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Summer exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's new exhibit is a celebration of summer and its many pleasures, and it comes with a chance to meet the artist and have some ice cream.

The PCAC hosts an Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the PCAC, located at 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction) in Plymouth.

Ypsilanti artist Bill Knudstrup spent his childhood on the beaches and dunes of Lake Michigan's eastern shore. The memories of that experience are the impetus behind "Children of Summer." His oil paintings of children playing in the sun, sand and water are bold, vibrant and joyful. The subject matter of the work plays on timeless memories.

Knudstrup has a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan and has had many solo and group shows in the area. The exhibit runs through Aug. 5 and can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

Voter guides

Non-partisan Voters Guides prepared by the League of Women Voters for the candidates running for state, county and local elections Aug. 3 are now available on the League's website, www.lwvww.org.

In this primary election, voters can vote in only one party's primary — either Republican or Democratic. A ballot will be invalidated if the voter crosses over from one party to another. In a primary election, voters cannot split their ticket for partisan offices.

The League of Women Voters is a source of non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Aug. 3 election.

Circus in town

The bi-annual circus sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club returns to town when the Kelly Miller Circus conducts two performances Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the Activities Field behind Central Middle School.

Performances are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Parents and kids might also be interested in seeing the elephants help raise the big top early in the morning of the shows. That usually happens around 8 a.m. and has been a hit with watchers.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 11 and younger (\$12 and \$8, respectively, if purchased the day of the show).

Tickets may be obtained at the Plymouth Kroger (Ann Arbor and Sheldon), Busch's (Sheldon and Five Mile), Dairy King (Main and Church), Wiltse's Pharmacy (downtown Plymouth) or from any Plymouth Lions Club member.



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Crews transformed part of downtown Plymouth into Woodsboro while filming a portion of 'Scream 4' here Monday and Tuesday.

Plymouth 'Scream's for movie shoot

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hollywood and suburban Detroit got a good look at each other this week when the cast and crew of *Scream 4* spent two days on location in downtown Plymouth.

Scream 4, the fourth in a series of spoofy horror movies, has visited Plymouth as well as Northville, Livonia and Dearborn in recent weeks. Directed by Wes Craven, a legend in the horror genre, *Scream 4* is scheduled for an April 2011 release.

The production brought movie stars, camera operators, makeup artists, extras, equipment handlers, security guards and drivers to a closed Kellogg Park and surrounding streets Monday and Tuesday, and drew scores of onlookers, many of whom snapped photographs despite the repeated admonitions of guards on hand to hush the crowd while the cameras rolled.

At times, some streets were closed to vehicular traffic. The crowd, about noon Tuesday, was asked to move to another end of the park so as to stay out of the camera's view.

Gawkers were quiet and polite, but someone couldn't resist shouting "Courtney!" when star Courtney Cox, in a shimmering purple dress, appeared in the park between takes. Cox, probably best known for her role as Monica in the television sitcom *Friends*, responded with a smile and a wave.

Other *Scream 4* actors include Cox's husband, David Arquette, Neve Campbell, Hayden Panettiere,



Courtney Cox grabs some lunch and a phone call during filming in Kellogg Park.

Adam Brody and Emma Roberts. Denise Stevens of Plymouth Township, who grabbed a couple photographs of Cox exiting a sport-utility vehicle as she arrived on the set Tuesday, said the gawking was "a

whole lot of nothing." "It's boring," said Stevens, who then admitted, "I'm star-struck." Sisters Stephanie and Allison

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Auditors: Township books OK, challenges loom

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township's bookkeeping for the 2009 fiscal year got high marks from auditors on Tuesday.

Joe Heffernan, an audit partner at Plante Moran, told the township Board of Trustees that his firm had to make no mathematical corrections as it reviewed records during an audit of township finances for 2009. Even well-run communities, Heffernan said, typically have two to four adjustments per audit.

"We found zero," Heffernan told the board during its regular meeting Tuesday. "Really, your staff here, including the treasurer, put

so much effort into getting it right before the auditors come in."

The township's general-fund expenditures for the 2009 fiscal year — which is identical to the calendar year — came in at just over \$13.3 million. Of that, some \$8.4 million was spent on public safety — police protection, firefighting and emergency medical service.

Heffernan and Kari Shea, a Plante Moran associate, presented a slide show that illustrated recent trends in township revenue and expenditures, including a fall in property values and reductions in state aid. They credited officials for the budget-cutting measures

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Scores drop on Fiegel's report card

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A balanced budget, climbing student achievement scores on MEAP and other tests and an innovative way of paying to replace the district's aging bus fleet were all part of the evaluation Tuesday of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel.

But all of that success wasn't enough to help when the seven-member Board of Education

provided its scoring on the report card for Fiegel's second year at the helm of the state's third-largest school district.

The annual review, which rates the performance of not only Fiegel, but his administrative team, included

scores in seven areas (only six of which were rated last year). Scores (on a scale of 1-unsatisfactory to 5-outstanding) dropped in five of the six areas rated in both years.

Fiegel, who received the marks in earlier closed-session discussions with the board, was philosophical.

"There weren't any surprises" because of the earlier sessions, Fiegel said. "You try to take these things and learn from them, and you try to grow. Any time you get an

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education handed out its annual report card to Superintendent Craig Fiegel, here speaking to the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club.

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Local Folks watch the filming of 'Scream 4.' Note the name change on The Gathering.

'SCREAM'

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Philips, both of Plymouth, weren't bored, however; they had visited the area of the Northville location last week, and were in downtown Plymouth Monday and Tuesday.

"We have not seen any of them (*Scream* movies)," Stephanie Philips said. "We're going to, though."

They had spotted Panettiere on Monday during a scene shot at the Kellogg Park fountain. "We didn't recognize anybody else" in the scene, Stephanie Philips said.

They also saw Alison Brie, whom they enjoy watching in the television sitcom *Community*.

"It's just neat having it close to home," said Stephanie Burley of Plymouth Township, who was watching with her son Brody, 3. "They give a lot of people jobs."

Burley said she's seen all three of the previous *Scream* films. "The first one was the best," she said.

Filming in the late morning and early afternoon Tuesday was done on Ann Arbor Trail, across from the park, in front

of the police station facade built for the production. *Scream 4* is set in the fictional town of Woodsboro, Calif., and the Woodsboro police station facade was built next to the Box Bar.

Extras and crew members used the vacant building on Main and Penniman — the former Plymouth Play Cafe — as a hangout while awaiting their turns on the set.

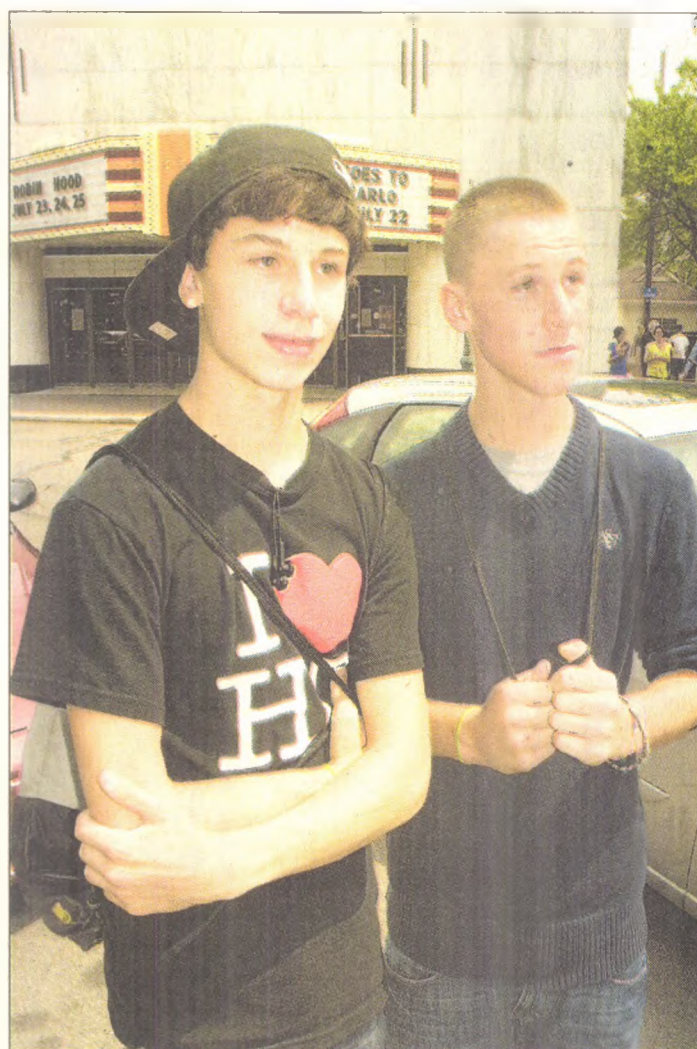
The production brought more customers to downtown businesses. Craven was reportedly spotted at Starbucks on Tuesday morning.

"I had crew members in here," on Monday, said Krista Diamond, a manager at Kilwin's Plymouth, an ice cream and sweet shop. "It was like a steady stream of them for a while."

Kilwin's had a bit part in another major production that visited Plymouth recently — the family drama *Trust*, directed by David Schwimmer, who also starred in *Friends*. A scene of about two minutes was shot inside the shop last fall, Diamond said.

"They kept on coming back here 'cause they really loved our food," she said.

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Francis Kruse and Marty Peck, both of Canton, are big fans of the 'Scream' films.



Emma Roberts, the niece of actress Julia Roberts, between takes in downtown Plymouth.

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Jeremy Kittel is a 24-year-old fiddler-violinist-composer who has earned an impressive list of accolades including multiple U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championships, Alternative Styles Awards from the American String Teacher's Association, and 6 Detroit Music Awards for Outstanding Folk Artist, Jazz Recording, and Jazz Composer. Jeremy graduated at 20 from the University of Michigan School of Music and was awarded the Stanley Medal, their highest musical honor. He was the first recipient of the Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin, and he recorded as a soloist on the multiple Grammy Award-winning CD "Songs of Innocence and Experience" by William Bolcom. At 23 he earned a masters degree in Jazz Violin from the prestigious Manhattan School of Music.

Kittel has performed at over 1,000 concerts and festivals including the Kennedy Center, "A Prairie Home Companion," the Ryder Cup Opening Ceremony, and Carnegie Hall. He has been guest artist with the Vancouver Symphony, Detroit Symphony, and Rochester Philharmonic Orchestras. Jeremy has taught at many camps and schools including the International Music Academy in the Czech Republic, Swannanoa Gathering and Mark O'Connor Fiddle Camps. He also works with school orchestras nationwide in workshops and performances.

Jeremy's first CD, "Celtic Fiddle," was named "one of the top 20 Celtic albums of 2000" by the radio show Celtic Connection. His second, "Roaming," took second place for Best Celtic Instrumental Album in an international competition. His most recent recording, "Jazz Violin," won the 2006 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Jazz Recording.



Friday, July 23 in Kellogg Park... Gia Warner (pop/rock/R&B)

Gia Warner...FRIDAY, JULY 23, 7 P.M., KELLOGG PARK.

The daughter of musician Bobby Lewis of Motown Records, Gia Warner has been performing since she was 6. She performs Friday, July 23, in the Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air concert series in Kellogg Park.

Warner, who plays acoustic guitar and sings, produced the CD "Gia" in 2007. Her latest CD is "Gia Live: Gia Warner in Concert at Music in the Air Festival." She was nominated Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist at the 2008 Detroit Music Awards. At the 2009 event, she was nominated for Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist, Outstanding Live Performance, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter and Outstanding Rock/Pop Song.

Warner has done television work for the nationally syndicated series "Xena, Warrior Princess," "Hercules," and Disney's "Legend of the Seeker," as well as national advertisements for NBC, For Motor Company, Chiquita and General Motors Corporation.

Those who have influenced her range from Heart and Joni Mitchell to Aretha Franklin, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and Bonnie Raitt. For more about her and her schedule, go to www.giawarner.com.



Save the Date For These Future Friday Performances of Plymouth Music in the Air:

July 30	Trilogy (variety)
Aug. 6	Shawn Riley Band (Irish/Celtic)
Aug. 13	Randy Brock (Classic Rock/R&B)
Aug. 20	Bluescasters (blues)
Aug. 27	Mass Transit Band (country)
Sept. 3	Lady Sunshine & the X Band (R&B)

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Second man charged in Plymouth carjacking

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second suspect faces a preliminary hearing Friday in a May 17 carjacking in Plymouth Township.

Detroit Shon Gordon, 19, is charged with carjacking, armed robbery and using a gun during a felony. He was arraigned June 18 in 35th District Court by Judge Michael Gerou, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. Gordon was arrested June 17

in Detroit.

He and Jamar McHenry, 18, also of Detroit, are each being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$1 million cash bond. McHenry, arrested shortly after the carjacking and a police chase, faces the same charges.

The 60-year-old victim reported being approached by two men late on the night of May 17 after he pulled into the driveway of a house on Lilley. One of the men threatened him with a pistol, he said, and the pair took his Chrysler 300.

The victim was not hurt.

Livonia police spotted the stolen car on eastbound I-96 a short time later, which led to a chase that ended when the Chrysler crashed along Schoolcraft Road in Detroit. McHenry was arrested after a brief foot chase; a second man escaped.

Gordon is scheduled to appear before Judge James Plakas for a preliminary hearing in district court on Friday. McHenry is scheduled for a Friday, Aug. 20 hearing in Wayne County Circuit Court.

AUDIT

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undertaken over the past nearly two years.

Tax collections dropped by \$60,000 from 2008 to 2009, their charts showed (that drop is expected to be much larger for the current year) and state shared revenue fell by another \$285,000.

Heffernan said tax collections will continue to fall for the next two years because of the continuing decline in property values and the lag between property assessments and when taxes are levied.

They made several other points about township finances, including:

- Water department spend-

ing in 2009 (\$12.7 million) outpaced revenue (nearly \$10 million), cutting into the department's fund balance. "You may be near the point where you need to be possibly considering a rate increase," Shea said.

- Of about \$1.7 million in revenue sharing in 2009, state budget-cutting meant only \$44,000 was given to the township by statute. The rest was guaranteed by the state constitution — though that amount is dependent on state sales tax collections, which fell by more than 5 percent.
- Heffernan saw a silver lining in the revenue-sharing cuts: "They've taken just about everything they can," he said.
- The township maintained a fund balance — the cash on hand at a given time — of about 20 percent, just over

\$2.3 million, in 2009. That is expected to fall to 16 percent, or under \$1.9 million, for the current year.

- Public safety spending in 2009, about \$8.4 million, was above the revenue dedicated to it, which was under \$8 million. The main sources of that revenue are the police and fire department millages and the city of Plymouth's contribution, about \$1 million a year, toward the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which serves both communities.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township's entire 2009 financial report would soon be available on the township's website, which is www.plymouthtp.org.

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FIEGEL

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evaluation, good or bad, you try to learn from it."

Board Vice President Barry Simescu, who chairs the evaluation committee, said the scores were arrived at by consensus of board members.

How it went:

- Curriculum and instruction (3.49): Board members acknowledged the district is "doing quite well" with excellent progress on ACT and MEAP scores; Literacy Early Achievement Program continues to be an "effective" program; "efforts in inclusion" seem to be making strides; work in the area of diversity "seems to be catching on with the staff" though, according to the review, "hiring practices have not met expectations."
- Master plan (2.51): Board members, while expressing excitement for the "dynamic program," are concerned about a slow start in the process and expressed "disappointment we do not have a plan."
- "We're looking for an overall plan for the direction of the district in the next five years," board President Steven Sneiderman said. "I do think some examples (Fiegel) has shown us will give us new, out-of-the-box thinking."
- Administrative services (3.57): The board lauded the administration for its execution of the expansion at Salem High School and its bus replacement plan, along with efforts in contract negotiations and employee relations.

- Business services (3.41): While commending the administration on the participatory budget program — "Helped create an awareness of the budget situation with the community," the report read — and its budget transparency, board members also said the budget process "needs improvement."
- Community relations (4.26): The board applauded the community relations department for "great press this year" and improvements made to the district's website. Members also called it "an excellent year for legislative and gubernatorial contacts," citing a visit to the district by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.
- District development (2.50): This area wasn't included in last year's review. Goals included initiating and reporting on the progress of establishing an Administrative Development Committee and deliver a progress report by the end of the year. The administration's Fund Development Group began meeting in September and was "close to making a recommendation," but board members felt "progress hasn't been reported ... difficult to evaluate."
- Leadership (2.47): Board members said Fiegel had "positive leadership examples" in the participatory budget process, the balanced budget and the High School Leadership model, and did a "good job with innovative new ideas" but were concerned he "did not display enough leadership on long-range planning" and said he "needs to increase collabora-

tion with Board and staff."

Sneiderman wouldn't be more specific about the complaints in this area, saying because the review is "the board's communication with the public, it's not appropriate for me to comment personally on it."

"We'll work with him to give him a better understanding of what we're looking for," said Sneiderman.

Gayle Carpenter of Canton, who sat through the two-hour meeting to hear the evaluation, said it was "harsh." She also listened as Sneiderman followed Fiegel's evaluation with a review of the board's own goals for the year and was struck by the fact board members seemed to think the majority of its goals were met.

"I thought they beat (Fiegel) up," Carpenter said. "It was ironic they beat him up on his objectives but thought they'd done such a good job themselves. They work together so much it's hard to say one is achieving everything and the other isn't."

"I hope they keep (Fiegel)," Carpenter added, pointing out Fiegel is the sixth superintendent the district has had since 1994. "I don't want to see our district get a reputation for chewing them up and spitting them out."

Fiegel knows he has no control over that decision, other than to continue doing the job he was brought here to do.

"I continue to want to do the job I was hired to do here," Fiegel said. "I've got a contract until the end of the next school year. I want to help put the district in a position where they move ahead with a lot of success."

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Sidewalk sales

The Downtown Plymouth Sidewalk Sales place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 23, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

Downtown Plymouth features a wide variety of unique shops and galleries that will be offering special discounts and bargains during the annual Sidewalk Sales. Participating shops include Basket Kreations; Bella Mia; Brass & Iron Bed Shop; Candy Trail; Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Frameworks; GiGi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Haven; Home Sweet Home; Jill Andra Young Photography; Kemnitz Fine Candies; Maggie & Me; Magnolia-A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Penniman Gallery; R.S.V.P.; sideways; Sun & Snow; Sweets 21; TranquiliTea and Wilcox Consignment.

In addition to the Sidewalk Sales, Plymouth's Farmer's Market will take place on Saturday, July 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in The Gathering, on the north side of Kellogg Park.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Matinee series

Community Financial Credit Union, Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library sponsor the Summer Cinema Matinee Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth throughout the summer.

The schedule of movies includes "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo," July 22; "Back to the Future," July 29; "The Wizard of Oz," Aug. 5; "American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West," Aug. 12; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26.

Shows are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens a half-hour before each showing. All seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

Jazz at the Elks

Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 presents "Jazz @ The Elks" with the Sven Anderson Trio on Tuesday, July 27, from 7-10:30 p.m.

Sven Anderson will be on piano



Teen time

A few programs for Plymouth teens are coming up at the Plymouth District Library. Chesstastic takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, when senior master Fred Lindsay provides instruction and tournament play at the final chess program for the summer. Water movie surprise takes place 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, and Guys Read at 3 p.m. Monday, July 26. This new monthly book club will continue beyond the summer months. Monday the discussion will center around "Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life." Register by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

and John Barron on bass with other musicians joining in. Don't miss an evening of great jazz from Cole Porter to Salsa in a beautiful club setting.

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Old Village crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 11th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540.

This year's crawl features six

restaurants: Amici Italian Bistro, Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Last year's event was sold out, so chamber officials are encouraging people to buy their tickets early.

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

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth July 27.

This event is for parents with children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30.

The event is free, but space is limit-

ed. Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

Golf outing

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding a golf outing Aug. 12 at the Inn at St. John's, and golfers are needed.

The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome. It is a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start and all the proceeds go to recreation programs, supplies, equipment, and facility improvements.

For more information or to sign up go to ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?nid=1111, or call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Class reunions

The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939.

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rosemoving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Lotus exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery announced the opening of a new exhibition, Paint it Bold, which will be on display at the gallery through Friday, Aug. 13.

The Paint it Bold exhibit is a small group show featuring the work of artists Peggy Kerwan (mixed media), David Austin (acrylic/canvas), Diane Whitehead (acrylic & graphite/wood, watercolor & graphite/paper), Jeri Fellwock (acrylic/canvas or paper, mixed media) and Jeanne Poulet (acrylic/canvas).

Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. There is no fee.

For more information, contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10-foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net.

Art, theater camps

Summer Art Camps are in full swing at the Plymouth Community Arts Council! Half-day camps for ages 5-12 are offered in a wide variety of themes, ranging from the traditional favorites; Drawing, Painting, Pottery and Performing Arts to some new camps, including Diva Art, Camp Earth, Construction-Destruction Art and Musical Theater. Also new this year are the Littlest Artist Studio and the Celebration Art Camp, intended for the 4 1/2 - 6 year old first time camper.

Camps are offered either in morning or afternoon sessions. For families looking for an all day camp, lunch care is available between the two sessions. Prices vary for PCAC members and non-members. For specific dates, times and prices of the camps, or to register for any of the camps, please visit the Plymouth Community Arts website: www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Good Grief golf

The 12th annual "Good Grief" golf outing to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support is presented by this year's Green Jacket Sponsor, Wynwood of Northville, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. 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.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elle and Charles Dale's Genuine Toy Company is on the ballot in WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest in the Best Toy Store category.

Business News

• Downtown retailers will be hitting the sidewalks on July 23-24 for the annual Sidewalk Sale. Look for great bargains inside and outside the shops. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

• WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest is going on through Labor Day. Many Plymouth businesses have been nominated including Genuine Toy Company- Best Toy Store; Dairy King- Best Ice Cream; Plymouth Historical Museum-Best Museum; Plymouth Yoga Room- Best Yoga Studio; Art in the Park- Best Festival; Plymouth Coffee Bean- Best Coffee Shop; TranquilTea- Best Tea House; Penn Theatre- Best Theater; Magnolias- Best Flowers; Fiamma Grill- Best Brunch; Spa Julianna- Best Day Spa; Sideways- Best Gift Shop; and many more. Go to WDIV's website - clickondetroit.com - and search "Plymouth" to find out all the local entries and vote for your favorites.

'Green' street lights

Hella, a major automotive lighting and electronics supplier, is introducing a new line of energy-efficient LED street and area-lighting products designed to replace conventional lighting on streets, parking lots and commercial property throughout North America.

Based on more than 20 years of LED development and manufacturing experience, Hella has developed a unique "retrofit" module to replace conventional lamps on existing installations, as well as high-power LED modules for new installations.

The company's new Eco StreetLine lamps offer significant energy and maintenance savings compared to conventional street lights, according to Steve Liettaert, industrial product group director at Hella Electronics in Plymouth.

Liettaert said the company is launching its new LED product line this month with an installation program in Flora, Illinois.

Green jobs

Eighty Detroit public high school students are par-

ticipating in the Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC) - a summer jobs program promoting environmental stewardship and leadership skills development while working in the local parks. Created and sponsored by Johnson Controls, the Student Conservation Association and The Greening of Detroit, the program is in its third year here.

The Detroit CLC program kicked off with the students gaining hands-on experience in environmental conservation. Over the course of the six-week program, the students will participate in a variety of projects, including native planting, new trail development and maintenance, outdoor classroom and native timber bench construction, removing invasive species and garden installation. Rouge Park, Belle Isle, Chalfonte Farmway and W.E.B. Dubois High School are among the locations throughout the city where the student crews will work. The students will also receive job readiness skills instruction, including help with resume writing, interview skills and personal finance management.

Corps members were selected from hundreds of candidates based on their application and ability to successfully complete a three-step, month-long tryout process. Student candidates were evaluated based on work ethic, leadership ability, civic engagement and commitment to the environment.

New this year, the students will be participating in a professional development day, hosted by Johnson Controls' automotive interiors business in Plymouth. Johnson Controls employee volunteers will provide CLC students with a professional development learning experience, which includes career-focused information from each of the company's core businesses - Automotive Experience, Building Efficiency and Power Solutions. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable resources in the fields of automotive interior design and engineering, building efficiency and hybrid battery technology.

New shop adds flavor to downtown Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shasta Fase and Cory DeLong heard from plenty of skeptics when they opened their olive oil and balsamic vinegar specialty shop in western Michigan last fall.

The husband-and-wife team knew they faced long odds.

"It's a niche product in a down economy, and a lot of people aren't really familiar with the difference in quality," said Fase on Thursday. But Fase and DeLong, both avid cooks, believed in their products and what they say are the culinary and health benefits that accompany them.

Eight months later, Fase and DeLong have branched into Plymouth, opening their second Old World Olive Press store last week. The shop, where browsers can sample the oils and vinegars, and have their own bottle poured in front of them if they choose to buy, is on Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing.

They've even won over doubters - inviting customers at their original store in Rockford, Mich., to taste-test Old World's wares against their own favorites.

"The last lady dumped (another brand) right in the trash before she left," Fase said. The woman, who had arrived on a bicycle, bought more Old World products than she could fit in the bike's basket, Fase added.

Old World carries around 50 varieties of olive oils and balsamic vinegars, all available for sampling.

The oils - from estates in Tunisia, Italy, Greece, Spain, Australia, the U.S. and many other countries - are all first-press, meaning the olives are pressed only once, Fase said. That, and a cold-press technique, mean the oils contain the maximum amount of nutrients and antioxidants, she said.

Old World also follows a "one variety, one estate" rule, meaning the Tunisian Harissa oil currently in stock is all from the same estate. The oils come in a variety of flavors and aromas, and many are "fused" with other flavors (lemons, limes, mushrooms) or "infused" with spice oils (cumin, basil).

The balsamic vinegars, which come from Trebbiano grapes, are all barrel-aged for 12 to 18 years, Fase said, and some are also flavored. While they can be used with olive oil to make dressings and marinades, some can be used by themselves on salads and even ice cream, she said.

Old World Olive Press is more than a gourmet boutique. Fase and DeLong will host tasting parties and visiting chefs, co-sponsor events in which local restaurants use their products, and even provide cooking advice and



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Shasta Fase and Cory DeLong opened Old World Olive Press in downtown Plymouth.

recipes. In Rockford, a visit by a nutritionist is planned.

"We really try to tailor it to the customer," Fase said.

Old World also carries some spices, plus truffle, grapeseed, walnut and sesame oils.

Oil and vinegar shops "are everywhere in Europe," Fase said, and can also be found in major U.S. cities like New York and Chicago.

But Fase sees Old World as a good fit for downtown Plymouth. "This type of concept fit perfectly," she said.

The couple, always intending to open a second location, researched communities in the Detroit area and fell in love with Plymouth, Fase said.

"The people are so friendly," she said. "They're very welcoming."



Old World Olive Press, located on Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, offers fine oils and vinegars.

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OUR VIEWS

Our picks Re-elect Cox to commission

If you want a say in who will represent you on the Wayne County Commission, you'll need to vote Aug. 3.

Three Republicans are running — incumbent **Laura Cox**, 45, of Livonia and challengers George J. Hartman, 52, of Northville and Timothy John Olszewski, 42, of Livonia. No Democrats filed so the race will be decided in the primary election.

We support Cox because of her experience and track record. The other two are political newcomers.

Hartman shares Cox's concerns about the county's large budget deficit, but Cox has tried to do something about it while on the commission the past 5½ years. She's demonstrated she is a competent commissioner working to cut spending and balance the budget. That's what Wayne County needs.

The lone Republican on the commission, Cox is chair of the Ways and Means Committee where she helped reappropriate \$10.8 million for important core services such as the prosecutor's office and children's family services.

Cox wants to look in areas for duplication of services in the Wayne County Circuit court and at administrative costs in the juvenile justice system. She's not afraid to look at privatization, either. With that large of a deficit, the county needs to look at all options.

Cox's husband, Mike, is running for governor. If he and she both win, Laura Cox said the family will continue living in Livonia.

The 10th District includes most of Livonia, except for south of I-96; the city of Northville south of Eight Mile; Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

We think Cox deserves to be re-elected, based on her track record of working in the best interest of taxpayers.



Cox

Township, police should repair relationship

The Plymouth Township police officers have a new contract, approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday after being ratified by the officers' union last week.

Nobody seems all that happy about it, though.

Township officials wanted more concessions, and threatened the loss of a third of the police force if they didn't get them. They tried to get more back in June, and officers voted the offer down.

The threat continued and last week the officers agreed to a variety of concessions that included a 5-percent pay cut, more out-of-pocket payments for medical care and a 1-percent contribution toward health insurance premiums. They gave up time-and-a-half for working holidays (they'll be paid their flat hourly wage plus holiday pay instead).

The township and the officers union had been negotiating for months as township officials sought concessions to offset falling property tax revenue and cuts in state aid. Other employee unions — clerical workers, public safety dispatchers and public works employees — have made similar concessions.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume estimated the new contract will save the township between \$140,000 and \$150,000 a year.

"We wanted more, but this is a very difficult group and they come with a lot of public support," Reaume said. "Nobody wants to have less officers. We didn't want to have less officers."

No one is entirely sure the union believes that. Officer Bill Fetner, vice president of the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association, wouldn't say what the vote was — "We took the concessions to save seven jobs ... There's not much more you can say," he said — which tells you it likely wasn't unanimous.

The union did win a couple of bonuses — the ability of those who retire to add children to their health-care plan (only the retiree and his or her spouse were covered previously) for a flat \$100 a month and an incentive to earn an extra paid day off by using less sick time.

But those bonuses likely didn't soothe the hard feelings some say are developing within the department. Whether they can be soothed at all is a matter for debate, but officials on both sides should make the effort. This isn't going to be the last time they have to do this — the new contract is only good through the end of next year — and no one is better served by a fractious relationship. It isn't helped at all by Township Supervisor Richard Reaume telling the department's sergeants "we would have to demote a sergeant or two" to get savings in negotiations with the township's Command Officers Association, which represents the department's six sergeants.

Seven jobs have been saved — for now — which hopefully can bring a little labor peace to a department that could use it. As future negotiations come up, here's to hoping an atmosphere of threats and pressure can be replaced with one of cooperation and good will.

Pollyanna thinking? Maybe. But giving it a shot could go a long way toward mending any tears in the relationship.

COMMUNITY VOICE

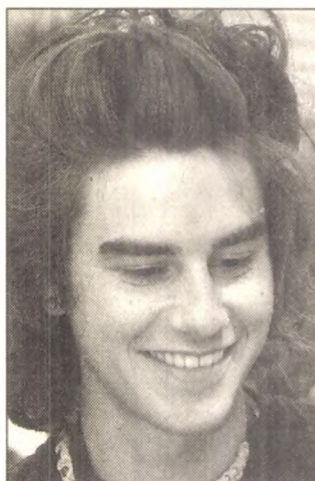
What haven't you done yet this summer that you'd still like to do?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"I want to go to one of the lakes around Michigan. I haven't done that this summer. And I want to go to Cedar Point."

Emily McHenry
Plymouth



"I want to go to Yosemite. I plan on it."

Ted Hatfield
Livonia



"I'd like to visit family in Arizona and hike Havasu Falls."

Kelli Hatfield
Livonia



"Stay home and let my kids get bored."

Cindy Joss
Plymouth

LETTERS

Freedom of speech

In response to Rachel Melville's well-thought-out and intelligently written letter regarding the sign in a downtown business window concerning BP — as a teacher you may also want to teach your daughter about the freedom of speech we hold so dear in this country.

Whenever I questioned or complained about someone's views, my Dad would tell me he fought on the shores of Normandy on D-Day for their right to express their opinions, no matter how we disagreed with them.

Sandra Suarez
Plymouth

Supporting Price

With our state facing its ongoing financial crisis, we must send representatives to Lansing that understand the need to focus our education dollars on our kids, their teachers and their classrooms. Shannon Price is the candidate for the 21st House seat who is best equipped to maximize the dollars being spent directly on our children and minimize the amount of your money being collected for education but spent outside of the classroom.

With a personal family knowledge of the difficulties being faced by classroom teachers, I believe that Shannon will ensure our educational dollars are spent on education and not wasted on bureaucracy. This will allow our schools to attract the best educators without wasting tax dollars. Sending Shannon Price to Lansing will allow him to improve the efficiency of our public school systems and eliminate the waste associated with over 500 separate school districts in our state, all of whom have to spend our educational dollars on over 500 sets of duplicated administrative departments.

We all want and need our children to be successful in their education. To accomplish this, we need to make sure our money is spent in the classroom and not on bureaucracy. We need Shannon Price in Lansing to make sure the money we set aside for our children's education gets spent on them and not on an over bloated educational system that serves bureaucrats and fails our kids.

Please join me in voting for Shannon Price on Aug. 3.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Price is right

We are supporting Shannon Price, who has the education and a strong business and community service background.

It is rare to find someone who can claim success in working within the quagmire that is Lansing today. Shannon Price has worked hard for and with local community leaders and our residents and understands what it takes to make Michigan work for us. Price has the real experience to have an immediate impact to push for common-sense legislation.

As a state representative there will not be a year-long learning curve on how to navigate around Lansing to work with other legislators to get things done. Please vote for Shannon Price.

Pat and Nancy Williams
Canton Township

Stop the calls

An open letter to Senate District 7 candidates:

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I am a stay-at-home mom with many children and many responsibilities as I endeavor to raise the next generation of citizens of the great United States.

Please, I sincerely plead with all candidates running in the Senate 7th District race to stop calling me with robo-calls slandering Colbeck, Whyman, and Osterman.

If you feel you must place robo-calls, please have accurate information for voters.

Thank you.

Deborah Crocker
Canton

Backing Colbeck

Letter writer Jeff Thomas opines in the July 15 edition that state senate candidate Pat Colbeck is unfit to be elected because he allegedly did not vote in 12 of the last 21 elections.

While I have no proof to confirm or deny this assertion, I do know this: Many of the elections over the past five years were school board elections where candidates had no opposition. In these elections, very few people voted.

I have known Pat Colbeck for a dozen years, and formerly worked side-by-side with him. I have known him to be hard-working, honest and candid in all he did.

I believe he would serve the 7th District proud if he were to be elected, and I highly recommend him.

Rick Engelland
Northville

Colbeck good choice

I wanted to introduce to you a friend of mine, Patrick Colbeck. He is running for Michigan state Senate in the 7th District. I have had the pleasure to get to know Patrick this past year while he served on my children's school board. We tackled some important issues and I was so grateful to Patrick Colbeck for his dedication and persistence to representing the families and their concerns.

At times this was not easy, but it was evident that easy was not an influencing factor doing the right thing is. When I learned that Patrick Colbeck was going to take this dedication on the road to help FIX MICHIGAN I was delighted.

Patrick is a small businessman who understands the negative effects a heavy-handed government has on our state. Because he loves our state as

I do, he and his wife, Angie, have bravely entered the world of politics to do what they know is the right thing, get government out of the way of our business community and participate in the restructuring of our complicated list of tax codes that strangles our capitalistic success.

Paula Ford
Plymouth

Snyder the man

With a besieged economy, diminishing wildlife, and political corruption at many levels, Michigan demands an intelligent leader to direct our state. Rick Snyder is that man.

Focused not merely on fixing, but reinventing, our political and economical systems, I firmly believe Mr. Snyder is the preeminent candidate to be Michigan's governor. Though Michigan has encountered mostly empty promises from its political leaders, Mr. Snyder's "Michigan 3.0" is a reachable vision and necessary for the success of our state's economy.

It is intended to create entrepreneurs and innovators, allowing Michigan to compete with our domestic counterparts. I think that this ambition will lead Michigan back to its full economic potential.

An imperative focus discussed in Mr. Snyder's 10-point plan, a list of his top 10 priorities concentrates on the change in attitude vital for success. Michiganders must be proud of their state and representatives, despite the recent economic troubles. This upraise in outlook will reinspire the citizens of our state to achieve success.

Too few Michiganders have hope for a better economy nowadays. Mr. Snyder is the only candidate capable of guiding Michigan out of these rough times and into a prosperous and reinvented society.

Alec Khouri
Plymouth

Vote for Mosher

As someone who frequently uses Canton Center Road near the library and the Summit, I am very much looking forward to the improvements. The Observer reported that this \$4.3 million project is being funded by the federal stimulus program. These improvement projects throughout the state and the many jobs they create are the result of President Obama's and the Democrats' efforts to reignite the economy.

Sadly, if it were left to our Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Canton Center Road would remain in a degraded state and many workers would not have jobs. He claims on his website that he wants to get Michigan back to work but voted against the stimulus bill which is doing just that. He even opposed the billions of dollars in tax cuts which the president provided to the American people.

It's time to elect a Congressman who deeply cares about the lives of his constituents, it's time to remove Thaddeus McCotter from office and replace him with someone who will get Michigan back to work. For me that person is Natalie Mosher. She is not a career politician like McCotter who has spent too much time in Washington defending the status quo and ignoring the struggling workers.

A vote for Mosher is a vote for the little guy.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

MILITARY NEWS

Combat training grads

• Army Pvt. John D. Griffin has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Griffin, a 2006 graduate of Salem High School, is the son of Peter and Sharon Griffin of Plymouth.

• Army Pfc. Joseph M. Henry has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship qualification, bayonet combat, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, marches, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Henry, a 2003 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Josephine Batway of Canton.

Factor in costs so home doesn't own you

I was approached recently by a couple who asked about purchasing a home. They wanted to know how much they could afford, what down payment is required and the best type of mortgage for them.

After answering their questions, they were surprised when I told them that in their situation, I probably would recommend renting rather than purchasing a home.

They were surprised because of the dramatic drop in property values over the last few years and the fact mortgage rates are at near-record lows, it would be a slam dunk for them to buy. A home, however, is not necessarily a great investment. I have said that for years and, in fact, many people have criticized me for that statement.

Even when real estate prices were rising I still believed

that homes were not great investments. That doesn't mean that I didn't encourage people to buy homes. I stressed quality of life rather than the investment potential.

I have always believed that the main benefit in owning a home is not the tax breaks nor the potential to make money upon the sale. It is the quality of home ownership vs. renting. However, that being said, I did recommend to this couple that they consider renting. They are a relatively young couple and have not decided whether they are going to reside in Michigan or move out of state.

I recommended that, until they made that decision, they should not buy. They thought if they decided to move in a couple of years, they would be able to sell the home without taking a loss. I question that assumption.

There is no doubt real estate prices have fallen dramatically over the last few years. According to studies, home prices in Michigan are

now below what they were in 2000. However, the fact home prices have fallen does not mean that they will rise any time soon.

Michigan continues to experience record high foreclosures, and home prices are still declining.

Because this couple's time horizon was only a couple of years, from a financial standpoint it doesn't make sense to purchase a home.

The cost of home ownership is more than making the payments to the mortgage company. There is no home in America that is not a money pit. Homes require constant maintenance that is not required when you rent. In addition, when you own a home you also have to factor in the lost-opportunity cost — money you could have earned on the down payment on your home. Even if that money was put into a CD it would earn some money, and that is a lost-opportunity cost.

Another factor of buying vs. renting is the cost when

the home is eventually sold. The cost of doing necessary repairs and putting a home in sellable condition, the cost of closing (title work, legal fees), along with commissions paid are all part of the equation.

In addition, don't forget the risk of not being able to sell your home or having to sell it at a loss.

The cost of renting is easy to determine and easy to understand. The annual cost of renting is merely the monthly rental fee. There is some lost-opportunity cost — a security deposit which is money that could have earned interest. However, a security deposit is substantially lower than a down payment.

Let me be clear: I am not discouraging people from purchasing homes. However, I want people to purchase a home with their eyes wide open.

A key question is how long you plan to be in your home. If it's just a few years, it doesn't make sense to buy. If it is an extended length of

time, there are some great opportunities available to buyers. Not only are homes more affordable than they were a few years ago, but there are also tremendous deals on mortgages — a 30-year, fixed-rate below 5 percent.

I've always believed in homeownership. However, over the last few years we have seen the consequences of people purchasing homes that they could not afford. Therefore, before you decide to buy a home make sure to calculate the cost of homeownership.

Home ownership can provide a great quality of life; however, it is not so great if instead of you owning your home your home owns you. Good luck!

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



Money Matters

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The second annual "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" vintage base ball game will be played on Thursday, July 29, using rules and customs of the 19th Century.

Vintage game to benefit ALS research

Area residents are encouraged to bring their families, friends and neighbors out for the second annual "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" vintage base ball game on Thursday, July 29 to raise awareness and support for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) research. The game will be played using rules and customs of the 19th Century. The players, also know as "ballists," will wear period reproduction uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1862. All donations from "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" will benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute, the world's largest non-profit research Institute focused on finding a treatment for people living with Lou Gehrig's disease. Over 30 researchers are working daily to put an end to ALS in the Cambridge, Mass., lab. To learn more, visit stepupto-theplate4als.alscommunity.org, where donations are also accepted, or www.als.net. The vintage base ball game between the "Early Riser Base Ball Club of Detroit" and the "Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club" will be held at Heritage Park on Soccer Field #1 on Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Seating is limited, so bring a blanket or lawn chair. A rain date has been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010. Donations to support ALS TDI will be greatly appreciated. To learn more or to inquire about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, contact event organizer Amy Whipple at (586) 254-1560 or e-mail her at awhipple@als.net. **Crafters wanted** The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 20. 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. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos as soon as possible. A limited number of openings are available. Jewelers need not apply; the maximum

number of jewelers permitted is set for the Holiday show. For more details, contact exhibitor coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714 or chairperson Lori Phillips at (734) 414-7654. Some 120+ exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 10,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles. "The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fund-raisers we host each year," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Last year's Holiday event had record-breaking attendance, so we know the community is accepting of our great events." Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 20. In addition to more than 120 exhibits, there will be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Police ready for National Night Out

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police and firefighters have long said they can better do their jobs when local residents keep a watchful eye on neighborhoods and quickly report any problems. One night a year, the Canton Public Safety Department tries to strengthen those ties during National Night Out, an event that celebrates crime-fighting efforts while encouraging residents to mingle informally with police officers and firefighters. This summer's National Night Out happens 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, in Heritage Park, behind public safety headquarters on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill. "It's an opportunity for people in our community to come together and show their support for each other and the Public Safety Department," police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Community Watch groups — and residents interested in learning about such programs — are particularly encouraged to attend National Night Out. Last year, more than 400 people did just that, getting an up-close look at police and fire vehicles, listening to a disc jockey spin tunes, watching children play in inflatable bouncers, taking pictures with McGruff the Crime Dog and scarfing down hot dogs. And, it's free. The event comes after a recently released survey, though informal and mailed to just 400 homes, showed that 98 percent of respondents feel safe in Canton — largely because they have confidence in township police officers and firefighters. Public safety officials say events such as National Night Out can help to strengthen ties among police officers, firefighters and residents. "We try to earn the public's

respect," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said, after the recent survey results were made public. Gajeski said more than 30 neighborhoods have become involved in Community Watch programs. He often sends out informational bulletins by e-mail to help keep residents aware of incidents happening in the community, whether it's a home invasion, a rash of vandalism or merely the theft of personal items from autos. Canton also has started a Nixle program — a method of passing along pertinent information by e-mail and text message. Residents who want more information on keeping their community safe are encouraged to attend National Night Out. More information about the Canton Public Safety Department also is available online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

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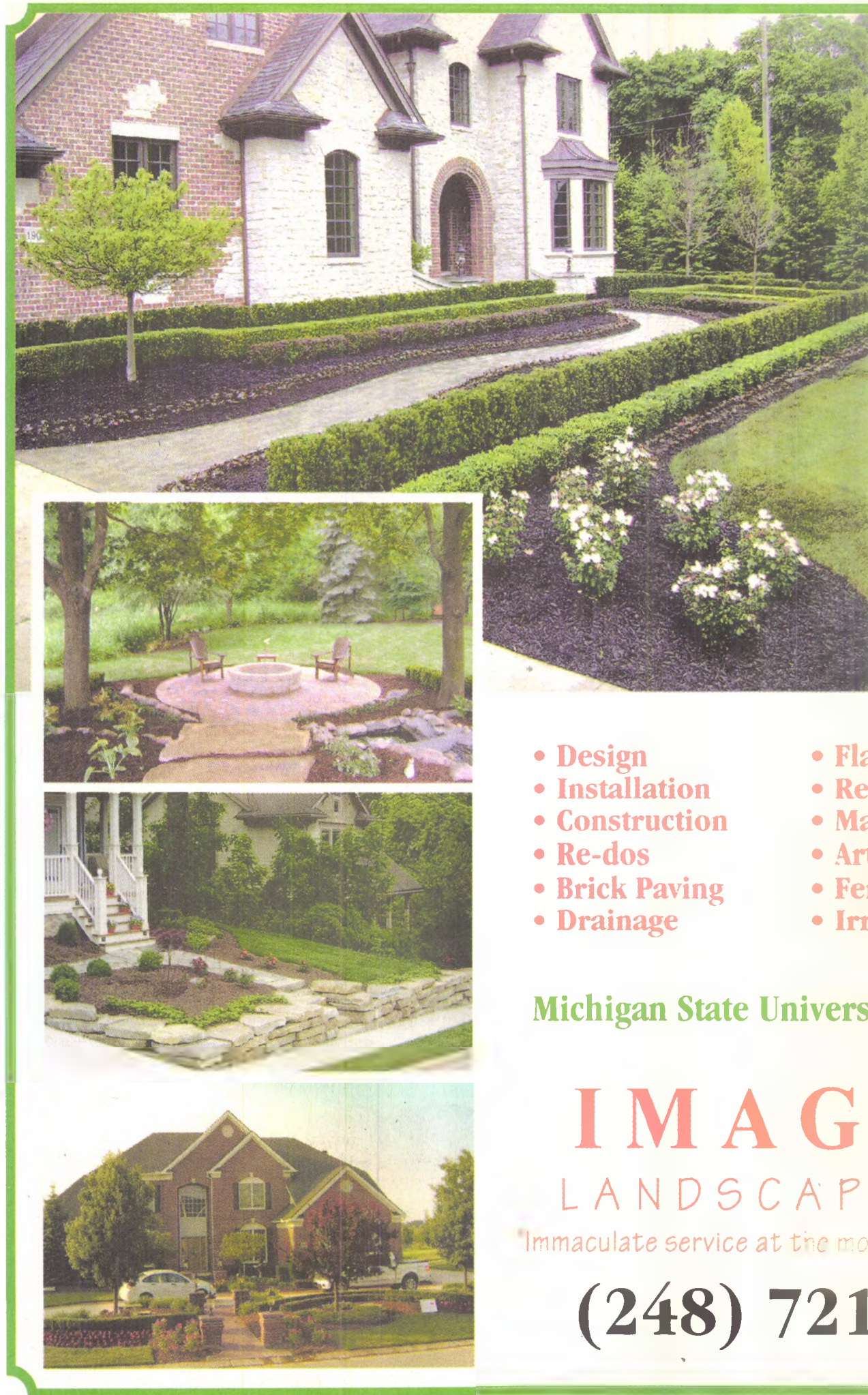
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'MIRACLE' MASHING

Derby gives players chance to swing for fences and field project

DERBY DOINGS

What: First annual PCEP Home Run Derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. Current and recent varsity players from Salem, Canton and Plymouth will compete.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Salem High School's varsity baseball field. The final round will begin around 2:30-3 p.m.

Field: Proceeds will help with the construction and maintenance of a rubberized baseball field for special needs children.

Misc: The event is free, with players from area little leagues invited to watch. There will be a silent auction.

Going to bat: Event co-chairpersons are Salem grad Chris Kordick, Salem senior Natalie Zazula, Ted and Tonya Barker of the Plymouth Rotary A.M.

Comment: Zazula said the derby "is giving me the opportunities to mix many facets of life that I care about: community service, helping special needs children and of course, baseball."

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Baseball players from "The Park" are taking a serious swing at community service — and baseballs — thanks to a unique fund-raising event Saturday at Salem's varsity field.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the first annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Home Run Derby will give current and recent varsity players from Salem, Canton and Plymouth the opportunity to mimic big-league power hitters while raising money for a worthy cause.

That would be the Miracle League of Plymouth's baseball field for special needs children, a \$1.1 million project that is slated to open in late April 2011 on Theodore Street between Main and Farmer streets. The land was donated by the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"When I first caught wind of it (the project), I was floored," said 2010 Salem graduate and event co-chair Chris Kordick, "because I didn't even think anything like this organization around the country was even available."

"The fact we can give kids who have disabilities — both physically and mentally — the ability to play baseball and that I'm going to have the ability to share my love of the game and my passion

Please see **MIRACLE, B2**



Taking a cut during a 2010 Salem varsity baseball game is Chris Kordick, who was instrumental in putting together Saturday's home run derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth.

SIDELINES

McIntosh shoots ace

Jennifer McIntosh of Westland shot a hole-in-one July 14 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. She used a pitching wedge to ace the 96-yard, fifth hole on the East Course.

McIntosh, who works for the city of Westland in the Department of Public Services, is a member of the Wednesday Chicks With Clubs League.

Her achievement was witnessed by fellow league golfers Patricia Cooney of Livonia and Carol Cooper of Westland.

It was the first hole-in-one for McIntosh in the 10 years she has been playing golf.

Volleyball all-stars

Six area volleyball players will participate in the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches

Association's annual all-star competition Friday, July 30, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The event will feature the top seniors in the state from the 2009 season. The players were selected from the ranks of those who were named to an all-state team by the MIVCA.

The Observer-area players are Jordan Kieley, Canton; Sarah Suppelsa and Cierra Yetts, Livonia Churchill; Claire Dezelski of Farmington Hills, Livonia Ladywood; and Emilie Freeman and Rachel Storck, Lutheran High Westland.

Two semifinal matches will be played at 5:30 p.m. Championship and consolation matches will follow at 7:30 p.m.

City Golf Challenge

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and Bill Hawley are announcing the City Golf Challenge in conjunction with the 51st annual City Golf Championships, all set for the weekend of July 31-Aug. 1 at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Tea times are 8 a.m. both Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1.

Each city must have at least five golfers to be entered into the contest. In 2009, Westland topped the field with a total of 376 strokes, followed by Canton (395) and Wayne (427).

The challenge is open to women and men of all ages, and all abilities. For more information, e-mail bhawk@wowway.com or swinkelman@ci.wayne.mi.us.

Golf entries due

Entries for the Motor City Junior Golf Championship are due by Friday, July 24, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The tournament, to be played Wednesday, July 29, is for golfers in the 12-17 age group. The entry fee is \$49, which includes lunch and a gift pack.

Download an entry form from www.golflivonia.com or call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

All in the family

Rick Wilson, former Salem golf coach and his son, Salem grad Adam Wilson, won the 72-hole West Shore Invitational in just their second year of competition.

The tournament took place July 8-11 at West Shore Golf and Country Club in Grosse Ile.

Rick recently retired from the Plymouth-Canton school district while Adam — an All-Observer golfer at Salem — lives in Toledo and works for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



Angela Matthews of Westland was the fourth overall finisher (22:30) at the Farmington Founders Festival road race.

Matthews wins Founders Fest race for second year in a row

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Angela Matthews showed she can run well in hot weather, too, when she repeated as the women's champion in the annual Farmington Founders Festival road race Saturday.

The 26-year-old Westland resident won the four-mile race for the second year in a row and was the fourth overall finisher with a time of 22:30.



Emery Pitcel

"I ran eight seconds faster than I did last year," Matthews said. "I feel my fitness level is better than eight seconds faster. I think I should have run faster."

"It was significantly warmer this year. Last year, the weather was real cool. In light of the heat and humidity, a win is a win. It's always exciting to come away with a win."

Matthews, who is now two-for-two in Founders Festival races, said there was no advantage for her in knowing the course as a second-time entrant.

"Not really, because I've run around that area so much," she said, adding she and others run through downtown Farmington regularly. "I'm very familiar with that area."

"It's nice to know the last mile is a downhill

to the finish (line on Grand River Avenue). It's pretty impossible to run slow in that last mile."

Matthews was nearly four minutes ahead of the next fastest female — former Livonia Stevenson runner Linda Montgomery, who won the women's 20-24 age group with a 26:18 time.

Matthews said she was focused on the men's race occurring in front of her and trying to close the gap between herself and the three male counterparts.

Emery Pitcel, 19, of Richmond won the men's race, overtaking Matthew Yacoub of Farmington Hills in the last mile.

Pitcel, who runs cross country and track at Grand Valley State University, finished in 21:25; Yacoub, who coaches both sports at Southfield Christian High School, had a 21:51 time.

"Mostly, I was watching the three guys in front of me, because I can see everything down Grand River," Matthews said. "My world at that time revolved around the three guys in front of me and trying to maintain contact as best I could with what was going on up there."

"I felt I had enough left at the end if somebody had come up on me. I would've had enough kick or energy left."

Matthews, who works as a technical writer and is a Yacoub's assistant coach, went out fast and ran with Yacoub early. If she had paced

Please see **FOUNDERS, B3**

Golfers: Put the O&E tourney on schedule

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're a competitive golfer, you might consider teeing it up in one of the upcoming *Observer & Eccentric* golf tournaments.

The women will play an 18-hole event Saturday, Aug. 7, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The men's tourney will be a two-day, 36-hole competition Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5-6. The first round will be played at Fox Creek Golf Course, the second at Whispering Willows on Labor Day.

Kirk Osler, 45, of Canton is the reigning men's champion. He shot a 151 total (74-77) in the championship flight and won by five strokes over Drew Mossioan of Livonia, a 2010 graduate of Stevenson High School and a member of the All-Observer team.

Leon Kashawlic, 32, of Livonia was the first flight winner. The former Churchill High School golfer won a playoff over Riley Butcher of Ontario after they had tied for first place at 167.

There will be championship and first flights again and possibly more, depending on the number of entries, according to Paul Worley, the golf professional at Whispering Willows.

The men's tournament will include a senior division for golfers age 50 and over. If there are enough entries, the senior event could have two flights, also.

A total of \$2,500 in prize money is guaranteed. Thirteen players in the championship flight won something last year due to ties and seven in the first flight.

The championship flight winner received a \$400 gift certificate to the Whispering Willows pro shop and a trophy. The prize for the first flight champion was a \$200 gift certificate and a trophy.

Worley anticipates there being more entries this year with the tournament being played on a holiday weekend. Fifty men

entered last year.

"We're hoping to pick up some publinx players, because they don't have anything going on that weekend," Worley said. "I think we'll have more than we had last year."

"We might pick up some college kids, too — kids from Madonna, Schoolcraft and OCC and others who are home for the weekend. We're looking to catch some of those guys, as well as the publinx players."

The men's entry fee is \$95, which doesn't include a cart. The deadline to enter is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28.

The tournament is open to the first 120 golfers. Players must have a U.S.G.A. index to participate. The maximum handicap is 20.

For the women's tournament, entries close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The fee is \$50 and does not include a cart. Women must also have a current U.S.G.A. index to enter.

The women's tournament had championship and first flights last year. There is no senior division for the women.

A total of \$350 in prize money is available. First place got a \$90 gift certificate and a trophy last year.

Darci Stocker of the Flint area, the golf coach at Davison High School, shot 74 and won by eight strokes over two-time past champion Susan Macinkowicz.

Whispering Willows also has a new clubhouse with a dining facility that can accommodate 98 people and a covered patio for another 45.

"The course is in real good shape," Worley said. "We're looking for some increased participation this year and a couple good tournaments."

For more information and to download an entry form, see the website at www.golflivonia.com and go to "leagues and outings" on the right side of the menu bar. The phone number to Whispering Willows is (248) 476-4493.

MIRACLE

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with those kids, it's amazing." It was Kordick who got in touch with the right people about doing a home run derby. He contacted Debra Madonna (Miracle League of Plymouth co-chair) and the project-backing Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. and the wheels were in motion.

"For me, I want to see as many people down there as possible just to watch and cheer on and make it so the kids can really benefit from this," Kordick said. "It's going to be a great day and a great event and we look forward to it for the years after, also."

Each hitter will pay \$25 to give it a go on Saturday, with spectators invited to watch for free.

All concessions proceeds are being donated by the Salem Dugout Club baseball boosters while a silent auction (including premium Detroit Tigers tickets) also is expected to help generate cash.

GREAT IDEA

Kordick, who will go to Benedictine University near Chicago, caught wind of the fledgling field project and caught the ear of Ted Barker — a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., event co-chair and construction manager for the local effort.

Salem alum Barker noted how Kordick, a pitcher and first baseman for the Rocks, put aside personal pursuits to approach the Rotary.

"Here's a kid in his senior year of high school looking to start college soon," Barker

'For me, I want to see as many people down there as possible just to watch and cheer on and make it so the kids can really benefit from this.'

CHRIS KORDICK, Salem grad, event co-chair

said. "It's a pretty selfish time in your life and a lot of fun, "(But) here he comes, approaching us in the late spring about wanting to do a home run derby to raise money. How can you argue with that?"

Kordick said he had discussed doing a home run derby with other PCEP players and subsequently received the green light to host one by Salem varsity coach Dale Rumberger.

Here it is a few months later. More than a dozen participants are lined up to swing for the fences, looking to slam as many balls over the fence as they can before recording 10 outs.

Other 2010 PCEP grads to compete include Canton's Joe Galanty and Cody Blakita, Salem's Ken Novak and Plymouth's Erik Lee.

Meanwhile, Kordick is hopeful that current college players from PCEP will be on hand, with Canton head varsity coach Mark Blomshield also expected to join in on the fun.

IN THE MONEY

Each participant will don prep colors and bring his own batting practice pitcher. A



NATIONAL MIRACLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

This is what the Miracle League of Plymouth field might look like. The rubberized ballpark for children with special needs is tentatively set to open in late April 2011.

"money ball" kicks in after each hitter's ninth out, with local donors lined up.

No matter how the derby turns out, Shaw Construction president Barker said it will succeed in helping a community tune in to the effort.

"This is our first year, so our expectations are modest," Barker stressed. "We'd love to raise money, but it's also (about raising) community awareness and this has been great."

The project itself will feature a rubberized playing surface with 50-foot baselines and a distance of 125 feet from home plate to the center-field fence.

What has Kordick most excited is knowing that young girls and boys with handicaps will get to live the Miracle League's motto: "Every Child Deserves A Chance to Play Baseball."

According to the 2000 U.S. census, there are about 5.2

million youngsters between ages 5-19 with disabilities.

"I take my ability to walk on the field for granted every day," Kordick said. "I can pick up my glove and my bat and go play, and I can go play four more years in college."

"But these kids didn't have it (a chance to play) before and now they do."

Barker, like millions of Americans, knows firsthand why the Miracle League is like a dream come true. He has a

3-year-old godson with Down syndrome.

"Mr. Barker said a while ago that he has a relative who has a son with a disability and he (the father) wondered about sports," Kordick said. "He just looked at (Barker) one day and said 'You know, I wonder if my son's ever going to play baseball.'"

"And now, he can. That's what inspired me the most."

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Co-ed champs

Livonia Clarenceville High alums, named Off Constantly, recently finished 9-1 to come away with 2010 Livonia YMCA Soccer League co-ed division title. Members of the team include: Chris King, Vaughn Walker, Adam King, Matt Garant, Ryan Glass, Amanda Moody, Joe Nelson, Trevor King (coach), Nicole Lewandowski, Gavin King, Brad Proziak, Garek Hintzman, Jill Brown, Phil Strachan, Matt Parent, Ardit Dushkaj and Paisley Mackie.



The Wright stuff

Erik Wright, a Canton High School alum who recently completed his redshirt freshman season at Saginaw Valley State University, pitched a no-hitter June 12, for Coach's Corner in the team's 6-0 victory over the defending Livonia Collegiate Baseball League champion Michigan Rams in a LCBL game. The 2007 First-Team All-Observer selection fanned 10 Rams and did not allow a runner past first base over the final six innings. Helping his cause was Plymouth alum Brad Lineberry, who hit a three-run homer.



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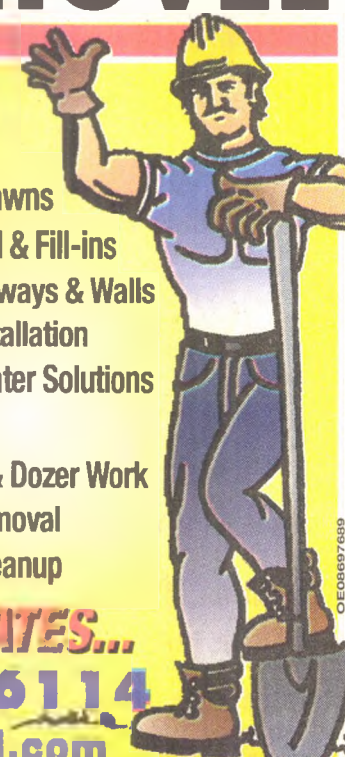


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outshot the Lynx 26-2 on the night. The win moved the Bucks (9-3-2, 29 points) into first place in the Great Lakes Division, with two games left to play.

St. Louis started the goal fest early when Andy Lorei (Erie, Penn.) crossed a ball that evaded Toronto goal keeper Matthew Silva and landed at the feet of strikers Kenny Uzoigwe and St. Louis.

Stefan neatly tapped in the first goal of the game in the 6th minute. The combination of Lorie's aggressive flank play and St. Louis' instincts around the goal paid off again in the 34th minute when St. Louis scored his second goal of the game for a 2-0 half-time lead.

The Bucks started out the second half as aggressive as they did in the first half, when St. Louis sent a great ball across the box to strike partner Kenny Uzoigwe at the penalty spot.

Uzoigwe smartly left the ball to run through the box to an over lapping Simon Omekanda (Rochester, MI) who smacked home his second goal of the year.

While scoring leader Uzoigwe was probably the most active of all the Bucks offensive weapons, he didn't get on the scoresheet until Tommy Catalano (Shelby Twp./Oakland) broke free in the penalty box and was hauled down to prevent what appeared to be an easy opportunity to score.

Kenny stepped up and buried the PK for his 10th goal of the season in the 57th minute.

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Cutting-edge Chieftettes

The 2010-11 varsity Canton Chieftettes pom squad racked up some impressive performances at the Mid American Pom Camp held June 26 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. The Chieftettes captured first place for Senior Kick and also won the Grand Champs award as well as awards for showmanship, unity and peppy pom (on Day 3). Members of the team are as follows: (back row, from left) Mikayla Schnettler, Melissa Webster, Rylie Miller, Nikki Webster, Alyson Darmofal, Jessica Goodbred, Lindsey Mason, Allie Stephens, Abby Rice, Samantha Juback, Emily Underwood, Amanda Rodgers, Rachel Partain and Coach Jen Kesler; (front row, from left) Sarah Lindlbauer, Renee Janisse, Sarah Mabie, Maggie Kokoszka, Tori Parrelly, Ashley Polydoras, Ashley Garvin, Julia Beydoun and Rachel Martin.



The Riverside 8

Eight local figure skaters from Riverside Arena Skating Club in Livonia recently qualified to compete at the 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating National Championships beginning Saturday in Lincoln, Nebraska. The qualifiers include (from left) Pirro Marko, Valentyna (Tina) Stadnik, Ryan Heersink, Jillian Heersink, Alexei Castillo, Chloe Lamay and Jayanthesh (Gene) Kalmat. Gold medalists were Marko, Lamay, Ian Heersink, Ryan Heersink and Castillo. All qualified late last month at the Great Lakes Regional Championships in West Chester, Ohio.

FOUNDERS

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herself better, she might've had a stronger finish, she said. "After Matt took off and I got passed by Emery and Steve Menovick, it was like a time trial," Matthews said. "I was running alone for most of it. I felt I could've run faster. In light of the conditions and everything, I was happy with it. I just think I'm a stronger runner than the way I raced on Saturday. But a win is a win. I'm not too disappointed about it."

With the temperature hovering around 90 degrees, Matthews managed to deal with the heat and humidity well. "It wasn't too big of an issue for me, and I didn't feel any wind either," she said. "I would definitely take heat over wind any day."

Matthews said it's quite likely she'll return and try to go three-for-three next year. "I don't have anything penciled in, but there are certain races I just enjoy doing and Farmington is one of them," she said. "If everything is aligned and I'm healthy and I'm around, I'll definitely plan on going back there."

MEN'S OVERALL WINNER

Pitcel was running in his second Founders race, having finished third last year. The length of the race is what brought him back for another attempt at winning. "I enjoyed it so much last year," he said. "Being a four-mile race, there aren't too many of those out there. That's the thing pulls me into it."

"We run 5Ks in high school for cross country and, once you get to college, it's 8Ks. Last year, I used it as a stepping stone to get more race distance. You don't get to run a four-mile race that often."

"It wasn't my goal to win going in. I find if I put too much pressure on myself, I buckle and don't perform as I should. Usually, all I do is worry about running to the best of my ability and whatever happens, happens."

After Yacoub, 36, established



Emery Pitcel of Richmond (black shirt), shown competing in a college track meet, is the Founders Festival men's champion.

himself as the early leader, Pitcel said he tried to stay within 45 seconds of striking distance. "I just ran a patient race early," he said. "At a mile and a half, I said: 'It's time to start rolling up people and moving up.'"

"That final stretch comes right down Grand River. I made a good turn and noticed I was slowly pulling him (Yacoub) in. From a runner's standpoint, that's a good mental boost, to keep feeding on that and closing the gap."

"With a half mile left, I was on his shoulder. That's when I said: 'Well, here it is! It's either all in to pass or not.' I committed to it and didn't look back."

Pitcel added he was able to adjust to the heat in the days leading up to the race. "The last two weeks it's been pushing 90 all the time," he said. "The last week it was kicking my butt pretty hard."

"If it had been the very first hot day of summer, I think I would have been struggling along with everybody else. I learned to cope with it."

He added he ran a good time, which was evidence his training was having its intended result. "I really came around this year in the outdoor season," Pitcel said. "All the extra work and mileage was starting to pay off, so it was nice to see it continue through the summer."

"My goal was to run quality splits. I was able to do that extremely well and was rewarded with pretty good success."

OTHER ROAD RACE WINNERS
Masters division winners: Donna Olson, 60, 45th overall, 28:21; Steve Menovick, 41, third overall, 22:22.
Female age-group winners: 12-under, Maddy Trevisan, 12, 29:51; 13-14, Brianna Hatcher, 13, 30:36; 15-19, Angela Wright, 16, 27:41; 20-24, Linda Montgomery, 24, 26:18; 25-29, Heather Dyc, 26, 26:26; 30-34, Aimee Began, 31, 29:38; 35-39, Mikelle Adamczyk, 38, 27:02; 40-44, Cynthia Lee, 41, 31:33; 45-49, Sheen Watkins, 49, 29:47; 50-54, Marilyn Weimer, 54, 32:45; 55-59, Patricia Cummings, 56, 37:55; 60-64, Faye Stevenson, 60, 31:56.
Male age-group winners: 12 under, Joe Soave, 12, 33:23; 13-14, Michael Higgins, 14, 27:25; 15-19, David Hong, 17, 23:08; 20-24, Keith Button, 21, 22:57; 25-29, Seth Koohes, 28, 27:37; 30-34, Ben Schaut, 32, 25:02; 35-39, Matthew Yacoub, 36, 21:51; 40-44, Steve Harris, 44, 22:53; 45-49, David Watkins, 49, 23:13; 50-54, Hugh Leidlein, 50, 24:43; 55-59, John Tarkowski, 57, 24:22; 60-64, Philip Bowman, 61, 32:49; 65-69, Monte Pilawsky, 66, 30:05; 75-79, Mel Ettenson, 76, 47:56.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wayne-Westland soccer

Registration for the fall 2010 Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 4-19) will be held through Friday, July 30. There will also be a co-ed adult league offered this fall. For registration information, call (734) 467-5260, or visit www.wwsoccer.com.

Pride needs coaches

The Plymouth-Canton Pride is taking coaching applications for all ages for the 2010-11 fast-pitch season. Experienced coaches are needed for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under teams with an emphasis on college exposure. Those interested can e-mail a resume to: j4olszewski@sbcglobal.net. Applications are also online at www.eteamz.com/PCPride. You can also send a resume to: Jon Olszewski, 48465 Antique Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (313) 570-0800.

Baseball tryouts

The Canton Motor City Giants 9U and 10U travel baseball teams are hosting tryouts on Aug. 20, 21 and 28 at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton. Please e-mail giant-baseball@wowway.com or madtyreag@wowway.com for details.

Franklin needs coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls volleyball and freshman girls competitive cheer coach for the 2010-11 seasons. For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2889.

Tryouts for Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks will host tryouts in mid-August for its competitive travel baseball program of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association. Players from Canton, Plymouth and surrounding areas are welcome to participate.

Tryouts are slated from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15, followed by a 2-to-4 p.m. tryout on Friday, Aug. 20. All three tryouts will take place at the UAW Local 735, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Players must be willing to commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July of 2011.

To pre-register or have questions answered, contact coach Bill Boyd — 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com. Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

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The Livonia Concealed 14U travel baseball team celebrates winning the AABC North Central Regional last weekend in Rockford, Illinois.

Concealed slugs way to AABC regional title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lou Pirronello's return to coaching couldn't be going any better.

His Livonia Concealed Security 14U travel baseball team last weekend knocked off the Michigan Bulls in the semi-finals and finals of the AABC North Central Regionals in Rockford, Ill.

That qualifies Concealed for the AABC World Series.

Relishing in the regional championship with Pirronello — who came back to coach Concealed after a season off (other than being a Livonia Stevenson varsity assistant) — were four players he coached in 2008 when Concealed's 12U squad went to the 12U AABC World Series in Puerto Rico.

With only one varsity player from 2010 on the roster (Woodhaven's Zach Tallman) compared to five on the Bulls,

Pirronello's underdogs stepped up.

In the final, Concealed (23-14) scored seven runs in the fourth inning to overcome a 4-1 deficit and tacked on six more in the sixth for good measure.

Seven players had two or more hits, as Concealed tallied 18 hits. Rodney Bies (Livonia Stevenson) and Tom Daffern went 3-for-4 while Plymouth-Canton's Brandon Waack went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Livonia Franklin's Alex DeYonker had two hits in two at-bats.

Brett Davis (Walled Lake Northern) went the distance for the victory.

For the Bulls, Mike Vomastek (Stevenson) and Jake Semak (Stevenson) combined for five hits in seven at-bats.

Concealed defeated the Bulls 16-12 in the semifinals, with Austin Stevens (Stevenson) ripping two doubles among three hits and knocking in three runs. Homering and driving in

four runs was Waack.

Earlier in the regionals, Concealed rolled to wins of 21-4 over Hutchinson Minnesota, 18-4 over Princeton Illinois and 20-4 over Iowa.

The lone blemish was a 12-4 loss to the Bulls on Friday.

The regional championship brought a big smile to Pirronello's face for a couple reasons.

It took place the day before he and wife Denise's 24th wedding anniversary; several Bulls players were on Pirronello's 2008 World Series team but opted not to join the coach when he returned after the year-long hiatus.

Concealed assistant coach Steve Tallman and '08 team member Zach Tallman encouraged Pirronello to return this season and were instrumental in helping build the regional-winning squad.

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SUNDAY MEN'S D 3:00/4:15	W-L-T-PTS
TEAM	
84 Tigers	11-6-0-22
Ghost Man on First	11-6-0-22
DA	10-6-1-21
Shot Callers	10-7-0-20
Nordiques	9-7-1-19
Kicker's All-Stars/Harris	9-8-0-18
Detroit Assn. of Deaf	3-12-2-8
Davis Security	3-14-0-6

SUNDAY COED 3:00/4:15	W-L-T-PTS
Dirt Bags/Polks Auto	14-3-0-28
Zo's Pros	14-3-0-28
Dirt Bags	13-4-0-26
Chuggers and Sluggers	9-8-0-18
Team Thacker	6-11-0-12
Value Pharmacy	5-12-0-10
N It 2 Win It	5-12-0-10
I'd Hit That	2-15-0-4

SUNDAY MEN'S D 5:30/6:45	W-L-T-PTS
AKA Sports	16-2-0-32
Belleville Moose	13-5-0-26
Samurai Detroit	12-5-1-25
Helluva Job Construction	11-5-2-24
Dirt Stars	9-9-0-18
Plumbing Professors	9-9-0-18
Duffs	7-10-1-15
PF Flyers	7-10-1-15
Zinos	2-15-1-5
Ball Sacks	1-17-0-2

SUNDAY MEN'S SUPER D 5:30/6:45	W-L-T-PTS
CJ's Financial	17-0-1-35
Dirt Bags	11-7-0-22
I'd Hit It	9-6-1-19
Varsity Lounge	7-11-0-14
Ransom	4-12-0-8
Chatters	3-15-0-6

SUNDAY MEN'S D 8:00/9:15	W-L-T-PTS
I'd Hit It	15-3-0-30
Oh So Pure	13-4-1-27
Full Throttle	13-4-1-27
All Year	12-6-0-24
Tackett	10-7-1-21
Plymouth Rock	9-8-1-19
The Mighty Merkin	8-9-1-17
Ransom	7-10-1-15
Boilermakers	7-11-0-14
Ex Players	7-11-0-14
Flying Monkeys	3-15-0-6
JC Trappers	1-17-0-2

SUNDAY COED 8:00/9:15	W-L-T-PTS
AA	17-1-0-34
The Ringers	14-4-0-28
That's What She Said	14-4-0-28
Team Kryssa	14-4-0-28
Master Batters	12-6-0-24
No Glove No Love	12-6-0-24
Fun Police	8-10-0-16
AKA Sports	6-12-0-12
P-Fit Lunks	5-13-0-10
Bailey's Bar and Grill	3-15-0-6
Stockdals on the Ave	3-15-0-6
Evans Solution Inc.	0-18-0-0

SUNDAY NORTHRIDGE	W-L-T-PTS
Gray	13-1-0-26
Black	10-4-0-20
Red	10-4-0-20
Orange	7-7-0-14
Green	7-7-0-14
Blue	6-8-0-12
Yellow	3-11-0-6
Brown	0-14-0-0

MONDAY MEN'S D	W-L-T-PTS
Kickers/Rusty Nail	17-1-0-34
Moon Knights	13-5-0-26
Swinging Dicks	12-6-0-24
Mothers Pizza	10-8-0-20
New Era	9-9-0-18
The Staff	6-12-0-12
Tropic Thunder	4-13-1-9
Here for Beer	0-17-1-1

MONDAY COED	W-L-T-PTS
Aubrees	16-1-1-33
Rainbow Rehabilitation	15-3-0-30
Moylan's Martians	12-6-0-24
Clowntastic	10-8-0-20
UHY	5-7-0-10
Kickers	4-14-0-8
Psychoholics	2-15-1-5
Team Lauer	1-11-0-2

TUESDAY MEN'S D COMP	W-L-T-PTS
Paradise Hunt Club	16-2-0-32
Red Army	14-4-0-28
Bailey's Pub/Johnny's Grill	11-7-0-22
Team Romulus	10-8-0-20
E&E Manufacturing	9-9-0-18
Showroom	7-10-1-15
Hitmen	2-15-1-5
Firestone	2-16-0-4

TUESDAY MEN'S D REC	W-L-T-PTS
Full House Storage	17-1-0-34
Crow's Nest	14-4-0-28
Mangia Pizza Catering	13-5-0-26
LaChambre	12-6-0-24
Step's Tax	11-7-0-22
Durham Softball Club	11-7-0-22
Brownberry Bombers	9-9-0-18
Canton Sports	6-12-0-12
Brewers	4-14-0-8
Simsons	4-14-0-8
DC	4-14-0-8
Royal Rumble	3-15-0-6

WEDNESDAY MEN'S D REC	W-L-T-PTS
Tail Gators	15-3-0-30
US12	13-5-0-26
Mosquitos	12-6-0-24
Applebee's	9-8-1-19
4 Stabilized Nailed Braves	9-8-1-19
Work'n the Curve	9-8-1-19
The Beers	8-9-1-17
Lozano's Farm Bureau	7-11-0-14
Traffic Dodgers	4-14-0-8
Mold Stoppers	2-16-0-4

WEDNESDAY MEN'S D COMP	W-L-T-PTS
Swinger's Softball	15-3-0-30
Dolphin Floggers	15-3-0-30
Lost Boys	11-7-0-22
SWAT	10-8-0-20
Calif. Penal League All-Stars	10-8-0-20
Rustys	5-13-0-10
112 Bar	5-13-0-10
Krazy Kops	1-17-0-2

WEDNESDAY COED REC	W-L-T-PTS
Skunks in the Outfield	17-1-0-34
Team Vargo	15-3-0-30
Ault's Mobil	13-4-1-27
Mangia	12-4-0-24
AAA Life Hit & Run	10-7-1-21
Valassis Vipers	9-8-1-19
DTW Jets	9-9-0-18
Plymouth Rock	8-9-1-17
Random Hook Ups	8-10-1-16
Valassis Grand Slammers	6-11-1-13
Shake N Bake	6-11-1-13
Buffalo Wild Wings*	5-11-0-10
Culvers	5-13-0-10
Fly Ballers	0-18-0-0

WEDNESDAY COED COMP	W-L-T-PTS
Kickers/Laclear	13-5-0-26
Kickers/Coolers	12-6-0-24
Library Pub	9-8-0-18
Team Spears	1-17-0-2

THURSDAY MEN'S SUPER D	W-L-T-PTS
Blue Crush	14-3-1-29
Team Sinister	13-4-1-27
Blazers	12-6-0-24
Talent Ind	8-10-0-16
SLC Bombers	6-12-0-12
Team Lafain	0-18-0-0

THURSDAY MEN'S D COMP	W-L-T-PTS
Certified Home Improv.	15-3-0-30
Doc's Sports Retreat	12-6-0-24
MSA Delivery/BWW's	11-7-0-22
TNMG Law	9-9-0-18
State Farm	9-9-0-18
Buffalo Wild Wings Westland	8-10-0-16
2nd String	6-12-0-12
Eastbound	2-16-0-4

THURSDAY MEN'S D REC	W-L-T-PTS
Gerou Chiropractic	13-5-0-26
Kramerica	13-5-0-26
Alcohol Alliance	12-6-0-24
4 Friends Bar & Grill	12-6-0-24
Lake Point Yacht Club	10-8-0-20
Grillers	10-8-0-20
Plymouth Rocks	10-8-0-20
Team Nadolski	9-9-0-18
Vandelay Industries	7-11-0-14
Bayside Tigers	6-12-0-12
Master Batters	5-13-0-10
Angry Pelicans	1-17-0-2

THURSDAY MEN'S E	W-L-T-PTS
APPS	17-1-0-34
Tail Gators	14-4-0-28
Foundation Breakers	13-5-0-26
Rusty Bucket	11-6-1-23
The Well	11-7-0-22
Buds	11-7-0-22
Project Fellowship	8-10-0-16
Grumpy Old Men	7-11-0-14
Bottom of the Fifth	6-11-1-13
Persistent Productions	5-13-0-10
Cougars	3-15-0-6
Control Freaks	1-17-0-2

FRIDAY MEN'S D REC	W-L-T-PTS
LHI	8-1-0-16
Double Nickles	7-2-0-14
Blue Ballers	6-3-0-12
Belleville Milling	5-4-0-10
Nu Kidz	4-5-0-8
Sultans of Swat	3-6-0-6
Super Bowl	3-6-0-6
Team Expeditors	0-9-0-0

FRIDAY MEN'S D COMP	W-L-T-PTS
Continental Canteen	8-1-0-16
Titans	7-2-0-14
Thunder Ducks	4-5-0-8
Team Hangover	4-5-0-8
Alcohol Alliance	4-5-0-8
Extang	0-9-0-0

FRIDAY COED REC	W-L-T-PTS
Bob	9-0-0-18
IHI	8-1-0-16
Lee's Auto Sales	8-1-0-16
Night Sneaks	4-5-0-8
Masters	3-5-1-7
Andrew Outdoor Maint.	3-6-0-6
Who's Up	3-5-0-6
Roc Bar	2-5-1-5
Bottom of the Fifth	1-7-0-2
Boozin and Ballin	1-7-0-2

Big week for Michigan Rams

The Michigan Rams reeled off four straight victories, capped off with Monday's 6-0 white-washing of Chief Pontiac at Bicentennial Park.

Brad Guenther (2-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI) and Brett Mazmanian (2-for-2, 2B, 2 runs) keyed the offense, with Sam Ott also singling home a run.

Earning the win was starter Alex Pierse, who gave up no hits and five walks over 5 1/3 innings. Pierse struck out seven batters. Finishing up for the save was Joe Posler, who recorded the final five outs.

With the win, the Rams improved to 24-7-1 and held on to a thin lead over the Michigan Bulls and Coaches Corner.

RAMS 9-9, DODGERS 2-5: The hitting shoes were on Sunday for the Rams, who cranked out 18 hits in a twinbill.

Top batters included Scooter Williams (3-for-4, 4 RBI), Brett Mazmanian (3-for-7), Sam Ott (3-for-4, 3B, 4 RBI) and John DiLaura (2-for-4

in Game 1).

In the opener, Mike Schypinski went the distance, giving up one earned run and five hits while striking out 11 and walking none. Aaron Cieslak homered and collected four RBI.

In Game 2, Tyler Higgins picked up the win with 2 2/3 innings of relief of Neil Zalud (4 1/3 innings, 2 runs, 2 hits). Mazmanian drove in Williams with the game-winning run.

RAMS 4, NFWB COBRAS 2: On Friday, the Michigan Rams parlayed a three-run fourth into a 4-2 victory over the North Farmington West Bloomfield Cobras at Bicentennial Park.

• Doubling and driving in three runs was Jeff Sorenson, while Brett Mazmanian (1-for-3, 1 RBI) and Aaron Cieslak (2B) also contributed.

Going all seven innings was winning pitcher Brandon Sinnerly, who gave up two unearned runs and just one hit (by Myles Smith) while striking out five batters.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



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Local band still rockin' in Westland after 20 years

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Benny Jet has performed in 65,000-seat arenas, suburban back yards and everything in between.

He and his Benny and the Jets band have toured with Chubby Checker, Bob Seger, and Ted Nugent. They played back-up to Bo Diddley, opened for Humble Pie, Bad Finger and Eddie Money and worked for Dick Clark. They've entertained festival crowds and wedding guests, at retirement homes and biker parties.

But their most consistent gig — the Wayne Road Pub in Westland, which Jet often handles as a solo musician these days — has kept them busy Tuesday nights for two decades.

"You'd be hard pressed to find a show 20 years running," said Jet, whose real name is Benny Spear. "When you look at it, we've been doing business in town for a long time. We've seen generations in this quiet corner of Westland. Years ago, someone would say, 'My mom met my dad here.' Now it's 'my grandma met my grandpa here.'"

"We've been quietly plugging away for 20 years."

Westland Mayor William R. Wild recently recognized Jet's 20-year anniversary of performing in the community. Jet hopes the written proclamation will be hung in the Wayne Road Pub.

"Westland is a forgotten entertainment town," said Jet, who grew up in Plymouth and now lives in Inkster. "The Studio Lounge was a real famous club on Wayne Road. Chatters is a big music club. The Token Lounge is legendary. The Wayne Road Pub — it's unheard of running a band for 20 years."

Jackie Wrouble, kitchen manager for the pub, said Tuesday nights just wouldn't seem the same without Jet.

"People love him. He has a big following that comes in with him. He's very personable with everyone in the bar, not just his following. He's been



Benny Jet with employees of the Wayne Road Pub, in Westland. Kitchen manager Jackie Wrouble (left of Benny) says the pub wouldn't be the same without the longtime musician.

here so long it would be weird if he weren't here."

TUESDAYS IN WESTLAND

Jet, who is married and has three grown daughters, said he planned vacations around Tuesday nights for years, making sure he was back in town for the weekly gig. In the old days, when the band was on the road opening for a headliner in another state, its members would drive home after the show in order to keep their commitment at the pub.

"Over the years a lot of famous people came to see us. Guys from Kid Rock's band, (radio DJ) Arthur Penhallow. When (country singer) John Michael Montgomery came in and played, the next night he was on the Jay Leno show."

Jet has rubbed shoulders with nationally recognized musicians since high school, when he formed Benny and the Jets in 1973. His father, Leo Spear, was a physician who also owned the Michigan Palace Theater in downtown Detroit. The venue became a springboard for

Benny and the Jets to meet other rockers, including Aerosmith, KISS, and others.

"It was nothing to answer the phone at home and it would be David Bowie on the line," Jet said.

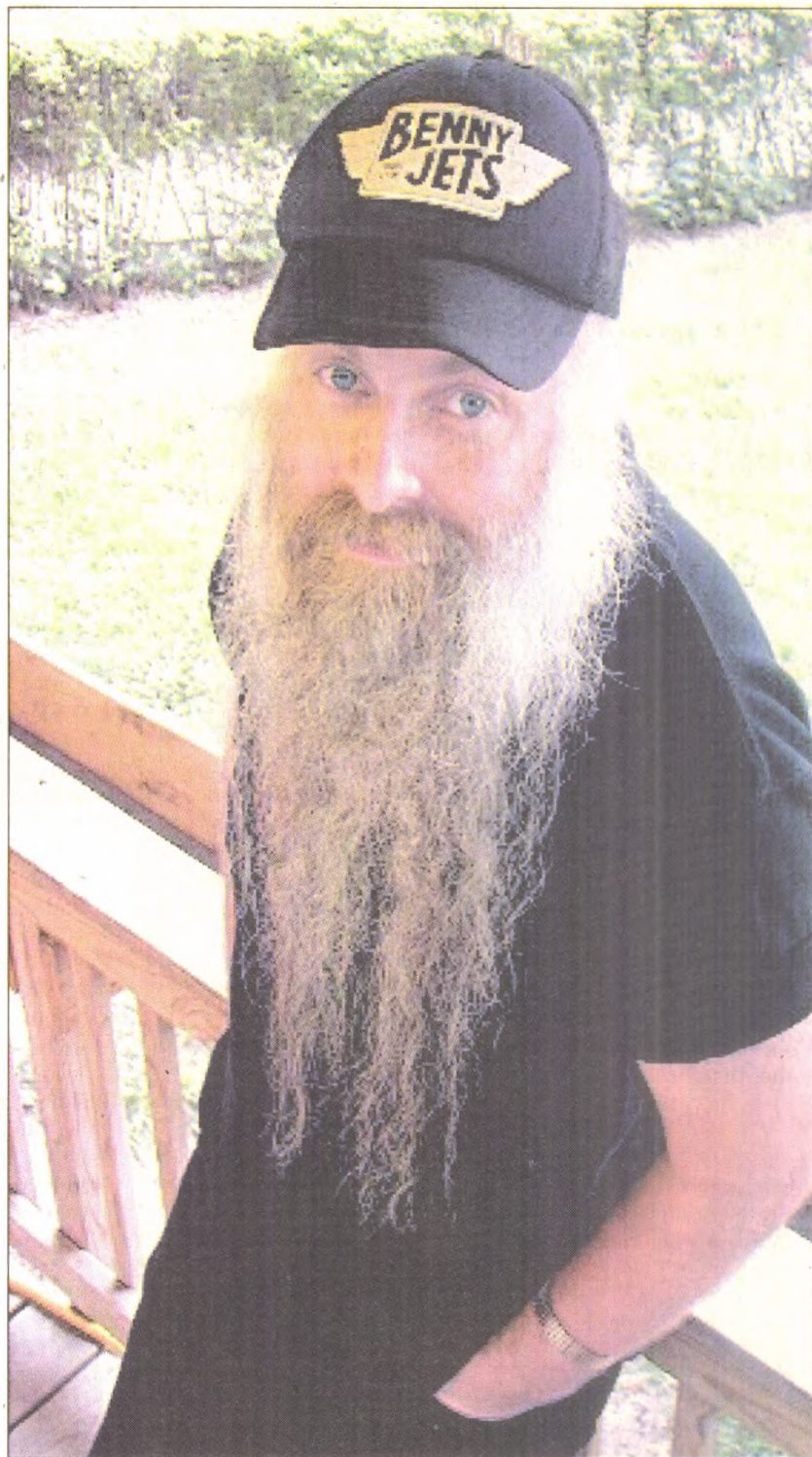
His own band recorded several albums and Jet has ventured into other media through the years. He's on the air with "JT the Brick" on Foxsportsradio.com every Wednesday night. He also writes for *Detroit Live* Magazine.

He's looking forward to the next 20 years at Wayne Road Pub, especially now that smoking is prohibited in bars and restaurants.

"I have guitars that are so yellowed. I can't tell you how happy I'll be the next 20 being smoke-free. It's like being in paradise."

To order one of the band's recordings or keep track of its appearances, visit bennyandthejets.com or www.myspace.com/bennyandthejets.

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Benny Jet (aka Spear) of Benny and the Jets band

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Picnics strengthen bonds within church communities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Carol Kapusky remembers when one member brought an old fire truck to the annual picnic at St. John's Episcopal Church and gave children rides around the parking lot.

This old-fashioned form of summer fun remains one of the favorite ways to nurture fellowship among members. The congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township has been gathering every summer at least since the early 1940s.

"It's a community strengthening," said Catherine Byrd, office manager.

This year's picnic with pastor Dorian McGlannan on June 13 attracted many of the 250 families. Kapusky, the church historian, forgot to take photos of the event but then she was too busy thinking about next year. The 2011 picnic kicks off the centennial celebration of the church originally founded in 1898 but disbanded in 1903 due to lack of members. It officially was re-established Feb. 19, 1912, and today offers three services.

"When you're involved with a church you don't always see everybody," said Kapusky, a Northville resident who began coming to the picnics 26 years ago. "It's kind of nice to catch up. The picnic is a wrapping up of the season for church school to wind down and summer to begin. For me the number one thing is probably the fellowship. St. John's feels it's important to be part of a small group."

In addition to an annual picnic, the church provides opportunities for fellowship through Bible studies, a women's league, food pantry, knitting group, and projects to help non-church related organizations like First Step. "It's being involved so you have a closer connection to the parish so if there are any personal needs it's being able to care for one another," said Kapusky.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP

The church picnic is one of four fellowship events throughout the year and one in which the 1,600 members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia come together for an afternoon of activities. On Sunday, July 11, they gathered for an outdoor worship service followed by a picnic with games for all ages and traditional foods like hamburgers and hot dogs along with dishes brought by members. It was the third annual picnic.

"Our primary goal is to provide Christian fun and fellowship for all who attend," said Linda Hollman, outreach director. "A lot of people don't know each other very well so it provides a wonderful opportunity to get together in a relaxed setting."

Angela Hill remembers when as a young girl she enjoyed the picnics at Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Catholic Church in Plymouth. Back then the fun-filled days were held at McClumpha Park. Today she and husband Brian bring their children Andri, 14, Ally, 11, and Vincent, 8, to the grounds of the church built 10 years ago in Plymouth Township. Angela and Brian are chairpersons for the Aug. 1 picnic that celebrates the 90th anniversary of the founding of the church and a decade at the "new" location.

Along with traditional food and a birthday cake to mark the occasion, games provide fun for all ages and include a water relay with buckets, volleyball tournament to involve teenagers, and Bingo for older members. The parish priests judge the annual dessert contest.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

"It's a time especially for young people, but all families to celebrate as a church family," said Angela Hill, 42. "This year we have a dunk tank for Father John Riccardo and associate priests, and Deacon Tim Sullivan of the PB&J ministry to feed the homeless. The dunk tank is to raise money for PB&J. It's special because we're celebrating our 90th anniversary as a parish, Nov. 24."

Hill, a parishioner since 1968, has special memories of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

"I went to Our Lady of Good Counsel, got married at Good Counsel. Our kids now go to the school," said Hill. "We have a lot of families I knew that are now raising their children at Good Counsel."

Bob and Marian Smentowski sent their six children to the school and naturally became involved with parish activities. The Plymouth Township couple were in charge of the picnics about 30 years ago.

"We loved to bring people together for fun, just to have a good time," said Bob Smentowski, a parishioner since 1970. "We had food and old-time games like sack races, a free pancake breakfast, signup sheets for volleyball tournaments, a baseball game usually youth against adults, senior games, tons of prizes. We'd be there till dark when we had a sing-a-long. The key was to make it fun, family fun."

It's a time for fellowship, any time parishioners enjoy a meal together, according to the Rev. Dave Furno, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland. This year's church picnic is Sept. 13, on the school grounds. The event kicks off the new season of Sunday School and Bible Class for the congregation that numbers around 200.

PICNIC TRADITION

"I've been here nearly 16 years and



Youngsters participate in a sack race at a picnic at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township.



St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township has held summer picnics since the early 1940s. This photo shows a few members gathered for summer fun, along with the Rev. Francis Tetu, second from right in front.

heard stories from members in their 80s remembering it when they were kids," said Furno. "It's a potluck. Everyone brings a dish to pass. We eat outdoors in a nice shaded area."

Furno is all about tailoring offerings to meet the needs of parishioners. During the summer, he adds a Monday evening service for members

out of town on Sunday. In fall, the goal is to schedule a contemporary service every Saturday at 5 p.m. Currently the service is held only twice a month.

Pastor Michael Fletcher is reorganizing and relocating Trinity Church of the Brethren from Redford after the building was sold. He's changing the name to Living Peace Church. Picnics

July 25, Aug. 22, and Sept. 5, in Freedom Park in Canton have a purpose. He's starting worship services Sept. 12, at Field Elementary School in Canton.

"The picnics are an opportunity for residents to meet us and find out who we are," said Fletcher. "Our annual picnic was more of a social fellowship for membership. This is more of an invitation to the community."

Fletcher said the church congregation strives to "follow the example of Jesus," by living a life that includes an emphasis on service, peace and justice.

"Our congregation felt peace ministry was an important part of our identity and wanted to hold onto that, wanted to find ways to express that peace is more than an absence of violence, but a way of life."

Lunch takes place from noon to 2 p.m. and offers children's activities in addition to food. The first of a total of four picnics drew about 35 to 40 people.

"It's kind of an informal setting and people can come and ask questions and meet people," said Fletcher. "We hope to meet people from Canton, learn a little bit about them and hope they might come and learn about us, people who might be looking for a church home. We welcome people to come out, share with us. We're interested in hearing about their ideas for the community."

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JULY 22-28

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. -noon, July 26-30
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Contact: Carrie Bulbuk at (734) 266-0311 or e-mail to davidbulbuk@att.net
Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, July 25-29
Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: "Saddle Ridge Ranch" Vacation Bible School
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or register at www.CantonCF.org/events.htm
Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 26-29
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Soccer mini-camp for boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game. Fee of \$10 per student includes instruction, snacks, and soccer ball to take home. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items are not required to enroll.
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Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., July 25
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Annual Mass in the Grass service, followed by cake and beverages in celebration of the Rev. Wayne Knockel's 10th anniversary of ordination.
Contact: Arlene Williams at (734) 422-7106
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., July 26-30
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: High Seas Adventure Vacation Bible School for first through sixth grade students; free
Contact: (734) 466-8694
Living Peace Church
Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, July 25
Location: Freedom Park, located at the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer, in Canton
Details: The church invites Canton area residents to a picnic. Church members want to meet residents and hear their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food available free of charge. Children's activities will be provided. Additional picnics scheduled Aug. 22 and Sept. 5. Living Peace Church will begin meeting for worship Sept. 12 at Field Elementary, 1000 S. Haggerty, in Canton.
Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com

JULY 29-AUG. 4

Bethany West
Time/Date: 8-11 p.m., Friday, July 30; arrive at the restaurant by 7 p.m.
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Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or bfichtenberg@hotmail.com
Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Aug. 1-5
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1
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AUG. 5-11

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7
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Details: 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
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615
Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org
Crafters wanted
First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville
Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the Bazaar. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now
Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org
Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5
Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riversideparkchurch.org
St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023
Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730
Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.



Our Lady of Good Counsel's annual picnic included a balloon race last year. The church is in Plymouth Township.

Local congregations set aside days for fun and fellowship

It's time for fun, food and games at local church picnics. Here is a list of upcoming events:

- Living Peace Church invites the community to learn about the congregation that begins meeting for worship this fall in Canton. Three informational picnics are being held noon to 2 p.m. Sundays, July 25, Aug. 22, and Sept. 5 at Freedom Park, 44527 Palmer Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon roads. For information, call Pastor Michael Fletcher at (734) 233-1466 or send e-mail to livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church picnic celebrates its 90th anniversary as a parish — 10th year at the present location — 1-4:30

p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, with afternoon Mass on the grounds at 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0326 or online at olgeparish.net.

- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church starts its new season of Sunday School and Bible Class with a picnic Sept. 13 on the school grounds, 35320 Glenwood, Westland. Bring a dish to pass. For information, call (734) 721-5377. Activities include a game of softball played with Civil War rules.
- St. John's Episcopal Church is already planning its 2011 picnic that kicks off centennial celebrations for the founding Feb. 19, 2012. For information, call (734) 453-0190.

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ETHEL L. CASSIE

Age 91, formerly of Livonia, died July 16, 2010 in Cheboygan, MI. A memorial service will be held at 12:00pm, July 24, 2010 at the Berean Bible Church in Topinabee, MI. Visitation will be held from 11:00am until the time of service. Surviving are her son, Charles (Kathryn) Cassie of Fenton, her daughter, Joyce (James) Palmer of Topinabee, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, siblings, Jim (Rosetta) Maddick of Canton, sisters, Marlene Bowe of Roseville, and Carol Hardt of Berkley, and several special nieces and nephews. Contributions in memory of Ethel are suggested to the Berean Bible Church. Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River cared for the family. Condolences may be made at: www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com

WILLIAM FOX

Of Cadillac, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2010, at Autumnwood Nursing Home in McBain. He was 87. Private family services will be conducted at a later date. Memorial donations in William's memory may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements under the direction of Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home, Cadillac, Michigan.

KATHLEEN E. McQUILLEN, SR. (NEE BROWN)

September 29, 1920 to July 15, 2010. Born in Cleveland, OH and graduated Northwestern High School, Detroit. Worked at Willow Run Airport Aileron Tab Rigger 1942-1945. She was an at home hero, as well as a wonderful loving mother. She was preceded in death by her husband Francis M. McQuillen, Sr. She is survived by sons, Thomas (Bonny), Dennis (Patricia), Francis Jr. (Donna), James (Shelley), Charles, and John (Pru); daughters, Kathleen E. McQuillen Jr. and Martha (Dave) Dutton; grandchildren Joseph (Chris), Nicholas (Rachel), Andy, Stephanie, Colleen, Michael, Kristin (Casey), Donovan, Katie, Sherry, Brian, Sean, Katie (Harrison), Amanda and Scott (Dee); great-grandchildren Kylie, Gavin, Jacob, Kamryn and Josh. Services were held and arranged by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home (734)525-9020. The family would like to thank all the wonderful people of Henry Ford Hospice-Wayne, especially Dorothy Gannon, a true friend. Also Mary and Josephine of st. Joseph's-Trenton. Donations appreciated to Henry Ford Hospice-Wayne or St. Joseph's Church in Trenton.

DAVID "MIKE" FOURNIER

Age 81. July 19, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Ann. Loving father of Lee (Eric) Sandweiss, Julia Dougherty, Michael (Lee), Patricia (Kim) and David. Dear brother of the late Pat. Proud grandfather of Michael, Ethan, Noah, Timothy and Patrick. He was an avid sportsman who loved fishing and baseball, especially the Detroit Tigers. Memorial visitation Saturday 12 noon until time of memorial service 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to American Heart Association appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

WALTER S. JONES

Born May 17, 1922 in Emerson Twp., Gratiot County, Michigan, and died July 17, 2010 in Wayne County, Michigan. He was the son of Floyd D. Jones and Margaret G. (McDaid) Jones. Brother of Leo (Vera) Jones, Richard (Helen) Jones and Dorothea (Jack) Gagnon. His parents and siblings all preceded him. He married Eleanor D. Robertson on July 10, 1948 in Napoleon, Ohio. Eleanor preceded Walter in death on December 15, 1983. On June 23, 1990 Walter married Rosemary A. Alexander in Plymouth, Michigan. Rosemary survives him. Walter and Eleanor were the parents of four children, Shirley (Robert) Mitchell, Margaret Lattimore, John (Rachel) Jones and Michael (Karen) Jones. His children survive him, with the exception of Michael, who passed away June 1, 2007. He is also survived by four stepchildren, Hope Alexander, Matthew (Maureen) Alexander, John (Rebecca) Alexander and Mark Alexander. Walter is also survived by eight grandchildren, Matthew Mitchell, Patrick (Erika) Mitchell, Nathan (Karen) Mitchell, Jeremy (Brigit) Mitchell, Jason (Andrea) Lattimore, Erik Lattimore, Scott Jones and Joshua Jones; and nine step grandchildren, Eric Cerecedas, Joe Cerecedas, Luke Alexander, Katie Alexander, Kristin Alexander, Caroline Alexander, Andrew Alexander, William Alexander and Nicholas Alexander: four great grand children, Merrick and Emerson Lattimore, Mira and Luna Mitchell: two step great grandchildren, Kaya and Asura Cerecedas. Walter served in the Army in Italy during WWII. Walter had a long and fulfilling life. He was a kind and loving man who will be missed by all. We will always love you, Walter, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. Funeral Services were Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at the Schrader-Howell funeral Home, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Plymouth Community Band. To sign the guest book www.schrader-howell.com

BETTY L. TAYLOR

July 19, 2010, Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Melvin C. Loving mother of Donald Ray, Jr., Sharon Ray, Jennifer Ray and the late Jo Burns. Dear sister of Patti Travis and the late Dottie Sue Whiteman. Also survived by ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation Friday, 12 noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road (at Joy Road). Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

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Entertaining with cold brewed coffee

Cool off guests at your next summer party or backyard BBQ with refreshing iced coffee drinks. A growing number of coffee lovers are finding that the best way to make an iced coffee drink is to start with a smooth-tasting cold brewed coffee concentrate.

Cold brewing is a process that uses cold water to extract the natural flavors of coffee and leaves behind undesirable bitter acids and oils. The result: a bold, slightly sweet, a little crisp, super-smooth taste with more than 50 percent less acidity than conventional brewing methods. Using a system such as the Seattle's Best Coffee Toddy brewing system lets you make up to 48 fluid ounces of coffee concentrate, which is enough to make plenty of iced coffee treats for a party.

The cold brewing process is simple:

- Use regular or coarsely ground coffee with your Toddy.
- Add two cups of water and a half pound of ground coffee.
- Wait five minutes and then slowly add two additional cups of water.
- Allow to cold brew in the refrigerator for 12 hours before draining for maximum results.

Create a party-ready iced coffee bar for guests by setting out a bowl of ice, pitchers of water, milk, sugar, tall glasses and cocktail umbrellas. And you can get creative with different flavored syrups or add-ons, like whipped cream.

If you have leftovers, the cold-brewed coffee concentrate may be refrigerated for up to 14 days without any deterioration in taste or freshness. If frozen, the concentrate will remain great tasting for up to six months.



CLASSIC ICED COLD BREWED COFFEE

- 1 part cold brewed coffee concentrate
- 1 part cold filtered water

Pour contents over ice into a chilled glass. Add a flavored simple syrup and cream to taste and mix.

ICED COLD BREWED COFFEE VANILLA LATTE

- 1 part cold brewed coffee concentrate
- 1 part chilled milk
- 1/2-1 ounce vanilla syrup (depending on size)
- 1 serving cup of ice

Combine all ingredients into a cocktail shaker over ice and shake vigorously.

Pour all ingredients into a chilled glass letting the foam rise to top.

ICED COLD BREWED COFFEE SPITZER

- 1 part cold brewed coffee concentrate
 - 3 parts cold sparkling water
 - 1 lemon twist
 - Simple syrup to taste
- Pour contents over ice into a chilled glass. Top with a lemon twist garnish.

ICED COLD BREWED COFFEE MOCHA

- 2 parts cold brewed coffee concentrate
- 1 part chilled half and half
- 1 ounce bittersweet chocolate sauce

Combine all ingredients into a cocktail shaker over ice and shake vigorously. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.

— Courtesy of Family Features

Apricot hybrid delivers intense sweet flavor

If you're looking for something healthful to satisfy your sweet tooth, skip the angel cake and try an Angelcot.

This white-flesh apricot is a specialty hybrid of Moroccan and Iranian apricot varieties. It's grown in Central California and has a limited season and supply.

They have a very pale yellow skin color with a pale peach blush and a very fine velvety fuzz. The inside flesh is extremely juicy with the texture of a perfectly ripe nectarine with the delicate yet intense sweet flavor of an apricot.

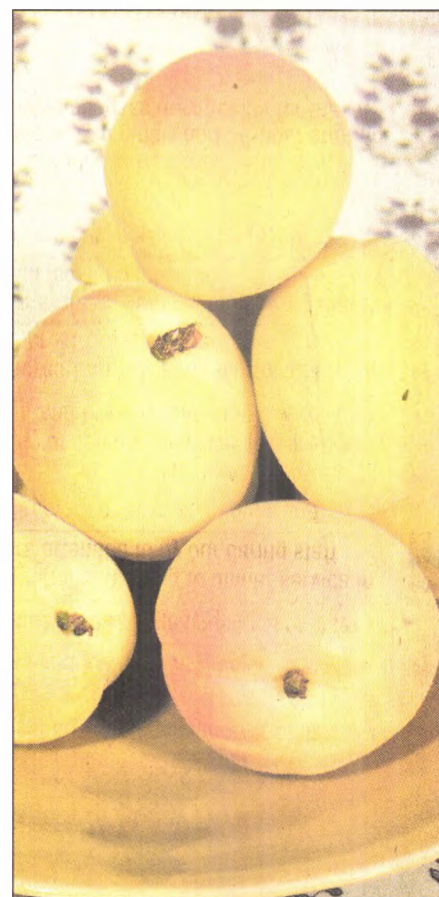
These tree-ripened, hand-packed fruits are juicier than a typical apricot and possess a balance of acid and sugar with a buttery, tropical, perfume-like sweetness. Apricots are a good source of vitamins A and C.

Frieda's Inc., a specialty produce company, ships Angelcots to markets throughout the United States, including Kroger stores locally.

According to Hazel Kelly, Frieda's public relations specialist, these Kroger stores have received shipments:

- Livonia — 30935 Five Mile; (734) 421-1685, Ext. 6
- Westland — 7350 N. Middlebelt; (734) 793-1022, Ext. 5
- Westland — 36430 Ford Road; (734) 595-6638, Ext. 6
- Garden City — 5866 Middlebelt; (734) 522-2870, Ext. 6
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Eat them fresh or combine them with other fruits for a dessert or snack.



An apricot variety called Angelcots.

FRESH ANGELCOT TART

This simple no-bake tart is a great way to showcase the natural sweetness and juicy texture of white-fleshed apricots.

6 to 8 Angelcots (peeled if desired), pitted and sliced (3 cups)

1 block (8 ounces) nonfat cream cheese, sliced

1/2 cup raspberries

1/4 cup sugar

1 pre-made graham cracker pie crust

(or pre-baked tart shell of your choice)

1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam

Mix the cream cheese, raspberries and sugar in

a medium bowl and beat with an electric mixer for 2 minutes, until smooth. Spread over the pie crust and arrange the Angelcot slices decoratively over the top.

Melt the raspberry jam in a small saucepan over low heat. Spoon over the apricots. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

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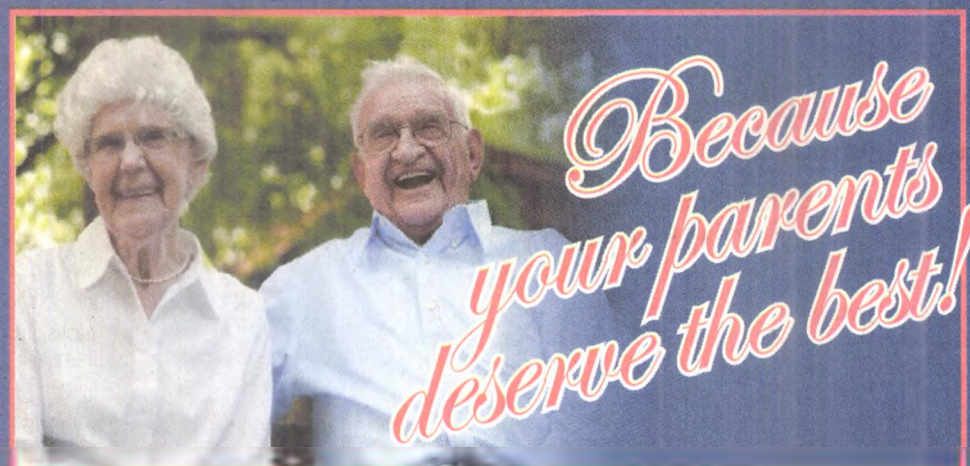
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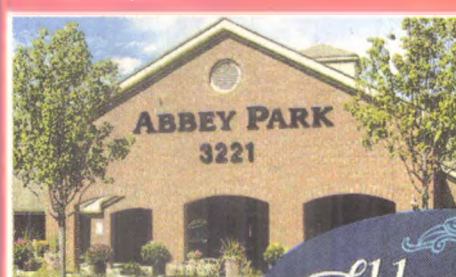
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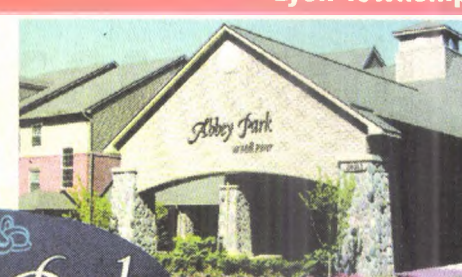
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Business owners share their views on economy, housing market in metro area

BY JULIE BROWN
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A recent study by the University of Michigan Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics has some tentative good news for the jobs front in 2011.

The spring study notes Michigan job growth next year will depend on the strength of the national economy and the viability of the Detroit Three automakers. The state will lose about 39,000 jobs in 2010, the study says, down from 230,000 last year.

That was the largest recorded drop in the workforce in 53 years of published data, and the biggest rate of job decline (5.6 percent) since 1958.

Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, owner of Westwind Communications marketing and public relations, also has a hot air balloon business.

"Nobody needs a balloon, that's for damn sure," Lorenz said, pausing over his coffee on a recent Thursday morning at Plymouth Panera's.

Lorenz has business all over the country and some overseas, and he noted other parts of the U.S. are less impacted by the economic downturn. The South, including Texas, Georgia and Alabama, is prospering "even through this whole downturn," said Lorenz, a homeowner.

Kurt Olson of Canton, a Plymouth attorney in private practice, isn't sure a recent uptick in spending will carry through to car and home sales. "It's going to be awhile," said Olson, sharing a table at Panera's with Lorenz. "The appraisals are putting a kink in a lot of things, I think."

In his law practice, few clients are selling their own homes, said Olson, also a homeowner. "The high end things are slow to come back." His son's a chef at Andiamo and people are eating out.

Nearly outside the Plymouth post office, homeowner Jim Meadows of Plymouth Township cited friends in the home repair and restaurant businesses. They're doing better.

"If it's picking up at all, it's very slightly," Meadows said. This quar-



ter has been better than last, the manufacturer said.

He plans more carefully for spending, such as recent refinishing of hardwood floors. "I think that's what you see a lot of consumers doing," Meadows said.

Fellow postal customer Dina Anderson of Plymouth does direct sales for Mary Kay, cosmetics, and Tastefully Simple, offering quick foods fast in kits to create meals.

"They'll buy little things," Anderson said of consumers. "Both of my businesses are flourishing."

Her husband was out of work five years, and now working part time with COBRA health coverage. She has catastrophic health care coverage.

"In Michigan, we need to have a complete overhaul of the auto industry to a thinking industry," Anderson said. That means moving away from gasoline use.

"That's not going to be a popular thing," she said. "We are so dependent on gasoline and the auto industry."

Anderson and her husband are homeowners who've been able to keep their home: "We've been lucky."

The recent U-M study noted some 20,000 jobs to be added in 2011 not significantly improving state unemployment. Growth will come

in health services, with finance and construction seeing a modest number of jobs added by the end of next year.

Retail trade, transportation and utilities will continue job loss. The public sector is expected to lose over 17,000 jobs during the next two years, due to budget-induced cutbacks and continued outsourcing, especially in local units of government and public schools.

Local businessman Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance in Westland, said, "I haven't noticed a difference" in business. Insurance is somewhat sheltered, he said, as auto and homeowner policies are required.

"I think restaurants are still pretty full," said Juenemann, a Northville Township homeowner. He considers the general economy "stagnant. I just don't see change." He believes more government spending isn't the answer, but "more individual responsibility and initiative. I don't think the answer is let's wait for the government to fix it."

"I think turnaround starts with a positive attitude and looking a little further forward," concluded Juenemann, presiding over a recent Westland Rotary lunch.

Sharing his table was Richard Strausbaugh of Northfield

Township, owner since 1960 of Westland Floor Covering. "We're relatively busy right now," he said, noting last year business was weak.

Strausbaugh believes his business boost is partly due to competitors going under.

"It's a matter of time for everything to come back from where we are now," said homeowner Strausbaugh. He does find people fixing up their homes more as they're less able to move to another home.

Two top economists recently offered encouraging news for the housing market. NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun and Moody's Economy.com Chief Economist Mark Zandi are predicting a slightly stronger demand for housing going into 2011. The two expect mortgage interest rates to remain historically low and the availability of jumbo loans to improve.

They differ on the impact of foreclosures on home price stabilization. Yun predicts a fairly even level of foreclosures, with home prices potentially rising 2 to 3 percent this year. Zandi forecasts a rise of foreclosures later in 2010 before easing in 2011 and predicts home prices may weaken this year.

Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, is optimistic about home sales. Reggish is president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"We are experiencing more multiple offers on properties," Livonia homeowner Reggish said. "Buyers are coming out of the woodwork. It's a first step toward increasing property values."

Lending for homebuyers remains a concern, Reggish said. "It has to change." Property in good shape that draws three-four offers, "those buyers didn't just look at one house," said Reggish.

Lenders continue to attach declining market adjustment to such properties, he said. Reggish said lenders must trust the market to set prices.

Use caution serving alcohol

Q: We are a condominium association that has a community facility which sometimes is used for community events such as pool parties and cookouts with food and drink. Sometimes at these events an association will serve alcohol. The association knows that more members will attend an event which provides alcoholic beverages then would be the case for a dry event. While I am sure that there is no way to ensure that the association will not be sued in a situation like this, what can the association do to minimize its exposure?

A: 1. Every state has laws that assign liability in cases where an intoxicated guest leaves a social event and causes personal property damage to a third-party. The best advice I can give you is to avoid selling alcohol. If your association is not selling alcoholic beverages, it will be deemed a "social host." If your association decides to sell alcohol, however, it will be considered a licensee and you will need to get a liquor license from the state. A social host, on the other hand, is liable for damages suffered because of the intoxication of a person under the age of 21 when the social host



Robert Meisner

or its agent willfully and knowingly served alcohol to an underage person. Based on this principle, if your association controls and furnishes alcohol as a social host, your Association could be liable only for injuries resulting from the service of alcohol if an individual acting for the association, such as a board member, knowingly and willfully serves alcohol to the someone under the age of 21.

2. Get the appropriate insurance. You cannot be 100 percent sure that someone under 21 will not be served alcohol or that a volunteer bartender will always refuse to serve an inebriated member. Therefore, an association should never hold an event with alcohol without liquor liability insurance.

3. Hire professionals to serve the alcohol. Professional companies will carry their own liquor license insurance that will give them and your association protection. An additional bonus to hiring professionals is that trained bartenders will have experience in identifying minors and those who have had too much to drink which will help lower the chances that matters will get out of hand. In short, be very cautious about serving or allowing the serving of alcohol and check with your attorney and insurance agent before allowing any such activity; and,

4. Lastly, get advice in writing from your lawyer to confirm the above.

Q: I heard recently that the FCC has now allowed bulk billing agreements between associations and cable providers. Am I correct?

A: The FCC recently affirmed the right of condominium associations to enter into exclusive marketing contracts and bulk billing agreements with video service providers, but it also expressly reserved the right to change its mind down the road if circumstances warrant. This FCC order was a follow-up to its original order banning exclusive contracts between condominium buildings and cable companies as unfair competition. The FCC invited and considered comments and concluded that bulk billing agreements predominantly benefit consumers, through reduced rates and operating efficiencies. In a bulk billing agreement, the owner contracts with, and directly compensates, one video provider to serve the entire community at a significant discount, but residents are free to contract with an individual provider.

As to marketing, the FCC said it would not prohibit target marketing deals because the record did not support the argument that they prevented other cable providers from providing service to residential buildings. Under an exclusive marketing agreement, a condominium community can promote one video service provider to residents, but may allow additional providers to serve the property. In any event, you should have your community association lawyer look at the documents and any cable agreement before having the association sign it.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of April 5-9, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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14 Ms. Zetterling (hyph.)
15 Spam, maybe (hyph.)
17 Concert performer
19 Attired
21 Fidel's friend
22 Be left
25 Is victorious
29 Prefix for two
30 Expresses relief
32 Long hike
33 Bounding main
35 Police-car warning
37 Yon maiden
38 Reverberate
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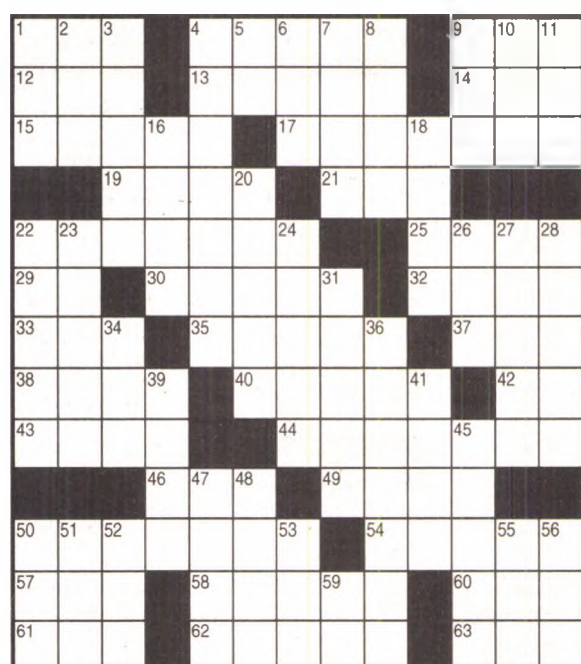
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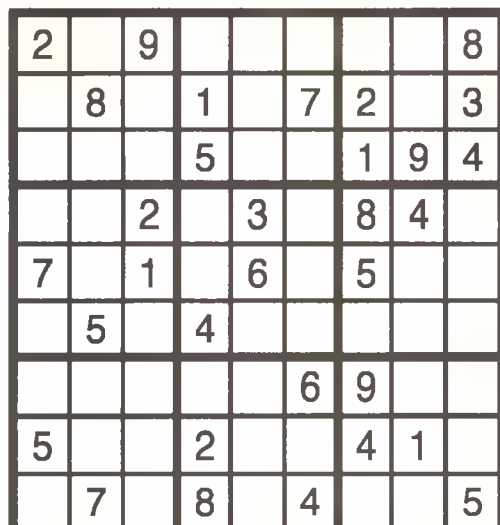
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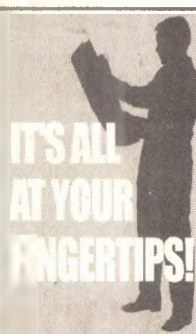
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