Salem Hitting Award is now named after him (and) he is All-State, But above and beyond all that Sam has become a better person than a

player." Andrew DeLuca, Sr. OF, Westland Glenn: The three-year varsity starter, bound for Adrian College in the fall, now holds offensive records in five different categories.

The senior center fielder hit .451 (46-for-102) with 12 doubles, four triples and four homers. He scored 32 runs and had 16 RBI. He struck out only two times all season. The All-KLAA South pick had a slugging percentage of .765 and an onbase average of .556.

"His love the for game and work ethic will be tough to replace," Glenn coach Tom Wakefield said. "His career at Glenn proved to be a successful one."

Joe Posler, Sr. At-Large, Salem: Posler did it all for the Rocks. On the mound, he was splendid, again earning the Salem Pitcher of the Year Award with a 6-1 record and 2.55 ERA.

At the plate, the All-KLAA selection contributed 45 hits (second to Ott) a .405 average, .541 slugging percentage and 26 RBI.

"Joe Posler is an outstanding young man with a true love of the game," Rumberger said. "He truly plays every day to have fun, and if we win its frosting on the cake.' Dan Pochmara, Jr. At-Large,

Farmington: The multi-talented junior was Farmington's No. 1 pitcher and shortstop when he wasn't on the mound. Pochmara batted .392 with 40 hits, which included six doubles, three triples and two home runs. He drove in 28 runs and scored 36. He was hit by a pitch eight times and was 7-for-7 stealing bases. Though his record was 3-5, the team MVP pitched in a lot of big games and threw an 8-0 shutout against Grosse Pointe South. Two of his losses were to OAA White champ Seaholm, 2-1, and Brother Rice. Pochmara, one of eight guys to pitch 16 or more innings for the Falcons (22-13), worked 46 innings

and had a 3.80 ERA. · ·

Pochmara's selection as the MVP of the Clarkston Tournament was "an example of what he is to our team - so many things," coach Pete Finn said. "He competes every day. That's the best thing you can say about a ballplayer. He hits for power, hits for average — all the

things a good baseball player does. "He impressed us most with his growth in terms of his emotional resiliency, especially as a pitcher, and that definitely helped a lot and

contributed to his success.'
COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Blomshield, Canton: The second-year coach continued his run of success with the Chiefs. The team went 24-12 and went on to postseason success, highlighted by the second Division 1 district title in a row (only the second backto-back in school history) and a victory over Detroit-Novi Catholic Central in the regionals. The Chiefs battled Birmingham Brother Rice in the regional final before falling short.

"The kids fought extremely hard to the end and took a 1-0 lead into the sixth before giving way (to the Warriors)," Blomshield said.

Canton combined hitting, pitching and defense to mow down oppo-

nents, jumping out to a 17-4 start. After a slump, the Chiefs revved it up again for the postseason, outscoring teams in the districts by a 43-2 tally.

Posting 20-plus victories and winning the districts for a second year in a row, noted Blomshield, shows that the Chiefs are on the right track toward building a perennial winner. Canton also defeated three of four ranked opponents, only coming up short against Brother Rice.

"Our coaching and support staff continues to build a winning culture and competitive attitude,' Blomshield said. "It seems even more enjoyable from the coaching box than it did as a player being able to teach baseball to a great group of young men and see them improve every day and be as successful as they have been over the past two seasons."

A pitcher at Western Michigan University during the 1990s, Blomshield earned his physical education degree and then began teaching in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in 1999.

Blomshield then coached Salem in 2001 and the Canton junior varsity in 2002-07 before taking over the Chiefs' varsity job in 2008.

Metro firefighters 2nd

The 2008 Open Division national champions from Louisville (Ky.) won the 29th **Annual Motor City Firefighters** Softball Classic for the second year was in a row June 5-7 at Power Park in Novi.

The Kentuckians defeated the defending over-40 Masters Division national champion, Detroit Metro/Belfor, which is managed by Farmington Hills firefighter Denny Hughes.

With one loss going into the final round, the "old boys" needed to knock off the "young guns" from Kentucky twice to claim the crown in the double-elimination format. The metro Detroit team sur-

prised many in attendance with a convincing, 14-2 victory in the first

It needed to come up big again in the next game to take the title, but Louisville rebounded for a 12-2 win to retain its Motor City championship.

MOTOR CITY CLASSIC

The Detroit Metro/Belfor players are Tim Prokop and Dan Cipolla (Dearborn), John McCoy (Shelby), Keith Lampear (Birmingham), Mike Albo (Southfield), Pat O'Dowd, Pat Wilson, Pat Harrison, Randy Gibson, Russ Schaller, Jimmy Nadolski, Russ Zarras and Eddie Nadolski (Detroit) and Ray DeWalt (Hazel Park).

The city references indicate the fire departments where the men work. Zarras is a CYO basketball coach at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

The all-firefighter softball tournament also attracted teams from Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Prince Georges County, Md. Many teams from Michigan also competed in the three-day event to raise money for various charitable

Your local golf guide

Congratulations to Lucas Glover of Greenville, S.C., winner of this year's U.S. Open Championship.

Our readers predicted the outcome in an online pell throughout the last five

weeks. Check out how the results compared: Phil Mickelson 24% Tiger Woods 52%

Geoff Ogilvy 0%

Kenny Penny 0%

Padraig Harrington 0% Angel Cabrera 4%

Sergio Garcia 4 % Other 16%

Best amateur golfers in Michigan

By David Graham GAM Executive Director

Since 1919, the Golf Association of Michigan has been hosting the best tournaments for the best golfers in the state. In that first year, we were known as the Detroit District Golf Association, and the first golf events conducted included Four Man Teams. The District Championship played at the Detroit Golf Club. T. Worden Hunter from the Country Club of Detroit won that first championship.

Throughout the last 90 years, we have grown into the Golf Association of Michigan, and in 2008, we hosted 16 state championships and 20 USGA qualifiers with almost 4,200 participants. These were great tournaments at great Michigan golf courses with outstanding participation.

The participants earned GAM honor roll points for finishing strongly in these events. In addition, they earn points playing and doing well in prestigious tournaments around the

country. At the end of the season, we summarize the results and determine a GAM Honor Roll by gender and age. The top point earner in each category is the player of the year and rightfully recognized as the "best amateur golfer in Michigan" in their category. Listed below are those GAM Champions from

Jimmy Chestnut of Grand Blanc, GAM 2008 Men's Player of the Year.

Jimmy won the Michigan Amateur and the GAM Championship. He was also a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Mid-Amateur. He attended the University of Michigan prior to transferring to Michigan State University and was an Academic All-Big Ten player in 2004 and 2005. Jimmy also was the club champion at Warwick Hills Country Club in 2007 and 2008.

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll of Haslett, GAM 2008 Women's Player of the Year.

Stacy was the GAM Women's Mid-

Am Champion, for the fourth successive year and played well in the Michigan Women's Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Am, Michigan Women's Open and GAM Women's Championship. She has won the Michigan Women's Amateur in '96 and '98, won the GAM Women's Championship in '98 and earned Women's Player of the year in '96, '98 and '07. She is coach of the Michigan State University Women's Golf team and was selected as Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

Bill Zylstra of Plymouth, GAM 2008 Senior Men's Player of the Year.

Bill won the GAM Senior Championship and played very well in a range of other tournaments in Michigan and beyond. He played so well that he was ranked the No. 1 Senior Amateur in the country by the Titleist National Rankings and was the 2008 Golf Week Senior Player of the Year. Bill has also been GAM Senior Player of the Year in '06 and '07. He

also holds the record for the lowest round (65) ever recorded in the USGA Senior Amateur Championship (2007).

Joan Garety of Ada, GAM 2008 Senior Women's Player of the Year.

Joan was the medalist at the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur and a semifinalist in the match play segment. She also tied for 3rd at both the GAM Women's Senior Championship and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship. She is a two-time Michigan Women's State Amateur Champion in '82 and '97, GAM Women's Champion in '96m GAM Mid-Am Champion in '04, GAM. Senior Champ in '06 and two-time Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Champion in '06 and '07. She was GAM Woman Player of the Year in '97 and '99, and GAM Senior Women Player of the Year in '06 and '07. Joan was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.

Joey Garber of Petoskey, GAM 2008 Junior Boy's Player of the Year.

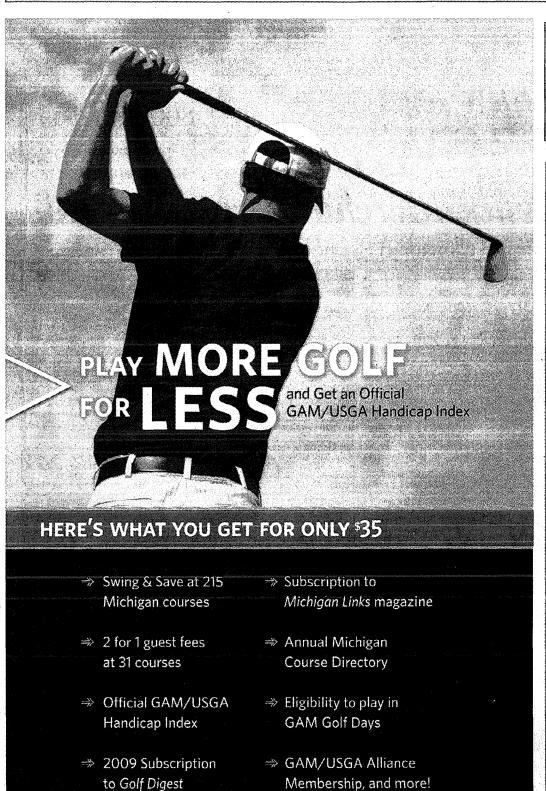
Joey won the Michigan Junior Amateur Stroke Play Championship

and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship in 2008. He was very active in the AJGA tour. As a high school freshman, he finished second at the MHSAA State Championship and was selected to the first team All State.

Elizabeth Ecker of Niles, GAM 2008 Junior Girl's Player of the Year.

Elizabeth won the stroke play segment of the Michigan Girl's Junior Championship and finished in the top 20 at the GAM Women's Championship. During the fall season at Oakland University as a freshman, she competed in all five-fall events and finished with the third best stroke average on the team.

The above players are truly great champions of amateur golf in Michigan. They compete with a large number of outstanding golfers in our state. The GAM is proud to have the opportunity to host these fine players at our championships. To learn more about championship golf at the GAM, simply to www.gam.org. Who knows, you might be a future Player of the



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Spree Pole Vault to be unveiled

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, June 25, 2009

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia's Spree '59' weeklong celebration will feature more than carnival rides, racing pigs, the circus, pie eating contests, battle of the bands and the Sunday night fireworks.

Saturday features a unique event that crosses all generations as the inaugural 2009 Spree Pole Vault competition will be unveiled at Ford Field.

The event is the brainchild of Livonia Churchill High multi-events coach Vern Williams, who will bring his own custom built 130-foot portable wooden runway to be placed on Ball Diamond

"I've been trying to do it for years and finally I was able to find the right person, who happened to be connected with the Spree run," said Williams. "The runway is 10 inches off the ground. We'll have the normal planting box with Churchill's pads (and standards).'

The USATF-sanctioned event begins with Session 1 beginning at 10 a.m. with the starting height at 6 feet. Session 2 follows at 1 p.m. with bar being set at 10 feet.

This pole vault event is unique because it will attract competitors of all ages including 72-year-old Jim

Roth of Pinckney and 65year-old Canton multi-events coach Matti Kilpelainen, both listed in the Masters

"Matti coached me when I was at Churchill," Williams said. "He just cleared 12 feet the other day."

Williams said vaulters from both the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University are expected to compete, along with some of the state's top high school vaulters including Churchill's own Derik Peterman, a Division 1 state runner-up who placed third recently in the prestigious Midwest Meet of Champions.

Peterman, headed to Michigan State in the fall, cleared a personal best 15-8 as a prep. He will be joined by Fowlerville's Max Babits, who went 15-9 this spring and is part of the infamous Redford Union High family vaulting tree which also includes his father Bob, who will compete in the Masters age category.

On the girls side, Northville High's Amy Reynolds, who placed fourth in the Division 1 state finals, will be joined by Division 2 state champion Tori Wesley of Marine City.

Williams said he has 30 competitors already registered and hopes the event

will continue grow.

The entry fee is \$27. All competitors will receive a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to: Skyshark Athletics.

For more information, visit www.livoniaspreevault.com; or call Williams at (734) 732-

Spree Freedom Run

The Livonia Spree Freedom 10- and 5-kilometer runs, along with the 1-mile runwalk, will start at 7 a.m. Sunday in front of the Livonia Family YMCA, located at 14225 Stark Road.

The event is sponsored by State Farm Insurance (Ken Wagner Agency).

The registration fee (before June 26) is \$20 for adults and \$15 for student and seniors. Registration fees are \$25 and \$20, respectively (after June 26).

Included in the cost is a race T-shirt (while supplies last) and all-you-can eat pancake breakfast at nearby Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon.

Trophies will go to the top three male and female finishers (including Masters age group).

For more information, visit www.justsayrun.com; or call Chris Odgen at (734) 891-1639; or e-mail chrisogden@ justsayrun.com.

Blazers came within one victory of claiming their first softball state title. And Bushart was a big part of the team's success as her clutch hitting, solid fielding and a work ethic second to none helped provide the ingredients that saw the Blazers come out on top in 38 of 45 games played.

"She is one of the favorite people on the team," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said of Bushart. "She just has a great attitude, works very hard to get better and I love the fact she plays hockey, too, because it helps with hand-eye coordination and she just comes in physically fit and ready to play when it's softball season."

A part-time starter as a sophomore, Bushart made the most of her opportunity to contribute in a starting role last season as a junior. She took over duties in right field and managed to handle those responsibilities like a veteran. At the plate, she became the team's RBI leader hitting from the No. 5 slot in the order.

"When she first came up, Julie was someone who was raw, but someone who wanted to be a softball player," Combs said. "I knew she could be a very good one with a little work.

"She always had that pop in her bat, but what we had to do was work with her and get her to cut her swing down a little," Combs went on. "When she was able to do that, she became one

of the constants in the lineup and a very clutch player overall."

Bushart, whose achievements in the classroom include Honor Roll and the Ladywood National Honor Society, believes her experiences as a defenseman with the ice hockey team have contributed greatly to her success on the softball field. The competition factor has been the main component and the compassion and chemistry among teammates a close second as both squads continue to strive for excellence.

"We're just great friends and we just go out there and push each other so hard," said Bushart, whose postseason accolades in softball included all-league, all-district and all-region. "From day one, our coaches told us we had so much potential and we just went out there and ran with it. It was awesome being in Battle Creek playing for the championship. What more could you ask for?'

A state title, maybe, next

No need to worry. That is why Bushart, who will be a co-captain next season, and her teammates are spending much of their summer vacation working on the little things that make the difference in crowning champions.

"We want it," Bushart said. We want it bad. Just getting that taste of being there, we know we have the potential to get back. We have the confidence and we're going to work hard to get better."

Michigan Rams earn split with Concealed

The Michigan Rams corrected the error of their ways Saturday at Ford Field by earning a split of a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header against Concealed Security in a battle of 20-and-under teams.

Craig Sacha went 2-for-2 and drove home John Potts with the game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to give Concealed a 6-5 triumph in the opener.

Cory Amble and Billy Hardin each knocked in two runs for Concealed.

John Ponte was the winning pitcher in relief going three scoreless innings. He did not allow a hit and walked only two after coming on in the fifth inning for starter Ryan Schario.

Kyle Vesey went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI to lead the Rams. Aaron Cieslak and Dan Augustine also knocked in runs.

The Rams used three pitchers with middle reliever Taylor Robson, who went two innings after replacing starter Tom Whiting, taking the loss.

Three Rams errors, including two in the second inning when Concealed scored four times, proved costly.

In the nightcap, the Rams improved to 8-4 in the LCBL with a 4-3 win as Joe Barnes doubled home Alex Trojan with the gamewinning run in the top of the sixth inning. Justin Forster went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace the Rams' nine-hit attack.

Barnes was 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Trojan doubled twice and scored two runs. Tom Hansen also knocked in a run. Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder

went the first five innings, allowing three runs on five hits and a walk. Ryan Abraham pitched two scoreless innings of relief to earn the save as the Rams played an error-free game.

Drew Ordakowski belted a solo homer for Concealed (4-10), while Amble and Hardin each collected an RBI. Casey Haggerty, the losing pitcher, gave up four runs on seven hits and two walks in five innings of work. Reliever Andrew Klinkman finished up, allowing no runs on two hits in two

Solstice Run has new start point live music by three bands, will

Northville Downs is known as a famous harness racing

But on Saturday, June 27, it's the start for the annual Solstice Run, a five- and 10-kilometer event presented by the Foresters.

The new starting spot features a half-mile loop around the horse track with the finish at nearby Ford Field. The hilly course winds through the neighborhoods and streets of Northville.

The 10K run begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by the 5K runwalk to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at 8:45 a.m.

There will be \$700 in cash wards for the overall male and The new starting spot features a half-mile loop around the horse track with the finish at nearby Ford Field. The hilly course winds through the neighborhoods and streets of Northville.

female winners in the 10K and 5K runs. Classic medals will also to the top 500 finishers in the 10K.

The Solstice features timing mats at the start and finish. Runners will be scored with disposable Champion Chip (attached to the shoe).

Entertainment, inch

follow at the course's finish line area at Ford Field.

Registration fees (before June 27) are \$30 for the 10K run and \$25 for the 5K runwalk. Kids can run for \$12. Race day fees are \$35, \$30 and \$15, respectively. (Shirts are guaranteed if registered by

On site packet pick-up and registration will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday June 26; and 6:45-8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 27, both at the Northville Square Mall, located at 133 W. Main Street (near Center Street), in downtown

To register online, visit www. olsticerun.org.

took first place in the Female Division in the 10K (38:47), 5K (18:28) and mile run (5:27.5). For the men on Father's Day,

taking first in the 10K was Birmingham's Carl Rundall (33:23), edging out Peter Hogg of Livonia (35:42.5). Rundall placed second in the

5K with his mark of 16:09 trailing Pinckney's Nick Katselas, who took the top spot with a time of just under 16-minutes Plymouth's Warren Buzzard

nearly won in the mile run. He finished in 4:47, two seconds behind Jerome Recker of

The mile walk also proved very competitive. Earning the Barackman of Northville, with a time of 8:36.7. Taking spots 2-5 in that event were Canton's Amanda Albin (12:59.8), Plymouth's Barry Wallman (13:29), Westland's Joan Evans (13:29.8) and Plymouth's Carol Wallman (13:55.4).

victory was 8-year-old Jace

Morency added that something special was done for the 30th anniversary run.

"To celebrate our 30th year, we had a video done by Michigan Runner," Morency said. "It can be found on their Web site," with photographs from past races included.

Go to www.michiganrunner. net and click on the "MR Video" button at the top of the home page to check out the 30th anniversary video.

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Classified Preview..

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NORTHVILLE - June 25-27, 9-4pm. 8080 Pine Ridge Ct, 6 Mile & Curtis. Household goods, clothing & furniture.

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The award is presented to employers who show exemplary support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

The firm was nominated by Michael J. Neuman, a senior project engineer at SME who returned home safely after serving 15 months in the police transition program in Iraq.

With more than 30 years' engineering experience, Neuman helps SME clients with building and parking deck restoration projects. He specializes in material engineering services and provides solutions to issues related to structural materials.

Construction Update Courtesy the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Genuine Toy Company - Finish work continues on the interior of the

space. Owners expect to open later this month.

• Ave. Market - Interior construction of the space continues. Owners hope to be open in mid-summer.

 Ironwood Grill - Interior finish work continues on the space. Owner Dan Johnson hopes to open in mid-July. · Plaka Mediterranean Grill - Interior finish work is nearly complete. Owners hope to open in the near

Therapy credential

Jennifer Farley of Plymouth earned the prestigious Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy (APT), according to its executive director Bill Burns. Farley is a licensed clinical social worker. To become a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, applicants must have earned a traditional masters or doctoral mental health degree from an institution of higher education, 150 clock hours of play therapy training, five years and

5,000 hours of post-Master's clinical experience, 500 supervised and 500 additional hours of play therapy experience, and be licensed or certified by their state boards of practice. Information is at www.a4pt.org.

New yoga stop Come join your friends and neighbors at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio for a gentle flow yoga class. They meet every Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and share an experience that builds awareness of breath, movement and relaxation. Participants of all fitness levels are welcome and encouraged to work at the level that is comfortable for them that day. Modifications are given to increase or decrease the intensity of postures. Terri Irrer, owner of Miss Harriet's, and Tricia Ptak believe that it is very important to have a way to give back to the community. This is a way to offer healing for those who truly need

yoga but who might be afraid to try

or who simply cannot afford classes

at a voga studio (average is \$17 per

drop in). Donation is the act of giving from the heart, allowing you to pay what you can. Miss Harriet's is in the Northville Square Mall at 133 W. Main St., Suite 190 in downtown Northville. Contact Tricia Ptak at yogatrish@ wowway.com or (734) 259-9588 for more information.

Karmann PR

Karmann USA, a leading supplier of automotive convertible tops, has selected AutoCom Associates as its public relations agency of record in North America.

Founded in 1996, Karmann USA is based in Plymouth Township and is a subsidiary of the Karmann Group. The world's leading Tier-1 supplier of convertible tops, the Karmann Group also has served as the contract manufacturer of several complete vehicles, including the VW Karmann Ghia, the VW Beetle convertible and the Mercedes-Benz CLK convertible. At its Plymouth Township campus, Karmann USA employs more than 300 people.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

On the cutting edge: Shop gives salon cut at barber prices

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

Main Street Haircuts: Mainstreet Haircuts for men offers stylist's specializing in men's haircutting, scalp massaging shampoos and professional styling. Other services included are beard trimming, and eyebrow waxing. Observer: What makes your

business unique?

Main Street Haircuts: Our salon is a one of a kind haircut experience which offers stylist with exceptional attention to detail.

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

Main Street Haircuts: I wanted to start the business because I always torn between getting an expensive but quality salon cut or getting an affordable cut with a great atmosphere from a barber shop. So I combined the two.

MAIN STREET HAIRCUTS FOR MEN

- Business Name: Main Street Haircuts for Men
- Business Address: 550 Main, just south of Ann Arbor Trail
- Your Name and position: Bryan Young, owner
- Business Opened: May 1, 2009
- Number of Employees: 3
- Your Business Specialty: Barber shop feel with a salon cut.
- · Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Business Phone: (734) 414-9744

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

Main Street Haircuts: I felt that plymouth needed a more diverse barbershop for men with an upscale salon feel while keep our price reasonable at \$19. Observer: How has the economy

affected your business? Main Street Haircuts: It's hard to tell how the economy will affect the business, as we opened in the state that the economy is currently in. Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

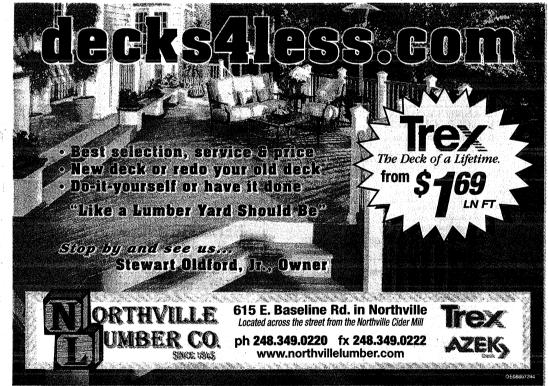
Main Street Haircuts: Don't be scared of the economy.

Observer: What's in the future for your business?

Main Street Haircuts: Hopefully location Number



Stylist Diana Balhorn trims Bryan Young's hair at Main Street Haircuts for Men.



CHAMBER CHAT

Twitter chat

Everywhere you turn you keep hearing about Twittering or Tweets. The Chamber has started to use the popular social networking site to promote our community. Twitter is a micro-blogging service that allows people to post text-based messages up to 140 characters.



Wes Graff

To tie all of our online promotions together, the Chamber has

our Twitter page connected to update our Facebook page and there

is a box on the homepage of our web site that shows our Twitter updates. Currently we have 93 followers on Twitter and on Facebook we have over 900 friends and 250 fans.

By using these social networking sites we are able to promote the community and receive feedback from others commenting on our postings. On Twitter our site is "Plymouthmich" and on Facebook we can be found at "Plymouth Mich."

Business/Community News

• Stella Contracting hosting open house on July 4. Stella Contracting celebrates over 50 years of service in

the Plymouth community. In honor of this accomplishment, Stella Contracting is hosting an Open House on July 4 on the parade route, at 747 S. Main St., Plymouth. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. join them for breakfast treats, refreshments and fun.

As a thank you to the Plymouth Chamber for years of support they are offering Chamber members and their friends and family 51 percent off any installed bathroom counter top with the completion of a bathroom remodel. This offer is good through August.

For more information, please contact Jeff Stella at (734) 459-7111.

· The Central Parking Deck, off of Harvey Street in downtown Plymouth, will have portions closed through mid-August for rehabilitation work: When sections of the deck are closed, parking limitations will not be enforced. If the Central Deck is full there is street parking and public lots available. For Chamber members who often park in the ramp behind our building, this construction may affect where you are able to park.

• The Chamber is now offering members the ability to sponsor our popular E-Newz letter. Members can be a sponsor by placing an advertisement at the top of the newsletter that will include a link to their Web site. To

sponsor the E-Newz for an entire month, the cost will be \$150. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Teri Fry at teri@plymouthmich. org or call (734) 453-1540. We will not accept more than one sponsor per month.

 More than 108 golfers are scheduled to play in this year's Golf Outing - a great way to promote your business -Monday, July 13, at Northville Hills sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth.

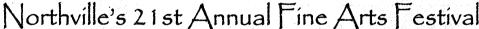
There is still time to reserve a space to golf or to be a sponsor in the golf outing. Additionally, we are seeking donations of items for our silent auction and promotional items for golfer gift bags.

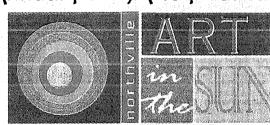
If you are interested in participating, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.

Top Web site

To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the Web site from the Engraving Connection: www.engravecon.com.

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via email at wes@plymouthmich.org or by phone at (734) 453-1540.





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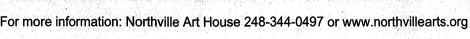
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HELEN M. AUBERLIN

Age 95, of Farmington Hills, June 21, 2009. Cherished wife of the late Marvin (2002); devoted mother of Beverly (Dan) Darnell; beloved grandmother of Jason and Christopher (Amy); dear great-grandmother of Mathias, Solana, Olivia and Addison, Mrs. Auberlin is also survived by her sister Jenny Tompor and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her siblings Frank, Walter, Edmund Hardy and Stella Kondracki. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com

MARY E. BRIGHT

Age 92, of Garden City, MI. Loving and devoted mother of Ernest, Arthur and Eugene (Michelle). Grandmother Misty. Stepsister of Robert Phillips. Former wife & lifelong friend of Dutch Eichenberg Passed away peacefully. Mary will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

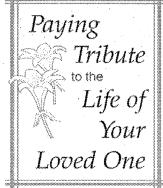
WALTER B. GENTILE

Age 86, of Westland, June 21, 2009. Beloved husband of Ehtel. Loving father of Loretta (Ken) Clary, Walter (Jackie) Gentile Jr., Linda Sampson and Catherine (Joe) Clairmont. Dearest grandfather of nine and greatgrandfather of 11. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Bertha Gentile, Barbara Ann Gentile, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 783-2646. Interment Michigan Memorial Park.



ERNEST W. JOHNSON

Age 79 of Westland. Loving husband of Jo. Dear father of Donna (John) wanson, Jan (Bill) Mackenroth, (Michael) Webster, Laura (Rick) Hazen and the late Mike. Brother of Dorothy Briggs. Grandfather of Angela (Andrew) Hathikhanavala, Amanda Webster, Katie Webster & the late Kris Mackenroth. Funeral Wednesday 10 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Mon. 4-9 pm & Tues. 3-9 pm. Donations to Westland Historic Village Park appreciated. Please visit & leave a note of condolence at: www.uhtfh.com.



CORDIA "Corky" (Pursell) NIPPER

Age 75, Prudenville formerly of Livonia and Plymouth died June 22, 2009. Services 6:00 pm Friday, June 26, 2009, Christ Lutheran Church, Oakley, MI. Please visit Corky's





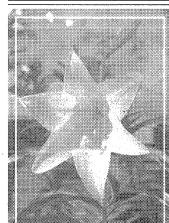
The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

Deadlines: Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue e-mail your obit to oeobits@hometownlife.com or fax to: Attn: Obits c/o Char Wilson 313-496-4968 For more information call: **Char Wilson** 586-826-7082 or Liz Keiser 586-977-7538

or toll free

800-579-7355

ask for Char or Liz



Church offers job-hunting resources in challenging times

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will kick off a series of job workshops Monday.

"We have a team of members starting a workshop to help people who are looking for work find jobs," said the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt.

"Our team has been through that experience — they have quite a few resources — you can check our church Web site for some of this info. The site address is www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

The church's upcoming

Monday night workshops are: ■ June 29, 5:30-7 p.m.: Julie Pugginni from Schoolcraft College will talk about setting goals and motivation.

■ July 13, 7-8:30 p.m.: The topic will be communication — using the right words in the right way.

Your "elevator speech" says it all. Business cards, too.

■ July 27, 7-8:30 p.m.: Interviews — on the phone and in person. Practical tips on preparation and presentation.

■ Aug. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.: Retraining Resources — when it's right for you and how. There also will be a presentation on "No Worker Left Behind."

■ Aug. 24, 7:8:30 p.m.: Family Finances — The topic addresses the importance of having a plan and making sure everyone is "on board."

■ Sept. 14, 7:8:30 p.m.: Discovery – What's the Market Like Now

Eckhardt said Pugginni, the first speaker in the series, "comes to us with excellent recommendations as a counselor who understands what people need to hear and do as they face unemployment and start looking for the next job."

The workshops are designed to help people in employment transition put together a useful job-hunter's tool box. They include a presentation and small group discussion.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church is located at . 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@ hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

JUNE 25-JULY 1

Bethany Suburban West

A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining, between Sibley and West, New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Food pantry

Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. (313) 538-1142

Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers a Bible

study series, 9 a.m.-noon on four Tuesday mornings - June 30, July 7, and 28, and Aug. 4, at the church, 11441 Hubbard. Based on Jeff Cavin's "Quick Journey Through the Bible," the study offers a survey of salvation history, using a combination of individual reading, group discussion, and lecture commentary. Cost is \$19.95 for the study guide and materials. A Children's Ministry is available at \$2 per child per session. For additional information and registration. see www.livoniastmichael.org or call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Armenian Folk singer

Armenian-Canadian vocalist Mariam Matossian and the world music group, Free Planet Radio, will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$50 for priority seating. Reserve tickets by calling (248) 357-2234.

Mom's retreat

A series of four summer retreat days starts July 1 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia, 11441 Hubbard, A children's ministry will be offered for the little ones while Mom enjoys Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms. The discussions will introduce the Doctors of the Church and the steps of spiritual development, based on noted Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin's newest book, "The Fulfillment of All Desire." Sessions run 8:30-11 a.m. July 15, 29 and Aug. 12. Cost is \$8 per meeting. Register at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail to swilliams@livonistmichael.org.

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St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church

St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a

St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616

n Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 OF086265

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. een Ann Arbor Trail & Joy **Livonia • 427-2290** Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available) _{oi}

UNITED METHODIST

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist 10000 Beech Daly 19/9/00uth 9:30 - Trad. Worship & Sun. Sch. 11:00 - Contemp. Family Worship www.redfordaldersgate.org

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St. James Presbyterian Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd Redford (313) 534-7730

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M. Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Car Provided - Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette

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Rev. Fr. George Vaporis
Parish Office 734-420-0131
Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygochurch.org

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

ART EVENTS

Northville Art in the Sun: Downtown Northville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Juried artists. music, food, kids' activities, Musical quests Sheila Landis, Roy Scoutz, Ken Majors. Presented by Northville Art House. (248)344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Midsummer Nights in Midtown: Thursday through Saturday in June. Free. Eclectic music mix, street painting, street theatre, children and family activities. Midtown Detroit's University Cultural Center District. www.midsu

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26. 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. Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

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

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. 7:30 p.m. seating and live music. Live orchestra, stand up comedy, improv mime, break dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing, \$5. 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscom-

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

Callahan's Music Hall: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. June 26: Paul Warren/ Josh Boyd and the VIP Band; June 27: The Hell Drivers; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24. 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills. www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508. Clutch Cargo: Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

Comerica Park: Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com. Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org. Detroit Symphony Orchestra: 8:30 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. David Alan Miller conducts; guest artist is soprano Kisma Jordan; music celebrates the sounds of Broadway, America and film. Fireworks cap each perfor mance. Tickets range from \$12-\$27, VIP passes are \$50 and offer priority parking and seating. Call (313) 982-6001

DTE Energy Music Theatre: New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Heart, June 30; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10: Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15. 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston (248) 377-0100

Fox Theatre: Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.ww

Heritage Park: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights. Night Moves, June 25. Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center. www. fhgov.com, (248)473-1857.

Magic Bag: The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Magic Stick: The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.

Majestic Theatre: The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave... Detroit, www.maiesticdetroit.com.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows W/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16. 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills. Ticketmaster.

GET OUT



The Catfish Mafia will perform at Riley Park in downtown Farmington on June 26.

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

Riley Park: Rhythmz in Riley Park, 7 p.m. Fridays, downtown Farmington. June 26, Catfish Mafia, with roots in bluegrass. Free. Rain location: First United Methodist Church. www.DowntownFarmington.org Trinity House Theatre: Chrome Folk BBQ, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.

trinityhouse.org.

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

Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, 2 p.m. Sundays, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org. Marquis Theatre: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20, "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com. Maybury Farm: Inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Northville Tunes on Tuesday: Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14; Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazoo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksan-

Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live", Aug.

AMC Summer MovieCamp: \$1 select movies, Wednesday's. AMC Forum 30 with IMAX; AMC Star Gratiot 21; AMC Star Great Lakes 25; AMC Livonia 20. July 1, Madagascar Escape 2 (PG); July 8, Tale of Despereaux (G); July 15, Horton Hears a Who (G); July 22, The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG); July 29. Nim's Island (PG): Aug. 5. Star Wars The Clone Wars (PG). Benefits Variety - The Children's Charity and The Will Rogers Institute. www.amcentertainment.com/smc. Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313)

Penn Theatre: Summer family movie series. June 25, 'The Music Man," July 2, "Fly Away Home," July 16, "An American Tail," July 23, "The Shaggy Dog," (original 1959 version), July 30, "Annie," Aug. 6, "In Search of the Castaways," Aug. 13, "Babe," Aug. 20: "Apple Dumpling Gang," Aug. 27: "The Muppets Take Manhattan." 1, 7 p.m., \$3/seat. 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. (734) 453-0870.

Redford Theatre: "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.co

Rock The Bells 2009 Festival Series: hip-hop festival, 1 p.m. June 28. Nas & Damian Marley, The Roots, Busta Rhymes and Big Boi. 25 acts on two stages; vendor village, surprise performances. DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets at Palacenet.com, The Palace, DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices, Ticketmaster locations. Charge at 1-800-745-

Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu. Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6, Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www. detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusky," through July 12. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900. Detroit Science Center: "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Greenfield Village: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313)

982-6001 or thehenryford.org.

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

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Historical Society: Weekly "Behind the Scenes" tours. \$20 society members, \$30 for guests. (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistorical.org.

Penn Grill & Bar: Karaoke Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-3570.

THEATER - COMMUNITY, COLLEGE

Henry Ford Community College: One-Act Festival. "27 Wagons Full of Cotton." June 25-28, "A Way with Words," " 'dentity Crisis." Dearborn Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$6.(313)00845-9817.

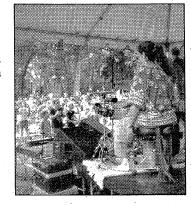
THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Fisher Theatre: "Grease." to June 28, with Taylor Hicks. American Idol winner. 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayinde-

Concert series returns to zoo

The Detroit Zoo is about to get even wilder with its annual Wild Summer Nights concert series on Wednesday nights during July and August. The concerts take place in the Zoo's Main Picnic Grove from 6:30-8 p.m. July 1 through Aug. 26 and are free with regular Zoo admission.

Wild Summer Nights features a variety of live music from local bands, including children's, pop, folk and blues. Concert-goers are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. In addition, food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase from Zoo concessions.



Visitors to the Detroit Zoological Park enjoy a concert during last year's Wild Summer Nights series.

The Zoo will remain open until 8 p.m. and Dinosauria until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays during the concert series. Here's the concert schedule:

■ Children's concerts are Gemini on July 1, James Coffey on July 8,

- Palamazoo on July 22, Candy Band on Aug. 5, and Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers on Aug. 19.
 - Classic Americana music by Grievous Angel on July 15
 - Folk music by Jill Jack on July 29 ■ Rock/pop music by the Gia Warner Band on Aug. 12
 - Rhythm and Blues by the Sun Messengers

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of Ten Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) — with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August – and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Interactive, nonprofit reality series launched

Benevolence TV, the first nonprofit Internet reality television series, launches its first three shows on July 4.

Viewers will see the lives of a single mother living at PATH Women's Shelter, whose dream is to join the military and serve her country while providing for her children; a GM worker on the brink of foreclosure due to back injury; and Steve Upshur, founder of Peacemakers International Ministries, helping the homeless and drug addicted in the city of Detroit.

Founded by a team of humanitarians, producers and business leaders Benevolence TV does more than entertain it changes lives.

Benevolence TV provides immediate help through financial assistance to each participant depending on their needs. During each show, a panel of experts from various professions including counselors, medical doctors, financial planners, motivational speakers, law enforcement agents,

attorneys, clergy and others direct all resources provided by Benevolence TV and its viewers. This creates not a temporary fix but a continuous growth pattern. The result ensures healing for participants and viewers alike. "Benevolence TV is our way

of giving back to the community, and the world," says Clifford Wallace III, founder of Benevolence TV. "Our goal is to take people beyond survival, because we all deserve to suc-The community is invited to

get involved with Benevolence TV by giving people the tools support, food and clothing donations, or mental and sociological advice.

Benevolence will continue to follow participants for six months after each show, allowing viewers and members to see results and continue offering assistance to those in need.

Find out more at www. benevolencetv.com

Improv theater adds sign language interpreters

Go Comedy! Improv Theater will offer two nights of American Sign Language interpretation of the Go Comedy! All Star Showdown Friday June 26 and Saturday, July 24.

The ASL interpreted performances further Go Comedy!'s mission to make improvisational comedy accessible to everyone.

In the All Star Showdown, two teams of Detroit's best improvisers go head to head in an improv competition tailored to challenge their abilities, think on their feet, and give audiences a roaring good time. The cast also plays for audience members who take home prizes when their team wins. The 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. performances will be interpreted by ASL interpreters Helen Jones of Ypsilanti and Katie Fitzpatrick of Hazel Park. Tickets cost \$15 and are available by calling (248) 327-0575 and in person beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday at the Go Comedy! Go Comedy! Improv Theater is located at 261 East Nine Mile

in Ferndale. (248) 327-0575; or visit www.gocomedy.net.

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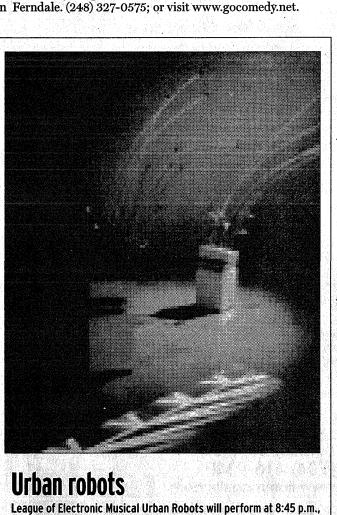
The Agency, a local business that connects Michigan talent, producers, directors and production crews with the state's growing film industry, will audition downsized and underemployed workers for a reality show on Tuesday, June 30 at Motor City Movie House in the Russell Industrial Center, 1604 Clay, Building 1, 5th Floor, Detroit.

The Agency is producing the reality show, called Rollin' On, about the transformation of Detroit workers into film and television crews. Auditions will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Producers will screen candidates on camera in the first phase of auditions. Those selected for the second phase will be auditioned on camera by a panel of judges. The producers will look for enthusiasm and authenticity.

craft and work within groups. RSVP to Jody Harker for instructions and arrival times at Jody.harker@theagencyadvantage.com. For more information

Candidates should be willing to share their story, learn a new

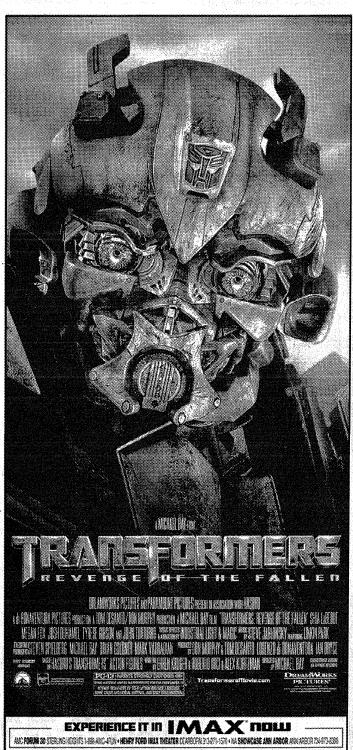


and 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward. They'll perform with human beatboxer and vocal performance artist, Adam Matta, in an inter-active installation controlled by the audience. Part of Midsummer Nights in Midtown. Installation: 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.



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Dine al fresco

Fresh air comes with every meal on a restaurant patio or deck

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, June 25, 2009

An outside patio at Compari's in Plymouth on a balmy spring afternoon was like a magnet to two sisters when they needed a break from shopping.

Sitting comfortably at a table facing Kellogg Park with all its greenery and charm, they talked about how much they enjoy restaurants that allow patrons to dine in the fresh air.

said Susan Clark of Lansing, who was visiting her sister, Mary Khoshnegah of Hamburg Township.

"People gravitate to patios,"

A few tables away, Catherine and Todd Mueller enjoyed lunch with their daughter, Anna, 6. "We live downtown and enjoy.

being able to walk downtown, sit outside and enjoy a great meal," Catherine Mueller said. Restaurant patios are good for business and seem to be a trend

that will last well into the future, according to Nichole Jacobs, manager of Leo's Coney Island in Plymouth. "More and more restaurants are

adding patios," and if they're new construction, outdoor seating is built into the plans. Like many cities with a downtown area, Plymouth is teeming

with restaurants offering dining outside even where space is limited. The Sweet Afton Tea Room and Simple Sandwich face each other on Forest Avenue in Plymouth. Each business has only a small patch of sidewalk, but it's enough for a couple of tables and chairs.

"The Porch" was added last year at the longtime dining establishment, Ginopolis of Farmington Hills, which is owned by brothers, John and Peter Ginopolis.

It's been good for business, said John Ginopolis.

"The nice weather is so short in this state people really enjoy sitting out there having lunch, dinner or cocktails," he explained. "They take advantage of it. They will specifically come here just to sit outside."

Across town, CJ's Brewery, a res-



Lisa Benages and her daughter Carolyn Benages are almost ready to order lunch at Compari's in downtown Plymouth.

taurant attached to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, also recently opened a patio.

"If you go to any downtown you see more diners outside than you do inside," said David Doyle, Compuware Arena food and beverage director.

"We thought we would try it in our setting to draw people up to our restaurant and so far so good," Doyle said.

Front lot patios are the key feature of a block-long stretch of restaurants on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Mitchell's Fish Market and Bravo Cucina Italiana sit side by side with ample outdoor seating.

The Livonia block looks like a

scene from a small town in Europe, and with the various ethnic groups represented, it's up to you to pretend which country you're visiting.

Jason King, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub, thinks most people are relieved to be outdoors after spending harsh Michigan winters inside buildings. Fresh flowers and a full power gas fire pit are extra features on the patio that lure diners.

Luciano Del Signore, owner and chef of BACCO Ristorante in Southfield, invites customers to "come, relax, sip some wine, treat yourself to a savory dessert, and share the joys of summer with friends and family."
"In Michigan people are cooped

up for so long, to go outside is a bonus," DelSignore said. "On perfect summer days, our patio tables are the first ones reserved. We have actual furniture with table cloths outside. We keep it very much the same as At Penn Grille & Bar in Plymouth,

the atmosphere is much more casual. Marykay Marocco, day manager, said, "As soon as the patio opens we do twice the business. We also have a television facing outside and you can watch sporting events even if you're out on the patio."

Outdoor seating was added this year at Michnos Café, in Redford.

"We opened up on a Friday during the Wing's game and it was a blast," said Anthony Michnos, who is the son of the restaurant owner, Ron Michnos.

"People tend to want to relax and talk outside," he added.

Mike Lucaj, manager of Grand Tavern in Farmington Hills, says patios "put people in a better mood." And that is definitely the case

with the sisters visiting Plymouth at Compari's.

"It's great to be able to sit outside, have the action of the city and people walking by," Khoshnegah said. "And we can people watch.'

Local eateries with outdoor dining

Here's a sampling of restaurants with outdoor seating:

Athenian Coney Island

43324 W. 11 Mile, Novi; (248) 305-9700 Seating capacity outdoors: 40

BACCO Ristorante

29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 356-6600 Seating capacity outdoors: 50

Bravo Cucina Italiana

17700 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 591-5600 Seating capacity outdoors: 65

CJ's Brewery in Compuware Arena 14900 N. Beck, Plymouth; (734) 453-4455

Seating capacity outdoors: 70 Compari's on the Park

350 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-0100 Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Fiamma Grille 380 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-9340

Seating capacity outdoors: 60

27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-

Seating capacity outdoors: 60

Grand Tavern 35450 Grand River Ave., Farmington; (248) 476-

Seating capacity outdoors: 40 Hermann's Olde Town Grille

195 W. Liberty, Plymouth; (734) 451-1213

Seating capacity outdoors: 30 Leo's Coney Island:

41496 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-8200 Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Michno's Café 25524 Five Mile, Redford Township; (313) 532-9212

Seating capacity outdoors: 36 Mitchell's Fish Market

17600 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 464-3684 Seating capacity outdoors: 60

Penn Grille & Bar

820 Penniman, Plymouth; (734) 453-3570 Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Pi of Southfield 28847 Franklin, Southfield; (248) 358-3355

Seating capacity outdoors: 50

Sandy's by the Beach 25853 Five Mile, Redford; (313) 534-0333

Seatiing capacity outdoors: 34 Stone House Coffee & Tea

16923 Ridge Road, Northville; (248) 449-2669

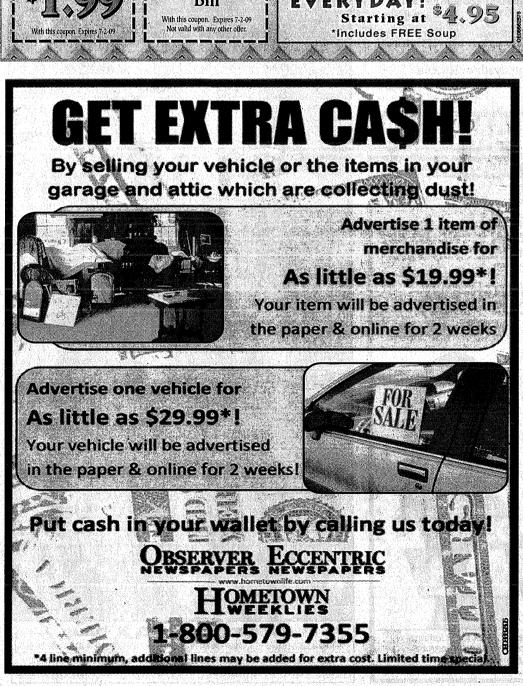
Seating capacity outdoors: 16 **Tanglewood Golf Course**

53503 W. 10 Mile, South Lyon; (248) 486-6217

Seating capacity outdoors: 112 The Claddagh Pub of College Park

17800 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-8141 Seating capacity outdoors on two patios: 75







Accomplishments

Top sales and marketing efforts recognized

The top residential building industry sales and marketing professionals in southeastern Michigan were recognized on Wednesday, May 13, at the Community House of Birmingham, when **Building Industry Association of** Southeastern Michigan's Sales & Marketing Council hosted their 10th annual Sales & Marketing Awards banquet.

Receiving gold awards in the individual achievement categories are Salesperson of the Year -Virginia Cox of GTR Companies and Sales Manager of the Year - Kelly Scattergood of Lombardo Homes. In the Marketing categories, win-

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the Year - Black and White Arteva Homes Inc. and Communication Associates for Hillcrest On The Park - Gold Winner

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Arteva Homes Inc. and Communication Associates for Hillcrest On The Park Grand Opening - Silver Winner Best Broker/Realtor Promotion

Kelly Scattergood

- 50 Homes or Less

Robertson Brothers for Robertson Brothers' Work Smart Program Gold Winner

Arteva Homes Inc. and Communication Associates for Auction Pricing Promotion - Silver

Best Web site for a Builder or Community - 50 Homes or Less

Kheder Homes - Gold Winner Arteva Homes Inc. and Communication Associates for Hillcrest On The Park - Silver Winner

Best Corporate Brochure-50 Homes or Less

Arteva Homes Inc. and Communication Associates for Arteva Homes - Silver Winner Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Under \$250,000



Virginia Cox

Designer Interiors for Briggs Park - The Abbott- Gold Winner

Eleni Interiors/Lombardo Homes for Decora Park North - The

Waterford - Silver Winner Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Under \$250,000 - 50 Homes

Eleni Interiors/Arteva Homes for Hillcrest Hillcrest On The Park - The Ashford- Gold Winner Eleni Interiors/Arteva Homes

for Hillcrest Hillcrest On The Park - The Hampton II - Silver Winner Best Interior Merchandising for a Model Between \$250,000-\$500,000

Eleni Interiors/Hunter-Pasteur Homes for Lyon Ridge - The Cheshire Grand - Gold Winner GTR Companies for Lake Arrowhead - Silver Winner Conversion of the Year - Under 50

"We are pleased to announce these outstanding winners. Their accomplishments are even more significant because they were achieved during these challenging economic times. BIA is proud to have these companies among their members." SAM CHAIR KATIE HALLETT OF TK DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

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Hillcrest on the Park - Gold Winner Robertson Brothers for The Ellington Lofts - Silver Winner

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Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 1,200 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

Check with lawyer on gain provision

Q: I have heard there are numerous restrictions on gain from home sales under the new housing act. Do you have any information about that?

A: One of the most disadvantageous provisions in the Housing Act of 2008 is the new restriction on the exclusion of gain from home sales. Under current law, a taxpayer can exclude up to \$250,000 in gain (\$500,000 for married couples) from the sale of a residence, if the taxpayer has both owned and used the home as a taxpayer's principal residence for at least two of the five years before



Robert Meisner

taxpayer could move into a nonqualifying property (in other words a vacation or rental property) and after meeting the

sale. Thus, the

two residence requirements, sell the property and take advantage of the entire exclusion.

However, the new restriction is intended to substantially restrict tax-free home sale gains for any taxpaver who benefits from the exclusion after he or she has converted a vacation home or rental property to his or her principal residence. After Dec. 31, 2008, gain from the sale of a principal residence will not be excluded from income to the extent that the property was used for nonqualified use as defined in the Internal Revenue Code as amended by the Housing Act. This new restriction only applies to nonqualified uses occurring after Dec. 31, 2008. A nonqualified use consists of any period, beginning after Dec. 31, 2008, in which the property is not used as the principal residence of the taxpayer. My best advice is to consult with your tax or financial adviser concerning this provision.

Q: Do we have to worry about outside contractors or vendors who perform services for our association as it relates to the Fair **Housing Act?**

A: Depending upon

the circumstances, your association could be held liable for Fair Housing Act violations committed by outside contractors. Particularly, if you knew about the discrimination or harassment but failed to take action to stop it. Although an association may have much less authority over the conduct of outside contractors then it does for its employees, the Fair Housing Act can hold an association responsible for the discriminatory actions of outside contractors if they were acting as the community's agent. That is, the contractor was authorized to act on behalf of and for the benefit of the community and was subject to the community's control. You are best advised to ensure you provide protection for the association when you contract with a contractor concerning Fair Housing Act violations.

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 bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

BRIEFS

Investors

Come hear what a panel of local real estate investors say about generating profits in the area. Presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, July 9, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Trov. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

For those who've thought about a career in real estate, a free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve your seat.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Introduction to Green Building on Wednesday, July 8, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings.

The training is free for BIA members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1016 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 30, at the Cherry Greek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township.

The complete golf package includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, drink tickets, dinner, hole-in-one and other golf contests, and door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Note that this is a "spike-less" course.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 9 a.m. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Steak dinner begins at 3 p.m.

Registration fees are \$125 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and non-members or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1016.

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Tours, classes

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 787-7325 or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com. Real estate investors can learn from experts in a two-day class, \$99 includes classroom and field experience. Contact AddedValueRealty.com, (248) 787-7325.

Tours are Sunday at 1 p.m. Meeting place is the Home Depot parking lot at I-96/Telegraph.

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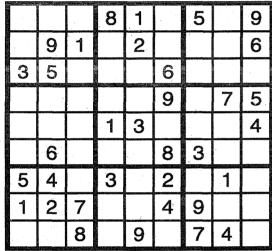
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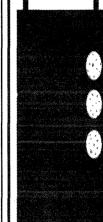
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LATHRUP VILLAGE Thurs. LIVONIA Fri-Sun., 9am-3pm. 32351 Oakley, 1 blk N of Lyndon, S of 5. Collectibles, Sat., 9am-6pm. 18411 Santa Ann, 1 blk. N. of Lincoln, W. Southfield. misc. HUGE! clothes, fishing & hand tools.

LIVONIA: 14679 Park Ave. S. of 5, E. of Levan. Thurs-Mon June 25-29, 9-4. Collectibles, comics, coins, cards, household goods, clothes.

LIVONIA 18376 Mayfield, E. of Farmington, N. of 6 Mile. Roll top desk, Computer Desk, Jenny Lynn bed, hand saw with mounting table and much more. June 25-26, 9am-4pm. LIVONIA 3 Family Garage Sale 35259 Leon St., W. of Wayne Rd, S. of Plymouth. June 26-27, 8:30am-4:30pm. Clothing,

furniture & household items. LIVONIA- 3 family sale! 19657 Melvin (Street behind Old Livonia Mall). 6/26 & 6/27; 9-5pm. Household items, fishing equip. & tools. LIVONIA 32659 Greenland Ct.

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LIVONIA-MULTI FAMILY SALE 15427 Alpine, off 5 Mile btwn Farmington & Levan. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10-?

LIVONIA - Multi-family sale! Something for all! 31570 Vargo, N. of 6 Mile and W. of Merriman. 6/25-6/28; 9-5pm. LIVONIA - Multi Family Sub Garage Sale. Sat June 27, 9-4pm. Windridge Village, S of 8 Mile, W of Farmington.

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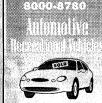
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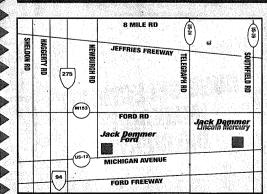
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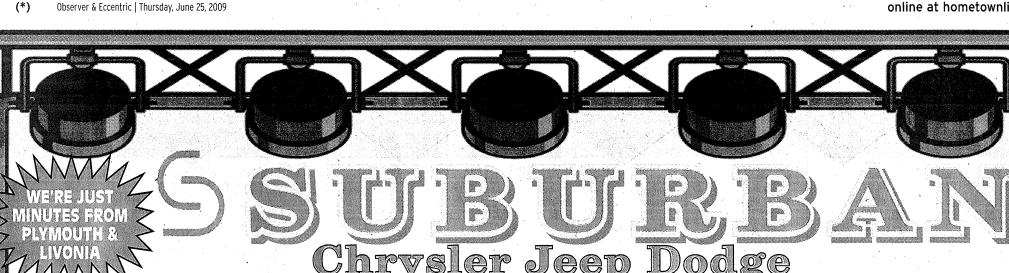
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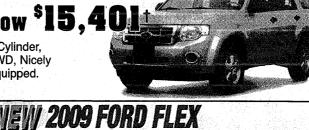
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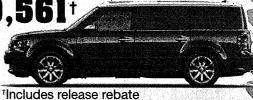
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248-652-6500 **Auburn Hills** GREAT HOME BY SCHOOL Well-maintained Colonial next to Elementary School! Fam Rm w/gas FP, skylight, deck, hardwoods. Updated LR & bath. 6 mo old SS refrig. Hm Warranty. A Great Buy! (29074705)



248-548-9100 BIRMINGHAM 1928 FIVE BRTUDOR Most classic features still intact. Wrought Iron bannisters, ornate crown molding, new "slate" roof w/ copper gutters & downspouts. Pewabic tile, \$1,199,000



248-208-2900 Adorable Condo! Move right into this private entry, end unit condo. 2 bdmrs w/private baths.



Bloomfield Twp 248-548-9100 SPACIOUS RANCH Large ranch with 4 BR's, 3 1/2 baths. Features open & airy floor plan



Bloomfield Twp 248-723-0055 SPACIOUS BLOOMFIELD BEAUTY Four BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Dining rm, family rm, partial fin bsmt, 2 car att garage. Bank owned home approved for home path mortgage.

(29035318)



248-437-3800 Brighton Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan, GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of

windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt. \$239,500

248-851-1900 HOME Kitchen w/island & stainless steel appliances. Vaulted master suite w/WIC & luxury tub. 2 story foyer. 2nd floor laundry. Finished bsmt w/granite wet bar. 2605 SF. (29045522) \$265,000



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

\$189,900

(29067155)



Loc on a low traff cul-de-sac street, freshly and hardware, new carpet, neutral decor, 1st

(29068018) \$169,000



Three Bedroom 1 Full & 1 Half Bath-Hardwood Foyer-Pergo in Kitchen, Nice Floor Plan—Move Right In—Brick Paver Frnt Porch—Ply-Canton

Schools--Don't miss out. (29065245) \$55,000



Canton Twp 734-284-5400 BANK OWNED BEAUTY 2 bedrooms plus loft. Lower level walkout could be used as 3rd Needs paint. (29077855)



248-851-4100 PRIVATE END UNIT BRICK RANCH CONDO In Canton, Premium lot w/basement across from remodeled clubhouse & pool. All appl. included.Newer windows, roof, sump pump, dishwasher. Close to shopping/xway. (29071480) \$60,000



Dearborn 734-284-5400 LOVELY AND READY FOR A BUYER 3 Bedroom brick ranch. Natural oak firs, Natural Fireplace. Finished basement w/ a bar. 2 .5 car garage w/ remote. Custom deck & playscape. Lots \$105,000



248-348-6430 **Dearborn Heights** Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new 2 Crestwood schools, fenced vard & uniess lot is sold. (**27193396**)



Story 4 Bed Brick Colonial with new 2008 features: roof, windows, attached deck, siding, glass block win in BSMT. All appliances stay. Updated kitchen & gleaming hardwood floors. gleaming ha (28167996)



248-723-0055 ROSEDALE PARKWECOMES YOU Four bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial. Dining room, library, hardwood floors, fin bsmt, 2 car garage, heated greenhouse, gated backyard.



248-723-0055 WELCOME TO THE EASTSIDE Three bedroom brick Bungalow. dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors thru-out, huge master suite,



248-813-4900 Farmington Beautiful Home! on private 1/2 acre lot setting. Custom kitch w/sub zero frig, dacor gas range, Asko dish, sunken stainless sink, rec lights & much more. Beautiful hrdwd flrs.

(29016211) \$279,900



Farmington Hills STUNNING SOFT CONTEMP W/NEW CUSTOM KIT. 4 BR 3.1 BA. Soaring ceilings, 3 FP, open stairs to finished w/o LL w/wet bar, BR & bath, rec rm. Huge MBR w/jetted tub, sep. shower & WIC. Newer roof, deck, brick patio. (29075619) \$390,000



248-851-1900 **Farmington Hills** BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED. BACKS WOODS, STREAM Move-in ready! New in 2008: roof, gutters, driveway, windows, sliding doors, upgraded plumbing. Entry level in-law suite



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 KENDALLWOOD'S FINEST! UPDATED 3 BR. FLA RM Updates throughout. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Finished basement, Florida room, great



Garden City 734-591-9200 Newer hme built 2001. Move in Ready, Needs no work. Well Maintain in excell cond. Every new on 2001. Spac kit w/opn flr plan. Hwdwd flrs, newer crpt, excell stor, neut decor. Lg



VERY CLEAN BUNGALOW; MOVE RIGHT IN 3 bdrms, Roff the lg eat in kit New fl in kit. BA remodeled, hwf refinished, new windows, dishwasher, & hot water tank. Completely repainted Large double lot (29057623) \$135,000



Garden City 734-455-7000 GARDEN CITY RANCH! 3 bedrms; 1-1/2 baths; well-maintained ranch. Beautiful neighborhood. Fenced yard. Garage



248-851-4100 **Garden City** PRE-FORECLOSURE.POSSIBLE INVESTMENT 3 Fenced backyard w/pool.



Green Oak Waterfront Luxury Living! In prestigious Hidden lake. Unbelievable opportunity to buy a custom, quality, pristine home w/100' lakefront. Circular drive paves the way to an impressive hom. \$899,000



248-437-3800 **Green Oak** Is It Summer Yet? Enjoy the beautiful 20'x40' inground gunite pool. Lrg open fir plan, well maintained hm in popular Oakwood Meadows Sub. Enjoy walking trails, tennis & ponds.



248-684-1065 losco 2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land



OPEN FRI-SUN 1-5.8 MILE & NEWBURGH AREA New, spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen,1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maintenance (28181554) \$279,900



734-591-9200 Colonial Icted in Mayflower Estates.Grt crb appl & shows like a model hme. New hdwd firs in LR & DR. Updted granite BA'S,kit. Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt, lg grt room w/gas frplace. Bkyd w/brk patio. Mstr BA w/skylght. (29019433) \$249,900



248-348-6430 Immaculate Colonial Updated Kitchen... roof windows, paint, HWH, stainless appls. 2 1/2 car garage, open floor plan, big yard. Close to mall schools (Stevenson High School), Freeway. Make an offer! (29076029)



734-591-9200 Very desirable loc. Move right into this well cared for spac brk rch with semi priv backyd drive/wy on dead end st, newer furn & CA, newer roof & electrical, vinyl wind. Large bsmt



248-851-4100 Livonia HOST POOL PARTIES FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS! Reautiful 40x20 inground pool, meticulously landscaped in large fenced yard. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen has 2 pantries. Fin. bsmt, lots of updates. (29065540) \$175,000



734-455-7000 Livonia PARK-LIKE LOT IN A CITY SPOT! 3BR/1.5BA, updated. Newer roof, H2O, vinyl windows



NEW CONSTRUCTION. GREAT KITCHEN Master suite w/master bath, large living room & dining room w/doorwall.1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car garage. Livonia schools.

(29041139)



NEWER RANCH STYLE CONDO Beautiful 2004 built 2 BR 2 BA upper level condo. Choice Livonia location. Open fir plan, high ceilings, WIC. End unit w/private entry, private garage Fully furnished (29075043) \$115,000



AS GOOD AS IT GETS Absolutely meticulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary condo with upgrades throughout. Vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets, deck & attached garage.



Milford Up North Living! Minutes from downtown Milford. Home is set on over 2 acres, w/beautiful rolling hills & mature trees. Many updates.



Monroe Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, nev roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd firs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc.



Northville Beautiful Architects House Built In 1963 2 FP, lots of light, wood floors, master suite w/ Jacuzzi. 2.5 garage w/lots of storage. Beautifully landscaped. Deck, sandstone patio. Walk to \$179,900



Northville 248-723-0055 NICE PRICE FOR NORTHVILLE Three bedroom, 1.5 bath Condo. Dining rm, central air, fin basement, common pool, tennis court. Bank



A True Gem! Beautiful 4 BDRM, 4.1 bath colonial on 1 acre, 2 story great room with views of the garden, chef's dream kitchen with upscale applainces, finished lower level.

248-348-6430



810-227-5005 Pinckney Stately colonial on spectacular hilltop setting. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths & 3 car garage. Finished walkout w/wet bar, great room & full ceramic bath. Paver patio, electric fence, pond & wooded back yard. (28201320)



248-851-4100 Plymouth WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! UPDATED HOME Open flr plan. Clean & move-in condition. Great rm/dining rm combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kitchen & bath, HWF, crown molding,



SHARP END UNIT TOWNHOME Affordable living w/open floor plan & neutral decor. 2 BR, 2.1 bath, great room & family room. Private entry & 2 car attached garage w/direct access.



248-348-6430 Redford Custom 2006 Home Priced To Sell Living room with fireplace. Dining area overlooks large backvard, Outstanding master & BA w/Jacuzzi & sep. shower & WIC. First floor LAV & laundry.



Redford Move in condition! 30x21 full fin. bsmt. HDWD firs, all appl. included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/ workbench. Home warrenty offered.



Redford 248-348-6430 Redford Cream Puff! Brick Ranch, 10++! New windows, HWH, roof, furnace, A/C & kit w/oak. Redone hdwd flrs, bath w/Jacuzzi tub, cer flrs. Open fir pln. Rec room in fin bsmt. Above grd



"CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl., like new.



248-851-4100 ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWF, formal DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom & large kitchen. Updated electrical & bath.1 year



Shelby Twp 248-652-6500 Move In Ready! 3 BR/2 BA Ranch w/2 car extended mechanics garage. Updated KIT w/granite/hdwd firs under carpet/new windows/ & sewer. (28076781)



South Lyon 248-437-3800 All Sports Lake Front Ranch This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything. 3 BR, 2 BA, updated kitchen. Move in condition. Estate Sale.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 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.



248-723-0055 Southfield SPRAWLING RANCH Four bedrooms, 2.2 baths In desirable Twyckingham sub. Over 2700 ft. Newer roof, furnace, plumbing. Dining rm, FP, \$215,000



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



Sterling Heights 248-813-4900 You'll love this totally remodeled hm. 4bdrm, 2car attached garage. Bedrm w/fireplace w/wlk-in closet. New Kit & bath, HW tank. Fin bsmnt w/bar, tons of storage. Fenced yrd, \$194,900



WESTLAND DOLL HOUSE! - MOVE-IN SHAPE! Like brand new inside & out! 2 bedrm ranch, living rm and fireplace! Att 2 car garage! Larger



Westland GREAT BUY! Desirable location in a fabulous 'complex. Clean and neat! Full basement. Private entrance and patio. Carport. All



Westland WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! Incl: microwaye, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall. (28205988)



White Lake Adorable ranch with great curb appeal & many updates: paint, septic, kitchen & bath. Extra deep garage. Fenced vard w/ shed. Home Warranty. Or \$950/Mo. Rent. (29063412)