

PIPELINE Pathway pickup The Friends of the I-275

Pathway - a 40-mile multi-use recreational trail that runs through various communities including Plymouth and Canton - host a trail cleanup day Saturday, July 11, the first cleanup of the summer in Plymouth Township on the section of the trail that parallels M-14.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. on Schoolcraft east of Northville Road. Parking is available at the senior center – near the red barn – or on Robinwood Drive.

Organizers point out there is a lot of overgrown vegetation and urges volunteers to bring clippers, pruners, tree-loppers, sickles, or any kind of hand tool to trim trees and cut back brush. Volunteers should wear work gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and bring a bike to get from your car to the work site. Water and a light snack will be available. In case of heavy rain, the cleanup day will be pushed back to Sunday.

For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Kiddie concert

Ann Arbor-based performer Kitty Donohoe is next up on the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park schedule. Donohoe,



Fun on the Fourth

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade, which kicks off at 7:30 a.m., may be the first Independence Day parade in the nation.



OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



'Great friend' lost in lake after boat trip, swim

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Plymouth Township man is missing and presumed drowned after his boat drifted from a Lake Erie inlet Monday afternoon as he and a friend swam.

Allan Socall, 65, had driven his 28-foot powerboat from its dock in Grosse Ile to an inlet, locally called Banana Bay, near the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, said Capt. MaryAnne Ortman of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

Socall and James Schnurstein, 68, were in the water as the boat moved out of the inlet, Ortman said. Schnurstein was able to swim to a rock wall, and said he saw Socall, trying to reach the boat, go under water.

"He turned and he's trying to swim toward the boat, and he never made it," Schnurstein, also of Plymouth Township, said Wednesday. The boat had been anchored, Schnurstein said, but the anchor was apparently not holding against the water's pull.

Socall's disappearance prompted a rescue effort by several agencies that later turned into a recovery effort. Monroe County divers combed the area until about midnight Monday, and again on Tuesday, and officials used sonar to try and locate Socall, Ortman said.

Although the sheriff's depart. ment's marine division will have boats patrolling the area, intensive search efforts have been postponed pending further information, Ortman said. She said there may be some question as to whether the boat was anchored properly. Socall was considered an experienced boater, she said. U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Wade Hedinger, a public information officer, said the Coast Guard and other agencies searched 271 total square miles of water. Schnurstein said Socall was "a great guy, a great friend," and that they had known each other for years. The two were working on a boat at Grosse Ile earlier Monday when Socall suggested heading out for a swim, he said. Socall was a retired engineer, having worked for the former Michigan Bell telephone company, and was single, Schnurstein said. No funeral has been planned, but a prayer service in Socall's honor is scheduled for noon Saturday at the Plymouth Canton Alano Club, 5936 North Sheldon, Canton Township.

keyboard, takes the stage in Kellogg Park Wednesday at noon.

It's part

Kitty Donohoe

of the 25thanniversary celebration of the PCAC's Music in the Park program, which annually draws thousands of people to downtown Plymouth for a variety of popular, family oriented entertainment.

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.

The Plymouth community has long been known inside its own boundaries for the family oriented, hometown feeling it displays over the Fourth of July

holiday. For years, the Good Morning USA Parade has kicked off the nation's Independence Day. The last 13 years have seen the Plymouth Township Picnic grow into a popular event that draws thousands. And the last two years have seen the addition of a fireworks display at Plymouth Township Park.

Now, the community's reputation is growing outside its borders.

Steven Pawlow and his wife, Adriana, were in town from Chicago to visit a brother, and wound up at the township picnic.

"This is a great thing," he said between bites of his hot dog. "If you tried something like this in Chicago, you'd need so much



Kids scramble for pennies in the sand during one of the children's activities at the Plymouth Township Picnic. For more photo galleries featuring the parade and picnic visit hometownlife.com



Picnic-goers endure long Lines for nickel hot dogs at McClumpha Park.

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3 decades on, 'mom-andpop thing' is a major art fair

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

After decades of working with artists and public officials, marketing and marking off booth locations, planning grand strategy and covering, every detail, it took a freeway sign to show Dianne Quinn how big Art in the Park has become.

Quinn, who founded the downtown Plymouth art show in 1980, was on the freeway Tuesday with daughter Raychel Rork when they spotted a sign telling people where to catch



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Raychel Rork (left) and Dianne Quinn, with fellow Green Street Fair organizers Terri O'Brien and Mandi Buckland, are also long-time organizers of the annual Art in the Park festival, which starts Friday in downtown Plymouth.

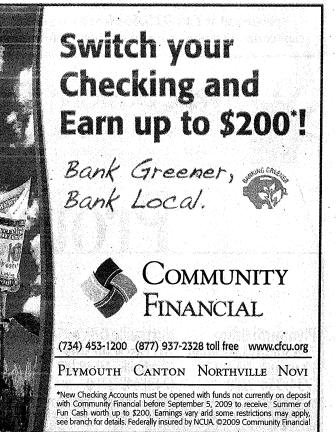
the Art in the Park shuttle. They screamed with awe and tried to snap a quick photograph, Quinn said. The sign, Quinn said,

prompted her to step back and take in how far they had come.

That first year featured just 30 artists, all local, exhibiting their works in Kellogg Park. "I was working two jobs and then started this on a whim,

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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. com

'Whimsical' Wednesdays

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 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 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.

Spotlight auditions

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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.

Scrapbooking workshop

Anyone looking for time to work on scrapbook albums or crafting projects can join Chrissy Detary for her workshop with fresh ideas, new techniques and tools available to use.

The 12-hour scrapbooking workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Extended Stay America-Canton. Cost is \$30 per person with lunch and dinner included. Six-hour options are also available that include one meal for \$15.

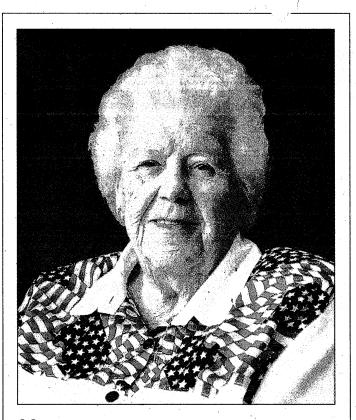
For details, contact Detary via e-mail at cldetary@hotmail.com or call (734) 546-5246. Must be registered to attend.

Wrestling camp

The Salem high School wrestling team is holding a camp 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17.

The camp has two levels one for Beginner/Intermediate and one for Advanced/Elite. Please go to www.wrestling. salemrocks.com for camp brochure and sign up information.

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90 years young

Congratulations Dorothy Hinkle, Mom and Grandma, on your 90th birthday on the 4th of July. Originally from Detroit, she has lived in Plymouth the last 70 years. She was a clerk at the SS Kresge on Main street in downtown Plymouth for 15 years. She then went to the K-Mart store in Plymouth and retired after 25 years at the age of 68. Married in 1940 to the late Robert Hinkle until his passing in 1962. They have three children Donna (John) Thomas, Ron Hinkle, John Hinkle. She has one granddaughter Jill (Thomas) Grannan of Chicago. A family dinner was held at the Bennigans in Plymouth on July 4, with a big celebration is planned for July 12 at Hawthorne Valley with family and friends.

Grief seminar

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July

18. This workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, **Director of New Hope Center** for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115 or visit our website at www.newhopecenter.net.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who handcraft 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

to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

twice each year by the PCMB

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 fundraisers 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 experi-

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

Tour of hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one-hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville. residents to talk with any issues or concern his new office hours.

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. 16.

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 College – Vista-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)

online at hometownlife.com

10:00 a.m. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville.

The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Channel 4 meteorologist Eric Braate will be special guest and emcee.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 and visit our website at www.newhopecenter.net.

Corriveau hours

State Representative 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 locations:

• 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville

• 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road

• 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., in Plymouth

• 6 p.m. to 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 email to MarcCorriveau@house. mi.gov.

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.

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ence. 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. Good Grief golf

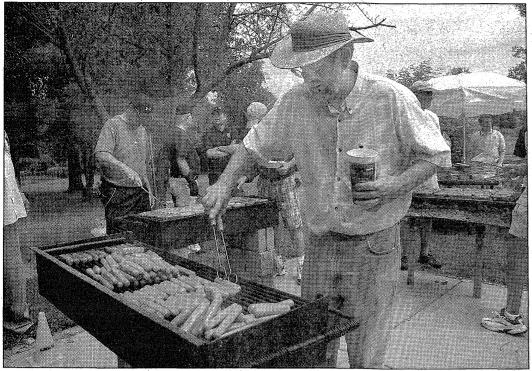
The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its 11thannual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday, Sept. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon with a shotgun start at



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Rich Childs grills more hot dogs for the crowd.

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Volunteers key to picnic success

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thom Renner can't remember how many years ago - it was many - he and his wife, Pat, agreed to help out at the Plymouth Township Picnic by scooping ice cream.

But he knows how many years it's been since then the couple has volunteered.

Every year. Renner was there again Saturday as the township picnic celebrated its 13th year. Renner was one of the volunteers surrounding the hot-dog wrappers under the pavilion.

"We came out to do ice cream one year, and we've been here ever since," Renner said with a smile. "We do it the whole day, and now it's always hot dogs."

The Renners have turned volunteering at the picnic into a family enterprise. Daughters Katie and Megan were among those lending a hand Saturday, part of an emerging group of young people who take it upon themselves to give back.



Joe Gatzek delivers another pan of hot dogs to wrapper Dave Lozier at Saturday's Plymouth Township Picnic.

It's the efforts of folks like the Renners, and others who have volunteered year after year, that make the picnic such a popular - and successful family event, according to its chief organizer.

"We couldn't do it without them," said Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who puts the picnic together every year. "It's amazing what these people are willing to do to make sure the community has an event it can be proud of. It's all about community for these folks.

Edwards said Saturday's event took the efforts of some 50 volunteers (including his own wife, Mary Pat, and all four of his children), a number he guessed was "double what we normally use."

One of them was JoAnn Harreld, who was wrapping hot dogs (many cooked by her own husband, volunteer John Harreld) for hours on Saturday.

"This community has given so much to me, this is the least I can do to give back," said JoAnn Harreld, who has lived in the community since 1971. "It's something I can do that makes people happy.'

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security ... They don't have anything like this for families." Adriana Pawlow noticed the

modest pricing (a nickel for everything) and was impressed. "You see the community com-

ing together," she said. "These days, everything is about making a profit. Here, it's about the community."

The picnic capped the holiday festivities that started at 7:30 that morning with the annual parade up Main Street. More than 90 participants, ranging from the marching band to unicyclists to political figures, drew the approval of the scores of people lining the street to applaud. Pete and Sharon Krause of

Plymouth are regular attendees at the parade, in place this year to watch their granddaughter, 13-year-old Mianna Krause, who marched with the Salem Rockettes.

"I'm patriotic, and the military instills that in you, too," said Pete Krause, who served in Vietnam as a finance officer with the 101st Airborne Division. "We love parades, and this is a great one."

Watching her 10-year-old son, Joseph, play in the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park during the picnic, Linda Choma of Livonia reflected on the family nature of the events.

"I like the games they have for the children ... they gave everybody a prize, and the kids were all excited," said Choma, who grew up in Plymouth. "I just think it's nice ... it's something new every year. The kids are so happy."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Plymouth-Canton Special Olympians marched in the parade.



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps are perennial 4th of July Parade favorites.



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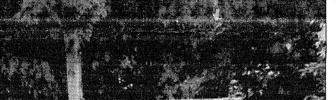
At the kids activities, it's frisbee time.





Several road closures related to Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth go into effect 8 p.m. Thursday:

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Wing Street. • PENNIMAN: From Harvey to **Union Street**

• ANN ARBOR TRAIL: From Harvey to Union/Deer

 FOREST AVENUE: From Ann Arbor Trail to Wing Street These roads are expected to remain closed to all traffic until Sunday, July 12, at 9 p.m.



you know?" said Quinn on Wednesday.

"It was a small mom-andpop thing back then," said Rork.

With the 30th show, which opens at noon Friday, some 400 artists from around the country will be participating, with their booths lining the streets of downtown Plymouth, along with enter-tainment and children's theater performances. It's Michigan's second-largest art fair.

"Now, we've completely taken over the whole city," Quinn said.

Pre-Art in the Park, Quinn did calligraphy, selling her stationery and cards in local shops, and entered an art show in Lake Odessa, Mich., with her late mother, who was a quilter and fabric artist.

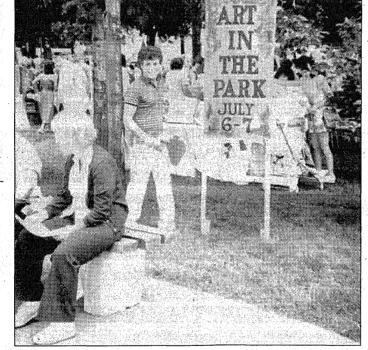
Quinn was hooked. "This is so cool. This is so much fun," she thought.

Back in Plymouth, she took the idea to a group of local women crafters - friends who are still together three decades later — and to some artists who did a small event at the Cultural Center, and Art in the Park was born.

Rork, who was 3 at the time, said her first Art in the Park experience was napping under exhibit tables.

Now president of Art in the Park Inc., Rork says she's worked the event since she was old enough to lick a stamp and answer the phone.

"I grew up with it," Rork



Since its somewhat smaller inception 30 years ago, Art in the Park has grown into one of the area's biggest festivals.



said. "My running joke is that Art in the Park is my brother. It was something that was always there.'

She caught the bug early, and after graduating from Plymouth Salem High School in 1995, went to the University of Michigan to study art history and art administration.

"If there was something I enjoyed doing more than this, I would be doing it," Rork said.

The nonprofit Art in the Park Inc. has one employee, in addition to Rork and Quinn (the CEO, her daughter says), and about 70 seasonal volunteers

"We're lucky to have a fun, cool business" that showcases Plymouth and brings enjoy-

Art in the Park has been drawing folks to downtown Plymouth since 1980.

ment to visitors, Rork said. The pair have also branched out, launching the Green Street Fair in Plymouth in 2008 and working on the Milford Memories summer festival.

"Other communities are calling us on a regular basis," Rork said.

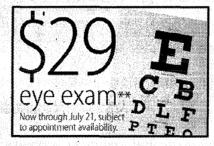
Art in the Park has also seen the coming of a new generation - Rork's son, Dylan, 6, and daughter, Lily, 3. Dylan, who loves the event, has already had his first Art in the Park-related chores, grandmother Quinn said.

"It's just extremely rewarding and fun to have them enjoy it," she said.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Arrest breaks up noisy night-time group

A 20-year-old Livonia man was arrested on a drugparaphernalia charge early on June 27 after a Plymouth Township police officer who was checking out a noise

complaint **CRIME WATCH** found him holding a glass "bong" used for smoking marijuana.

The suspect was among three men and a woman who were sitting around a fire pit outside a home on Chestnut Drive when the officer arrived shortly before 3 a.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer was responding to a call that people around the fire pit had become noisy, police said.

The "bong" appeared to have freshly burned marijuana in it, police said. The suspect told the officer it did not belong to him, but that he was holding it for someone else, police said.

Wheels stolen

Two tires and wheels were stolen from a Chevrolet Impala while the vehicle was parked in a lot on Plymouth Road near Haggerty late last month.

The theft occurred between the evening of June 24 and 8 a.m. the next day, a township police report said. The Impala was left up on bricks, police said, and the lower part of one of its fenders appeared to have been damaged during the theft.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 1-7: • Tuesday, July 7 ·

Residențial rescue runs on Schoolcraft, on Hunters Creek, on Eastside, on Marguerite and on Haggerty.

• Monday, July 6 -Residential rescue runs on A Drive, on Haggerty and on Greenview; rescue runs on Plymouth Road; Open burning violation on Pine; vehicle accident at Ford Road and Haggerty.

• Sunday, July 5 -Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road, on Trillium, on Carol, on Northview and on Sheldon; runs on Haggerty and on Aspen.

• Saturday, July 4 -Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Hollow, on Brougham, on Trailwood, on Irvin and on Woodleigh Way.

• Friday, July 3 -Residential rescue runs on Applecreek, on Coolidge, on Denise and on Morgan; rescue runs at public buildings on Haggerty.

• Thursday, July 2 -Residential rescue runs on Jener and on Newporte; rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; runs on Eckles and on Port.

• Wednesday, July 1 -Commercial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Concept Drive; residential By Matt Jachman rescue run on York.

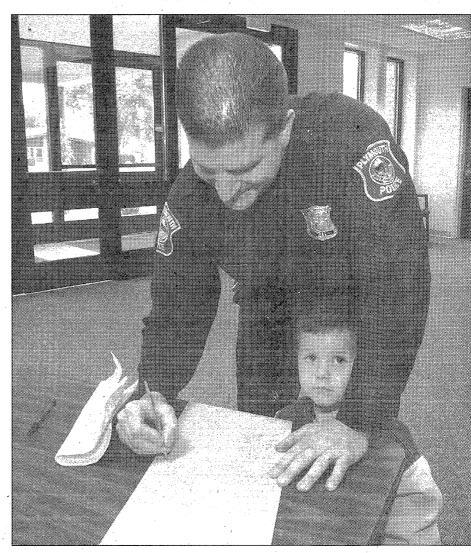
Survey makes home, business more secure

Plymouth Police are encouraging residents to help prevent burglary, theft and accidents from happening in their homes or businesses by conducting a free residential or commercial security survey. And they've got just the guy to help.

City of Plymouth Police Officer Tony Angelosanto is a recent graduate of the 2009 Crime Prevention School conducted by the Detroit Police Department. As a Crime Prevention Specialist, Officer Angelosanto is also a member of CPAM (Crime Prevention Association of Michigan) and is available to conduct free residential and commercial security surveys.

According to city officials, the surveys will help prevent burglary, theft and accidents from happening in the home or a business by providing suggestions for making it more secure.

The City's Crime Prevention Department can also help neighbors start a neighborhood watch program. Anyone who would like to have a security survey completed for home or business can call Angelosanto at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 526.



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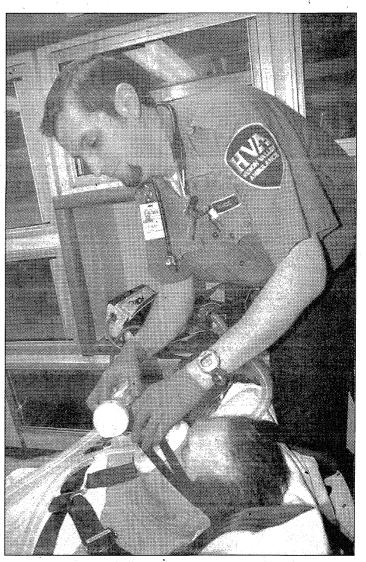
Oxygen addition helps ambulance patients

Huron Valley Ambulance, which services Washtenaw, western Wayne and southwest Oakland counties, recently placed CPAP units on all their paramedic emergency ambulances

When HVA paramedics treat patients with congestive heart failure or emphysema, they often need to insert

a breathing tube into the patient's airway, which results in the patient being placed on a ventilator at the hospital.

Now, using a device known as CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), paramedics can provide 100-percent oxygen with positive air pressure through a special mask over the patient's nose and mouth. This helps the patient breathe more effectively and avoid intubation. CPAPs also lower blood pressure and assist in removing fluids from the lungs. Home CPAPs are often



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prescribed for people with sleep apnea.

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You can reach Dr. Sheldon Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan by calling:



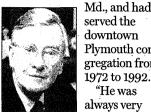
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'Gracious' Rev. Magee served with compassion

LOCAL NEWS

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee, former senior minister of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, died June 21, 2009. He was a resident of Parkville,



served the downtown

Plymouth congregation from 1972 to 1992. "He was always very

gracious," said

the Rev. James

Rev. Magee

Skimins, the Rev. Magee's successor and current senior minister at First Presbyterian. "I always enjoyed talking with him."

The Rev. Magee is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Fuchs) Magee; nieces Kathryn Seider (Michael), Barbara Brown, Elizabeth Beck (Michael), Dorothy Fuchs (Gareth Vaughan). He is also survived by 10 great-nieces and great-nephews and two greatgreat-nephews.

Skimins, who's been at the church 15 years, noted he's just the fourth senior minister there since 1921. "In Phil's ministry, he was well-regarded," Skimins said, citing his abilities as a preacher and pastor.

The Rev. Magee had health problems that limited his ministry here, but he "served well," Skimins said. "I would say he was well-respected." The Magees moved to Florida and then Maryland after retirement.

Longtime church member Sally Evans of Plymouth remembers the Magees fondly. She and her husband, Bob, Plymouth residents, were married in the church.

"He could listen forever," Sally Evans said. "He was just a

T-shirt helps unemployed auto workers

Lisa Burnia and Northville resident Terri O'Brien, two women w up in Southfiel

wonderful example to all of us." Despite facing Lou Gehrig's disease, the Rev. Magee showed the wonderful things possible "even though it's hard.

The Rev. Magee was ordained June 14, 1952, and served as an assistant minister at the First Presbyterian Church of York, Pa. He then was an assistant minister at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City. He later was a senior minister of

First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Md., and then at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Oak Crest Village Chapel, with interment at West Nottingham Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested in the Rev. Magee's name to: Princeton Theological Seminary School "Philip Rodgers Magee Scholarship Endowment Fund," P.O. Box 821, Princeton, N.J. 08542-0803. Memorial tributes may be sent to the family at: www.evansfuneralchapel. com

Skimins said it's unusual but not unheard of for a congregation to have such lengthy pastorates. "It's amazing, it really is, in today's world." Each minister has brought his own gifts and skills, Skimins said, noting the congre-

gation now has more younger members.

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Sally Evans wrote a tribute to Philip Rodgers Magee for the church bulletin, "Strive To Learn the Language of the Heart," how he ended his weekly sermons. There's a stained glass window in the church narthex with those words in the Rev. Magee's honor.

Evans was pleased with how the minister kept in touch with his former congregation. "He was iust a kind, caring man," she said. He cared deeply for those with disabilities, and when an elevator was installed to help him at the church the first ride was with a young disabled man. The Magees were close to Dorothy Magee's nieces, Evans said, adding that he was a great mentor to associate pastors at the church.

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their desks in a small marketing firm a few months ago, crying as they watched the auto bailout fiasco unfolding on the news. As the automotive leaders begged for help from Congress in D.C., they knew that the outcome would either save the jobs and livelihood of their friends, family, and neighbors or not. Elected representatives from across the country held their husbands, sisters, cousins, and neighbors lives in their hands. What would become of

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the state that these ladies called home? A few days later, Mitch Albom said it all in an article he wrote for Sports Illustrated Magazine, and the two friends decided to put their thoughts on paper.

Burnia and O'Brien met with Scott Pryor from Pryor Design (www.pryordesigns.com) in Ann Arbor and told him about their ideas. Pryor and his creative team decided to donate their creative design services to help with the vision of the thoughts and ideas that the ladies created, and Don't Mess with the Mitten and MichiCAN were born.

The concepts are now being produced on T-shirts and will be available online at www.yesmichican.com and also at some local retailers, like Dancing Eye Gallery in downtown Northville, in the Detroit area.

The shirts will also be available at Plymouth's Art in the Park July 10-12 in downtown Plymouth.



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OUR VIEWS Help Red Cross: Be a blood donor

The American Red Cross has come up with a list of 10 reasons why you should give blood.

They range from "It's the right thing to do" and "Being someone's hero" (you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother, or a sister another chance at life) to the practical ("Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have on an 'I donated' bandage") and the whimsical (you get free juice and cookies).

The fact is you can help save up to three lives with just one donation. And it's easy to do. It only takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the Red Cross mobile blood drives that's being held at locations in western Wayne County this month.

Blood donations drop off during the summer. Schools and many colleges and universities which are prime sites for blood drives are closed, and many people are on vacations, especially at this holiday time. The state of the economy also has cut into business locations that once held blood drives.

The need for blood remains constant. Donor centers in the United states predict that if just 1 percent more Americans gave blood, all national blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

So what can you do to help this summer? First and foremost, roll up your sleeve and give the gift . of life at one of these coming blood drives:

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14225 Stark, Livonia.

• 1-7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, Canton.

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership 47690 E. Anchor Court, Plymouth.

• 2-8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Gardner White Furniture, 38453 Ford, Canton.

• Stop by Livonia Donor Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia, east of Newburgh.

You can sign up for a blood donation at any of those locations and more online at www.givelife. org

If you're an employer, sponsor a blood drive. All you need do is provide the space for the blood and a coordinator to educate, motivate and recruit donors and work with the local Red Cross. If you're interested in becoming a blood drive sponsor, call (800) GIVE LIFE, (800) 448 3543, for details. We urge readers to take the time to donate blood. Do it for yourself, do it for others.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Do you think the Detroit Tigers will hang on and make the playoffs?" We asked this question outside the Plymouth post office on Penniman



"I don't follow it like I did when Al Kaline and Dick McAuliffe and those guys played."

Sharlene Finnegan Plymouth



"I'm a big Yankees fan. I think it's going to be tough. Their pitching seems to be good, I just don't know if it's going to hang on." **Tom Raspotnik** Plymouth

"I think they'll hang in there. They've got a great team, the staff is wellorganized and it seems like they know what they're doing."



"Yes. It's Detroit ... we have to do something right, don't we? The Red Wings didn't win, so we need something to hope for." Kim Istvan

Northville

Roast and More fund-raiser when we partner with Canton Township to celebrate Canton's heritage on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Village Faire at the Bartlett Travis house (500 Ridge Road). Please mark your calendar and invite other friends, family and neighbors to this family friendly event. While there you can have your hearing checked while being entertained.

Our club is looking for new members and welcomes the opportunity to share our "we serve" mission with rewards that will fill your heart. Please visit our Web site at.www.cantonlions.org or call Lion Nancy Williams at (734) 358-4280 or e-mail patnancywilliams@ yahoo.com for more information. **Bill Van Winkle** president, Canton Lions Club

Turn out lights

I suggest the following for a savings of taxpayers' monies and also a reduction of energy output: the State of Michigan turn off the lights at the Scott Correctional facility, which I believe is now closed, and the Plymouth-Canton school district turn off school parking lights.

Both on the surface appear to be both a waste of energy and taxpayer funds. **Roger L. Kehrier** Plymouth

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We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

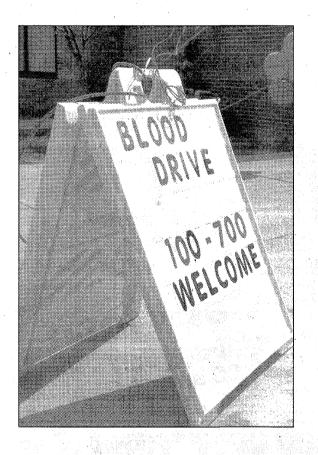
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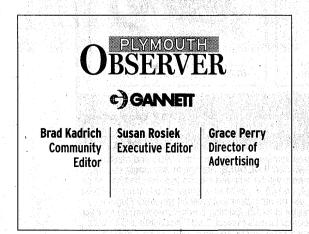
Ron King Plymouth



Join the discussion

Do you plan to attend this weekend's Art in the Park?

Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.



Three schools, one band

For all those who attended the

Plymouth Memorial Day, Canton Liberty Fest, or Plymouth Fourth of July parades, you previewed an early glimpse of one of the most successful and renowned marching bands in Michigan and the United States: your Plymouth Canton Marching Band.

Summer vacation marks the beginning of marching band season. Approximately 180 students and band staff members will practice over 200 total hours throughout the summer establishing the foundation necessary to build their show upon. Their goal: to compete for the National Championship the evening of Nov. 14, 2009, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. David Armbruster and Mr. Sheldon Frazier, director and assistant director, respectively, and their entire staff have begun the slow, purposeful process of transforming individual talents into a performing whole championing Vince Lombardi's belief that "Individual commitment to a group effort — that's what makes a team work!"

The senior class members of 2010 will step to the forefront. Some probably cannot believe that this, their fourth and final year of band, has arrived. They will recall former directors and section leaders and impart their knowledge and motivation to their peers. They will dedicate themselves to inspire, teach, and lead believing "a successful team is a group of many hands, but of one mind." (Bill Bethel)

Returning underclassmen will bring their own experience to the field. Their numbers will embody the essence of band and become examples for new member to emulate.

Freshmen and new band members will experience. They will experience the transformation from individual to unit. They will experience the creation of the bond between members that lasts beyond the field and past graduation. They will experience hard work, sometimes intimidating, but with rewards far outweighing trepidations.

A quote by an anonymous author stated: "When a team dedicates itself to unselfish trust and combines instinct with boldness and effort — it is ready to climb." Your marching band: Three Schools ... One Band ... One Goal ... Champions!

Carl Katafiasz head of adult services Livonia Civic Center Library

Penn significance

The movie *The Majestic*, starring Jim Carey, is the story of the renovation of a downtown theater and the positive impact the theater had on a community. Although real life is not a movie, the magic of preservation became a reality when the marquee at the Penn Theatre was recently replicated to its original grandeur of 1941.

The significance of what the new marquee means to the Plymouth community was unmistakable when over 500 people gathered outside the theater for the relighting ceremony. As the marquee was formally lit, the proud reaction was no movie. It was a genuine voice of thank you and respect for restoring a luminous part of local history.

The renovation of historic buildings that are functional landmarks is an important foundation for civic pride. The lights on the marquee of the Penn Theatre are more than to highlight the featured attraction. For the past 68 years, the downtown theater has become a special place that has helped define the history and small-town identity of Plymouth.

> **Gerald Sabatini** Plymouth

Lions thanks

On behalf of the largest service organization in the world, the Canton Lions Club would like to thank the community for their support of our recent pancake breakfast fund-raiser on the Liberty Fest parade route.

This fund-raiser will allow us to continue to help our neighbors facing sight and hearing challenges.

Local businesses who bought advertisement on our placements are truly our partners. Our hosts, Elite Eyecare Center, 44750 Ford Road, Canton, went above and beyond.

This newspaper assisted us in publicizing our event and we are grateful for their support as well.

Thank you to all those who brought used eyeglasses for redistribution for those less fortunate - you have given a gift.

The community's support is again requested at our famous delicious Corn

Single-payer plan pros

Here it comes, the onslaught of television and other ads filled with lies, distortions and exaggerations to frighten us into opposing a public option for health care coverage. Who is spending these hundreds of millions of dollars? The HMO's who are afraid that their days of ripping off the public might be coming to an end. Out of every dollar they collect, they spend from 13 to 21 cents on administration, the bulk of which is to get out of paying for the "insured's" medical care. How can they compete and still make their hundreds of millions of dollars in profit (in one case, \$1.7 billion) while a public option, which if run like Medicare, spends only 3 cents on the dollar for administration and does not have to make a profit? They tell us that many will lose their insurance because their employers will flock to the less costly public option. Maybe they will, and probably that option (like Medicare, which I have) will be much superior to those of the private insurer. A relative of mine had serious renal problems when younger, but Medicare did not throw her out on the premise that she had a "prior unreported condition" and therefore it does not have to pay for her new and expensive present condition. It is covering her care without any problem.

Personally, I feel the best program is the single-payer plan such as most advanced societies have had for years. (My Canadian friends are very satisfied.) But if that is politically not feasible, at the very least we need a public option. Where is it written that an entity must make a profit between our need for medical care and our doctors? Do we have such entities between our need for fire or police protection and those brave souls who protect us?

The senators in Congress, both the Democrats and the Republicans, should remember that the offices they occupy were established for the public good, not for their corporate sponsors, and therefore they should support legislation that is for the public good, which includes the public option.

> **Irene** Piccone Northville

Malls & Mainstreets

Mark your milestone day with discounts, free gifts, food

BY SHARON DARGAY 0&E STAFF WRITER

I'll blow out candles and cut the cake this weekend, read cards and open presents.

But my favorite part about celebrating a birthday is collecting "little gifts," discounts and freebies from local merchants, restaurants and services.

Some of the best things in life are free, providing you redeem their coupons on your milestone day.

Here's a sampling of "freebies" that you, too, can enjoy on your next birthday:

• Loehmann's, retailer of designer fashions, will give you 15 percent off merchandise on your birthday if you sign up for its free Insider's Club online at www.loehmanns.com. Visit Loehmann's stores at 17615 Haggerty in Northville and 31005 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington.

• Joey's Comedy Club not only treats you, but five of your friends as well, during your birthday month. Call (734) 261-0555 and make reservations for a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday show. Print a "birthday pass" from Joey's Web site (www.kickerscomplex.com) and take it to the show along with your ID. Everyone in the birthday party must be age 21 and over. Joey's is located above the Kickers Entertainment Complex, at Levan and Plymouth Road in Livonia.

 Baskin Robbins gives a free 2.5 ounce scoop of ice cream to members of its birthday club on their birthdays. Sign up online first at www. bskinrobbins.com. Find Baskin Robbins stores at 14855 Telegraph, Redford; 27919 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 25828 Middlebelt, Farmington; 9406 Telegraph, Redford; 8280 Merriman, Westland; 34417 Ford Road, Westland; 27609 Plymouth Road, Livonia; and 44532

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Michigan Ave., in Canton. • Petsmart will say "Happy Birthday" to your dog or cat with a free birthday card and coupon for a free toy if you sign up for PetPerks, the club that offers discounts, instore savings, sweepstakes opportunities and more. Visit stores at 13150 Middlebelt in Livonia, 41856 Ford Road in Canton or 47142 Michigan Ave., in Canton. Yeah, it's not for your big day, but isn't a discount for Fido and Fluffy almost like giving yourself

a birthday gift? • Journeys Kidz sends out cards good for 15 percent off the purchase of cool kids' shoes. Sign up at www.journeys.com/kidz/ birthday_club.aspx. Then visit the store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

• Target offers "Birthday Central" online. Sign up for the birthday mailer and receive "great gifts, tips and special offers, plus the essentials for throwing a perfect party." It's designed for throwing a children's party and requires about 12 weeks lead time. Check it out at target.com

• Sephora wants you to "get spoiled with a get-gorgeous birthday gift" when you sign up for its free online beauty insider program. Visit www.sephora. com. Find Sephora stores at Somerset Collection in Troy, Briarwood in Ann Arbor and Twelve Oaks in Novi.

• Caribou Coffee gives coupons for a free birthday coffee. Sign up at www. cariboucoffee.com and then stop by a local store to retrieve your java: 17378 Haggerty Road, Livonia; 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth; 47490 Grand River Ave., Novi; 7310 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. • Bucca de Beppo treats

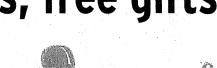
you to a free birthday dessert when you sign up for its eClub at bucadibeppo. com. Visit the restaurant at 38888 Six Mile, Livonia.

• bd's Mongolian Grill gives you "something special" for your birthday when you join the online Club Mongo at www.gomongo. com. Visit the restaurant at Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton; off Main and Market streets, south of Grand River Ave., and east of Novi road in Novi; and on Main near Washington in downtown Ann Arbor.

• Coldstone Creamery offers a "Cold Stone Creation" if you sign up for its Birthday Club online at www.coldstonecreamery.com. Visit locations at 50409

Independence, Canton and 22175 Grand River Ave., Farmington. • Jax Kar Wash has six locations in Oakland County, with the closest to Western Wayne at its Southfield headquarters at 28845 Telegraph. It's worth the drive. You'll get a free wash on your birthday when you present your driver's license.

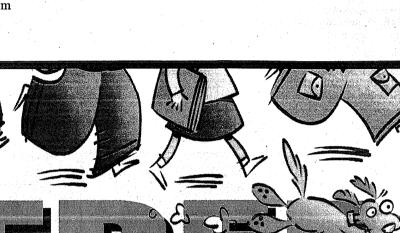
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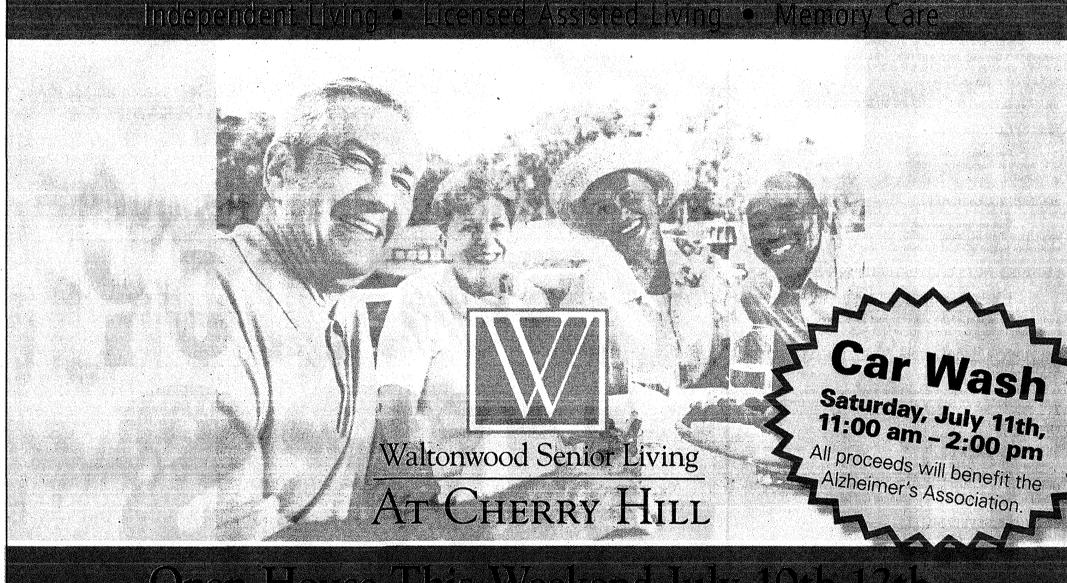
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Sarah Rojewski of Livonia lets the mud flow at Nankin Mills during Mud Day.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the production and delivery of fresh made pizzas. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. Technical questions should be directed to Kristen Hennessey of the PCCS Food Service Department at (734) 416-2742. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 20, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/ or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary OE08663946 2X

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GRASS HEIGHT MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-09

LOCAL NEWS

Down and dirty Kids do the slingin' at annual Mud Day

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A group from Garden City High School was eager to roll in the mud at the Hines Park Nankin Mills area in Westland Tuesday.

Nicole Murzen, 16, a Garden City High senior, was joined by four friends, also seniors: Josh Chambo, 17, Rachel Szczembara, 16, Lindsey Williams, 17, and Andy Chambo, 17.

"Looking for fun," said Andy Chambo of their attendance at Wayne County Parks' Mud Day. "We're just here to have a good time.'

The five teens were in swimsuits and old clothes, ready to take to the mud pit when the call came. "We want to get muddy," Murzen said. Mud Day's an annual event, in

which kids play in the mud, with a special area for kids 5 and under. It started a few minutes after 11 a.m. and included games and relays. The Westland Fire Department, a sponsor, was on hand with warm HazMat showers for cleaning up. (In the past, cold fire hoses have been used, so the showers were something new.)

"It's the one time the kids can actually get dirty and not get in trouble," Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano said of the 22nd annual Mud Day. "We're excited about it. As long as the parents don't get too close, they'll stay clean."

The highlight was the crowning of Mr. Mud, Noah Baekelandt, 10, of Livonia and Ms. Mud, Maddie Cook, 10, of Wolverine Lake.

too young. "This is our first time," Barcroft said. "We've heard lots about it. though. I think they're having a blast. They could hardly wait for it

to get started." The event drew those like Barcroft who live near the park

side a bit was Kathleen Barcroft of

Livonia. Sister Lynn Patrick had

come from Lake Odessa, Mich.,

their time in the mud, although

baby brother Kyle, 9 months, was

with children Grant, 10, and Ruby,

8. Grant and Ruby Patrick enjoyed

who came a distance. Bev Smith of Clinton Township and her sister, Lynn Touchtone of Roseville, were accompanied by her daughter, Amanda Touchtone, and Amanda's youngsters.

Nassim Chehmani of Canton looks around tentatively before diving in at the Wayne County Mud Day.

Bev's sons, Kevin and Rob, were helping to move a picnic table for the family. The group brought eight little ones. "I only have one granddaughter," Lynn Touchtone said, indicating her sister's brood. "The rest are hers."

Among their party, 8-year-old Brianna Archambault of Shelby Among smiling aunts off to the _____ on Hines Drive, as well as revelers _____ Township said Mud Day was "fun."

online at hometownlife.com

Alexia Basner of Westland had the foresight to bring goggles to the 22nd annual Wayne **County Mud Day** at Nankin Mills in Westland.

It was Amanda's idea to participate, and they left at 9 a.m. to be on time.

Joan Carter of Gibraltar and daughter Gail McIntosh of Trenton brought daughter Rachel McIntosh, almost 8, and friend Therese Hebda, 7, for the first time. "I see lots of other swimsuits around," Gail said to the girls as the hour drew near. "I think it's time.'

Dawn Reamer of New Boston brought son, Kevin, 5, for the first time. "As long as he has fun," she said of the afternoon's laundry.



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This section provides that landscaped grass areas of all properties shall be maintained by the owner and/or occupant at a maximum height of eight (8) inches or less.

SECTION 3. NOTICE; OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT.

This section provides that if a violation of this ordinance is noted a Code Enforcement Officer may notify the owner of record and/or the occupant of the property and such notice shall specify a time within which corrective action should be completed.

SECTION VIOLATION AND PENALTY; CIVIL INFRACTION.

This section provides that any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and may be fined and assessed costs.

SECTION 5. REPEAL.

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

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

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

> Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk

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Camp Roberson Harrison grad, Lions' DB Iends expertise to youth BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Chris Roberson addressed the 78 participants Tuesday at the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Plymouth's Central Middle School, the inevitable question was going to be asked.

"What was it like playing for the Lions last year?" one youth inquired.

The cornerback and Farmington Hills Harrison grad responded calmly:

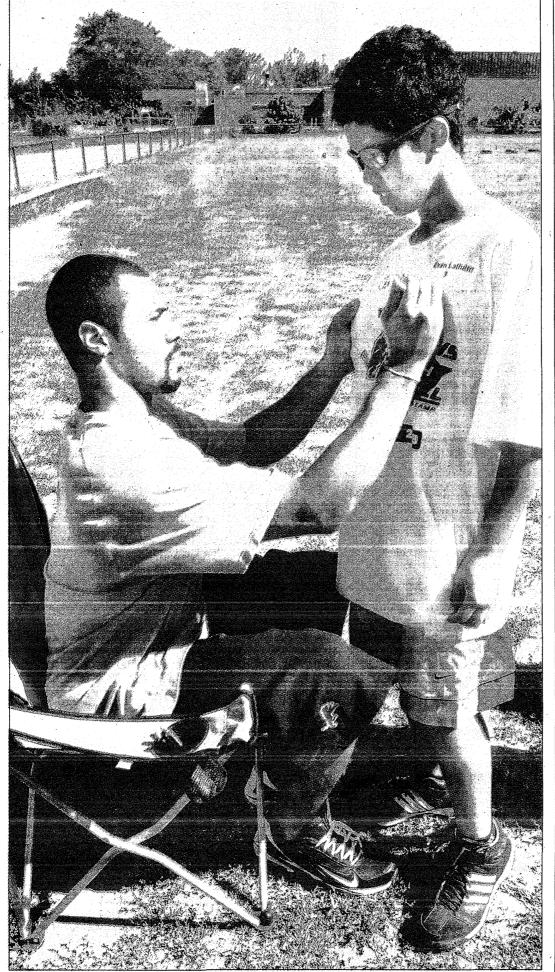
"It was pretty rough not to win game," he said. "You're trying not to make negative history. We worked hard, but we did not get what we wanted in the end. It was frustrating, but hopefully things will get better."

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Roberson was signed as a free agent to the Lions' practice squad on Oct. 9 and was activated for the final two games where he recorded one tackle.

Roberson was drafted in the seventh round of the 2005 NFL Draft out of Eastern Michigan University by the Jacksonville Jaguars and has eight pro appearances under his belt.

He spent much of the 2006-07 season on injured reserved with the Jags before being signed briefly to the Miami Dolphins' practice squad.

Roberson is now making the off-season transition from the Rod Marinelli coaching regime to the Jim Schwartz adminis-



Women's O&E golf tourney is Aug. 8

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Course management will once again be the key as the Women's Observer & Eccentric Open returns for 18-hole medal play on Saturday, Aug. 8, at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Susan Mackinowicz, a special education teacher from Woodhaven who hails from Chesterfield Township, is the two-time defending champion.

A regular on the Michigan Publinx circuit, Mackinowicz carded an 83 to win the O&E title, four shots better than Livonian Nancy Rhatgian, who took low net honors with a 70. For her efforts, Mackinowicz came away with a first-place trophy and an \$80 gift certificate.

"You have to know where to put the ball," Mackinowicz told *The Observer* after last year's win. "Tee shots are critical. The putts are true and Paul (Worley, the club pro) has the course and grounds in good shape.

"It was good playing on a great municipal course. They have a real gem in Livonia."

The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). All . entrants must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate. Entries close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. (Checks

GAME WRAPS Haeger an All-Star

Former Madonna University golfer and current Albuquerque Isotopes knuckleballer Charlie Haeger (Livonia) has been named to the Pacific Coast League All-Star Team after posting a 3.75 ERA

with a league-leading eight wins. The 2009 Triple-A All-Star Game will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at PGE Park in Portland, Ore., and will be broadcast

nationally on ESPN2. This will be Haeger's second appearance in the Triple-A All-Star Game, having started the 2006 contest in Toledo, Ohio, while a member of the Charlotte Knights (Triple-A affiliate of the White Sox) and tossing a perfect two innings. Haeger, the younger brother of MU head baseball coach Greg Haeger, is in his first season with the Isotopes after signing with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the off season.

Haeger's eight wins has him tied for the most in the PCL while his 2.09 ERA in June was the sixthlowest in the PCL. He has thrown two complete games thus far in 2009.

A 25th round draft pick of the White Sox in 2001 out of Redford Catholic Central H.S., Haeger briefly retired from professional baseball following the 2002 season, returning to MU and going down in Crusader athletic history, taking the first ever swing for the MU golf team in 2003.

After returning to baseball in 2004, Haeger was named to the Carolina League All-Star Team in

tration. "It's been good, we've got a lot of new faces and new coaches," Roberson said. "We work hard and we work fast, and hopefully we'll turn it around. "We just take it one day a

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Lions cornerback Chris Roberson, a graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison, signs the T-shirt of Canton's Eric Latham during Tuesday's Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp held at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.).

For more information, along with pairings and starting times, call (248) 476-4493 (after noon Wednesday, Aug. 5).

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Recent Westland John Glenn grad Michael Penhollow, a summer intern with the New York Yankees, helps program the high definition Mitsubishi scoreboard at the New Yankee Stadium.

Yankee clipper Glenn grad Penhollow interns in the Big Apple

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There are the ordinary summer jobs, then there's Michael Penhollow's summer job.

Just a month removed from the class of 2009 at Westland John Glenn High School, the 18-year-old Penhollow is working as a paid intern through mid-August in the Big Apple for none other than the New York Yankees.

"It's definitely a good experience, life in the real world right out of high school," Penhollow said. "It's fun meeting new people, new faces. People here are really friendly and nice. They bring in a lot of people for the summer, places like Florida, Texas ... all over."

Michael Penhollow's *in* was his uncle John Penhollow, who serves as the Yankees' director of Corporate Sales and Sponsorships.

The Glenn grad, who will attend Ferris State University in the fall to major in digital media and TV production, works under

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Lakes Area Dodgers take top spot at diamond tournament

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Head coach Jeff Gibson doesn't really know what the secret was, he's just sure it was one of those circumstances where winning was meant to be for his Lakes Area Dodgers.

Venturing to Omaha, Neb., recently as first-time participants in the prestigious Omaha Slumpbuster Tournament, the Dodgers displayed their prowess on the baseball diamond as they emerged victorious in six of seven contests to capture the top spot in U18 division play.

They earned the title with a convincing 12-6 victory over Houston.

"That's a good question," responded Gibson when asked for the recipe behind his team's success. "I just like to think it was one of those weeks. We had timely hitting, made all the plays we needed to make in the field, and got really solid pitching from everybody. We just played solid baseball."

Those players contributing to the success of the Dodgers included Max Stratton (Garden City), Anthony DiPaolo (Plymouth), Brett Schultz (Livonia), Zeb Hancock



The Lakes Area Dodgers of Oakland County received plenty of support from local players in placing first at the prestigious Omaha Slumpbuster Tournament held recently in Omaha, Neb. Those players contributing to the team's overall success included (left to right, top to bottom) Jake Davis, Mark Lepri, Josh Gibson, Chris Gebara, Brett Schultz, Donald Clark, Christian Bilkovic, Sam Priehs, Max Stratton, Doug Brown, Anthony DiPaolo, Mitch O'Hara and Zeb Hancock.

'We walked away from the tournament saying every single one of you guys contributed to those wins.' COACH JEFF GIBSON

(Wayne), Doug Brown (Birmingham), Josh Gibson (West Bloomfield), Mitch O'Hara (West Bloomfield), Christian Bilkovic (West Bloomfield), Donald Clark (West Bloomfield), Chris Gebara (Troy), Jake Davis (Rochester), Mark Lepri (Utica) and Sam Priehs (Flushing).

Mark Bilkovic and Bret Borock served as assistant coaches.

"We walked away from the tournament saying every single one of you guys contributed to those wins," Gibson said, "We're a pretty well-rounded team with a lot of versatility. We just have a good group of guys who make it fun." 2005 before making his major league debut in. 2006 for the White Sox against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Haeger has a 1-1 major league record in 19 appearances with the White Sox (2006-07) and the San Diego Padres (2008).

Scarpace signs

Rochester College women's golf coach Clayton Bissett announced the signing recently of Paige Scarpace, a 2008 graduate of Livonia Franklin High.

Scarpace was the Franklin team MVP three straight seasons while earning second-team All-Observer honors as a junior. The team captain was also medalist in eight of 11 matches that year and shot a school-record 35. She placed eighth in the state Division 1 regional with an 87.

She was elected to the National Art Honor Society.

"Paige brings a wealth of success to our young program," Bissett said. "She has great experience at a high level in high school that should help our program get to the next level."

Soccer coach needed

Redford Thurston High School is looking to fill the position of junior varsity boys soccer coach. Interested individuals are asked to e-mail a resume to Thurston Athletic Director Al Chambo at chambo@southredford. net.

Hole-in-one club

■ Frank Gawel, of Allen Park, used a 7-iron to ace 129-yard, No. 7 hole recently at Whispering Willow.

For Gawel, formerly of Novi, it was his first ace in 13 years of golf. He shot an 87.

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McCathney takes over tennis programs at Stevenson High

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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Close to the game of tennis virtually his entire life, Don McCathney appears to be a natural fit to become the new boys and girls coach at Livonia Stevenson High School.

McCathney takes over for Kathy Ladd, who has been the Spartans' duel coach since 2003. The announcement was made recently by Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman.

McCathney served as a volunteer coach under Ladd when his two sons, Gino, a 2008 grad and former standout singles player (now playing at Detroit Mercy), and Christopher, a 2006 alum and No. 1 singles player, were with the Spartans.

Meanwhile, his other son Marcus is an incoming ninthgrader. The 50-year-old McCathney, a physical education teacher at Dearborn Edsel Ford, has been coaching at the high school level since 1982.

He was JV boys coach at Dearborn High from 1982-85 and the head boys coach at Edsel Ford from 1985 through 2003. He also was the varsity boys basketball coach at Dearborn High from 1987-93.

He currently spends his summers teaching tennis at the Detroit Golf Club and his winters at the Dearborn Racquet Club.

"I've always taught tennis and we've always had a club to play at," said McCathney, who played two seasons at Henry Ford Community College.

The Stevenson boys are coming off a seventh-place show-

ing in the KLAA's Kensington Conference where the Spartans lost first-team All-Area singles players Chris Martin and Erik Koch to graduation, but return No. 3 singles player Clayton Northey.

This past spring, the Stevenson girls finished with a 6-7 overall record and a fourthplace finish in the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

"There's been a great tradition at Stevenson, which has had a lot of great tennis players going back to Mark Findling, Brady (and Whitney) Crosby, Erin Mazzoni, and the Moccia sisters (Ashley and Amanda)," McCathney said. "I haven't seen all the ninth- and 10th-graders, but there's always some kids who can play at Stevenson.'

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Anderson takes over reins of Glenn girls hoop program

was fortunate to get the job."

said Anderson, a graduate of

Mount Pleasant High School

at this point. I'll be in the gym

this week to introduce myself.

We'll work out the players,

then I'll be able to assess our

strengths and weaknesses. I'll

definitely teach the post play,

and hopefully we'll have some

Boysville, part of Holy Cross

His son Austin just com-

where he earned first-team

All-Observer honors and is

(Ga.), an NCAA Division II

Mark Anderson has also

coached the past few years on

headed to Morehouse College

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pleted his senior year at Glenn

Anderson currently works at

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arship.

who played one season at

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball team will literally have somebody to look up to for the 2009-10 season

Standing 6 feet, 8 inches tall, Mark Anderson takes over the reins for the Rockets after spending the past seven years as the Glenn JV boys coach.

The 45-year-old Anderson replaces Mike Schuette, who resigned last month to become the JV boys coach at Wayne Memorial. In seven seasons, Schuette finished with an overall record of 58-94.

Glenn is coming off a 9-14 season where the Rockets reached the Class A district championship game before losing to Romulus, 59-51.

"The job was open, I always wanted to be in a head coaching position, I applied, and I

Legends program.

"We are very excited to have somebody with Mark's background as a coach and Central Michigan University. "I player as our head girls coach," don't know a lot about the team Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart said. "It is a big loss for coach (Dan) Young, as he (Mark) has done a tremendous job helping to build our boys program over the past several years. Mark will do the same for the girls program. He will develop the girls at John Glenn as players and young ladies. We are very lucky to have coach Church and Services in Detroit. Anderson at John Glenn."

Anderson said he is "excited" about his new coaching position.

"It's my first experience with the girls and it's definitely going to be a challenge," he said. "We'll have fun and make sure the girls have a good time."

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Jacob Boettcher, of Livonia, takes part in an agility drill during Tuesday's Detroit Lions Football Camp. Boettcher was one of 78 participants to receive instruction from former Harrison standout and current Lion defensive back Chris Roberson.

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time. Our motto is just try and get better every day, then focus on the next day and try and improve."

If Roberson plans to stick with the Lions, he'll have to do it as a role player. "Special teams, try and

moment because the opportunities in the NFL are few. and far between." Roberson is a lesson in

perseverance. He missed his entire

senior year at Harrison when he broke his ankle in the preseason. He had a few scholarship offers before settling on EMU where went from a starting running back in 2001 (gaining 755 yards and three touchdowns) to becoming a starting cornerback in 2004 (recording 66 tackles, including 35 solo with six pass deflections in 10 games).

competition. It helped us become a dynamic team and close-knit group. It was like a family."

Roberson, who began playing organized football at age 9, continues to carry on some of the lessons he learned while playing for the Hawks.

"At Harrison there was a tradition, such as the strength program under coach Billy Slobin," he said. There's no key to success but hard work. And that's still what was instilled in us when I was at Harrison." Roberson continued to answer questions from the young Lions campers including: "Can you lock up Calvin Johnson?' Roberson diplomatically answered: "I win my battles and he wins his battles. But he's (Johnson) one of the best in the NFL. Everybody gets beat on a play. You can't think about it. You have to go on to the next play."

Vipers give Thompson perfect gift

Canton Vipers 14U baseball coach Joel Thompson couldn't have received anything better for Father's Day when his travel team - including Justin Thompson — won the South Farmington Blues Invitational.

The Vipers went 4-0-1 at the tourney behind spectacular defense and steady pitching (allowing just 15 runs over the five games).

In the championship game, an 8-2 win, pitcher David Blythe took a perfect game into the seventh inning and struck out 12 batters.

Earlier at the tournament, pitcher Justin Thompson hurled a shutout and the

Vipers received strong mound outings from Nick Sandberg and Brandon Waack.

A bases-loaded triple by Johnny Etienne broke the championship tilt open, said Joel Thompson.

"I truly believe all the players have all matured so much over the past year," said Thompson about his second-year team. "They have learned that the game is a team sport from start to finish. Our pitchers know they could not get these types of results without an outstanding defense behind them and great catchers in front of them.

"It is a great honor to work

with a group of young men that win as a team. This had turned out to be the perfect Father's Day gift."

The sterling defense included diving catches and accurate throws by outfielders Brian Proppe, Jesse Lindlbauer and Alex Champagne, "Derek Jeter-type plays" by shortstop Greg McCurry, solid work at first base by Nick Sandberg and strong efforts by catchers Brett Ramirez and Brandon Congdon.

The tournament championship was the second of the season for the Vipers, who opened the year triumphant at the Pinckney Baseball Classic.

zet into the nickel-and-dime rotations," he said. "I'll be 'the gunner' covering kicks. I've returned some kicks, too, but I highly doubt it." His advice to the campers Tuesday was straight-for-

ward and simple. "Whatever you decide to do in life, do it 100 percent and don't let anybody deter you from what you want to

do," Roberson said. "And whatever you're doing, have fun while doing it, believe in vourself and set some goals." Roberson also knows what it's like to be out of a

job. "You have to stay focused,

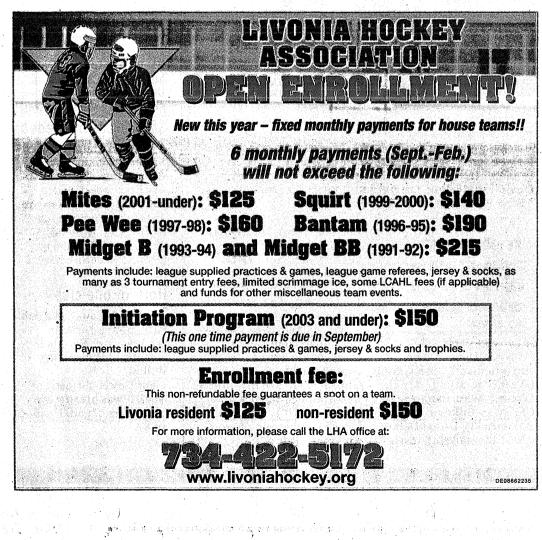
you can't let yourself get down," he said. "I kept a strict workout regimen and you've got to have faith. Some guys lose their faith and they're not ready when the opportunity comes. You have to be ready at any given

He harkens back to his days when he played on the juggernaut Harrison High teams under coach John Herrington.

"I saw coach Herrington about a month ago," Roberson said. "We talked some football. We reminisced about the older days. When I played there you played a half and maybe a series or two in the third quarter. But you'd try and capitalize on your opportunity. You worked to shine

when you were in there. "You were also surrounded by other great players and there was always a competition amongst each other. It was a healthy

To learn more about the noncontact and fundamental Detroit Lions Youth Football summer camps, visit www.Detroit Lions. com/youthfootball; or call (313) 262-2248. The cost is \$159 and is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. You can also e-mail youthfootballcamps@detroitlions.com.



Rams double up Security, 4-2

Andrew Ciennik has become quite a midseason pick-up for the Michigan Rams.

The Wayne State University product broke a 2-all tie with the game-winning two-run single in the top of the sixth inning Monday night to give the Rams a 4-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over Concealed Security in a battle of 20-and-under teams at Ford Field.

Ciennik's long single to left center scored Ryan Abraham and Jake Rhodes as the Rams improved to 12-7 in the LCBL.

Abraham went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, while Rhodes and Joe Barnes also knocked in runs.

Tyler Cotter and Cory Amble each collected two hits for Concealed, which slipped to 5-15 in the LCBL.

John Ponte and Mike McCann each drove in a run. Winning pitcher Matt

Broder went two innings in relief to pick up the victory. He allowed one run on one hit before giving way to closer Ben Schroeder, who got the final three outs despite giving up a walk and a hit.

Starter Brady Cooper allowed one run on five hits, while fanning four in four innings.

Andy Omilian (Madonna University) took the loss in relief of starter Andrew Klinkman, who worked the first five innings allowing just two runs on four hits.

Area duo look to lead East All-Stars

If you're missing football, then MSU's Spartan Stadium is the place to be Saturday afternoon.

The 29th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game, presented by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, gets the jump on the 2009 grid season as 88 of the top graduating

seniors take to the field to showcase their talents.

Two Observerland players have been selected to the East unit in hopes of making it two straight wins over their rivals from the West. Justin Sneddon, a 5-10, 215-pound guard from Plymouth Canton, and Andrew Grabowski, a 6-3, 285-pound guard from Plymouth Salem,

comprise the 44-player East roster.

Sneddon earned All-**Observer First Team accolades** on offense for his performance during the 2008 prep campaign, while Grabowski was named to the second team.

Kick-off is set for 2 p.m. in East Lansing. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale and \$10 at the gate.

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Mike Bonner, senior director of Scoreboard and Broadcasting.

Penhollow, a recent Westland Rotary Club scholarship recipient, performs a variety of duties and errands daily at the newly constructed \$1.6 billion Yankee Stadium. Many of his tasks are related to the high definition, 5,925 square-foot diamond vision scoreboard that sits in center field.

"It's an HD Mitsubishi, 101 by 59 feet, the largest scoreboard in sports," Penhollow said. "We probably have 25 people just on the scoreboard, and we have seven guys on the camera crew

throughout the stadium." Besides his duties related to the scoreboard, Penhollow edits player introductions and trivia questions. He also edits old Yankee footage for the YES Network's digital-on-demand for cable subscribers and does some pieces for the club's online service. Recently he edited a commercial for Turkey Hill, the official ice cream of the Yankees.

"During home games we start at 9 a.m. and don't leave until 10:30 or 11 p.m.," said Michael, a distant relative of Detroit disc jockey Arthur Penhallow. "This year we've had a lot of rain delays, so we've gotten home even later. Sometimes we drive, sometimes we take the train. I ride with my uncle (who lives in Briar Cliff. N.J.). It's 22 miles – 30 minutes

on a good day, but sometimes it's two hours.

Because of his busy intern duties, Penhollow hasn't had a lot of time to spend sightseeing, or rubbing elbows down on the field with Derek Jeter or A-Rod.

Ironically, Penhollow prefers hockey over baseball. He was a center last season for the Midget AA Michigan Hurricanes, who played out of Compuware Arena. After his summer stint with the

Yankees, Penhollow said would like to play for the Ferris State club team.

"I love to play hockey, I would like to get involved with that some day," he said.

Maybe a stint someday with the Red Wings could be in the offing.

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Thunder roars to victory

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Thunder won the 14-and-under bracket of the CABA Wolves Challenge May 31 at Founders Park, defeating Blissfield Baseball in the championship game, 13-1. The Oakland Thunder is an independent travel team that plays in the top division of the Kensington Valley Baseball League. The Thunder team members are (front row, left to right) Matthew Rostick, Anthony DiPonio, Eric Rostick, Drew Ludwick, Jacob Rollinger and Eric Waldron; (second row, left to right) coach Mike Mackie, Even Brunt, Chris Moner, Michael Mackie, Jon Pierret, coach John Ludwick, Kevin Penny and coach Rob Waldron. Not pictured are Cullen Prena and Alex Elenbaas.

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Are you dreaming of a perfect golf course? Online Poll: Which public course on the U.S. Open rotation

would you most like to play?

Go online to www.hometownlife.com/section/sports25 to take part in our online poll. We'll compare your choices with other readers on July 30!

Risk vs. Reward: Pros say playing it safe is often the best choice

By Susan Smiley

Golfers are constantly trying to lower their score by perfecting their swing or finding just the right touch with their pitching wedge. But Carl's Golfland PGA Professional Joe Portfilio says better course management could help most golfers shave strokes quickly.

"Most players should play many shots lower than they do without even improving their shots and just by using better course management and making better decisions," Portfilio said.

He realizes it is tempting to try and make the ESPN highlight type of shot, but taking the safe shot, what some might deem the boring shot, is often the best strategy. The golfer first needs to think about where their game is on

that particular day and then weigh the risk and reward of taking the shot they are considering.

"I think most people take too much of a chance where there is no reward for taking the chance," Portfilio said. "They turn a potential par or bogey into a 7, 8 or 9. I always tell my students, it only takes one good shot on a hole to make par. At least give yourself that opportunity. If you have to chip out of the trees, who is to say that next shot won't be close to the pin and a tap in for par?"

Here are some tips from Portfilio that address the most common dilemmas in which golfers find themselves:

• In the rough, don't hit long clubs that have a lot of loft. Try a 7-iron and

don't try and lift the ball. Hitting out of rough successfully requires a special shot that incorporates more of a chopping motion. Take the club up steep on the backswing and chop down to get it out of long grass. It is a downward "V" type of motion. • If you are in the trees and are trying to decide if you should chip onto the fairway or try and shoot through the trees or over the trees, most of the time a short chip to the fairway is the proper choice. Trying to hit through or over the trees or trying to shoot the ball through a narrow window between two trees will get you into more trouble if the shot is not executed perfectly. • If you are trying to decide if you want to lay up or shoot over water, look at the big picture. Ask yourself, If I try and go over the water, am I going

to save myself a shot? If you are confident that you can make the green with the club you have in your hand, and then go for it. But if the choice is between laying up and shooting an 8iron to the green or going for it and possibly going into the water or having to chip onto the green, laying up is probably the better choice

• When it comes to cutting off dog legs, check your confidence level. If you are feeling confident that you can go over or through the trees and it is not going to cost you strokes, then proceed. But if there is not going to be much reward in trying to do that, why bother?

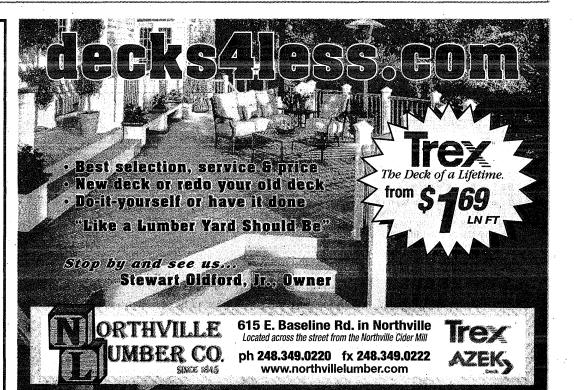
• If you are in a position where you would have to hit over a sand trap to go for the pin, stop and consider your options and decide how good you feel

about the club that you are using. You might feel more comfortable hitting to the side of the green so you don't have to go over the trap and leaving yourself with a longer putt. Players assume they should go for the pin and that is not always necessarily so.

"I think a lot of times, players go out and get in trouble and all of a sudden they are trying to hit shots they've never tried before or taking big risks that they really don't need to take," Portfilio said. "Try to think about what is going to give you the best opportunity for success on a hole."

Susan Smiley is the Manager of Membership Services & Communications for the Golf Association of Michigan.





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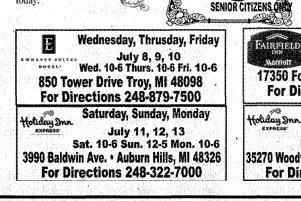
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'Pastor Sue' prepares for her sabbatical abroad

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington received a \$45,000 grant from the Indianapolis based Lilly Endowment Inc. in support of the congregation and its minister, the Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose, as she participates in the 2009 National Clergy renewal program.

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Now in its 10th year, the program provides a time for ministers to take a break from their daily obligations and gain fresh perspective from an extended time of travel, study, rest and meditation.

"The workload and lifestyle of most pastors are difficult

for many to understand," said Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment senior vice president for religion. "So many activities command a pastor's time and attention – often urgent activities such as leading worship, counseling, visiting the sick and grieving - that there is little time left for the pastor to attend to his or her own spiritual growth, reflection and family life.

"This National Clergy Renewal Program gives pastors the gift of being able to live in Sabbath time, to honor that moment as Godgiven. Many clergy renewal

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participants have reported to the Endowment that they found their vision for ministry enlarged when they returned and that their call and commitment were renewed."

Melrose's four month sabbatical focuses on "the Church and Globalization," offering an opportunity to reflect on the economic trend that has a profound impact on southeastern Michigan and the lives of many in her congregation. She begins at the lakeshore for a family time of rest and renewal. Then it's off to India for an extended visit during which she will immerse herself in the region's diverse culture.

She'll spend time at an Ashram in southwestern India, participating in their practices of meditation and yoga. A lengthy visit to women's a college near Chennai, the "Detroit of South Asia," will provide exposure to educational practices and an opportunity for dialogue with the students.

"Immersing yourself in a place very different than your own doesn't just broaden your exposure to the other culture," said Melrose. "It broadens your appreciation of the culture at home. You gain perspective about your own way of life by looking through

another's eyes."

A graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Melrose was ordained to the ministry in 1973 and served churches in the Bronx and New Jersey before moving to Farmington Hills nine years ago. Active in interfaith and intercultural dialogue, she is currently vicechair of the local Farmington Area Interfaith Association.

While "Pastor Sue" is away, the First Presbyterian Church congregation will experience its own time for reflection, with the Rev. Don Wright standing in as acting head of staff.

Pastor Sue Melrose, of Farmington Hills, prepares for a four-month sabbatical.

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.

JULY 9-15

Concert

The Scio-Ridge Brass Quintet performs at a dinner concert Thursday, July 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350

W. Six Mile, Redford. Dinner costs \$8 and starts at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. A love offering will be

taken for the music ministry at the church. (313) 534-7730. Thrift store sale

Buy items 50 percent off the marked price at St. James Presbyterian Church's Thrift store clearance sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 9-11, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Kathy's Bake

Sale will be open during sale hours. (313) 534-7730 Dinner and concert

Have dinner for \$8 at 6 p.m., and then listen to the Scio-Ridge Brass Quintet at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford: A love offering will be accepted for the music ministry at the church.

Movie Matinees

Kids' movies

Kid's matinees are held at 10 a.m. every Wednesday through the end of August on an 18- by 9-foot screen with theater quality sound, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Free lunch served after the film. The church's Community Movies for Families runs 4 p.m., every other Saturday, with snacks available. Next movie is July 11. For movie titles, call (248) 476-8222.

Bethany suburban west

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 11, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster Road, Redford. Dance admission \$10 (No dance lesson). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane K., (734) 261-5716.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for beginning and intermediate soccer players to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game through a mini-camp, 6:30-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 27-30 at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. The mini-camp offers small group instruction and individual attention for boys and girls of any skill level, age 5-12 years. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit www.christoursavior. org. Cost is \$30 per student, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration.

Vacation Bible School

"Good News Clues," 6-8:30 p.m., July 27-31, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Aimed at grades 1-6. Register by calling Melissa at (734) 466-8694.

ONGOING

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

AWANA

New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc. org for updates.

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in



FREDERICK WILSON PERKINS

Northfield Of 1306 Street. Greensboro, NC passed away unex-pectedly Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Moses F. Cone Memorial Hospital. Fred was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on April 2, 1952, son of Thomas and Jean Perkins. He attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI where he played on the Bronco's hockey team. Fred was a lover of nature, hiking, and music; wrote poetry and sketched, as well as participat-ing in many different sports. His love of hockey continued with his sons, where he coached boy's hockey for many years. During all of this time, he was an avid golfer. One of his proudest achievements was climbing to the summit of Mt. Rainier in 1976. Fred's professional life was spent in sales, some for LAD Chemicals, Clairol, and several golf equipment companies, most currently Bridgestone Golf in Covington, GA, where he was Director of National Accounts. He was the consummate business partner and friend, greeting clients with a wide smile, a firm handshake, and, "Hi! I'm Fred Perkins, what can I do for you?" the Interlochen Center for the Arts, or He loved people, was never petty, grudge, and love tected, and provided for his family unselfishly. Fred never knew a stranger. This world will be a lesser place without his physical presence, but the impact Fred had on those that knew and loved him will live on forever in our hearts. Fred and his wife Debbie attended Westover Church in Greensboro, NC. He leaves to mourn him, his devoted wife, Debbie and her family of Greensboro, NC: his parents, Thomas and Jean Perkins, of Dearborn, MI; his sons, Michael, of Charleston, SC and Andrew, of Santa Fe, NM; sister, Susan Trautmann and husband Gene, of Round Rock, TX; brother Dr. Henry Perkins and wife Helen, of San Antonio, TX; Julie Perkins, of Greenville, SC, the mother of his sons; as well as his nephew, nieces, many cousins, friends, and colleagues across the country. A memorial service to celebrate Fred's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the Arbor Day Foundation Trees in Memory, Camp Skyline C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009, or the charity of one's choice. Lambeth-Troxler Funeral and Cremation is assisting the

Perkins family. On line condolences

www.lambethtroxlerfuneralhome.com

HENRY C. RENDELL II

Age 74, a former resident of Baldwin

House in Birmingham, died July 6,

2009. He was retired from Visteon

Corp. Dear brother of Dorothy

(Andrew) Huebner. Proud uncle of

Andrew H. and Frederick G. Huebner. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at

the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral

Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E

of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state

Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass

10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church,

Royal Oak. Memorials to charity of

donor's choice. Share your memories

may be made at:

many years and developed a love for his C.B and Hamm radios. He also loved to ride motorcycles, shooting guns, and working on his truck. His is survived by; four brothers: Skip "Les" Schinke (Betty) of Delaware, Ted Schinke of Colorado, Cecil "Hoot" Schinke of Marion, and Ralph Moore (Carol) of Michigan; five nephews: Robbie, Todd, and Cecil Schinke and Devin and Scott Moore; and four nieces: Stephanie, Debbie, and Presley Schinke, and Olivia Leija. The family will hold a memorial service at Skir "Les" Schinke's home (27 Somerset Rd. Delaware Ohio 43015) on Saturday, July 11th at 10am. Condolences maybe expressed by vis-

iting: www.rodmanneeper.com



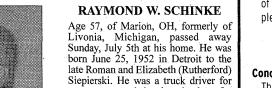
JAMES "Jim" **CARL SUMMERS** Age 54, died in a bicycle accident on July 4, 2009. He is survived by his

Mother

JOHN "Jack" BAKER

Of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at age 75. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lillian (nee Daudelin) Baker. Jack was the loving father of Chris, Tim and Sue; and the proud grandfather of Matthew, Dylan, Brendan, Cameron and Mack. He is also survived by his former second wife, Emily Church, and dear friend Lucy Russell. Jack was a proud "Yooper" who relocated to the Detroit area and worked as an engineer for Ford for 33 years. He loved hockey, woodworking, and nature. He was an active coach and volunteer for his children's teams, helping build the Livonia Hockey Association, among many other involvements and contributions. Jack is remembered fondly for his love of family, his ability to make friends anywhere, and his desire to save the wilds of Michigan for future generations. A memorial will be held August 15 at the family home on Mickey Lake, which he originally built. Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to the Livonia Hockey Association Benevolent Fund (33841 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154),

e American Heart Association



JAMES A. COTTRILL

Of Redford, formerly of Southfield, June 25, age 85. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Cottrill. Loving father of David A. and his wife Lynn of Ferndale, and Nancy (Cottrill, DVM) and her husband Brian Lafferty of Andover, MA. Beloved grandfather of Fiona Lafferty. Predeceased by his sister Alice Wright, and brother Compton Cottrill. Jim retired as a financial analyst from Chrysler Corporation in 1987. He was active at Presbyterian Village of Redford (where he resided) on several committees. His passion was gardening; he volunteered at Cranbrook Gardens in Bloomfield. Memorial service, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield Rd (n. of 11 Mile Rd), Berkley at 7 pm on Monday, July 13. Donations, The Village of Redford, PVM, 25330 W. Six Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48240.

INEZ ETHERIDGE

July 5, 2009, age 87, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Curtis. Dear mother of Wade Nealey, James Nealey, Curtis Etheridge, Cathie Nealey, Curtis Etheridge, (Thomas) Adkins, Joyce (Steve) Lowe, Darlene Webb, Billy (Cheryl) Etheridge, Donna (George) Horsley & the late Tammy. Sister of Laura Porter & Nancy Anderson. Grandmother of 13 & great-grandmother of 21. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 8th at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please view memorial & send a note of condolence to: www.uhtfh.com

JOHN HENSLEY

Passed June 16, 2009. John has been free of his pain and suffering for 2 weeks now. He passed in his sleep on June 16. Along with his job at Fords his spare time was spent managing little league. Sadly, he will be missed by his family and friends.

VICTOR GEORGE KUBON

Age 84 of Howell, died Thursday July 2nd in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Helen (nee Harris), his children Daniel (Sharon), Mark (Kathy) Kubon, Anna (John) Stewart, Beverly Bellestri and Linda (Raymond) Hess, as well as 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Final resting place Mt Olivet Cemetery in Howell MI. To' leave a message of comfort for Victor's family go to: www.borekjennings.com

Summers: Children - Dawn Nicholle. Ryan Scott, and Janell Lynn (Malloy); Grandchildren - Makaila and Hunter Sisters - Janice, Joyce, Vivian and Ruth; Longtime companion - Lorna Shulman; many beloved nieces, nephews and friends; (and many homeowners with dry basements). Predeceased by his father, James Aubrey Summers. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

SHIRLEY M. HIRTH-VARNER

Age 82, of Rotunda West, Fl & Lake City, MI, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, MI. Shirley was born June 25, 1927 in Highland Park, MI, to Edward & Dorothy (Thieme) Burnett. She married Dale Hirth May 29, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1987. Shirley married William Varner April 29, 1994, he survives. She was a WELS Lutheran for many years. Shirley loved spending time with her family and traveling. In addition to her husband other survivors include a son, Bruce Hirth (Karen) of Plymouth; a daughter, Sherry Benner (Mark) of Canton; four grandsons, Jon Benner, Matthew Hirth, Jamie Benner (Carrie), Michael Hirth; a great-granddaughter, Elliana Hirth; a sister, Jan Seitz of Saline; a sister & brother-in-law, Marlene (Hirth) & Duane Howe of Milan; many nieces & nephews. Preceded in death by a sister, Kay Swan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 11 at 1:00 PM at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church 195 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI., 48176. Shirley's family will receive friends at the church from 12 noon until the time of service. Private burial at Lodi Cemetery. In lieu of flow-ers please consider Mercy Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 or Trinity Ev.Lutheran Church.

Blood drive

Give blood 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, July 12, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago Road, Livonia. Each day the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross must collect 1,000 pints of blood to meet the needs of patients in area hospitals. Make an appointment to donate by calling Lisa Adams (734) 513-5067 or Sue Witte (734) 422-6858.

Vacation Bible School

Berean Baptist Church offers a one-week program, July 13-17 for students in first through sixth grades. "Operation Space by Answers in Genesis" will run 9:30 a.m.-noon each day. Includes daily snack, recreation, teaching about space and God's creation, singing and crafts. The church is located at 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Cliff at (248) 477-6365 or e-mail clifford@bereanlife.org Family movie

St. Aidan's kicks off its Summer Family Movie Series with "The Miracle of Marcelino" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, at the church. 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The film is about an 18th century Spanish orphan boy who is raised by Franciscan friars and experiences a unique and moving relationship with Christ. This was an award winning movie at the Cannes Film Festival. RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided.

JULY 16-22

Family movie

See the animated film, "Cars" at dusk, outdoors, July 17, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 525-3664; www.betheloflivonia.com

Mom to Mom

Second annual Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, Westland. Table space is still available for rent. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693 or email to Royalrangers@ameritech.net to rent a table.

Classic cars

8th annual show for classic cars with all profits going to Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (248) 380-8078 (evenings please), or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

Vacation Bible School

"Journeys With Jesus," 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 20-24, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, in Livonia. Aimed at children age 3 through those entering fifth grade. The sessions will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. Download a registration form at www.sppc.org. Or call (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17, or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.rg.

JULY 23-28

Golf outing deadline July 25 is the final day to register for the 14th Annual Ed Day Golf Classic, sponsored by the athletics program of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The event will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia and includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner in the clubhouse, prizes, and fun for all. Teams and individual golfers are welcome and sponsorships are still available. Half of the team deposit is required at registration. All golfers must be at least 18 and soft spikes are required. Register online at www.livoniastmichael.org or by calling (734) 464-4523; (734) 968-3161; .gr (734) 777-8791.

Annual soccer camp

Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@ energeticarts.org.

Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200:

Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland, Call (734) 728-9157.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m.; concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, caters dinners at 6 p.m., Thursday, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730. Hall rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Prayer

■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri

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BELIEFS & VALUES

Livonia church puts its faith into action with July 11 clothing giveaway

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

The congregation at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia has collected gently used garments for six weeks.

Members have been busy sorting and folding piles clothing for the past several days. And on Saturday, July 11, they'll give it all away.

"We don't want anything," said the Rev. Todd Lackie. "We're offering it free to the community. No questions asked. We're just letting the people take it.

"It's not a question of level of need. It's a question of anyone who needs it."

Clothing for infants, children, men, and women, along with towels and bedding will be available from 9 a.m. to noon, at the church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Any leftovers will be donated to charity.

Although most items are used, the collection includes some new donations. Jobseekers will find men's and women's suits, dress shirts and business attire.

Lackie said the project is a simple matter of putting faith into action.

We want to demonstrate the love we have for others," he explained. "One of the things we're trying to do is help our community.

Kenwood Church of Christ has about 160 members, all of whom participated in the clothing drive, Lackie said.



Pam Kast, (left) Betty Page, Sue Melosh, and Kathleen Spencer sort clothing at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia.

"We had great participation ... and had friends of the congregation join in."

The church also maintains a food pantry and began a food outreach program in May.

"We wanted to give people an opportunity to connect directly with people in need," he said.

Lackie challenged members to give a bag full of food to someone they knew who needed it. "We've given away 120 bags

of food since May." He said the one-on-one approach helps cement relationships and offers members an opportunity to be compassionate and to share their beliefs.

"Our real goal is to make sure people are cared for," he added.

The church also shows movies for children at 10 a.m., Wednesdays and is beginning work on a project that will give backpacks and school supplies to needy students.

For more information about the church and its activities, call (248) 476-8222

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden

the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org. Cost is \$5. Soup kitchen

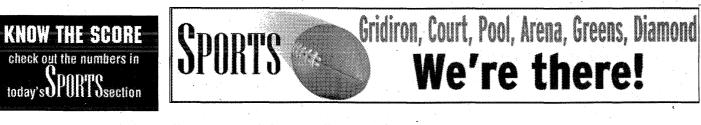
Learn about the Capuchin Soup-Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casev Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.

ora Support

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.





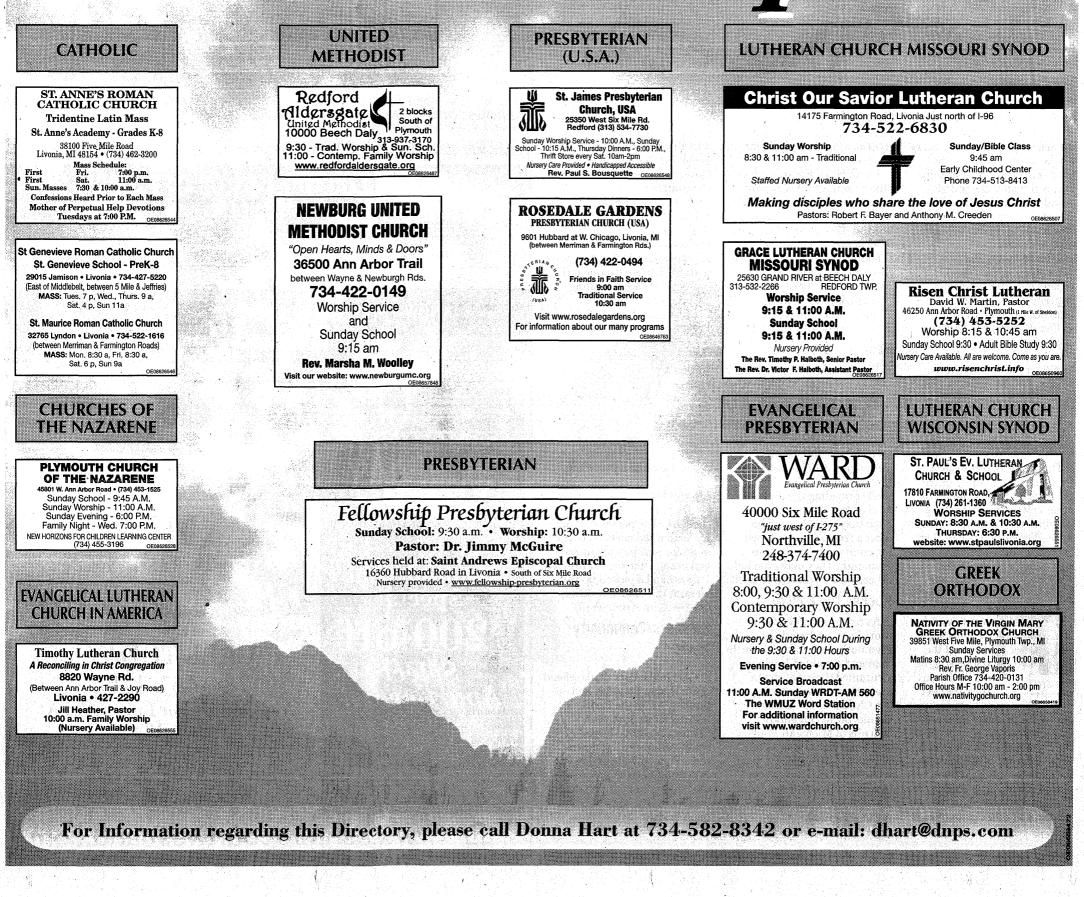
at (734) 464-8906. ■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

CALENDAR

Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455. City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information. Singles

Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in

) Worship



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budget that fits the need and put together a design and contract that meets those expectations. **Observer: How did you first** decide to open your own business?

Stella: I have literally been in the business my whole life. I started to go to jobs sites with dad when I was very young, studying architecture at Plymouth Salem High School, to achieving a **Bachelors of Science degree** in Construction Management from Ferris State University. I went out on my own for a few years after Graduating, until their was a need for me to join dad in 1988.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Stella: My family moved here from Livonia when I was a boy in 1976. I enjoyed growing up here so much that my wife, RaeAnn and I chose to stay and raise our family here. Continuing the family business in Plymouth just made sense. The business community here is friendly and supportive so we never considered leaving the area.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Stella: Over the years the biggest change has been the introduction of computers. From estimates, to

contracts, to drawings, we contribute some of our efficiency to the computer. Though I still prefer to do a lot of my estimates by hand on legal paper. Observer: How has the economy

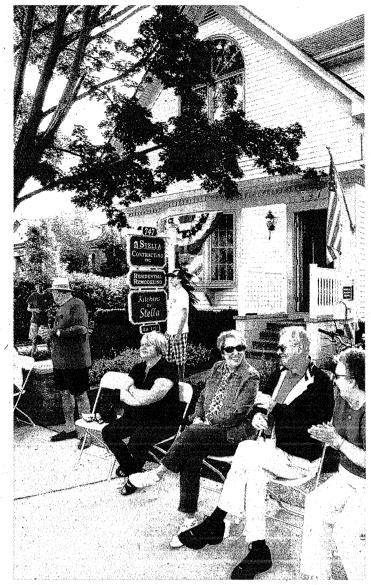
affected your business? Stella: The projects have definitely gotten much smaller in the past few years. Our customers do not have as much disposable income as they did 5 years ago and home equity is not often an option. People are remodeling things that are broken and the rest will have to wait.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Stella: Keep it lean. By keeping our overhead at an all time low we have been able to stay a float. Observer: What's in the future for your business?

Stella: We will continue to do what we know and do best: complete home remodeling. By focusing on Whole House Remodeling, Dormers, Additions, Sunrooms, Master Suites, In-Law Quarters, Kitchens, Bathrooms and Ageing-In-Place services we will come out of the next few years strong. Who knows where the next generation of Stella's will take us.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share about your experience as a business



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stella Contracting of Plymouth, here celebrating the annual Fourth of July parade through downtown Plymouth, was voted one of the Best Residential Remodeling Contractors in the U.S. by Remodeling Magazine.

owner?

Stella: One of the best / rewarding parts of our business is to return to remodel other areas of our customer's house. We have a customer that we built a garage for over 20 years ago, they called us 10 years later to put a room addition on their house and last year we remodeled their kitchen.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

family-owned company, the ultimate dream is that one of your children will follow in your footsteps," said Jim Hiller, CEO and owner of Hiller's Markets, Southeast Michig oldest local grocery chain. "My father was delighted when I transitioned from practicing law to taking over the family company. And now, I am equally thrilled that my eldest son is choosing to continue our legacy."

Materials Professionals has appointed **James Harless** to fill the acant po



59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 16. Questions will be answered about commissions, costs and what it takes, and your potential to succeed.

Thought about a career in

real estate? Keller Williams

Realty in Plymouth hosts a

The seminar will be held at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve your seat.

Third generation

Career seminar

"I always wanted to work in the family business," says Justin Hiller, who grew up stalking the aisles of his family's grocery stores and marveling at the warm reciprocal relationships between customers and his grandfather and father. "I loved the interaction with customers, how it was more like a family than a business"

After spending the past three years at the West Coast version of Hiller's, Gelson's Supermarkets, Hiller has returned to his home state as Vice-President of Hiller's Markets, working in concert with his father.

"When you're building a

Info center

This is one of our busiest weeks in the Chamber office The phone rings and on the other end is a person asking familiar questions like "When is the Plymouth Art Fair?" or "What are the times for Art in

With our



off the hook, the Chamber

is busy serving one of our primary roles as an information center to promote the Plymouth area. People come in to our office looking for restaurants, directions, places to shop and what to do. This time of year maps, visitor guides, and other promotional

Justin Hiller spent three years in Management of the Gelson's stores, first as a store level manager and later as head grocery buyer for that store and its warehouse. His experience has prepared him well to return to his family's unique company.

Justin Hiller began work at Hiller's June 22. "I certainly hope to continue the traditions that have built our successes," he said. "I'm proud to be a part of what Hiller's offers."

Founded in 1941, Hiller's stores are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Northville, Plymouth, Commerce Township and Union Lake.

New director

The Alliance of Hazardous

CHAMBER CHAT

material are all in demand. Our goal is to give our visitors the information they need while providing the highest level of customer service. We hope they tell others about what a friendly and interesting community we have in Plymouth. They may even tell others that "Plymouth Rocks!"

Rockin' the Fourth

As a sponsor of the Good Morning USA Parade in Plymouth, Lady Liberty, Uncle Sam and a band of Rockers strummed their way down Main Street to represent the Chamber. The Chamber thanks Steve and Sandy Marulis of Michigan Made and More for serving as our patriotic couple and the gang from Real Life Church for wearing "Plymouth Rocks" T-shirts while playing some mean air-guitar.



Director on the AHMP Board of Directors.

Relations

of Government

Harless, a long-standing member and secretary of the CHMM of Michigan, Inc. Chapter, has served on the **AHMP** Government Affairs Committee for four years, most recently as the chairperson.

As the Government Relations Director, Harless will coordinate the activities of and support the Homeland Security Technical Committee and the **Government Affairs Technical** Committee.

Harless is a vice president/ principal at Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth. He has more than 33 years of experience, including five years with SME in environmental evaluations and consulting. He serves as a director of the Institute of Brownfield Professionals and is a member of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's sports section



Parking space

The City again provided passes for the Chamber to distribute to business owners for parking during Art in the Park. The passes cost \$3 instead of the normal charge of \$5 for parking during special events, like the art festival. Passes can be picked up this week at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail).

Business/Community News

• Art in the Park this weekend On Friday, Saturday and Sunday "Art in the Park" returns for its 30th year. Michigan's second largest art show consumes all of downtown Plymouth attracting 300,000 thousand people to see hundreds of participating exhibitors. The show starts at noon Friday.

Weaver exhibits funky accessories at Plymouth Art in the Park

FILTER

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

A loom near a window in her Farmington home is a symbol of how Meredith Reeds recently shed her job as a legal secretary and is building a new life one stitch at a time. The foot pedals are humming as they go up



Reeds

and down more than 50 hours a week as she tries to get enough inventory ready to present at the 30th Annual Plymouth art fair, Art in the Park, July 10-12 in downtown Plymouth.

"I've always wanted to make art my living," she says. "I never

"Fringe Dress" has hand-

woven fringe and a hand-

woven/felted waist piece,

tassels, made of various

fibers including cotton,

thought it would happen, but it is. People are always telling me, 'You make this cool stuff and you need to sell it.' But, I never had time.'

She graduated from Wavne State University last December majoring in fiber arts. Today, she spends her days and a lot of her nights making one-of-a-kind hand woven purses, wallets and jewelry in the company she named, Rug Wear.

"I'd been going to (college) for 10 years and I started in the fashion department,' says Reeds who graduated from South Lyon High School in 1998. "We had to take a weaving course and that was it.

I've been weaving like crazy ever since." Her work, she says, is "usable art" as compared to something that hangs on a wall or sits on a table

"I like things that are different," says Reeds, who years ago could be seen playing guitar and singing, mostly blues and folk music, at open talent nights in Plymouth.

Today, she's strumming the wires on her 5-feet wide and 4-feet deep loom, made in the 1970s and a life changing Ebay find for Reeds.

She's always liked to work with textiles, even in high school, but early on she never imagined she would make a living creating fashion wear with the materials she loved.

FUNKY, FASHIONABLE

The hand bags range from \$45 to \$150 and the wallets are \$20 to \$40. Art in the Park is her first big show.

"It's for free spirits — funky stuff." she says. "It's not for everyone. It's very different. You'll never see anything like it. I want to share those good things with people and if I don't like it, I

scrap it."

Each hand bag takes about four hours to complete.

A handwritten note attached to her loom says: "This or something better is manifesting for me in totally harmonious ways for the good of all involved."

Regarding the note, she says: "I'm trying to have a real positive attitude. Being an artist isn't easy. Not everyone is going to like your stuff."

CAREER SWITCH

Reeds was a legal secretary for 10 years working full-time with her father and brother, Reeds and Reeds in Walled Lake. She managed to go to school part-time.

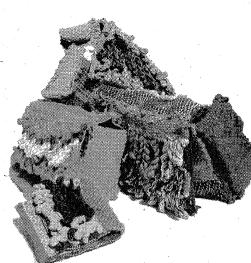
"I'm so much more relaxed now," she says. "I'm lucky to have this opportunity to try to do this. If you put your mind to anything, you can do it."

The down side of working from her home, Reeds says, is getting cabin fever at the end of the day. But that gives her a good excuse to take her two "mutts" for walks.

The satisfaction artists get from being creative is therapeutic, she says, adding that creativity is something everyone has, but that some people don't tap into it.

She tells friends and family that if they're frustrated, upset or in any other kind of emotional funk, they need to create something.

"At last, I'm doing something that I love," she says.



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Meredith Reeds will sell hand woven purses and wallets, like these, at Art in the Park, in Plymouth.

In 10 years she hopes to have her own store to sell her work. The shop would provide consignment space for other artists, and a place for her both to weave and to teach weaving.

In addition to Art in the Park, other big upcoming shows include, The Shadow Art Fair in Ypsilanti, July 18 and Milford Memories, Aug. 7-9.

For more information contact Reeds at meredithreeds@yahoo.com or go to www.handwoven.etsy.com.

GET OUT

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show Time/date: July 24-26 Location: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake and a youth art competition Contact: (248) 684-2613, www.

Plymouth Art in the Park Time/Date: July 10-12 Location: Kellogg Park more than 400 artists

Art In Bloom Time/Date: Through July 18 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville Details: All-media juried floral arts show. Free Contact: 248-344-0497, www.northvillearts.org





FOOD AND WINE

Check out Plymouth's eateries while shopping for art

Take time out for a bite to eat while browsing Plymouth's Art in the Park this weekend. Local eateries range from high end to inexpensive; from national chain to unique.

Here's a list to take along to the event:

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Compari's on the Park: 350 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park; Italian food and cocktails; (734)416-0100 www.comparisdining.com Sean O'Callaghan's: 821 Penniman, traditional Irish pub; (734) 459-6666, www.seanocallaghans.com Fiamma Grille: 380 S. Main, across from Kellogg Park; steak and seafood; (734) 416-9340; www.fiammagrille. com

Nico & Vali Italian Eatery & Market: 744 Wing, (734) 207-7880. www.nicoandvali.com. Bode's Corn Beef House: 280 N. Main Street: breakfast, sandwiches, steak, chicken, fish; (734) 453-1883 Cozy Cafe: 470 Forest Place, (734) 455-3310 Grecian Café: 413 N. Main Street, Plymouth: Greek.

burgers, Italian, breakfast, lunch, dinner and desserts; open 24 hours; (734) 455-7887

Little Bangkok: 545 Forest, Thai food; (734) 414-8696 Box Bar: 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park; burgers and more than 200 different beers; (734) 459-7390

E.G. Nicks: 500 Forest; (734) 414-6400

Grape Expectations Wine Bar: 555 Forest Ave.; (734) 455-WINE www.gewinebar.com

Maya's Deli of Plymouth: 550 Forest #2; (734) 453-8870

Subway: 930 Ann Arbor Trail

Burger Spot: 550 Forest #3; (734) 455-4141 Cellar 849: 849 Penniman Ave; (734) 254-0275, www. cellar849.com

Coffee Bean: 884 Penniman; coffee, sandwiches; try pancakes on the weekend; (734) 454-0178

Omelette and Waffle Café': 580 Forest; (734) 454-6510 1999 Tavern: 447 Forest; (734) 414-1999

Doyle's Tavern: 860 Fralick, Street; (734) 207-9656 Panera Bread: 400 S. Main; (734) 459-4910 Penn Grille: 820 Penniman; (734) 453-3570

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich: 770 Penniman; (734) 737-0770, www.jimmyjohns.com 336 Main: 336 S. Main; (734) 454-6500 Simple Sandwich: 437 Forest Ave.; (734) 207-3545 Thai Café' on Main: 200 S. Main: (734) 459-0963.

OLD VILLAGE, JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN

Station 885: 885 Starkweather; (734) 459-0885 www.station885.com Hermann's Old Town Grill: 195. W. Liberty; (734) 451-1213 Plymouth Fish Market: 578 Starkweather; (734) 455-2630

Liberty Street Brewing Company: 149 W. Liberty; (734) 207-9600; www.libertystreetbrewingcompany. com

Crawford's Kitchen: 542 Starkweather; (734) 454-5724

Mill Street Gourmet Pastries: 985 N. Mill Street; desserts and baked goods made from scratch; (734) 446-5533, millstreetgp@hotmail.com

NEARBY EATERIES

The Inn at St. John's: 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth Township; (734) 414-0600, www.stjohnsgolfconference.com

Ernesto's: 41661 Plymouth Road; (734) 453-2002, ww.ernestosl.com

Leo's Coney Island: in the Busch's Supermarket Plaza, 15131 Sheldon Road; (734) 254-0663 Karl's Cabin: 6005 Gotfredson Road; (734) 455-8450, www.KarlsCabin.com

Boulder's: 1020 Ann Arbor Road; (734) 459-4190 Traverse City Pie Company: 4160 Ann Arbor Road; (734) 459-9200 gtpieplymouth@gmail.com Zacks of Plymouth: 9468 S Main Street; 734-459-

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Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken: 1122 West Ann Arbor Road. (734) 453-6767

Big Boy: 44681 Ann Arbor Road; (734) 455-8070

Pasta salad to campground fare

Several readers responded to our call for holiday barbecue and picnic recipes, which we'll publish through this month. In August, we're looking for campground cuisine. Fire up the Coleman stove or light the charcoal and tell us your flavorful, easy recipe for those dog days of summer spent under the pines or at the beach.

Include a few words about your favorite camping site, too. Send to sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Jeanine Bourcier of Canton, her husband and three children do plan to camp this summer, but she likely won't make the Sea Shell Salad recipe she sent to us last week. It's reserved for family picnics and summer celebrations.

"My mother, Marie Sabatini, found this recipe on a sea shells pasta box years ago, " she said. "She used to make this for our family picnics. Now I make it."

When she does, Bourcier adds a tad more dill than called for in the recipe.

"The dill flavor and the fresh Italian parsley is why this recipe tastes so amazing." Bourcier plucks the herbs fresh from her backyard garden and tosses in a liberal amount of parsley and dill.

"After it has chilled overnight I'll add a drop of milk to make it creamier. Sometimes I'll add a can of tuna and some peas," she said. "My family likes it the simple way." - Sharon Dargay

SEA SHELL SALAD

1 (16 - ounce) package small sea shells macaroni, uncooked 2 cups mayonnaise

4 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped

4 tablespoons onion, finely chopped

- 4 teaspoons prepared mustard 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 11/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cups celery, thinly sliced
- 4 eggs, hard boiled, chopped

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain. In large bowl, stir together mayonnaise, parsley, onion, mustard, dill, pepper and salt.

Add macaroni, celery and eggs, toss to coat well. Cover and chill overnight.



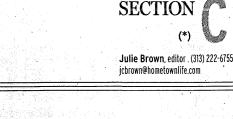
Need to stretch your huddel economic Ti Grace Groceries can help no matter your income. For \$30 each month, Hiller's Markets provides food to make five meals for a family of four. Or \$20 buys a box of food staples from Greenbriar Foods in Eastern Market. Order in person Saturday, July 11 (noon to 2 p.m.) Sunday, July 12 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville Learn more at www.Wardchurch.org or call the Grace Groceries info line at 248-374-5912 CREENBRING FOOT



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REAL ESTATE



Affordable housing tops conference agendas for local pair

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

THURSDAY

July 9, 2009

Affordable housing's always a concern, and two local professionals know more about it having returned from recent conferences.

Joanne Inglis, director of housing and community development for the City of Westland, attended the Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing, held at the Lansing **Conference Center June 1-3.**

"It's a really wonderful, wonderful conference," said Inglis, who traveled to Lansing for the June 2 portion. The conference, sponsored by such state and federal agencies as the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other groups, draws government officials. nonprofit staffers and volunteers, as well as for-profit developers.

Inglis attended a workshop on lowincome housing tax credits. Those benefit the industry, she said, with tax write-offs for developers, but these days tax write-offs aren't a priority.

"It's difficult finding investors," she said. It was beneficial to learn about current housing markets from speakers around the country at the 11th annual conference, which had a theme of "New Solutions for New Times."

Her afternoon workshop was on what attracts young entrepreneurs to communities. "That one was extremely, interesting," Inglis said. Three entrepreneurs of varying ages, from Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Detroit, shared their expertise.

One suggestion was to create "White Box Buildings," encouraging owners of vacant space to allow new entrepreneurs to have affordable space to launch new businesses. The concept centers on knowing that some will fail, and that some will succeed. The ones that succeed can generate five-25 new jobs each. It was recommended to cluster the "white boxes" in the same area, so designated.

Inglis has attended the annual conference in the past throughout her career. "It's my favorite housing conference," she said. "It's because it looks at the big picture.'

A lot of the conversation this June at the conference focused on housing woes, she said. Attendees benefit from reconnecting and sharing ideas.

"In some ways, it's like old home week. It really draws a large mixture of people." The conference draws more than 1,500 each year.

Inglis couldn't attend all three days as she was busy with Westland's application for extra Community Development Block Grant money.



Inglis wasn't the only one learning about promoting affordable housing those early June days. Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, attended Habitat on the Hill: Build Louder, a June 1-3 gathering in Washington, D.C.

Dent runs the Plymouth-based local affiliate of the international Christian ministry, which works to provide affordable housing. She was pleased to meet people from throughout the U.S. at the annual gathering.

"This was my first," Dent said. "It was a great conference. It gave me an opportunity to connect with some of the congressmen and senators." She met with staffers for Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow as well as a staffer for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Those at the D.C. conference included many Habitat for Humanity executive directors and local affiliate board members. CEO Jonathon Reckford and other senior staffers were there, along with Habitat's advocacy team from Washington, D.C.

"It was just a great opportunity for us to network and put affordable housing on the minds of our representatives," Dent said. "It was very wellorganized. We learned some valuable information."

She found it beneficial to see government leaders talk about their passion. Speakers included Ron Sims, deputy secretary for Housing and Urban Development, the keynoter.

"It just strengthened my faith in the leadership of our country," she said.

Dent met with the person responsible for Women Build, in which women Habitat volunteers and staffers build a home. She'd like to try that here, and gleaned valuable information for training from the meeting in D.C.

Dent noted last year's gathering included some 350 meetings in one day with a large housing stimulus bill following shortly. This year's gathering had some 400 meetings of Habitat representatives on Capitol Hill in one day.

"It's great when we can meet face to face with the leaders of our country," she added.

Tax credit has its limits

Q: My wife and I are first-time homebuyers and I am wondering what kind of real tax credit we can get.

A: In last year's Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, Congress provided certain home purchasers with a "tax credit" of 10 percent of the home's

price, up to \$7,500.00. Homebuyers who had not owned and occupied a house as a principal residence

in the three

Robert Meisner

years before the purchase were eligible. However, the so-called tax break was not really a true tax credit. Instead, qualified homebuyers received an interest-free loan from the federal government. That is, they received up to \$7,500.00 up front in tax savings, an IRS refund check or both.

However, taxpayers receiving that \$7,500.00 were scheduled to repay that amount in higher taxes as \$500 per year for 15 years. If those tax payers sold the house within 15 years, repayment would be accelerated. However, the Recovery Act modifies the homebuyer's tax credit. The cap is now \$8,000.00 and qualified home purchases over \$80,000.00. (For less expensive homes, the credit is for 10 percent of the price.) In addition, qualified homebuyers will not have to repay the \$8,000.00 tax credit as long as they stay in the house as owners for at least 36 months. This credit amounts to an \$8,000.00 discount on the home's price, courtesy of the federal government. Obviously. it is important for you to consult with your tax adviser in regard to how the benefit of

New law protects tenants in foreclosed buildings

So what happens if you are renting a home, condo, or apartment and your landlord loses ownership of the property through foreclosure? Unfortunately for some renters in the past they were faced with an eviction notice from the sheriff so that the new property owner through the foreclosure process could take free and clear custody of the building. Under a law passed on May 20, 2009, "The Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act," renters have new protections to avoid eviction if ownership of the property they are living at transfers to a mortgage lender or third party purchaser or investor through foreclosure. If you have a valid lease, the new property owner must allow the renter to occupy the property until the original lease term expires, unless the new owner wishes to occupy the property as their primary residence. So if you are renting a house and it goes into foreclosure and is purchased by a family that wants to move in and live there then the lease can be terminated with 90 days notice to the tenant. In circumstances where the new owner honors a tenant's lease, they do not have to renew the lease after the current term expires. For example, if the lease is for two years and than has an option to allow for renewal on an annual or month-to-month basis thereafter, the new landlord does not have to honor the annual renewals after the initial two year lease expires. Additionally, if the lease is currently on a month-to-month term with no designated length, then the new property owner can provide 90 days notice to terminate and evict the tenant under the new law.

The basic provision of this law is to ensure that people who are paying their rent and honoring their leases aren't suddenly thrown out on the street through no fault of their own due to the financial circumstances of their landlord. The law also protects Section 8 tenants from losing the ability to have their rent subsidized by the government. Section 8 is a federal HUD program for low-income families that pays a portion of their rent to the landlord through a voucher program. Under the voucher program, individuals or families with a voucher find and lease a rental unit (either in a specified complex or in the private sector) and pay a por-

For someone to have a valid lease they must have a written rental agreement that complies with Michigan's landlord-tenant laws and must be paying a fair market rate for rent. In other words, you can't be a family member or friend living in a property for free or paying such a low monthly rent that it would be considered unreasonable for the landlord to maintain the property (for example, renting a \$250,000 condo for \$100 per month rent).

So to summarize, if you are renting a property as your primary residence on a fixed-length lease (one-year, two-year, three-year, etc.) and the property is foreclosed, in most circumstances under the new law you will be allowed to stay for the remainder of the lease. (Exception: if the new property owner wants to move in as their primary residence - then you have 90 days upon eviction notice). If you are on a month-to-month lease, you must be given 90 days eviction notice if the property is transferred through foreclosure to a new landlord (the landlord does not need to move in as principal residence for this to apply). If you are on a Section 8 voucher payment plan then the new owner must continue to accept that for the remainder of the lease. To enforce the new law, a party may initiate a lawsuit in the district court serving the community where the property is located as a landlord-tenant action.

tion of the rent (based on income, but generally no more than 30 percent of the family's income). Under the Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act, a new landlord that takes ownership of a rental property through foreclosure must continue to accept rental payments through the Section 8 program until the current lease is terminated.

The Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act expires on Dec. 30, 2012. The Act is not enforced by any federal government entity, but rather provides guidelines that must be followed in the foreclosure process and that allows for litigation to enforce the rights provided to renters and landlords through the act in district court through the already existing state landlord-tenant eviction process. Michigan can create stricter laws on this issue that would be enforceable, but the federal law would take precedence if Michigan's law was weaker than the federal protections. Currently, The Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act is the governing law for Michigan.

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This information was supplied by Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. Burns is an attorney.

BRIEFS

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentricarea residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 30 to April 3, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

	Auburn Hills	$\cdot \}$	
	3483 Grove Ln	\$157,000	
	3848 Hillsdale Dr	\$170,000	
	2510 Williamsburg Birmingham	\$108,000	
	987 Bennaville Ave	\$465.000	
	1600 Bowers St	\$150,000	
	615 Chester St	\$353,000	
	925 Floyd St	\$250,000	
	545 Wellesley St	\$600,000	
	811 Westchester Way	\$298,000	
	323 Wimbleton Dr	\$265,000	
	Bloomfield Townsh		
	4689 Brightmore Rd	\$300,000	
	6915 Cedarbrook Dr	\$83,000	
	4130 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$190,000	
	2974 Woodcreek Way	\$376,000	
	3033 Woodcreek Way	\$590,000	
	Clarkston	60.4E 000	
	6270 Crest Forest Ct E	\$345,000	
	9270 Stonegate Dr	\$222,000	
	6300 Waldon Rd	\$100,000	
	9627 Westwood Cir	\$219,000	
	Commerce Townsh		
	8295 Kingfisher Ct 8107 Marshalsea St	\$252,000 \$52,000	
	5828 Turnberry Dr	\$275.000	
	Farmington	\$215,000	
	33906 State St	\$136,000	
	Farmington Hills		
	31134 Applewood Ln	\$210,000	
	37792 Blossom Ln	\$231.000	
	21851 Ontaga St	\$106,000	
	Franklin		
	30580 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$300,000	
	Keego Harbor		
	2897 Orchard Lake Rd Lake Orion	\$213,000	
-	694 Alan Dr	\$110,000	
	3654 Bald Mountain Rd	\$159,000	
	2580 Cedar Key Dr	\$304,000	
	3304 Hickory Dr	\$173.000	
		\$113,000	
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3345 Pin Oak Dr	\$192,000
4850 Rayner Park Dr	\$270,000
Milford	42.0,000
255 Skyline Dr	\$185,000
Novi	
25545 Arcadia Dr	\$415,000
22483 Mondavi Dr	\$100,000
Oakland Towr	nship
145 Natalie Marie	\$399,000
1101 Tamarack Ln	\$375,000
Oxford	
1054 Chelsea Blvd	\$205,000
240 Stony Lake Dr	\$195,000
Rocheste	-
929 Loggers Cir	\$310,000
417 Parkdale Ave	\$35,000
Rochester H	
1190 Clear Creek Dr	\$505,000
3447 Connors Dr	\$53,000
952 Golfview Ct	\$180,000
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and

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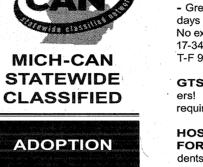
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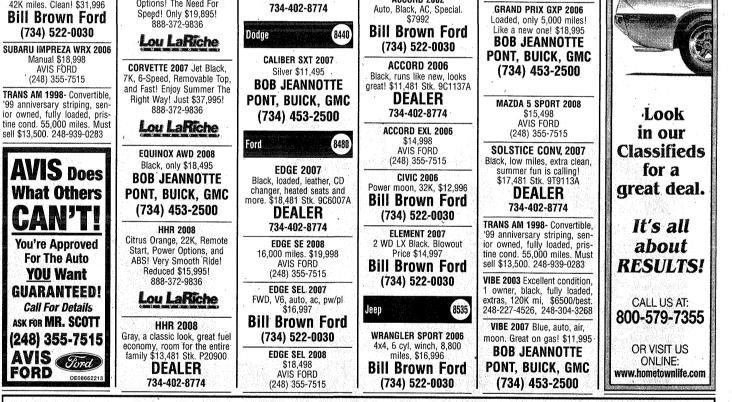
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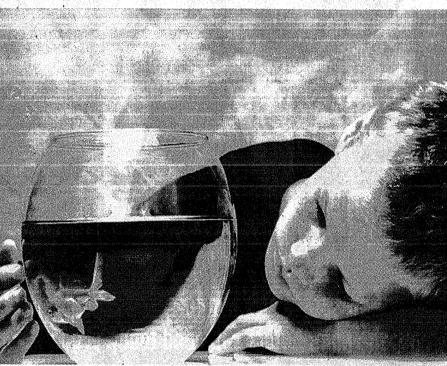
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appliances that stay.



734-591-9200

734-284-5400

\$134,900

\$150,000



A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH 3 BR, 2 bath. HWF in kitchen & DR. Master suite features WF in kitchen & DR. Master suite fea eplace & jetted tub. Beautiful library/ w/built-ins. LR w/fireplace. Finished bsmt. Large wooded lot. (29082911) \$130,000



Detroit 248-723-0055 LOTS OF POTENTIAL Three BR. 1.5 bath brick home. Newer kitchen w/ appliances, dining room, bsment, garage. Quiet neighborhood. Subject to third party approval

(29076890) \$38,900

Farmington 248-348-6430

Prime Building Lot - 80 x 110 Nice corner lot located in Farmington Hills. Close to uptown and downtown Farmington. Don't delay, make an offset today. an offer today



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 GREAT & UPDATED. 1ST FLR MBR. GRANITE KIT. Beautiful landscape, backs to woods. 1st floor master, walk-in closet, jacuzzi, granite bath. Kitchen has stainless appliances, upgraded cabinets, granite, wood floors.



Farmington Hills 248-851-4100 MODEL CONDO 'AVAILABLE. UPGRADES GALORE! Detached ranch style with beautifully finished lower level & three car garage

\$348,000

(29054983)



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 FORECLOSURE. 5 BR, 3.1 BATHS. GREAT FLR



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 SELLERS LOSS-BUYERS GAIN! CUSTOM KITCHEN Ranch w/great curb appeal & private yard. It's all done for you. Pack & move in!



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 32212 FARMERSVILLE, GREAT KENDALLWOOD HOUSE. GRANITE KITCHEN Large beautiful open living rm & dining rm overlooking newer deck. MBR w/bath & WIC. Beautiful treed corner lot. Maintenance free home.



Farmington Hills 248-723-0055 FABULOUS, FRIENDLY, FARMINGTON HILLS Three BR, 2 bath ranch on a spacious lot. Updated kit w/ appliances, HW flrs, DR, 1st flr lau, 2 car garage. Also avail for lease 1st flr iau, \$1100 mo



Garden City 734-455-7000 **BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH offers more with** brand new kitchen 2-1/2 baths new carpeting deck, att 2 car gar, full basement w/worksh & darkroom. Large yard on nice tree-lined (29081590)



Livonia 248-348-6430 Wonderful Neighborhood! 4 BDRM Colonial has updates galore including vinyl siding, roof, furnace & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, garage floor + remodeled KIT. Swim club in sub (membership reg).



Livonia 734-591-9200 Spacious Brick/vinyl Tri-level Featuring a new gourmet kitchen with radiant floor, granite countertops, maple cabinets & more. Updated baths, fresh paint throughout. Near Livonia



Livonia 734-591-9200 Castle Garden Sub, Pride of Ownership Priced to Sell, Updted T/O-Furnace, Siding, Roof Tear Off. Gutters, Driveway, Xtra insulation, Bthrm doors, wind, kit remod, Expos HW flrs, Fin doors, wind, kit bsmt-Short Sale.



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

(28192562) \$104,900



Northville season sun room. Fabulous trim throughout. Gourmet cherry kit w/granite. 2 story family rm. Spacious mstr & mstr bath. Jack & Jill & guest bath. Paver patio.



Redford 734-591-9200 Move in Ready. Sharp Bungalow on quiet street, Large Family Room has 2 full baths. Hardwood flooring in living room. Corner lot--Won't last long.

\$88,000



Completely Repoyated 3 BR Brick Ranch! This home features open floor plan, refinished hardwood floors. Huge picture window in living room, granite countertops in kitchen, new roof & remodeled baths.



248-684-1065 **Royal Oak** Updated brick home on treed double lot w/ 32x16 inground pool. Sunroom/patio/private fenced yard. Cherry cabs, granite, file, SS app, HDWD T/O & much more

(29080452) \$250,000



248-437-3800 Salem Charming Farmhouse Lots of class put into this charming farmhouse in quaint downtown Salem. Inviting front porch and large yard. Huge kitchen with lots of natural light.



248-437-3800 South Lyon Beautiful Ranch Home With Curb Appeal. 3 car garage on large lot in prestigious neighborhood. Gorgeous landscaping to provide private back yard, paver patio, & beautiful views from every window. (29064420) \$234,900



Southfield 248-208-2900 Newer Construction! Brick ranch w/open floor plan and 3 bdrms. 2 car attached garage, bsmt. Great location.



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

(28190364) \$59,900



Troy Beautiful East Facing Troy Colonial, Schroeder, Boulan, Troy High. Rare 5th bdrm option plus loft & closet. 2 sty foyer & fam RM, granite kitch, fin'd bsmt w/full kitch, bath & rec RM, (29070952) \$515,000



Troy 248-813-4900 1998 Built Colonial. 4 BR, 2.1 BA. 2 car garage. Vaulted ceilings, gas FP, hrdwd flrs, bsmt, 2 story foyer. Luxury mstr suite. Wood deck, sprinkler sys. C/A. West Troy Schools.



248-813-4900 Troy Ranch Condo. 2 BR, Finished bsmt. Newer furnace & air. Newer windows & door wall, All Appliances stay!



Westland 734-455-7000 NEED ROOM TO ROAM? This Westland home is perfect for you! Over a 1/4 of an acre, 3 car garage, 2 newer baths, basement, brick paver garage, 2 newer paths, pasement, w patio...Potential, Potential, Potential.



248-684-1065 White Lake White Lake Canal! Affordable home to call your own! Close to main body of lake. Wooded, good-size lot. New roof, well pump, FP. Or \$650/Mo. lease.

\$89,000

(29046985)

\$139,900 (29082757) \$589,900 (29067536) \$104,900 www.OurForeclosureHom c c n n



