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Plymouth Preservation Network organizers urge visitors to "come in for the good food, leave with the jackpot!" Ticket-holders need not be present to win.

Garage sales

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will once again be hosting the Community Garage Sale.

Due to high demand, recreation officials will be hosting four separate sales June 11, June 25, July 9 and July 23, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena. Start gathering all those items that you no longer need, use, or want and get a 10-by-10-foot spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in the house.

To rent a spot it will cost \$20, but admission is free for those coming to shop. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Lauren Obsniuk at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 309, or register online at www.plymouthwebtrac.net.

Scout honor

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized Jean Fitzpatrick of Canton for her dedication to Girl Scouting. Fitzpatrick was named an "Outstanding Leader" at the Ann Arbor Regional Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, held at Grace Bible Church.

Fitzpatrick is trained in wilderness first aid and has taken her troop on countless camping trips. Her nominator stated, "Jean is a firm believer in the 'girl-run' troop system and goes to great lengths to achieve the right balance between girl and adult leadership responsibilities." In addition to her troop duties, she serves as the registrar for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors in Plymouth/Canton.

To learn more, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.gshom.org.

Father's Day run

Join the Plymouth YMCA as it celebrates its 50th anniversary for a Father's Day tradition at the 32nd Fathers Day Run Sunday, June 19.

The Fathers Day Run offers an event for every age. Kids quarter-mile Fun Runs, 7:30 a.m.; one-mile walk, one-mile run at 8 a.m., 5K Walk, 5K Run, 8:15 a.m., 10K, 8:45 a.m. The unique Morse Dental Group, 17th MDG Triple, 10.3 Miles, offers start times to run all three races. Registration is now open at www.active.com or for a printable registration form and more race information, visit www.ymcadelroit.org/plymouth.



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Lauren Erickson and David Berriman entertain the crowd.

Businesses put best feet — and food — forward

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Visitors needed to see Olivia Supnick if they wanted a 50-50 raffle ticket at Monday's Showcase Plymouth at the Inn at St. John's.

Rex Tubbs remembers the first Plymouth Showcase.

It was at the Mayflower Meeting House, featured about 30 businesses, and attendance was limited to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members. The master of ceremonies, a noted public speaker, had to whistle and shout to grab the attention of a noisy crowd.

"He did every trick in the book that (self-improvement author) Dale Carnegie has," said Tubbs, who was on the chamber committee that planned the debut Showcase. "That was almost an impossible task, and he pulled it off."

Fast-forward to Monday and Tubbs, the owner of Engraving Connection on Main Street in Plymouth, was participating in his 22nd Showcase, in which nearly 90 businesses and organizations, including more than 20 restaurants and food-service facilities, touted products and services for an estimated 750 to 800 visitors.

"This is a fairly good one. There's a good mix," Tubbs said at The Inn at St. John's, where the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth took place. "You really need to make it a cross-section."

BUSINESS, PLEASURE MIX

"Hopefully, I'll get a lot of contacts through

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Board won't close Fiegel

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For weeks students, parents and teachers from Fiegel Elementary School have streamed into Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meetings, begging trustees not to close their school as part of fixing a projected \$18 million deficit in the 2011-12 budget.

On Tuesday, trustees listened.

The Board of Education voted 4-3 to remove the closing of Fiegel from its list of budget cuts. The closing, announced several weeks ago but rumored for months, would have brought some \$1.4 million in savings to the district.

Trustees decided Tuesday to look elsewhere for that savings. When the vote was taken, the room full of Fiegel supporters exploded in applause.

"Who says you can't fight city hall?" said a jubilant John Nichols, a Fiegel parent and former school board candidate. "I'm glad they agreed not to make a rushed decision. Fiegel may still close, but let's look at everything."

Board Secretary Adrienne Davis and Trustees Barry Simescu, Steven Sneedman

and Nancy Eggenberger voted to keep Fiegel open. They largely echoed concerns voiced by parents and staff throughout the process that the decision was being rushed into without benefit of any kind of redistricting study.

They voted to keep Fiegel open for at least one more year, and asked for a thorough redistricting study next year.

"I don't think we've done an adequate job of looking at redistricting," Simescu said. "Maybe we do need to close a school, but maybe not this one, until I see a plan, I think we need to do that first before we decide to make a closure."

Board President John Jackson, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez and Treasurer Judy Mardigian voted to keep the school closing in the list of cuts, although all acknowledged what a difficult decision it would be.

"This is a very tough decision," said Mardigian, the longest-serving member of the board. "Eighteen million is a big number. I feel badly for the Fiegel family, but I feel we have to support the administration's recommen-

Please see **FIEGEL, A3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kyle Stinar-Eckert, who read a statement from the staff of Fiegel Elementary School at a recent budget workshop, made another impassioned plea to keep Fiegel open Tuesday. The school board listened, voting 4-3 to keep the school open.

Downtown summer concert series kicks off Friday

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011 Music in the Air concert season, which offers a mix of longtime crowd favorites and performers making their first local appearances, opens Friday evening in downtown Plymouth with a show by Motor City Soul, which will perform soul and Motown hits.

The free concerts, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority

with financial support from area businesses, are 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park each Friday through Sept. 2, with the exception of Friday, July 8, when the park and surrounding streets will be occupied by the annual Art in the Park.

The concerts started in the mid-1990s, coinciding with the installation of the downtown streetscape — which is currently being repaired and updated — and a push to revive the city center. (The paving of Main Street

between Church and Wing was expected to be completed in time for Friday's kickoff show, Tony Bruscatto, DDA operations director, said Tuesday).

"The series has grown. We get bigger and bigger crowds," said Bruscatto.

Motor City Soul will be making its Music in the Air debut, as will Those Delta Rhythm Kings ("jump" blues and swing, Aug. 5) and

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Motor City Soul makes its Music in the Air debut in downtown Plymouth Friday.

Plymouth barista grabs top prize in brewing contest

Espresso Elevado, a new coffee shop in Plymouth, placed first last week in the signature espresso drink portion of the Motown Throwdown II, a barista contest sponsored by the Coffee Express Co. of Plymouth Township.

The contest was May 19 at AJ's Music Cafe in Ferndale; Espresso Elevado's winning entry, brewed up by owner Teresa Pilarz, was Coconut Lemongrass Latte, which contains espresso, whole milk, organic coconut milk, organic

agave syrup and organic lemongrass powder.

Competitors had five minutes each to prepare a drink, explain how it was developed and describe the sensory experience it brings. The contest drew baristas from across Michigan and even from Windsor.

Espresso Elevado, which opened in March, roasts its beans on site and specializes in individually brewed coffee drinks. Coffee Express Co., in business since 1982, is a coffee roaster and wholesaler.



Teresa Pilarz, owner of the Espresso Elevado coffee shop in Plymouth, won the signature espresso drink portion of the recent Motown Throwdown II, a barista contest sponsored by the Coffee Express Co. of Plymouth Township.

SERIES

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Michael King & Friends (rock 'n' roll covers and originals, Aug. 12).

Returning will be favorites including Canton Township country singer Justine Blazer (June 3), Detroit Music Awards winner the Gia Warner Band (July 22), and, of course, Steve King and the Dittilies (July 15).

"He usually (draws) our biggest crowd of the year, and sometimes we have to close a street around the park," which is often "bursting at the seams," Bruscatto said. Warner, Mass Transit (hits and party music, Aug. 19) and the Randy Brock Group (guitar blues) also draw big crowds, he said.

The series has a budget of around \$44,000 this year, most of which will come from concert sponsors, Bruscatto said. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is the major sponsor, donating \$25,000, and other sponsors chip in \$1,000 per concert, with some concerts being sponsored by two or three businesses.

"Certainly without the sponsors there would be no series

TAKING THE STAGE

Here's the lineup for the annual DDA Music in the Air Series (concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park):

- May 27:** Motor City Soul, Detroit Motown and soul band.
 - June 3:** Justine Blazer of Canton Township, recently awarded the Dodge Ram Trucks Country Band of the Year award.
 - June 10:** The Sound Alternative, pop hits.
 - June 17:** Shawn Riley Band, favorite of rock and pop tunes.
 - June 24:** The Crutches, party band playing dance tunes, with a few surprises.
 - July 1:** Zap Toro, guitarists Kris Kurzawa and Sean Blackman play bossa nova and groove music.
 - July 8:** No concert, Art in the Park.
 - July 15:** Steve King and the Dittilies, the "King" of Detroit rock and roll.
 - July 22:** Gia Warner Band, multiple Detroit Music Awards winner.
 - July 29:** The Bluescasters.
 - Aug. 5:** Those Delta Rhythm Kings, jump blues and swing.
 - Aug. 12:** Michael King & Friends, rock 'n' roll covers and originals.
 - Aug. 19:** Mass Transit Band, hits and party music.
 - Aug. 26:** Randy Brock Group, guitar-driven blues.
 - Sept. 2:** Lady Sunshine and the X Band, soul, funk and rhythm and blues.
- In case of inclement weather, visit the websites www.downtownplymouth.org or www.facebook.com/plymouthdda to find out if a show has been canceled.

like this one," he said. Sponsorship opportunities were quickly snatched up for this season, Bruscatto said. "This was an easy sell. We had people coming forward wanting to sponsor the concerts. We were able to sell out

without any problem," he said. In addition, the Burger Spot and the Omelette and Waffle Cafe will have tents at each concert which food and drinks can be purchased.

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Holiday trashes pickup schedule

There will be no pickup of trash, recyclables or yard waste in Plymouth or Plymouth Township on Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Collections in both communities will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. Residents should have garbage, recyclables and yard

waste at the curb on the morning following their normal collection day.

That means pickups in Plymouth Township that are normally done on Fridays will take place on Saturday, June 4. In the city of Plymouth, Wednesday pickups — the city is normally on a Monday-through-Friday schedule — will

take place on Thursday, June 2.

For more information on the holiday trash collection schedule, city residents can contact the Department of Municipal Services at dms@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 453-7737. Township residents can call the solid waste and public service coordinator at (734) 354-3270, ext. 4.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

Summer art camps

Date/Time: Begin June 20, morning and afternoon sessions

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: 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 themed camps, including Diva Art, Camp Earth, Construction-Destruction Art and Animation and Cartooning.

Contact: Visit the Plymouth Community Arts website (www.plymoutharts.com) or call (734) 416-4278.

Bottle drive

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Canton High School, Phase 3
Details: The Canton Chieftettes are sponsoring a bottle drive. Donations can be dropped off at Phase 3 at Canton High School.

All Saints Camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5

Location: All Saints Catholic School, Canton
Details: All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.

Contact: For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at www.allsaintscs.com or e-mail msswiderek@yahoo.com.

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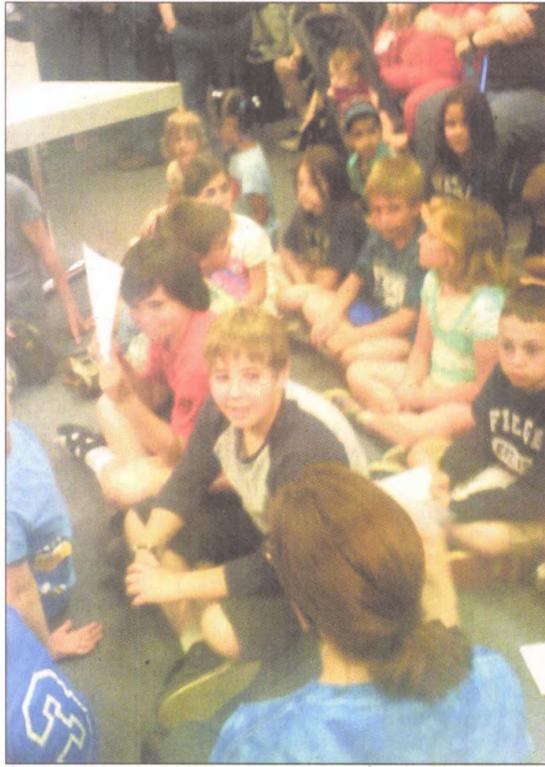
ation. This is what Lansing has done to us, and we're responding to it."

Crystal Garcia has a kindergarten and a second-grader at Fiegel and is one of the many residents of the Canton Crossings apartment complex across the street from the school. She said the board's decision reinforced the idea she's been teaching her children about standing up for what you believe in.

"I'm a proactive parent," Garcia said. "When I first found out (they were considering closing the school) I was devastated. I graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools and I wanted them to be able to follow in those footsteps. I told my kids if it's what you want you have to fight for it. If we have to fight every year, that's what we'll do."

The decision leaves the staff and students at Starkweather Education Center, the district's alternative high school, where they were when the process started. Kevin Lane, the center's director, enumerated several disadvantages to the old building.

However, he said Wednesday, though some enrollment could be limited due to lack of classroom space, the school will make some improvements, including increasing computer lab space,



Fiegel Elementary students (and their parents and teachers) crowded into the Board of Education meeting room Tuesday to ask the board not to close their school. It worked; the school will not be closed.

further improvements for the science labs and redoing the flooring in the child care center.

"We are disappointed because (Fiegel) would have been a better facility, but that disappointment is certainly

tempered by our joy for the Fiegel family," Lane said. "I'm very happy for the Fiegel community. The parents and students did a great job advocating for their school."

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District won't hike class sizes

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One of the largest cuts originally recommended by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administration to help deal with a projected \$18 million deficit won't happen after all.

The district's Board of Education, acting on a new recommendation by interim superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes, voted Tuesday not to raise class sizes at any level in the 2011-2012 school year. Earlier recommendations by the district's budget committee had suggested raising class size by two students per class at the elementary level, by nearly five at middle schools and nearly four at the high school level could have saved the district some \$4 million. The move was also expected to cost some 80 teachers their jobs.

But Hughes, noting the district's penchant for keeping cuts out of the classroom, recommended Tuesday the board take those hikes out of the equation.

"The board and the administration has always been concerned about class sizes," Hughes said. "It affects the quality of education received."

Noting the removal of class size increases creates a \$4 mil-

lion hole in the plan to deal with the \$18 million deficit, Hughes proposed the district handle that deficit in three ways:

- There were some \$9.5 million in other reductions that have already been approved or implemented, including a range of options discussed Tuesday.

- Taking some \$3.5 million out of the district's "rainy day" fund balance. That fund is projected to have some \$11.5 million by the end of the 2010-2011 school year, meaning it would dwindle to \$8 million at the start of next year.

- Getting some \$5 million in unspecified labor efficiencies and legislative action in Lansing. Hughes told the board the administration would return with recommendations on those areas, though they are expected to include concessions gained in labor negotiations.

Board members were unanimous in their support for keeping class sizes where they are.

"I'm really heartened that we all worked together on this and made the decision not to raise class sizes," trustee Steven Sneiderman said. "It's one of the most important decisions we will make. I personally never want to see class size increases in our budget again."

Other budget moves approved by the board included:

- Elimination of noon-time busing for kindergartners. Parents of morning students will be forced to pick their children up at school, and parents of afternoon students will have to drop their students off. The move eliminates 29 bus runs and affects 485 students.

- Saving WSDP 88.1-FM. The administration had recommended closing the student-run radio station, which would have saved some \$116,000.

- Opening the district to a "schools of choice" option. The proposal was for a cap of 150 students, which would raise just over \$1 million. Still to be ironed out is where to cap the number of students, and whether to offer the option only to district employees or to families outside the district boundaries.

- Cuts of some \$945,000 in the custodial department by altering the cleaning schedule. The original proposal was to cut some 21 custodial jobs. Hughes got the board to approve the \$945,000 cut, but said he'd come back to the board with an exact proposal of how to get there.

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Soccer tourney a boon to business

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Cup, a three-day soccer tournament that starts Friday, is expected to shatter attendance records and boost the area economy when as many as 55,000 players, their families, supporters, spectators and coaches gather for an event that continues to grow, even as it marks its 29th year.

Athletes and fans from as far away as Toronto, Ohio, Indiana and across Michigan are set to join local soccer enthusiasts and spend money as they descend on area hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, retail shops, ice cream stands and other businesses.

The 66-room Comfort Suites and 117-room Fairfield Inn, neighboring lodgings northeast of Haggerty and Ford roads, started witnessing an uptick in Canton Cup business nearly a year ago as families began reserving a place to stay for the Memorial Day weekend tournament.

"We're sold out," said Nader Judah, regional sales director for A&M Hospitality, which operates the two lodgings. "This is one of the largest venues that attracts people for us."

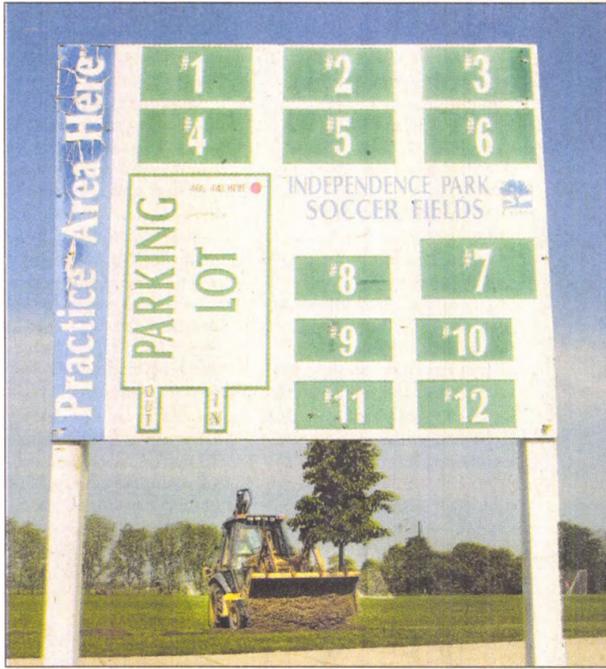
NOT JUST CANTON

Canton Cup brings a similar boon to places such as the 239-room, Livonia-based Embassy Suites, off I-275 between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads.

"Not only is there a little spillover to other communities — there's a lot of spillover," Jason Mack, Embassy Suites sales director, said. "It pushes as far north as Novi. It's definitely a good thing. I'd take this every weekend."

Darryl Noel, tournament director, said 781 teams — a sharp increase over last year's 670 teams — are set to compete on soccer fields across Canton, in parks such as Independence, Heritage, Flodin and Griffin — and, if backup locations are needed, Freedom and Barchester. Athletes also will play on fields at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Canton Cup gets bigger every



The fields at Canton's Independence Park are only a fraction of the number that will be in use this weekend.

year because of the quality of it," Noel said. "We work hard to make sure all of our guests have a good experience. We started last summer blocking out (lodging rooms) in Novi, Livonia, the (Detroit Metro) Airport, Canton and Plymouth."

Canton Soccer Club volunteers spend some 300 hours scheduling and researching teams, and township parks employees help get local parks ready for the influx of visitors. Noel said the Canton Downtown Development Authority, or DDA, also has worked for a year to promote the event — most recently by hanging light-pole banners.

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Local restaurants from fast-food chains to locally owned eateries expect to cash in when huge crowds bring their appetites to town. Kim Janes, owner of Carrabba's Italian Grill on Haggerty south of Ford, said Canton Cup business helps to off-

set what would be a slower time when many local families have left town for the holiday weekend.

"It's very beneficial," she said, adding that she intends next year to become more involved in promoting the event. "I love giving back to the community and helping any way I can."

Gary Krone, owner of Carvel Ice Cream on Ford Road east of Lilley, said his business will sell ice cream as it routinely does at places such as Independence Park. He also said he notices an uptick of in-store sales.

"The Canton Cup is big for us. It's always busy for us," Krone said. "This is like the beginning of the good-weather season. We see a rush of people, and finally we get bombarded. We will have people lined out the door."

Melissa McLaughlin, township treasurer and a DDA board member, said it's difficult to estimate the economic impact Canton Cup has on Canton and other communities, though it's certainly

significant.

"Kids come to the tournament, and along comes Mom and Dad and the siblings and the grandparents," she said. "Suddenly you've got this exponential impact on the community."

WATCHING IT GROW

Visitors spend money not only at lodging facilities and restaurants, McLaughlin said, but also at movie theaters, bowling alleys, gas stations and local retail shops. She said the DDA places its Shop Canton brochures in local hotels and motels to help people find what they need.

"It's a big thing, and as a DDA we want these soccer players and their families to go to Ford Road and spend money, to be blunt," McLaughlin said. "As a township board member, I just want them to come and immerse themselves in our community."

At noon Saturday at Independence Park, Noel said a ceremony honoring Memorial Day is set for Independence Park, with a moment of silence, the playing of *Taps*, the Yankee Air Museum conducting a fly-over of aircraft and a speech by township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

LaJoy initiated Canton Cup nearly three decades ago and became its first director. He said it has been rewarding to watch it grow.

"It's huge. It's really terrific," he said. "It's a tribute to all the people who have worked so hard for so many years to keep it going. I think it's incredible for the community."

LaJoy said visitors will likely spend money at places ranging from Meijer to Home Depot.

"People are going to be shopping in our stores, and they'll see our great community," he said. "I just think it's a tremendous plus for the community. Southeast Michigan benefits, really."

LaJoy said Canton Cup has emerged as the single biggest draw of visitors to Canton.

"I don't think there's anything that could match it," he said.

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CRIME WATCH

Apartment theft

Camping equipment, a fishing pole and a fish tank were reported stolen Friday from an apartment complex on Shadywood Lane, west of Haggerty and south of M-14 in Plymouth Township.

The theft took place during a break-in in a basement storage area, according a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Wire cutters may have been used to cut the fence that secured the area, police said. The victim told police she last saw her property on May 17, and was told Friday by another tenant that the storage area had been broken into.

The camping equipment reported stolen included a tent, a lantern and cookware, police said.

Larceny

Tools were reported stolen Sunday from outside a house on Northern Avenue, east of Sheldon and north of Joy Road.

The victim told police the tools were in a bag that he had left outside, near his driveway, for a short time while he took his car for a drive Sunday afternoon.

— By Matt Jachman

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 18-24:

- Tuesday, May 24 — Rescue runs on Forestwood, on Ann Arbor Road, on Five Mile, on Northville, on Plymouth Road, on Blunk and on Northville Road.

- Monday, May 23 — Rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks, on Sheldon, on Thornridge, on Northville Road, on Haggerty, on Plymouth Road, on southbound I-275, on Hampton, on Ann Arbor Road, on M-14 and on Cobblestone.

- Sunday, May 22 — Rescue runs on Ridge, on Brookline, on Lilley, at westbound I-96 and I-275, on Brentwood and on Woodland Place.

- Saturday, May 21 — Rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Main, on Howland Park, on Sheldon, on Palmer, at Brookline and Marlin, on Coolidge, on Canton Center, on Plymouth Road and on Woodgrove.

- Friday, May 20 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Cobblestone, on Schoolcraft north of Wilcox, on Deer and on Tyler; commercial rescue runs on Lilley, on Main and on Beck; rescue run on Stonehenge.

- Thursday, May 19 — Rescue runs on eastbound M-14, on Northville Road, on Academy, at N. Territorial and Beck, on N. Territorial, on Farmer, on Plumtree, at M-14 and Sheldon, on Plymouth Road, on Stonehenge, on Haggerty, on southbound I-275 south of Five Mile, on William and on Newport.

- Wednesday, May 18 — Rescue runs on Five Mile, on E. Tyler, at northbound I-275 and M-14, on Heritage, on Northville Road and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon.

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Community volunteers take home honors **SHOWCASE**

FROM PAGE A1

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The following people were recognized Monday evening, during the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, with volunteer-of-the-year awards from local service clubs, nonprofits and community organizations:

Bob Searcy, BPO Elks Plymouth 1780; Joe Elliott, Friends of the Penn Theatre; Fritz Sanders, German American Club of Plymouth; Bob Evans, Tim Tingstad and Ron Lynn, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth; Dave Reeves, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695; Jeanette Sullivan, Michigan Philharmonic; and Ryan Kus, Plymouth Area Jaycees.

Also, Vivian Van Vliet, Plymouth Canton Civitan Club; Meaghan McCann, Plymouth



The crew from Jet's Pizza - Dana Mischung, Amy Staubach, Kristen Campbell, Clint Kamyszek and Kaitlyn Burns - poses for a photo.

Community Chamber of Commerce; Violette Dely, Plymouth Community Council on Aging; and Jim

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Garden Club; and Betty Nolan, Plymouth Goodfellows.

Also, Jim Burroughs, Plymouth Historical Museum; John Marshall, Plymouth Lions Club; Suzanne Moser, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors; David Williamson, Rotary Club of Plymouth; Deb Madonna and Bob Bilkie, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.; Doug Jaskierny, the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps; Marilyn Olszewski, Trailwood Garden Club; and John Iaquina, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

Honorees who attended the event were each given a proclamation from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and a flower from Ribar Floral Co.

Community Financial Credit Union and Hines Park Lincoln were the sponsors of the event.

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it," said Shirley Addison, a Showcase newcomer, who sells gift cards for Phoenix Trading, which is based in Great Britain, from her home in Canton Township. "Everyone's wishing me good luck because it's a new business."

"It's fun to talk to all the people. We enjoy it," said Roz Spencer, a vice president at Forest Computer Solutions on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth. Spencer and business partner Jayme Rossiter were answering computer-related questions gratis from people who stopped by their table.

According to Tubbs, Showcase was launched to give people who worked in the Plymouth area's business parks a chance to see what downtown Plymouth had to offer. It later evolved into a social event, open to the general public, and eventually moved away from downtown.

The event has been at the Inn at St. John's for several years, but this year moved to two larger, adjoining rooms there, including the grand ballroom.

"We had very positive comments on the new space, and everybody seemed to enjoy the event itself," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director.

'FABULOUS' FOOD

People come mainly for the food, Graff said, and "the food was fabulous." Food-sampling booths were interspersed among other Showcase participants — retailers, banks, nonprofits, health-care agencies, home service businesses, politicians and more — to encourage nosher to take a good look around.

Participating restaurants included Amici's Italian Bistro, Zapata's Mexican Kitchen, the Rusty Bucket and the Moonlight Diner, which opened on Ann Arbor Road last month. "We love it," Janet

Armstrong, one of the partners at the Moonlight Diner, said of Taste of Plymouth. "It came at a perfect time for us, because it's a great way to get word of mouth." Visitors to the event are likely to be people who are dedicated to shopping and dining out in the community, she added.

Armstrong and business partners Julie Bardelli and

David Pawlowski were giving away grilled beet sliders and ham sliders at their booth Monday, and talking about their six-week-old restaurant venture.

"We believe that you can have a good classic meal without it costing an arm and a leg," Armstrong said.

A highlight Monday was the Chefs Challenge, sponsored by Mama Mucci's Pasta, a judged cookoff between Alexander Terms of the Ironwood Grill and Tim Bryant of Independence Village. The men prepared pasta with salmon, and Terms took the honors.

SERVICE THEME

Another highlight was the recognition of 25 volunteers of the year from area service clubs and community organizations, groups ranging from the two local Rotary Clubs, the Elks, Lions and the Kiwanis to the Friends of the Penn Theatre, the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Mark Evenson, branch manager at Community Financial Credit Union in Plymouth, won volunteer-of-the-year honors for his work with the Plymouth Community United Way. Evenson, currently involved in his fourth United Way fundraising campaign, was last year's campaign chairman.

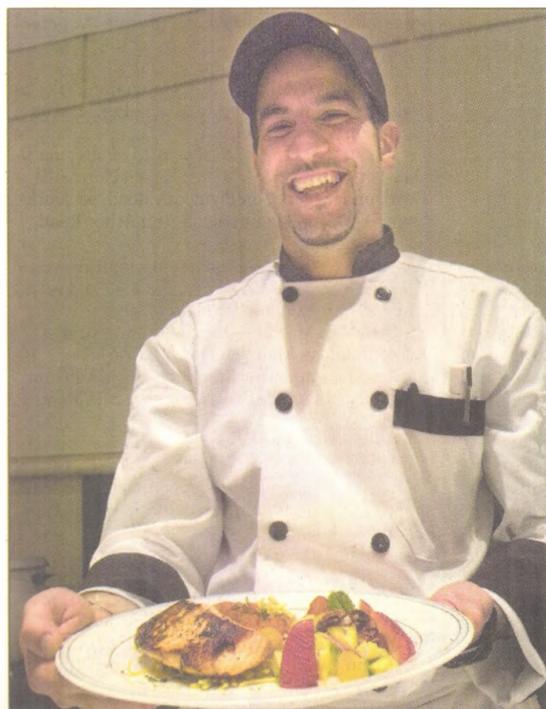
"I really didn't expect it, but I really appreciated Marie (Morrow, United Way president) and her team giving me the award," Evenson said. "It's kind of a shocker because it wasn't something I was really thinking about."

Evenson called the local United Way "a great cause" that's helping people affected by the economic recession get back on their feet.

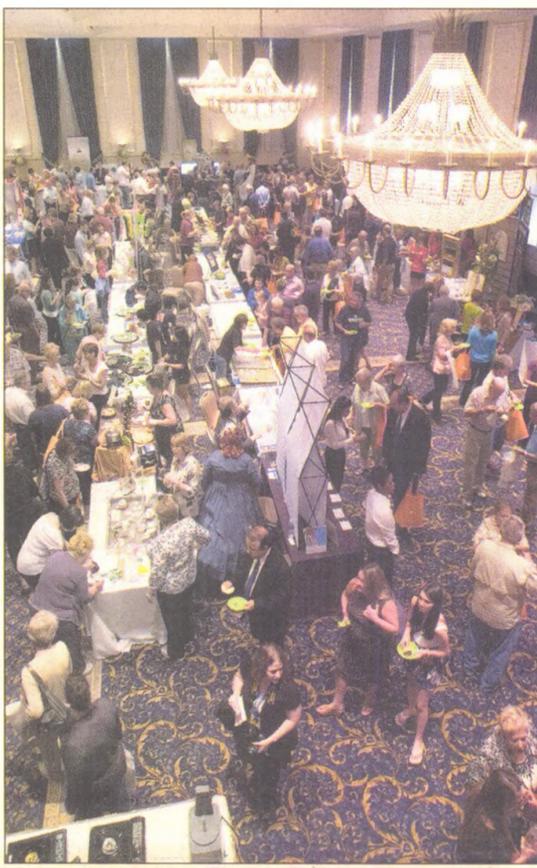
"It helps more than just Plymouth. It helps the whole southeastern Michigan region. Plymouth (United Way) seems to really spread itself across the entire Detroit community," he said.

In addition, three high school seniors were each awarded a \$1,000 service-based college scholarship from the chamber. The winners were Angelo Lanava of Canton High School, Alex Journey of Plymouth High School and Thomas Halewicz of Salem High School.

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Ahmad Terms of the Ironwood Grill won the Mama Mucci Pasta competition with his Louisiana-themed seared salmon with Mama Mucci's Pasta and a strawberry, avocado and pineapple salsa.



The Plymouth Showcase business expo and Taste of Plymouth drew a crowd estimated at 700-800 people to The Inn at St. John's Monday.

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IKEA going strong as five-year mark nears

BY HELEN NIEMIEC
CORRESPONDENT

The big blue and yellow building so eagerly awaited during its construction is gearing up for a major birthday celebration marking five years of operations in June. IKEA, the Swedish-based furnishings store, is very pleased with its decision to call Canton its home.

The Canton store, located on Ford and Haggerty roads, is one of 38 American stores in the chain. There are 280 stores in 26 countries. As the sole Michigan location, the Canton store is a destination shopping event, not only for locals but people throughout Michigan, Ontario and parts of Ohio. Before the store in Cincinnati, Ohio opened last year, the Canton store also drew shoppers from Kentucky and Tennessee.

James Organ, deputy store manager, said the Canton store has met and exceeded all corporate expectations, even in the bleak economic times.

He says there is much to celebrate. "IKEA has delivered very positive results. More than 300 people are gainfully employed, with no layoffs when the economy went sour. We offer well-designed furniture at great prices. The Canton IKEA has a steadily growing market share," Organ said.

Canton was one of the cities looked at and its cultural diversity, accessibility to major freeways and the good relationship with local government is what played a role in the final decision.

"It made sense to open a store in this area. Detroit is



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IKEA is a destination. Tour Connection, based in Lansing, offers a \$30 day excursion from Lansing to IKEA, then to Block Greenhouse in Romulus, to Guernsey in Northville for ice cream, then back to Lansing.

in the top 10 in the country for furniture spending. People in this market spend a lot of money on their homes," Organ said.

IKEA is a 311,000-square-foot building, with two levels and 1,300 parking spaces on a 21-acre parcel. Showrooms and model houses are located on the second floor. Also on the upper level is a 300-seat restaurant. The main floor houses Smaland, a supervised children's play area, the unassembled furniture stock to take home, 17 checkout lanes and packaged Swedish food.

IKEA designs all its items at the headquarters in Sweden. Cost is a key component in deciding to put an item on the market. Packaging is the other, Organ said.

"We believe in flat packaging. When we put something

like pillows in a box for shipment, the air is removed so more pillows can fit in a box. That means fewer trucks on the road and less emissions," Organ said.

The IKEA look decidedly is Swedish, with cleaner lines

and a European color palette. The taste also is decidedly Swedish, both at the restaurant and the Swedish Foodmarket.

The stock ranges from small kitchenware items to appliances, furniture and a full

array of bedding and linens. A children's section features toys, decorative items, bedroom furniture and tot-sized tables and chairs.

DECORATE AFFORDABLY

"Tastes change from babies to tweens. Parents can decorate more affordably here. We have an expandable toddler bed that grows with the child," Organ said.

It's that type of versatility and good price point that makes IKEA a major part of the furnishings business, he said. While the business is steady throughout the year, Organ said that in July and August as students prepare for the dorm life at colleges and universities, there is a great demand for beds, desks and decor that fits into the compacted space.

"We are a destination. We're the only store in Michigan right now. That's why it's important to offer a good day out. We try to make it fun and we make it affordable," Organ explained.

The recessionary times and affordability have broadened IKEA's appeal, Organ said.

Shoppers, who might not have considered IKEA before, came in when money was tight. IKEA is finding that the initial contact was positive because many have become repeat customers and are spending more now that the economic climate is improving, the deputy manager said.

Customers find that to be the case. Charley Hernandez was picking up items for his new apartment in Westland.

"I needed something nice for the living room and found everything on this one trip," he said.

Admitting that home furnishings aren't his specialty, he said he relied on the look of the floor design at the store and asked the IKEA salesperson for advice.

"She was great — gave me really good ideas but she didn't push anything on me," Hernandez said.

Tiffany Baines of Canton was shopping for "little odds and ends." With a tight budget, she's tired of the look of her rooms and wanted some new purchases to "spice it up a bit."



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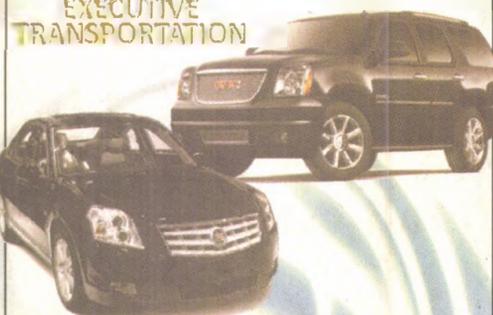
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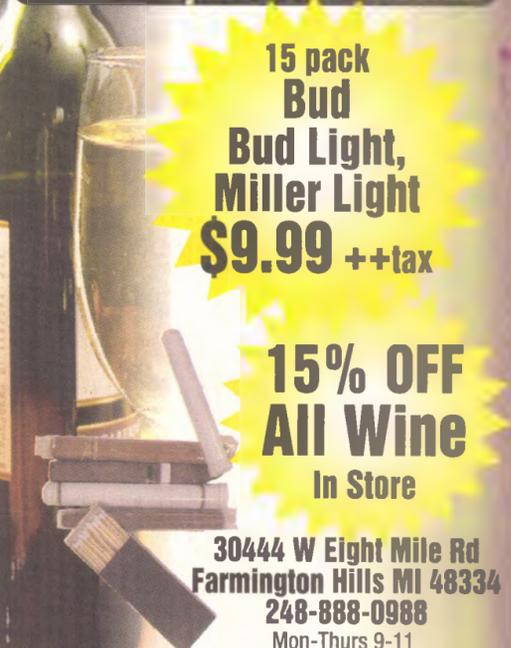
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Area women, men race/walk for the cure

Participants and volunteers from western Wayne and Oakland counties were part of the more than estimated 40,000 runners and walkers in Saturday's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Detroit.

The area on Woodward near Comerica Park was a sea of pink with signs, banners and pink ribbons everywhere marking the 20th anniversary of the race/walk sponsored locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Maureen Keenan Meldrum, chair of the Detroit race, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991. In 1992, she walked her

first race. Now as leader of the event, Keenan Meldrum is proud of metro Detroiters' supporting the cause.

"So many are having tough times, but perceived the need is great," said Keenan Meldrum, a Lathrup Village resident. "Our slogan is 'Times are tough. Breast cancer is tougher and metro Detroiters are the toughest of all.'"

A host of state and local celebrities were part of Saturday's event — U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and their wives — but the real stars were the breast cancer survivors, their friends and families who raised

money and walked or ran to show their support for the cause.

Since 1992, the community has rallied the support of family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to raise and invest \$20 million to help end breast cancer. Organizers said in 2010 alone, the Detroit Race raised \$2.3 million, providing year-round resources, \$1.55 million in community grants and more than \$428,300 to support global breast cancer research.

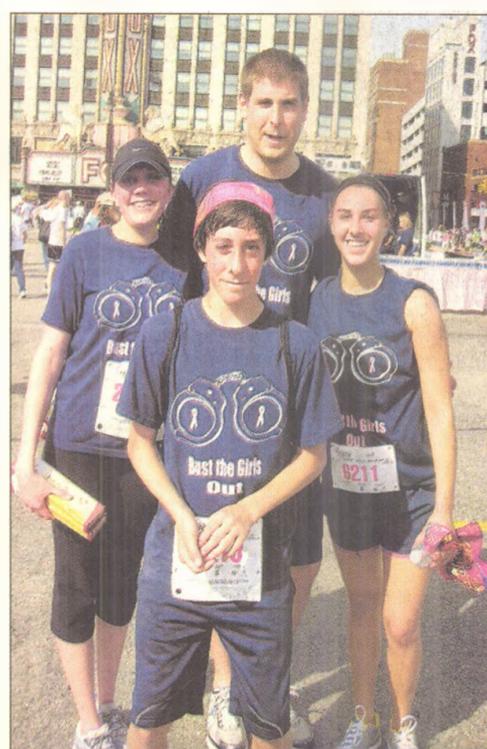
Donations are still being accepted for this year's event. For details and incentives visit: <http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure/friendsfor.asp>



Liz Lrick of Dearborn and Fred Peters of Redford Township donned pink tutus for Saturday's race. It was their first time at the event and they came because they have friends battling cancer and "it's a great cause."



Members of the Pink Brigade, march in honor of breast cancer survivors Donna Mughannem of Livonia, Gwen Blases of Livonia and Arlene Lachman of Commerce Township. The 33 members of the Pink Brigade come from Wixom, Livonia, Commerce Township, Westland, Canton and other nearby communities. The group was among some 700 teams participating in Saturday's event.



Team "Best the Girls Out" are all relatives from metro Detroit. Runners included Mike Miller, 28, of Berkley, Amy Kapelanski, 24, of Plymouth, Rebecca Taylor, 19, of Canton and Joe Taylor, 13, of Canton. Joe is a student at Pioneer Middle School. The extended family has participated in the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure since 2005. About 10-12 family members participated this year. "My mom had a scare earlier this year," said Taylor, adding it turned out not to be cancer. "We just got involved because it is a great cause."

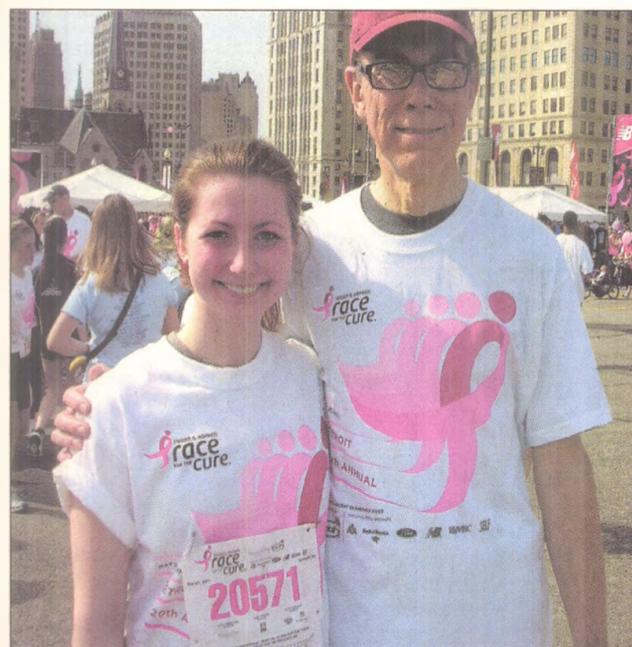
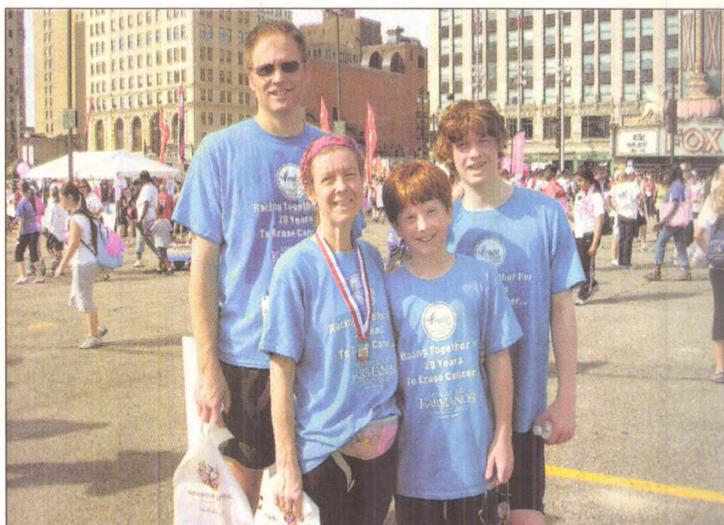


The Lipski family of Livonia volunteered at Saturday's race. They are dad, Kevin; mom, Dianna; Nathan, 11; and Melissa, 6. Nathan, a member of Boy Scout Troop 271 of St. Michael's Catholic School, used the race as an opportunity for community service so his family joined in. Nathan is a student at Riley Upper Elementary. Melissa attends Coolidge Elementary.

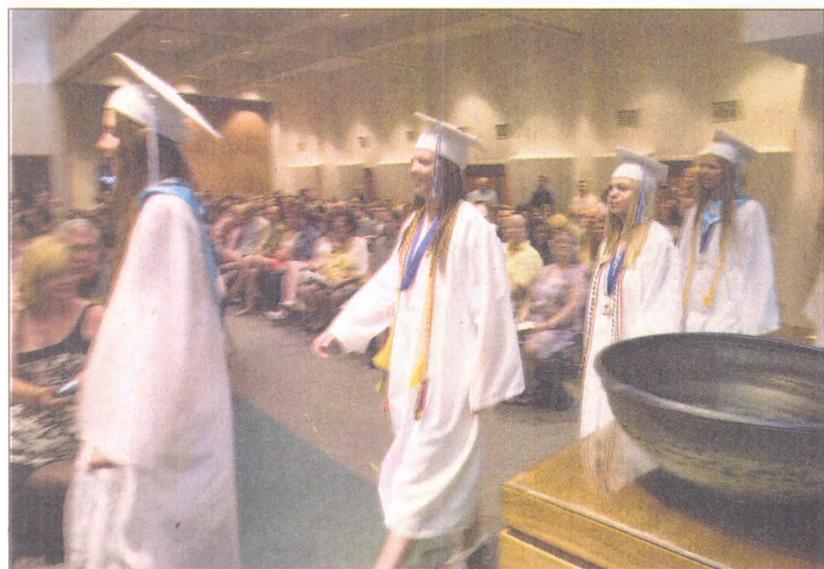


Livonians Lori and Andy Nersesian were part of Team Treasure Chests - about 20 people walking/running in memory of Nancy Griffin, Andy's sister, who died from breast cancer in 1999. The team also celebrates breast cancer survivor, Betty Gronski, Andy's mother. Lori Nersesian is an art teacher at Cooper Upper Elementary School in Livonia.

Team Karmanos: "Racing together for 20 years to erase cancer." Farmington Hills residents Helen Peck, director of clinical trials at Karmanos, her husband, Brian Marples and sons, Edwin Marples, 12 and Jake Marples, 16, participated in Saturday's race on Team Karmanos. Jack is a student at the International Academy while Edwin attends Warner Upper Elementary. Helen received a medal for finishing the race in 23 minutes.



All smiles after finishing the race are Becky Clark and her dad, Mike Clark, both of Westland. They have been running in the race for "five-six years." "My aunt, Judy, had breast cancer but she is in remission," said Becky.



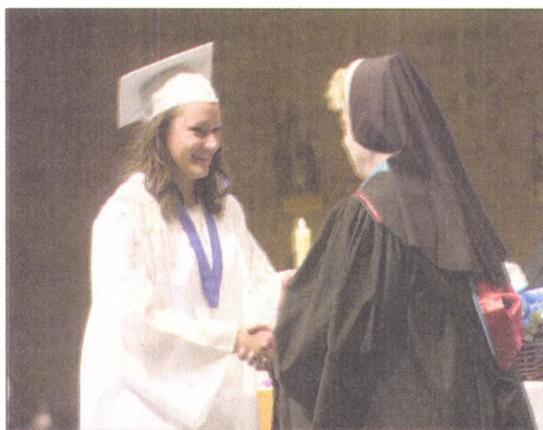
Ladywood High School's 2011 graduating class enters the sanctuary of St. John Neumann Church for the baccalaureate Mass and commencement.

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Ladywood graduates 83 in Class of 2011



Valedictorian Mercedes Sarah Black speaks to graduates, parents and guests.



Devon Renee Corby receives her diploma from Principal Sr. Mary Ann Smith.

Livonia's Ladywood High School graduated its Class of 2011 Sunday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

All 83 graduates intend to pursue higher education. They have been accepted at 30 institutions, counselor Susan LeVasseur said.

Seventy percent of them were offered a scholarship or award. Those scholarships and awards total more than \$4 million.

Thirty-five percent were awarded the Phi Beta Kappa

Certificate of Recognition for having GPAs of at least 3.75.

Eleven students earned the Gold Honor Stole, based on their cumulative grade point averages, total credits, high honors and outstanding academic achievement.

Forty-six earned the Gold Honor Cord for being on the Honor Roll all four years, and 10 earned the Blue Honor Cord for being on the honor roll for three years.

Valedictorian was Mercedes Black of Redford. Co-salutatorians were Katherine Suchyta of Dearborn and Megan Vitale of Livonia.

Winners of the Moms and Dads club scholarships were Rachael Heath of Livonia and Erica Mirabitor of Westland, respectively. The Moms and Dads scholarships are based on an essay written by the students on the topic of what an education at Ladywood has meant to them.

Psychiatric service dog helps veteran with PTSD

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Disabled with post-traumatic stress disorder after two tours of duty in Iraq, Terran Frye would feel his anxiety level increase when faced with a trip to the mall or other crowded places.

"When you've been in combat and dealing with crowds, then you come back to society, it's not an easy transition," said Frye, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. "It's hard trusting people. In a crowd, someone can come up behind you. There are so many people, you feel crowded in there."

Now Frye is getting more comfortable in crowds and other places thanks to a four-legged friend, his service dog, Hershey.

"I get depressed a lot and don't want to get out of bed. She helps me feel comfortable going out — she has my back. I can go to restaurants. I went to Arizona and she rode shotgun in the truck," said Frye, who stationed in Iraq for six-month tours in 2003 and 2005. "It's amazing to be able to fly again. It's just her watching my back and helping me with crowds."

A black Lab-Beagle mix, Hershey is a service dog provided and trained by Stiggy's Dogs, a nonprofit organization founded by Jennifer Petre in honor of her nephew, Benjamin Castiglione, a hospital corpsman third class, killed in Helmand Province in Afghanistan in 2009.

Psychiatric Service Dogs like Hershey are taught specific tasks needed by the veteran with whom they are paired. It can include help directing them through a crowd, reminding them to take medication or waking them up from a nightmare or when the alarm clock goes off.

"I see big increases in confi-



U.S. Marine Corps veteran Terran Frye of Westland said that he has benefited from his service dog Hershey.

dence with the dogs. The veterans aren't as worried as much with the dog. It takes pressure off them," said Petre, who has established a Stiggy's Dogs training facility in Livonia.

"With a dog, they're not looking at the person. Nobody really cared that I was there," said Frye.

The dogs selected and trained to work with the veterans are usually mixed breeds and found at animal shelters. That's the concept reflected in the motto of Stiggy's Dogs, "Rescuing one to help rescue another."

The dogs complete what is called good canine citizen training, then go on to additional training with their new owner once they have been matched with a veteran.

After learning about Stiggy's Dogs while volunteering at the Wayne County Fairgrounds last summer, Frye looked at the group's website and filled out an application.

"In March, I officially got Hershey. They were looking for the right dog. She was training in North Carolina," said Frye, who is originally from Kansas. "I followed her on Facebook

and on the website. I met her (Hershey) for the first time and started training in February."

Married to Michelle, a nurse, and a father of two, Frye is 100 percent disabled due to PTSD.

"I'm not going to be working, so I volunteer. I do what I can do. I have some good days and some bad days," Frye said. "I have a lot of appointments to go to at the veterans center."

Since getting Hershey, Frye has been spreading the word to veterans he knows about Stiggy's Dogs and hopes to attract more veterans suffering from PTSD to the program.

"I hope in the future to work on setting up things for veterans so that they feel comfortable," said Frye. "We need a bigger facility. There is a big waiting list, people need help. It takes a few months to get a dog trained and out the door. We want to train more dogs and help more veterans."

For more information, visit www.stiggysdogs.org. Veterans interested in obtaining a service dog can e-mail Frye at terran@stiggysdogs.org.

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Festival celebrates arts abilities

VSA Michigan-Southeast celebrates 20 years of showcasing arts ability at its festival Friday, June 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and Saturday, June 4, at the Michigan State University Community School-Detroit.

The performances spotlight more than 200 children with developmental and physical disabilities from schools including 5678 Dance Center and Academy in Livonia; Old Village, Northville; Pontiac; Detroit, and Lincoln Park along with adults like Plymouth pianist, Raymond Wells. Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and art therapy classes that culminate in the performances.

Southeast Region Committee members Jody Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Connie Lott, Linda Ann Chomin, and Gayle Owens put on the festival that includes vocal and instrumental music, dance and drama.

Stark was named 2011 Educator of the Year by VSA Michigan. As a music therapist, she has more than 27 years experience with various populations including autistic, cognitively and pre-primary impaired, at-risk children and youth, and breast cancer survivors. She is currently Site Director of Music Therapy Clinical Services, MSU Community Music School-Detroit.

"We're excited about this being our 20th anniversary, that we've been able to provide this 20 years," said Stark, committee chairperson.

The festival not only gives performers with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to show off their talents but participate in hands-on art activities like painting a mural with artist-in-residence Daniel Cascardo, and music and movement. Drumming with Kevin Collins and juggling with Chuck Clark and Dan Baier add to the fun.

"We'll be making yarn balls for the kids to juggle," said Stark. "The jugglers are good for interacting with audience and it's a new way to interact with participants. They seem to really have fun."

VSA enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. Jean Kennedy Smith founded the nonprofit organization as Very Special Arts more than 25 years ago after her sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver started Special Olympics.

Hours for A Celebration of Arts-Ability, the 20th Festival of VSA Michigan-Southeast are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at MSU Community Music School-Detroit, 3408 Woodward Ave.. Experiential hands-on art activities will be provided for festival participants and audience members. The VSA Michigan 2011 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit will also be featured.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Jody Stark at (313) 273-7762 or e-mail catinc@earthlink.net.

Teach kids money smarts from early age on

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Memorial Day, the traditional unofficial beginning of summer, is just around the corner. It is the day to go to the beach, have a barbecue with friends and family, relax and enjoy the good life. However, we all know that Memorial Day is more than enjoying the good weather and the company of our friends. It is also a day that we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Throughout our history as a country, we have been blessed



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

with men and women who have served and protected our country and kept it safe and free. On Memorial Day, it is incumbent upon all of us to take a few minutes and remember those who have served and protected our country throughout history. I know that on this Memorial Day, as I do every Memorial Day, I will give thanks to those who have sacrificed for me.

Now that Memorial Day is almost here, before we know it, kids will be out of school and doing the things that kids do during the summer. I remind parents that summer is a great time of the year to begin to teach your kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money. After all, if they don't learn from you, they'll eventually learn it from the charge card companies.

Particularly for those parents who have children about to

start college in the fall, if you haven't started teaching them about money, now is the time. College kids who get themselves into financial difficulty will find that their credit scores are affected. Not only can that hurt them in obtaining credit in the future, but it could also impact their ability to get a job. More and more employers are using credit scores in their decision-making process to determine who gets a job. Good money skills are essential for college students not only to get a job, but also to be able to successfully manage their way through life.

Learning about good money skills is not just for college bound students, but for everyone, at any age. I believe that teaching about personal finance should begin in kindergarten and continue on throughout high school.

Teaching kids about personal finance and personal responsibility can be a fun educational summer project. Personal finance is something that just isn't taught in schools, but it is an essential skill that kids will need and use for the rest of their life. In addition, understanding personal finance at a young age will increase the quality of life now and well into the future.

If you are looking at doing something this summer that will enhance the quality of your child's life, spend some time this summer teaching your kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money.

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

Zumbathon raises money, awareness of sarcoidosis

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

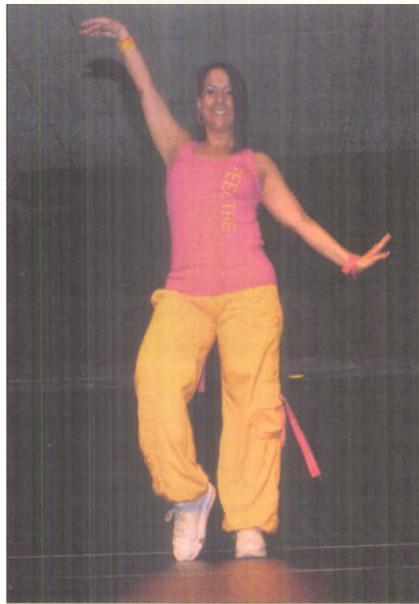
As a Zumba instructor, Derica Wade works to get people fit and moving.

Now Wade is using Zumba to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease that can affect any organ.

"My mother-in law has the disease — it runs all through my husband's family and we've lost family members to it," said Wade. "It's really near and dear to my heart."

The Zumbathon for Sarcoidosis will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland, where Wade teaches Zumba four days a week. The doors open at 1:30 p.m. It's open to all ages and a \$15 donation is requested.

"We average more than 100 people for a Zumba party. I hope we will get at least 200 people for the Zumbathon,"



Instructor Derica Wade is using a Zumba-thon to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease.

has heard of the disease, she notes that it is likely because that is what caused the death of comedian and actor Bernie Mac.

In sarcoidosis, the immune system doesn't function properly and blood cells become overactive, releasing chemicals which cause inflamed tissue to form in the body's organs. Common symptoms are vague, such as fatigue unchanged by sleep, lack of energy, weight loss, aches and pains, arthritis, dry eyes, swelling of the knees, blurry vision, shortness of breath, a dry hacking cough or skin lesions. The cause isn't known and there isn't a cure.

"There isn't a lot of awareness. It's a horrible disease. They used to think it was genetic but now it affects all ethnic groups ... It used to occur more in ethnic minorities," said Wade, who hopes to have a couple of sarcoidosis sufferers speak at the event.

said Wade. Along with the Zumba fundraiser to benefit the Foundation for Sarcoidosis

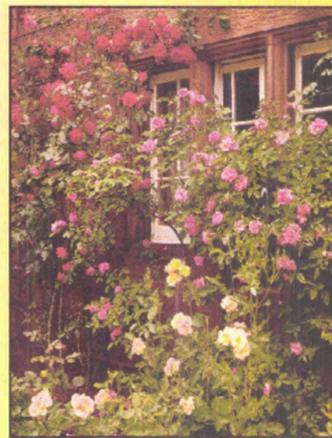
Research, Wade said part of the event is aimed at educating the public about the disease. If the average person

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First Step invites public to opening of residential facility

First Step is putting out the welcome mat, inviting the community to join the grand opening of its new residential facility Tuesday, May 31.

The local nonprofit agency, which provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, will celebrate the opening of the facility at 4400 S. Venoy, just south of Annapolis in Wayne. The event will be 4-7 p.m.

The agency began raising funds for the facility in 2008 when it had to leave its location in Canton due to irreparable building conditions. At that time, First Step moved its residents into a temporary location while they worked to raise needed funds. Construction on the new building began in August 2010.

The First Step staff and Board of Directors set out to build a model facility to meet the needs of the community for years to come. First Step offers a safe place to stay and comprehensive services, such as counseling, assault response, legal information, safety planning, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Forensic Exams, and a 24-hour Help Line for victims of intimate partner violence and survivors of sexual assault. First Step also provides support and services for children affected by these crimes.

"We are often told by police, prosecutors and by the victims of violence themselves, that the service we provide is an important part of the safety net in the community," said Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director. "Many victims are killed or seriously injured by domestic or sexual violence each year. First Step offers an option to living in a violent home and support and resources to help people live lives of peace and safety."



First Step's new residential facility has 10 apartment-like suites and can accommodate up to 50 survivors per night.

"This new facility was designed to offer survivors a peaceful place to heal from the trauma of the violence and the stress of leaving one's home," she said.

According to Ellis, the facility is built with a balance of public and private space to help our guests feel welcome, comfortable, empowered and supported. Each family suite has its own private bath, a small living area and a mini-kitchen. There are 10 apartment-like suites, which First Step estimates can accommodate up to 50 survivors per night.

The new facility also includes a fully-equipped Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Clinic, children's areas and program space.

"I have to admit, fund-raising in a tumultuous economy has been challenging, but I am proud of our board, our volunteers and staff," said Ellis.

The fund-raising efforts were led by Loren Wadington Treadwell and David Treadwell of Canton. A lead gift was provided by Karen Wilson Smithbauer of Grosse

Ile, and a lead grant was provided by Wayne County EDGE, whose mission is to provide safe, affordable housing for low income families. Wilson Smithbauer's name will appear on the building.

"There are so many kind and generous people who came together in support of this project," said Loren Treadwell, Capital Campaign co-chair. "We will be recognizing these people at our Grand Opening Event."

First Step is still raising funds to complete the project. Donations are needed to add technology, furnishings, commercial quality laundry equipment, playgrounds, gazebo/picnic shelter and garage/donation resource area. People interested in finding out more about donating can call (734) 416-1111 or go online to info@firststep-mi.org.

About First Step: First Step is the only agency in out-Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. Last year, First Step touched the lives of 16,480 people.

Reports: McCotter considers running for president

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is considering a run for president, according to published reports.

On Monday, McCotter told Politico he is seriously considering a run and will make a decision in the next two weeks.

"I think the majority of the Republican electorate isn't happy with the choices they've got and want to take a look at new people," he said.

The Observer contacted McCotter's office for comment on the report Tuesday. McCotter's office responded: "Representative McCotter has nothing to add to the Politico story at this time."

Other Republicans who are running or expected to run are former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty,



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, told Politico he's considering a run for the presidency in 2012 and will make a decision in the next couple of weeks.

former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and former Utah Gov. John Huntsman. Former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann are considering running.

McCotter is in his fifth two-year term in U.S. Congress,

representing western Wayne and western Oakland counties, including his hometown of Livonia. Prior to his election in 2002 to Congress, McCotter also served as a state representative, Wayne County commissioner and Schoolcraft College trustee.

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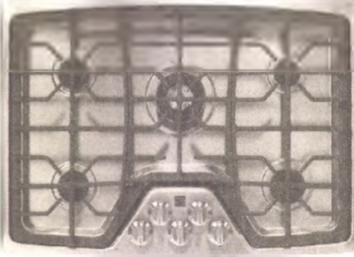
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OUR VIEWS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local Vietnam veterans led off the 2010 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade. This year's parade is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Honor sacrifice Memorial Day is time to recall those who paid ultimate price

Every year at this time, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in the defense of this country. This year, in the wake of the killing of Osama bin Laden, we have even more of which to be proud than ever. Without a single loss of life — or even major injury — our military scored perhaps the biggest victory yet in the war on terror.

That stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

On Monday, we pause to remember those who have made that sacrifice. There will be parades, memorial services and flags fluttering on the graves of the servicemen and women who have given their lives so we can live free.

It's the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

Some will take time to observe ceremonies like the parade in Plymouth, others the annual memorial service in Canton, which starts at 1 p.m.

People will attend similar ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

On this Memorial Day 2011, we urge you to take time to remember what it stand for. Certainly, enjoy your barbecues, open your pools, spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge you to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

We cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With the approval of his budget plan and tax shift, which will take effect next year, do you think the jobs that Gov. Rick Snyder talks about will materialize, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I'm hoping for some hope for Michigan. ... I'm trying to get out of here, job-wise."

Jillian Barnes
Plymouth



"I hope so. I don't know, we haven't seen too many jobs."

Dema Lincoln
Plymouth



"Probably not. It just seems like people have been made a lot of promises."

Heather Cavanaugh
Ann Arbor



"Eventually, I'm an optimist."

Dave Jensen
Whitmore Lake

LETTERS

Full disclosure

We received a mailing from the Plymouth Township supervisor purporting to present a complete picture of the situation regarding the future of fire services in the township following the defection of the City of Plymouth.

I am insulted and angry. The insult begins with the presentation of the so-called facts. The use of bold print and the absence of certain details is unprofessional at the very least and borders on being an outright attempt to mislead the good people of Plymouth Township. I only know Mr. Reaume from a few casual encounters. He seemed like a good person (I voted for him) and I suspect that the some of the childish presentation is the work of certain other bombastic elected officials.

As to the facts as presented and others not presented, here's how I see it. I must admit that I was surprised at the complete costs of our good fire personnel. I have dealt with them on a few occasions however and do not begrudge them pay and benefits when I know that their responsiveness, skills and actual performance is at such a high level. In fact, those skills are a major reason for this letter.

Mr. Reaume managed to omit the issue of increasing the use of the firefighters for emergency medical service and virtually eliminating our dependence on private ambulance services. I have never heard any response from the supervisor, the treasurer, or anyone else as to why they choose to throw away the money that was spent training the firefighters in EMS and not add the insurance

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dollars received for performing the work "in house" to the revenue needed to manage the fire department. Several hundred thousand dollars in additional revenue would help immensely. In addition, "waste not" — in this case talent and skills, is a maxim most of us live by every day.

On the other hand I can see the likelihood that there may need to be some decrease in total personnel. Having lost 25 percent of the budgeted revenue by the city leaving the "community" firefighting program, but also reducing the numbers of responses needing our fire services we most probably should reorganize the firefighting manpower. Mathematically that

might appear to suggest a 25 percent reduction. However, I do know from experience that it's not that simple. Some combination of command personnel and firefighter adjustments have to be weighed against actual needs.

Perhaps the elected supervisor, treasurer and other trustees will recognize that shouting in print, for is that not what strategically placed bold lettering is, is best left to tabloids and TV talk show hosts. Whereas full disclosure, professional actions, and careful need vs. resource analysis accomplishes so much more.

Doug Koch
Plymouth

Chasing groups away

In the interest of full disclosure I am a parent of a member in the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps.

How does the Board of Education arrive at a possible revenue increase of \$86,000 by charging a fee for the use of school facilities?

Instituting a \$10 per hour fee on "outside groups" is assuming a static model in which the organizations will continue to use the buildings at an assumed number of hours. The fees will turn into a revenue stream of diminishing returns as the affected groups will find some place else to meet their needs.

By chasing away the organizations which provide students a much-needed positive experience, this policy seems to run counter to PCCS maintaining its reputation of excellence.

Keith Cattaneo
Canton

Funding youth services vital to future of Wayne County

BY KEVIN MCNAMARA
GUEST COLUMNIST

We can become one of the most prosperous and safe counties in the nation when we care for our youth. They are the future leaders and productive members of Wayne County who will eventually lead our region for growth.



Kevin McNamara

In January, I encouraged my Wayne County Commission colleagues to create the Youth Services Committee to provide oversight for youth programs to at least sustain funding. The committee monitors budgets for health services, juvenile justice programs, out-county extension services, foster care and indigent child care.

Youth services in our county have been overlooked during the budgeting process, even while the agencies and staff have made progress. All too often during the past few years, funding has been reduced in favor of other programs.

Wayne County has effectively improved juvenile justice programs, moving troubled youth to productive members of society. However, if the budgeting trend continues it will have a severe impact on transforming youth

who make resolvable mistakes. The following statistics show progress and also illustrate a trend which I am concerned about.

- Since creation of a county "diversion" program to provide counseling and other support instead of juvenile incarceration, 92 percent of youth who completed the one-year program remained out of the formal justice system.

- Title IV-E federal funding, which supports Wayne County juvenile justice and child welfare programs, dropped 52 percent, from \$3.4 million in 2008 to \$1.8 million last year.

- Juvenile justice funding, outside of federal dollars, has decreased 11.3 percent during the past three years while activity has increased.

- Child abuse and neglect funding, outside of federal dollars, dropped 7.3 percent.

- Successful probation completion declined nearly 3 percent, likely resulting from decreased funding.

- The number of juveniles in probation rose 12.8 percent last year, while the number in commitment has sharply declined by 25.5 percent, correlated directly to the drop in funding.

Youth services provided by Wayne County and our communities are critical to protecting our children and supporting families who need guidance and resources. I believe and have seen

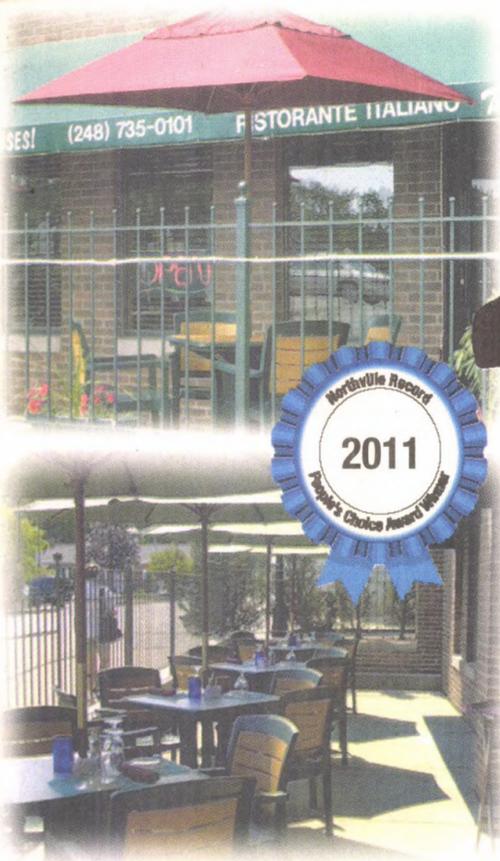
with my own eyes that most youth who perform criminal acts can be rehabilitated to become productive adult members of society — program statistics are evidence. However this could change if we do not protect funding.

Additional reductions in funding will leave youth and their families with limited alternatives, possibly creating a pattern of behavior that will cause further problems. Youth will either be placed into adult-orientated programs which are proven mostly ineffective or even worse left without any support. As chair of the Youth Services Committee, I am committed to make sure that we don't limit the availability of youth programs and protective resources for families.

I am also concerned about the impact Gov. Snyder's proposed budget will have countywide — specifically how it will affect our youth and senior citizens. Education and a number of programs will be severely impacted due to the new models the governor recently presented.

I'll continue to keep citizens informed on the youth services in Wayne County and future actions of the Youth Services Committee. I'm proud to serve as its first chair.

Kevin McNamara serves on the Wayne County Commission representing District 11 composed of Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne.



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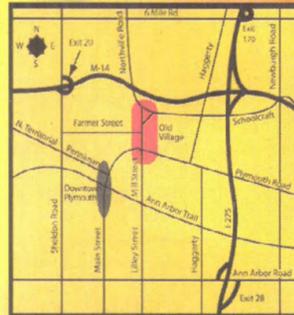
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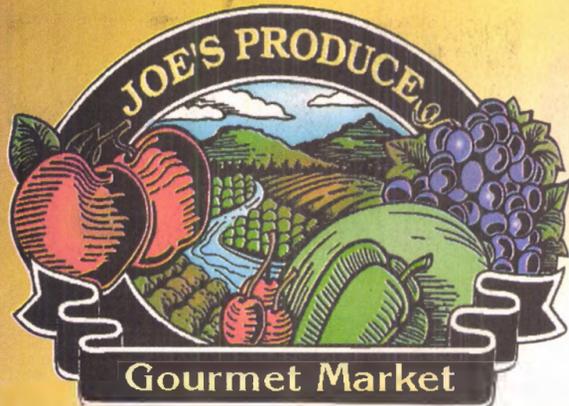


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Miscues trip up title bid

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes it's the little things that lead to a big victory. That was the case Tuesday afternoon as host Livonia Stevenson earned the KLAAs Kensington Conference baseball championship with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over Canton.

Stevenson, the Central Division champs, improved to 23-8 overall and moved into the KLAAs title game beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Hartland.

Canton, 23-5 overall and the South Division co-champion, may not want to come back to Stevenson's diamond any time soon after squandering a 2-run lead for the second time this season.

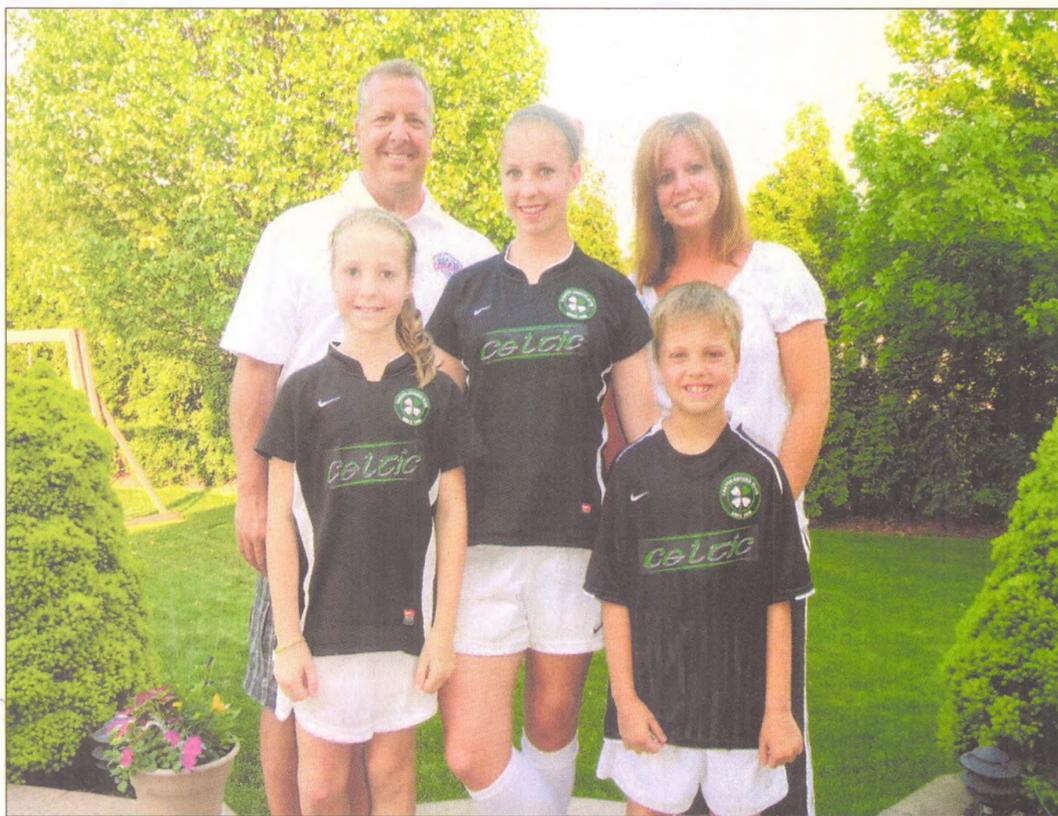
Stevenson junior right-hander Chris McDonald, pitching with cast on his glove hand from a broken thumb, picked off Canton runners in the first, fifth and sixth innings to help his own cause.

"We have 33 pickoffs in 31 games," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "We work on it, we work on it, we work on it, we work on it."

Please see **CANTON, B3**



Seth Tschetter attempts a bunt for Canton.



Gearing up for this weekend's Canton Cup is tournament director Darryl Noel and his family. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Julia, 10; Nicole, 17; Tyler, 8, who all play for Canton Celtic teams throughout the year. Standing behind them are their parents, Darryl and Patty.

They'll journey to tourney

Canton Cup soccer tournament model of consistency, 'fair play'

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It takes a soccer family to know one. Darryl Noel's family unquestionably qualifies, what with a bona fide soccer mom (Patty) and three kids who play the sport either with the Canton Soccer Club or a high school team.

The Noels will be joined this weekend by hundreds if not thousands of soccer families from all over the Midwest and Canada for the 29th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

Meanwhile, Darryl is wrapping up months of planning and preparation as first-year director of the unparalleled tournament.

"The legacy that has been handed to me is at times overwhelming," said Noel, a 45-year-old Canton resident who took over the tourney director's post from John Vaughn. "You have people, and since this is the 29th annual, that were playing in those original tournaments that now have their children going through."

"And you hear the consistent things



about the Canton Cup. It's quality, it's fair play. That whole brand image is extremely important."

COMING TO CANTON

Noel and about 200 other volunteers will welcome a record-number 781 boys and girls teams (including about

12,000 players) from northern Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada (along with Michigan teams) to compete at one of the Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

The Canton Soccer Club is hosting the mammoth tournament in affiliation with Canton Leisure Services (which is providing fields for the event).

For the record, there will be roughly 1,200 contests hosted at five Canton venues. Independence Park, Heritage Park and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are the main sites for those games, which kicks off from 5-9 p.m. Friday.

The tournament continues from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

"We're extremely lucky with working with Canton Leisure Services," Noel said. "They've been very helpful with us with the fields, giving us some resources. It's a good partnership."

According to Noel, having a fair-and-square tourney is essential to visitors

Please see **TOURNEY, B2**

Showing rookies the ropes

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teenagers haven't changed too much over the past three decades. But it is safe to say quite a bit about society and the Ontario Hockey League since Craig Wolanin played for Kitchener in 1984-85.

That's one reason the 43-year-old former NHL defenseman is thrilled that his son, Christian — a 2011 draft pick of the Plymouth Whalers — had the opportunity to get a two-day primer at Compuware Arena.

Craig Wolanin, watching his son scrimmage from above the blue seats at an end of Compuware, said the Whalers rookie orientation was a "terrific" idea.

"It exposes the kids to what might be. And (Whalers GM-coach) Mike Vellucci does a real good job of painting a clear picture of what the options are for these kids and what the Whaler organization has to offer."

The younger Rochester, a 16-year-old left wing from Rochester who played last season with the Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, was one of 11 players recently drafted by Plymouth to take part in the rookie orientation.

(Of course, No. 1 pick Mitchell Dempsey was on hand, as was second pick Matthew Misteale. Both are wingers.)

There also were others drafted in 2009 or '10 and a handful of free agents. Helping coach the Blue and White teams in scrimmages were former Whalers such as Ryan Hayes and Tyler Brown; two players from the 2010-11 team (goalie Matt Mahalak, defenseman Max Iafrate of Livonia) also skated.



Recent Plymouth Whalers draft pick Christian Wolanin, wearing orange hockey pants from his Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, skated during last weekend's rookie orientation at Compuware.

WHAT TO EXPECT

One of Christian Wolanin's teammates on the White Team was another left wing just drafted by the Whalers, 16-year-old Danny Vanderweil of Island Lake, Illinois.

"It's a pretty good experience, it's nice out here to kind of get a feel for what it's like, the facilities, the rink," Vanderweil said. "Just go out there and play."

Vanderweil, a self-described "grinder" from the Team Illinois U-16 squad, added that the on-ice part of the orientation was "maybe a little bit different" from what he expected.

Please see **ROOKIES, B2**

Record-setting victory for Wildcats pitcher

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Harrison Michels threw a two-hit shutout Tuesday as Plymouth defeated Northville 9-0 in a KLAAs crossover of third-place varsity baseball teams.

The win gave Michels seven victories, the most for a Plymouth pitcher in a single season.

A four-run fifth inning broke open a scoreless tie, with Michels' RBI groundout scoring the first run.

Brendan Swanson, Ben Wohl and Mike Nadratowski (a double) followed with run-scoring hits to make it 4-0.

The Wildcats (21-9 overall) padded the lead with one run in the sixth and four in the seventh.

Nadratowski, who needed to win Wednesday against Brighton to tie the career record for pitching victories by a Plymouth pitcher, stroked three hits against the Mustangs.

He collected a single, double, triple and drove in two runs. Also with multiple hits were Tyler Goble (double, triple, three RBI) and Ben Wohl (two hits, two runs).

On Saturday, Plymouth played each of the three Farmington teams and won two of the games. It would have been a sweep, except that North Farmington



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Plymouth senior pitcher Harrison Michels, shown in this 2010 file photo, threw a two-hitter against Northville to set a single-season school record for wins.

rallied in an 8-7 comeback win in the finale. That spoiled two-hit games by Nadratowski and Casey Sudz and a pinch-hit, two-run home run by Phil Emminger.

The 3-2 win over Farmington featured a walkoff, two-run homer by pinch-hitter Chad Schroeder in the bottom of the seventh.

Farmington held a 2-0 lead entering Plymouth's final chance.

Please see **PLYMOUTH, B3**

SIDELINES

Softball crossovers

Livonia Franklin scored six times in the sixth inning Monday to douse host Salem in a rain-shortened KLAAs Kensington Conference softball crossover, 8-2.

The Patriots, who improved to 18-13 overall, got three singles and an RBI from senior Jessica Emery.

Katelynn DeVers also had two hits and two RBI, while Chelsea Williams and winning pitcher Tiffany Lambie also knocked in a run. Maggie Leins also doubled and scored a run.

Lambie, who improved to 11-8, gave up two earned runs on seven hits. She struck out two. She intentionally walked Salem's Alexis Powell three times.

Losing pitcher Heidi Schmidt allowed 14 hits in six innings as the Rocks slipped to 10-9 overall.

Also Monday, Canton blanked South Lyon East 5-0 in a KLAAs crossover of second-place teams.

The Chiefs improved to 28-6 overall, while South Lyon East dropped to 13-13. Canton played in a second-place crossover due to losing the tiebreaker to Plymouth; both the Chiefs and Wildcats shared the KLAAs South Division crown with a 9-1 record.

Meanwhile, Plymouth faced Northville Tuesday for the conference championship, but results were not available as of press time. If the Wildcats prevailed, they were to have hosted Walled Lake Northern Wednesday (weather permitting) for the association title.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held June 27-29.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go 5-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate 7-9 p.m.

Go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

Golf for Canton hoops

You can golf to help out the Canton High School basketball program.

But you better hurry up because time is running out to sign up. The registration deadline is June 1 for the fourth annual Canton golf outing/basketball fundraiser.

It will take place Saturday, June 4, at Salem Hills Golf Club. Cost is \$100 per golfer. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, prizes, raffle and silent auctions.

Proceeds will benefit Canton's boys and girls basketball programs.

For more information, contact Carole Reddy at (734) 718-4402, Jimmy Reddy at (734) 751-9496 or Brian Samulski at (734) 673-2555.

Summer football camps

On tap this summer are three football camps being presented by Canton football.

The first one is for players going into grades 7-9 this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. June 20 and 5-8 p.m. June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades 3-6 will take place from 9 a.m. to noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Salem seniors have winning night

Senior Night was a sweet one Tuesday night for the Salem varsity girls soccer team.

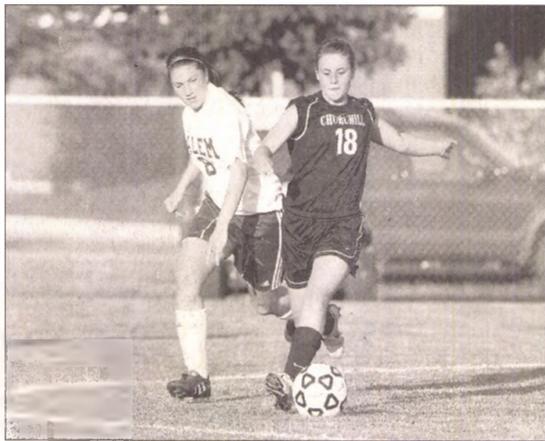
The Rocks defeated Livonia Churchill 6-0 at PCEP, improving to 8-6-2 overall.

"It was Senior Night and our goal was to celebrate our seniors and everything they've meant to our team with a victory," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "We moved well off the ball and finished our chances."

Senior midfielders Kristina Klusek and Lily Burnstein each scored goals while other senior standouts included midfielders Mackenzie Rogers (assist) and Victoria Kaye, who Nora said bolstered the back line.

Juniors Katelynn Krause, Gusti Kummer and sophomore Emily Barfuss were the other goal scorers and sophomore goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger made three stops for the shutout.

PLYMOUTH 1, NORTHVILLE 0: A



Salem defender Olivia Kaye (No. 8) tries to get the ball away from a Livonia Churchill player on Tuesday.

goal by Stephanie Dillon gave Plymouth a 1-0 victory over Northville Monday night, in a KLAAs crossover matchup of second-place teams.

PCA 4, LIGGETT 2: On Tuesday, Rachel Zandee and Martha Mullet each scored two goals as Plymouth Christian doubled up Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

The Eagles also edged Birmingham Roeper 2-1 on Friday, thanks to tallies by Annette Somercik and Emily Gerulis.



Fans and players alike enjoy the nonstop Canton Cup soccer action at numerous fields, as this 2009 file photo illustrates.

TOURNEY

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pencling in Canton Cup in 2012 and beyond, too.

Painstaking efforts ensure no sandbaggers swoop in on unsuspecting opponents and leave with enough trophies to fill an SUV.

"Our registration committee," Noel explained, "we put in over 300 man hours this year researching teams, going into different web sites, making sure teams are bracketed fairly so that we don't have any lopsided wins or losses."

"For me, the success of the Canton Cup is when all games are won or lost by no more than three or four goals, because that means the competition is fair, everyone is trying hard."

MAKING IT FAIR

In 2010, there were only 20 or 30 games out of under 1,000 to fail to meet that standard of parity.

Noel explained why it is imperative that teams get a fair shake over the guaranteed three games they'll play Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Close matches ensure "guests" will leave Canton happy with the tournament experience — enough to make sure they come back next year.

"The good thing and the unique thing about the Canton Cup is, we allow many teams who otherwise wouldn't be able to go and play in a tournament," Noel continued. "Because we have such a large attendance of teams, we're able to take teams that probably wouldn't fare too well in your normal tournaments and be able to give them good, competitive games where they can learn how to compete really hard."

"They can learn how to win well and play and lose well. So that fairness of competition there, all the way from beginning soccer all the way up to Elite soccer is what sets the Canton Cup apart. It's fair and equitable."

Even if Noel weren't heavily invested in this year's tourney — he estimates working 40 hours per week outside of his position chief engineer at Johnson Controls in Plymouth to plan the event — he'd be singing its praises.

That's because he knows from personal experience how much it helps teach invaluable life lessons to kids.

"Being able to teach those life lessons of sports is such a huge thing," Noel emphasized. "Being able to learn how to win well, learn how to lose well, how to try and overcome obstacles."

"Those are things that tran-

CANTON CUP FAST FACTS

- What:** 29th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, dubbed one of the largest club-based tourneys in the Midwest.
- When:** Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Where:** Over 68 fields in Canton Township. Independence Park at Cherry Hill and Denton roads has 25 fields along with event headquarters. Other top venues include Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (21 fields) and Heritage Park at Heritage Parkway and Canton Center Road, where 13 fields are located. Griffin and Flodin parks also will host games.
- Who:** An estimated 12,000 players on 781 teams, traveling from all over Michigan as well as Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada. Boys teams will be comprised of players ages 8-19 while girls teams are ages 8-14. In addition to teams from Canton Soccer Club, the Plymouth United is bringing most teams and the Plymouth Reign also is participating.
- Teams:** Premier, Select, Travel and Recreational. Divisions are multiple in each age group and created on teams' skill levels.
- Dedicated:** This year's Canton Cup is dedicated to American military veterans. At noon Saturday, at Independence Park, will be a moment of silence and fly-over by vintage B-17 and B-25 bombers from Yankee Air Museum. Tourney director Darryl Noel said it was a priority of his to include the ceremony as a tribute to veterans past and present — including his father Milton, who passed in 2009.
- Bucks:** Following the Memorial Day ceremony, where Canton Supervisor and original Canton Cup director Phil LaJoy will make a special guest appearance, the Michigan Bucks and Indiana Invaders of the Professional Development League will take the field. The game is sponsored by Canton Soccer Club.
- Other:** More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the tourney, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club in conjunction with Canton Leisure Services. Major sponsors include State Farm Insurance, Meijer, Oakwood Health Systems, Yankee Air Museum and Traveling Teams.
- T-shirts:** As a fundraising endeavor, the Canton Soccer Cup will be selling camouflage T-shirts with a portion of proceeds going to local military organizations including VFW Post 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, both located at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads.
- Web:** Go to www.cantonsoccerclub.com or www.cantonsoccer.net

ROOKIES

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But after talking to Mahalak and another 2010-11 Whaler, Tom Wilson (who participated in the 2010 orientation) he felt more at ease about being able to handle the frenetic OHL pace.

"It's kind of a big transition from Minor Midget to playing in the OHL," Vanderweil said. "But they said that after a while you get the hang of it and (that) it's a good fit."

Another aspect of the orientation was finding out that life in the OHL goes far beyond what transpires on the 200-by-85 ice sheet.

"Right now I'm heading upstairs to have a meeting with the coaching staff," he said. "Then it's dinner and back to the hotel to get some rest for the game tomorrow (Sunday)."

Wolanin and Vanderweil and the other youngsters also took a field trip to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which is where Whalers players go to high school.

That was another plus as far as Craig Wolanin was concerned.

"What they're trying to do is just expose them to the Whaler organization, orient them to what is demanded of these kids moving forward," he stressed. "And not only on the ice, (it's) the expectations of getting in the weight room, ... acclimating them-



During a rookie scrimmage at Compuware Arena, Plymouth Whalers' first-round draft choice Mitchell Dempsey (No. 8, white jersey) closes in on goalie Jake Patterson.

selves to a new situation. Understanding that school is still important."

NOT JUST YET

But Christian and Danny undoubtedly will have to tuck away the experience for future reference.

According to Craig Wolanin, a Michigan native himself, Christian will stay another year at home, playing for Little Caesars Midget Majors (ages 16-18).

"We're family first, he just turned 16," the ex-New Jersey Devils blueliner said. "There's a lot of stuff that (still) needs to take place at home."

Wolanin stressed that being drafted and invited to the orientation does not guarantee ever playing for the Whalers.

"A kid is drafted by the Whalers, all that means is the Whalers retain his rights," he

added. "They see something in that kid, potential that might evolve into something."

"Drafts are potential. Now it's up to the kid, 'Do I want to realize that potential?'"

Taking some mental notes on the newest crop of future players was season ticket holder and billet host Steve Kowalkoski of Plymouth.

Kowalkoski hosted Rickard Rakell last season, and in previous seasons was Hayes' billet.

"We've come here for the last five or six years to watch this," Kowalkoski said. "It gives them an idea what it's like to play in the Ontario Hockey League."

"It's different than playing Midget Majors or Midget Minors, so it's a good orientation for them."

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Ladywood falls to Marian in OT

Livonia Ladywood's bid for a Catholic League girls soccer title came to a cruel conclusion Saturday against top-ranked and defending Division 2 state champion Birmingham Marian.

After the two teams battled

to a 1-1 draw through regulation time, Marian won the overtime coin toss and put the ball deep into Ladywood's end.

The Blazers' Allison Bielski tackled the ball away from Marian's Danielle Mazur inside the 18-yard box, but the

ball wound up on the foot of Elizabeth Tresnak, who finished the game-winner just 30 seconds into the OT and 2-1 victory.

Marian is now 13-2-1 overall, while No. 6-ranked Ladywood drops to 11-2-6.

It was 0-0 at halftime.

Marian's Martha Stevens broke the scoreless deadlock with a penalty kick in the 51st minute, but Ladywood's Kelly Capoccia tied it in the 71st minute off a long cross from Emily Huddleston.

Marian outshot the Blazers, 10-7.

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed made five saves, while Marian's Makenzie Larson had to make just two stops.

who played in the first Canton Cup tourneys — make it a top priority to make sure their own kids enjoy the same soccer experience that they did.

"I find that parents are willing to sacrifice and give their kids the benefit of learning the lessons from playing sports," he said. "I see it in soccer, hockey, baseball."

"Parents, especially in this area with this economy, this almost becomes one of their must-dos. Because they prioritize their children's experiences above other things."

And since they already know what they'll get with the Canton Cup, it's becoming Michigan's ultimate soccer destination for Memorial Day weekend.

Numbers bear that out. In 2010, there were 670 teams, a jump of about 100 despite the poor economy. And it's going up this year by just as much if not more, even with the spiraling price of gas.

"It really is humbling that people choose to be able to spend some of that hard-earned money joining us as their guests, to play soccer," Noel concluded. "Which means that the quality of what we're doing is something that they find valuable."

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Canton's Robby Golematis is off-balance after reaching third base, but he hurries back to the bag.

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it. It's by design and the kids take it serious. What it does is that it keeps every kid on every pitch because they look for signs every pitch. They're focused. And they committed to it. They committed to it last year and committed to it this year. I don't know how many times we've been saved by key pitches in situations."

McDonald scattered six hits, walked three and struck out five in seven innings.

"A very gutsy performance on his behalf," Berryman added. "This is his second start. The first was a little tough because he just got used to it. He's been practicing with it on and today he did a great job. We work on catching with a cast. It's the first pitcher I've worked with in 40 years that I've worked on the mechanics with a cast on his left hand."

GOOD START

Canton sophomore pitcher Mike Stafford, a left-hander, cruised through the first four innings as he held Stevenson scoreless on just two hits.

Canton, meanwhile, scored both of its runs in the top of the fourth without the ball leaving the infield.

A walk to Seth Tschetter, a bunt single by Bernebe Salinas and a walk to Chris Perkovich loaded the bases.

Ryan Bazner's infield single brought Tschetter home and Stafford hit into a 4-6-3 double play, but Salinas scam-

pered home with the second run.

In the bottom of the fifth, Stevenson got on the board when Troy Bodtke led off with a single and scooted all the way around to third on Brandon Jurczyszyn's sacrifice bunt when the Chiefs failed to cover third.

Brendon Hayes then followed with an RBI groundout to cut the deficit to 2-1.

In the bottom of the sixth, Stevenson manufactured a pair of runs to take the lead for keeps.

Tyler Lynch led off with a walk and came all the way around from first to third when Evan Piechota's single to right was misplayed.

Mark Wagner followed with an RBI single and Mike Vomastek's hot shot to third was snagged on a one-hopper by Ryan Bazner, who went to second on the force play, but Piechota raced home with the go-ahead run.

McDonald, who got out of the sixth with a timely pick-off for the third out, then set down the Chiefs in order to close out the game in the seventh.

"We did a terrible job on the bases," Canton coach Mark Bloomshield said. "I don't know what to say about it - we were brutal. They (Stevenson) were better than us. They deserved it and we were terrible."

Stafford, meanwhile, gave up just four hits, walked two and struck out five in six innings.

"He (Stafford) did a real nice job," Bloomshield said. "Even that last run they (Stevenson) scored there - we had the cor-

ners in - the third baseman (Bazner) made a nice play. We yelled 'four.' We got the out at second base."

LIKE LAST TIME

In the crossover meeting between the two teams earlier this year, Canton lost a 2-0 lead and fell 6-2 to the Spartans on a walk-off grand slam.

"We did the same thing last time," Bloomshield said. "We get a lead - if you sit around with a good team you're going to lose that game. We didn't learn from our mistakes last time."

Canton's base running mistakes were magnified in the loss.

"There's no excuse," Bloomshield said. "We're getting picked off, first and third, with a full count to our five-hitter, whose batting about .450. 'Make sure he goes home' and he gets picked off. We just didn't use our heads at all today."

Meanwhile, the Spartans pushed the right buttons to pull out the victory.

"We did enough," Berryman said. "Troy Bodtke's head-up base running on the bunt and Hayes getting a ground ball is key to come back (in the fifth)."

"And McDonald gutted it out and threw good a good seven and we got to them late. And we knew going in he (Stafford) would tire out on short rest. That's what we were hoping, and well, it worked."

"It works because the players do things right."

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Canton wins D1 pre-regional

BY TIM SMITH
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Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team defeated Plymouth 13-10 Friday in a Division 1 pre-regional, making it to the semifinals for the third time in the past four seasons.

The Chiefs were slated to square off against the No. 4-ranked team in the state, Novi, on Wednesday night to determine which team will advance to Saturday's regional final.

Scoring four goals for the Chiefs (8-6 overall) was Trevor Moore, while Matt Rodgers (three goals, one assist) and Tim Popp (six assists) also had excellent performances.

Registering a three-goal hat trick for Plymouth was Conor Downey.

Rodgers continues his torrid offensive pace, which Chiefs head coach Kevin Riley said should earn him another All-State selection. "This is his best year."

Meanwhile, Canton's win over the Wildcats had no bearing on which Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team won the coveted Park champi-



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Parker Pakula (No. 3) closes in on Plymouth's Kenny Durham (No. 21), who is carrying the ball down the field during Friday's Division 1 pre-regional.

onship trophy.

That's because the Chiefs had already wrapped that up, having previously defeated Salem and Plymouth. Both of those victories took place in April, just before the spring break.

"There's a trophy that goes

around," Riley said. "It's pretty cool to have that between the three schools."

In the other pre-regional match involving a PCEP team, Salem lost 10-9 in overtime to Ann Arbor Huron.

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Rivals up ante against each other

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Martin already knew he was going to the Division 1 state meet, having won the 400-meter dash at Friday's regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But the Salem senior, just like his counterparts from Canton and Plymouth, switched to a faster, grittier gear when going against each other in the anchor leg of the 1,600-meter relay.

"You know, we have a lot of great runners here," said Martin, trying to catch his breath following the event. "Just the competition of us driving each other really helps out our times, and gets our sense of competitiveness



Salem senior Dan Martin and others say big meets such as the state regionals brings out the best in athletes from the Park.

going." The Salem quartet finished third behind Livonia Stevenson (3:26.1) and

Canton (3:26.23), while Plymouth took fifth with a time of 3:33.66. Canton qualified for the state meet, but Salem's 3:26.77 barely missed the qualifying time (3:26.70).

For the Chiefs, junior anchor Kevin Buford nearly caught Stevenson's Matt Williams for the top finisher, while the Wildcats' William Askew II wasn't far behind.

Askew said his relay team "made up for lost time" and came close to winning a spot in the state meet.

"The intensity, the adrenaline that's just running," he emphasized. "You want to bring your man in and it's a whole other level, it's hard to describe."

Canton senior Ben Spreitzer wasn't in the 1,600-

meter relay team, but he was cheering his heart out for the tandem of Matt Schacht, Tyler Winningham, Scott Piwowar and Kevin Buford.

The annual battle for supremacy among PCEP squads is what adds extra motivational flavor to the mix.

"It's crazy because everyone's always in the top-3," Spreitzer said. "Usually we all finish in the top-3 at regionals. So when you see the guy next to you in the blue or black jersey, you go freaking hard."

That's exactly what they did, to the delight of the cheering fans leaning against the fence near the finish line.

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Eagles shine at D4 track meet

Plymouth Christian will send three athletes to the Division 4 track and field state meet following Saturday's regional at Lutheran Westland.

The Eagles' girls team — despite only having six athletes competing — finished third with 58 points, trailing only the host Warriors and Royal Oak Shrine.

Freshman Katelynn Barkell won the high jump with a mark of 4-feet, 9-inches, and was part of the 3,200-meter relay that set a new PCA mark (11:19.29).

Also on that relay team were Karen Windle, Rachel Smith and Sydney Carpenter.

Windle took second place in the 800 run with a personal best of 2:34.03, less than a second from equaling the school record.

"Each one is an exceptional athlete and they work together even better," PCA head coach Jennifer Lemieux said.

On the boys side, there were 13 athletes on hand as the Eagles finished fifth with 47 points. Loyola and Lutheran Westland took the top two spots.

Trevor Baloga qualified for the state meet, winning the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:50.25 (his personal best).

"There were multiple PRs for our members and every person competing earned a medal in their respective events," Lemieux said. "We earned points in each event we participated in."

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 4-REGION 39

May 21 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 163 points; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 156; 3. Plymouth Christian, 58; 4. Detroit Cristo Rey, 56; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 36; 6. Detroit Allen Academy, 28; 7. Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 21; 8. Huron Valley Lutheran, 18; 9. Meadow Montessori, 12; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 9; 11. (tie) PEC Prep, Detroit City and Detroit Loyola, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 27 feet, 6.5 inches; 7. Janine Erickson (LW), 23-2.
Discus: 1. Shirkey (LW), 91-0; 2. Erickson (LW),

79-4; 4. Megan Lemieux (PCA), 71-1.5.
High jump: 1. Katelynn Barkell (PCA) 4-9; 9. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-10.5.
Long jump: 1. Summer Lewis (Rev), 15-9.5; 4. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-10.5.
Pole vault: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 7-6; 2. Marcella Flury (LW), 6-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jacqui Schwartz (LW), 16.31; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 17.67.
300 hurdles: 1. Terranella (LW), 50.17; 2. A. Flury (LW), 52.16.

100 dash: 1. Melanie Shaw (ROS), 12.84.
200: 1. Lewis (Rev), 27.36; 5. Heather Shoats (HVL), 30.27.
400: 1. Jazmene Floyd (Rev), 1:05.0; 3. Shoats (HVL), 1:09.7; 4. Rachel Smith (PCA), 1:11.77.

800: 1. Jess Rice (LW), 2:31.2; 2. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:34.03.
1,600: 1. Hardin (LW), 5:43.66; 3. Erin Lyle (LW), 5:58.77; 5. Marisa Pfister (PCA), 6:39.32.

3,200: 1. Anna Goike (ROS), 12:54.63; 2. Sarah Maynard (LW), 12:56.85; 3. Lyle (LW), 13:25.21; 5. Pfister (PCA), 15:03.13.
400 relay: 1. Shrine, 53.74; 2. Lutheran Westland (Beth LaRose, M. Flury, Schwartz, Shirkey), 58.46; 4. Plymouth Christian, 1:01.67; **800 relay:** 1. Cristo Rey, 1:05.01; 3. Lutheran Westland (Hardin, A. Flury, Rice, Terranella), 1:57.72; 4. Plymouth Christian, 2:13.34; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 4:35.27; 3. Plymouth Christian, 4:44.88; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Hardin, Maynard, Lyle, Rice), 10:40.9; 3. Plymouth Christian, 11:19.29.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 4-REGION 39

May 21 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Loyola, 141 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 113; 3. Royal Oak Shrine, 87; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 54; 5. Plymouth Christian, 47; 6. Detroit Cristo Rey, 38; 7. Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 29; 8. Detroit Allen Academy, 25; 9. PEC Prep, 12; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 11; 11. Huron Valley Westland, 7; 12. Detroit City, 1; 13. Meadow Montessori, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Willie Bokins (L), 43 feet, 5 inches; 2. Dawson Davenport (LW), 42-11.5; David Adlof (HV), 38-07; 7. Joshua Allen (PCA), 38-3.5.
Discus: 1. Jacob Dirroff (LS), 114-0; 2. Davenport (LW), 109-11; 4. Allen (PCA), 109-07.

High jump: 1. Xavier McCraney (CR), 5-07.
Long jump: 1. Adam Abbott (CR), 19-3.25; 2. Zach Musial (LW), 18-6.75; 6. Nicholas McDonald (HV), 14-7.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (LW), 15.10; 2. Micah Kempf (LW), 15.36.
300 hurdles: 1. Jacob Fairbairn (LW), 42.08; 2. Kempf (LW), 44.95.

100 dash: 1. Antoine Hawkins (WCA), 11.27; 3. Derrick Mozham (LW), 11.48.
400: 1. Najee A'Ve (L), 50.82; 6. Bobby Miller (LW), 57.72.

800: 1. Michael Roebke (LS), 2:09.90; 5. Ethan Levack (PCA), 2:22.99; 7. Tyler Manns (PCA), 2:25.03; 8. Phil Welle (LW), 2:26.30.

1,600: 1. Trevor Baloga (PCA), 4:50.25; 5. Eric Smith (LW), 5:05.25; 6. James Parks (PCA), 5:06.84.
3,200: 1. Matthew Sutton (S), 10:55.02; 3. Baloga (PCA), 11:14.95; 4. Parks (PCA), 11:35.12; 5. Peter Sillanpaa (LW), 11:45.78; 6. Daniel Bunge (LW), 12:23.46.

400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland, 46.49; **800 relay:** 1. Loyola, 1:34.41; **1,600 relay:** 1. Loyola, 3:40.89; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:47.79; 6. Plymouth Christian, 4:07.24; **3,200 relay:** 1. Shrine, 9:16.81; 3. Plymouth Christian, 9:23.44; 4. Lutheran Westland, 10:19.66.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 151

LIVONIA STEVENSON 162

May 23 at Tanglewood G.C.

Northville scorers: Blake Bonatz, 35 (medalist); Brady Marotta, 38; Matt Evasic and Todd Goebel, 39 each; Nick Zanotti, 43; Kevin Colliareno, 44.
Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano and Cam Tetrault, 39 each; Dante Cicchelli, 41; Nick Marsh and Tyler Jarosz, 43 each; Nick Barr, 47.

Dual match records: Northville, 8-1 overall, 8-1 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 4-5 overall,

4-5 KLA Central

LIVONIA STEVENSON 158

SALEM 172

May 20 at Fox Hills G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano, Dante Cicchelli and Nick Barr, 39 each (tri-medalists); Cam Tetrault, 41; Nick Marsh, 44; Nick Collins, 48.
Salem scorers: Jake Leib, 41; Nick Danis, 42; Brian Patterson, 44; Brandon Duprey, 45; Kevin Luo and Austin Strubridge, 48 each.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 4-4 overall, 4-4 KLA Central Division; Salem, 3-4 overall, 3-4 KLA Central.

PCA girls finish in third place at MIAC meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland's move from the Metro Conference to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference continues to yield the same results when it comes to track and field.

The Warriors repeated as MIAC girls champion Tuesday with a team-high 137 points to outpoint host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, the runner-up, with 76.

Rounding out the 12-school field was Birmingham Roeper (72), Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (59), Plymouth Christian (39), Newport Lutheran South (32), Ann Arbor Greenhills (26), Novi Franklin Road Christian (16), Grosse Pointe Woods

University-Liggett (13), Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (13), Southfield Christian (9) and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0).

The Warriors boasted five individual event winners including Alissa Flury, pole vault (7 feet); Alyssa Shirkey, discus (98-6); Amanda Terranella, 300-meter hurdles (50.1); Jess Rice, 800 (2:32.0); and Erin Lyle (12:54.8).

The 4 x 200 relay team of Alissa Flury, Marcella Flury, Jacqui Schwartz and Terranella also won in 2:01.4.

The 4 x 400 quartet of Hardin, Alissa Flury, Rice and Terranella also added a first in 4:42.1.

Schwartz broke her own school record set Saturday in the Division 4 regional with a runner-up finish in the 100 hurdles (16.2).

Roeper's Brianna Ratchford, last year's Division 4 state champion, was able to hold off Schwartz for first. (Ratchford also won the shot put with a throw of 39-1 and the long jump.)

"Jacqui gave her all she could handle for the first six hurdles," Lutheran Westland coach Mike Unger said.

Other seconds were garnered by Marcella Flury in the pole vault (6-0) and Hardin in the 1,600 (5:55.9).

The Warriors 4 x 100 relay team of Sarah Maynard, Marcella Flury, Schwartz and Alissa Flury also placed second in 58.5.

Meanwhile, the Lutheran Westland boys, defending MIAC champions, were edged by Oakland Christian for the team title, 130-125.5.

Rounding out the team scoring was Lutheran Northwest (77), Roeper (39), Lutheran South (37.5), Southfield Christian (28), Plymouth Christian (23), Parkway (6), Huron Valley (4), Liggett (0) and Franklin Road (0).

Zach Musial and Derrick Mozham were each double winners for the Warriors.

Mozham captured the 100- and 200 dashes in 11.4 and 23.3, respectively, while Musial took the long jump (19-3) and 110 hurdles (15.5).

Dawson Davenport added a first in the shot put (43-0), while Jake Fairbairn took the 300 hurdles (40.9).

Micah Kempf added a second in the 110 hurdles (15.9) and teamed up with Musial, Zack Arthur and Mozham for a second in the 400 relay (48.0).

The foursome of Ed Lee, Arthur, Fairbairn and Mozham earned a runner-up finish in the 800 relay, while Bobby Miller, Kempf, Eric Smith and Fairbairn also took a second in the 1,600 relay.

The Lutheran Westland girls have advanced to the 10-team MITCA meet, a battle of Division 4 regional champions, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gobles.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (PCCS) CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY. Bid documents are available by contacting Raquel Hunter, Assistant Director of Purchasing at (734) 416-2741. Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and must be clearly marked "PCCS CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. EST on Monday June 13, 2011 at which time they will be read publicly. A notarized familial disclosure agreement must accompany every bid. For technical information, please phone Harry Lau, Director of Maintenance Operations at (734) 416-2970. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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South Canton Scholars Charter Academy
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OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2011-2012 academic school year ends on Friday, 5/27/2011 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades Young Five Kindergarten - 5 and can be obtained at the school, at www.NHAschools.com or by calling NHA at 866-NHA-ENROLL. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held on 6/20/2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Achieve Charter Academy. Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

South Canton Scholars Charter Academy admits students of any race, color, and nationality or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic abilities, measures of achievement or aptitude, disability, status as a handicapped person, homeless status, English proficiency, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and athletic or other school-administered programs.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-02 AMENDMENT TO CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 70.010 THROUGH 70.130 OF CHAPTER 70, PART VII, UTILITIES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RULES; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SECONDARY SOURCES; PROVIDING FOR PRIVATE WATER STORAGE TANKS; PROVIDING FOR UTILITY COUNT OF EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR UNSAFE WATER; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION I. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Sections 70.010 through 70.130 of Chapter 70, Part VII, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are amended to read as follows:

- 70.010. **Purpose.** This section provides the purpose of this Chapter.
- 70.020. **Definitions.** This section provides the definitions for terms used in this Chapter.
- 70.030. This section provides that a connection with a public water supply system shall comply with existing laws, ordinances and rules.
- 70.040. This section provides for prohibited cross connections.
- 70.050. **Corrections.** This section provides for corrective actions.
- 70.060. **Secondary sources.** This section provides for secondary water sources.
- 70.070. **Private water storage tanks.** This section provides for private water storage tanks.
- 70.080. **Utility count of employees.** This section provides for a authorized inspection agency.

- 70.090. **Inspections.** This section provides for inspections.
- 70.100. **Discontinuance of service.** This section provides for the discontinuance of service.
- 70.110. **Unsafe water.** This section provides for the labeling of unsafe water.
- 70.120. **Fees.** This section provides for an inspection fee of \$250.
- 70.130. **Penalty.** This section provides that any person or entity who violates any provisions of this Chapter shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code and that each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.

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

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC
Township Clerk

Introduced: April 12, 2011
Adopted: May 10, 2011
Published: May 26, 2011

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO AMEND ORDINANCE 100 BY REVISING CODIFIED SECTION 73.060 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ARTICLE I; PROVIDING FOR REVISION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL (I.W.C.) CHARGE SECTION, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY CHARGE BY METER SIZE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE.

Ordinance No. 100, codified as Chapter 73, the Water and Sewer System Ordinance Article I, Section 73.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

73.060. **Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge.** This section provides for a monthly charge by meter size.

SECTION II. REPEAL.

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

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Shoe Shine Guys John Early and Mike Kompotowicz have been taking their business on the road since March.

Company takes to the road with shoe-shine outfit

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

Shoe Shine Guys: We are a mobile shoe shine company. We come to your office building with our fully equipped shoe shine truck, gather shoes from the employees, take them out to our truck for a professional shine. We also have a mobile shoe shine unit that some companies prefer we set up right inside their office. We also do quite a few shoe repairs. We take repairs off site to one of our cobbler services and return in a week or so.

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

Shoe Shine Guys: I was in the financial services industry for 25 years and about 10 years ago we had some guys who came to our office to shine shoes. I thought it was a good idea at the time and they came to our office for about a year and then went out of business. I missed the convenience of getting my shoes shined on a regular basis and it stayed in the back of my mind for quite a while.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Shoe Shine Guys: Plymouth is where my wife and I have lived for the last 18 years. I am doing this also with my son-in-law who grew up in Plymouth and is currently a Canton resident with our daughter. We love the Plymouth/Canton area.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Shoe Shine Guys: It is mobile. People like our shoe shine truck. We actually will get phone calls while driving the truck from one location to another, people wanting to know exactly what we do. It takes one more errand off of the Saturday "to do" list.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Shoe Shine Guys: We have found that we are doing a lot more shoe and leather repairs than we had anticipated, which is a good thing. About 70 percent of our repairs are women's shoes (they tend to damage the heels at a greater rate than men do).

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with other business owners?

Shoe Shine Guys: When I would first tell people of my new adventure, especially past clients that I had worked with for the past 10-20 years as a financial consultant, their first reaction was to laugh in



The Shoe Shine Guys specialize in shoe shines and shoe and leather repair.

SHOE SHINE GUYS

Business name: The Shoe Shine Guys

Business address: 49280 Bugle Court, Plymouth, MI, 48170 (home address - we are a mobile shoe shine company, the truck is kept in a warehouse in Canton)

Your Name and Title: John Early, owner

Your Hometown: Plymouth

Business opened: March 1, 2011

Number of employees: 4, including myself

Your business specialty: Shoe shines and shoe and leather repair.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; available any day but Sunday

Business phone | Website: (734) 645-2286 | www.theshoeshineguys.com

disbelief. They thought I was pulling their leg. When I would get them to stop laughing and explain what it was I was doing they then thought it was a great idea (and could I please come to their office and shine shoes).

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Shoe Shine Guys: The only part of the economy that has affected our business is the price of gas. Getting from here to there is more expensive. The upside is that people who still where dress shoes to work still need to take care of their shoes, and I guess by us coming to them then they can save the gas that it would take to drive to a cobbler service to get their shoes shined or repaired.

Observer: Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

Shoe Shine Guys: Have a plan and work the plan. Be prepared, mentally and financially, before you start something on your own. And most of all, be passionate about your work. People can tell if you are passionate about whatever it is that you do in life.

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

Shoe Shine Guys: We are adding new clients to our service on a regular basis and are in the process of adding a second truck. My goal is to be able to build this company into a 6-8 truck operation over the next couple of years. We would also like to be able to do some things that give back to the community.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Picnic Basket open house

The Picnic Basket Marketplace hosts an open house Saturday, May 28, from noon to 3 p.m., where visitors will be able to sample their hot and cold catering items.

This gives people who are planning graduations or any kind of gathering an opportunity to see what is available and to taste the different selections.

Picnic Basket Marketplace is located at 49471 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Ridge, in Plymouth.

For more information please call (734) 459-2227.

Business news

From the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Jill Andra Young Photography is having a Business Portrait Party on May 25 from 5-8 p.m., for anyone needing a fresh head shot for your website, business cards, Facebook profile, dating site or portfolio. Only \$25 if mailed to you, \$30 if burned to a CD.

• Call Jill at (734) 455-7787.

• Charter One Bank in Downtown Plymouth is featuring That's Awesome! and Salon Awesome! as their Local Businesses of the Month for the month of May! Stop into the branch anytime during the month of May to find out why Charter One Bank thinks That's Awesome! and Salon Awesome! are so great.

And while you're there, enter yourself into a drawing for a \$50 Gift Card for That's Awesome! or Salon Awesome!. You do not need to be a Charter One Bank account holder to enter the drawing. Anyone can enter the drawing for free - no obligation. The winner will be



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chosen from all entries received at the end of the business day on Tuesday, May 31.

• Forest Computer Solutions and Sweet Afton Tea Room are sponsoring Tea, Cookies & Computers classes for seniors. The 9-10:30 a.m. classes cost \$20 and include tea and cookies, as well as a 10-percent discount for lunch that day only. Reserve your seat by calling (734) 259-8611.

Bagel fundraiser

Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign continues through May 31.

As "proud members of the Canton community," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenner said they're "proud to help find a cure for CF."

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want to give back to our community which has embraced our business, by helping the search for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so brave and we are happy to help in any way that we can."

The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 coffee travel mugs.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the pin-up sales and \$1 per travel mug sold will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

CHAMBER CHAT

Business development

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "6 Business Killers," Tuesday, May 24.

Attendees will learn how to protect your assets. As a business owner, you are focused on running the business. Every day brings new challenges, opportunities and decisions. This workshop will guide you

in learning about the six common mistakes business owners make and the impact of those mistakes.

The event includes a panel of experts including Joe Barone of Barone Law, Jeffery Schultz of Schultz & Assoc., and Karl Carter of Michigan Financial.

To register for this workshop e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no charge to attend the workshop, but space is limited to 30 reservations.

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Chamber map

The Chamber's 2011 map of the Plymouth Community is due to arrive soon. Chamber officials called the maps "one of the most requested items from the Chamber's Visitors Center."

Businesses wanting a supply of maps can call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

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Church will welcome new pastor, associate

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Grady Jensen will step into the pulpit to deliver his first sermon at Open Arms Church in Livonia on June 5.

It's a job he says he has prayed about for several years, hoping there might be an opening at the church some day.

"I've been in Flint for 18 years and it's time to come home. It's a homecoming," said Jensen, who is leaving the Swartz Creek Central Assembly of God to rebuild the Livonia congregation.

Interim and guest ministers have led Sunday services at Open Arms Church since its pastor retired last year.

"The church has dwindled down in the last few years and it sort of it holding on, so we're going to come in and start it up again," Jensen said. "I approached the Assembly of God and said I feel I've got a calling, how about allowing me to be the pastor here? I talked with the people to see if they were open to the idea. We expressed our faith and hope in the place."

Jensen convinced a friend, Abe Fazzini, to become the

church's associate pastor and music minister. Both men attended Brightmore Tabernacle in Detroit in the past.

"Our priority is to grow the congregation to meet the needs of the city. There are all kinds of hidden needs in Livonia."

Jensen, who has two grown daughters, grew up in Arizona and Detroit, and spent one year in Livonia.

He has ministered at several churches in addition to his lengthy assignment in Flint.

Jensen works as an insurance salesman in addition to ministering.

"When I read through the

scripture I don't see any lazy people," he said. "We've always had a strong work ethic. It's not just preaching on Sunday."

In addition to welcoming Jensen as its new pastor, the congregation is refurbishing the church building.

"They've knocked a few walls down to enlarge the foyer," Jensen said. "They ripped out pews and put in chairs. There's new paint and ceramic on the floors."

Open Arms Church is located at 33015 Seven Mile. Sunday service and a children's church are held at 10:30 a.m. Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Thursday.



Open Arms Church in Livonia

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE 9-15

Concert
Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12
Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Pentecost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church
Contact: 313-937-3170

JUNE 16-22

Day camp
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24
Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$55 for the first child in a family, \$50 for the second and \$45 for each additional child. Registration is \$60 per child after May 28.
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuel-livonia.org

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for chil-

dren from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church
Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.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

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BROWN, AMY MARIE
Age 31, of Wayne, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at her mother's home in Westland. She was born June 26, 1979 in Trenton, daughter of William Russell & Diane Marie (Yandura) Brown. Amy graduated from Romulus High School in 1997 and was attending Baker College to be a Vascular Ultrasound Technician. She worked for Millennium Medical Group, Farmington Hills, as an EEG technician. She loved baseball and was a huge Detroit Tiger fan, loved games, and making people laugh. She enjoyed music, dancing, scrapbooking, shopping and she loved to travel. Survived by her mother Diane Brown of Westland, her grandparents Robert Anthony & Judy Yandura of Romulus, a sister Carrie (Paul) Bauer of Westland, a niece or nephew "Baby Bauer" on-the-way, her dog Harlow Jean, also numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Preceded in death by her father William Brown, also her grandparents Maude & Cordell Brown. Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Final prayers 10:15 am today at the funeral home, processing to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, for an 11 AM Funeral Mass. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

MAY 26-JUNE 1

Career workshop
Time/Date: Session 1 is 10 a.m.-noon and session 2 is 1-3 p.m., both on May 26
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Participants may choose 1 of the 2 sessions. Resume review and writing tips, mock interviews, interviewing etiquette, job search tips and strategies and many other topics to assist in a job search or career change
Contact: (734) 404-2480

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need. Food pantry also will be open
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Financial Peace University
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Aug. 24
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, par-

ticipants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt
Contact: (248) 474-3444 or search on www.daveramsey.com

Widowed Friends
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Saturday, May 28
Location: Macaroni Grill, 393007 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: The peer group meets for dinner. Order from the menu, separate checks provided. Seafood, Italian and American dishes. Make new friends in a safe setting. Aimed at widows and widowers, age 55 and younger
Contact: RSVP to Phil at (248) 684-3433 or oryfriends@gmail.com

JUNE 2-8

Job fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 2
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Bring resumes and dress to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot
Contact: (734) 404-2480

Spring Bazaar
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild
Contact: (734) 464-0476

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BRING THE TASTE OF SUMMER TO YOUR MEMORIAL DAY MEAL
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Celebrate Memorial Day with reflection, parades

Many Americans will stop and reflect at 3 p.m. Monday, May 30 in accordance with the "National Moment of Remembrance" called for more than a decade ago by the White House.

The resolution asked Americans to celebrate the "true meaning" of the holiday, "the day of the nation honors those who died while defending the country."

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was officially proclaimed in 1868 by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first Memorial Day was observed May 30, 1868, with flowers placed on graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

In 1915, Moira Michael, a teacher, conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans organization to nationally sell poppies.

In 1871 Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Residents can pay tribute to fallen heroes at parades throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties:



VFW members parade with flags in Redford during a previous Memorial Day celebration.

CANTON

Memorial Day Service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, at Heritage Park behind Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road. The veterans group has been doing this service since 1989. For more information, call (734) 394-5100.

"Because of the Brave" a tribute to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country presented by the BeckRidge Chorale, at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, May 30, in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Visit www.beckridgechorale.org for details.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

FARMINGTON

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, from the Farmington Plaza on Grand River Avenue and travels west on Grand River and ends at Oakland Avenue where a memorial service will take place at the War Monument in Memorial Park. The city of Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Officer, Firefighter and DPS Officer of the year will be recognized. For more information, call (248) 919-6917.

GARDEN CITY

Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, on the front lawn of City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, between Ford and Warren roads. Guest speaker is retired Air Force Maj. Rick Briggs. Amber Grand will sing the national anthem. For more information, call (734) 793-1600.



Youngsters wave at marchers during a previous Memorial Day parade in Northville.

LIVONIA

Livonia Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Veterans Memorial Plaza, corner of Five Mile and Farmington. Held at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza will be a tribute to our veterans — complete with military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music performance. For more information, call (734) 466-2418.

MILFORD

Milford American Legion Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, on Main Street in downtown Milford. The parade is expected to have thousands of attendees and is making room for 1,000 veterans to attend. As an added bonus there will be military aircraft overhead during the parade. For more information, visit www.milfordlegion216.org.

NORTHVILLE

Parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, in downtown Northville. The annual parade is both solemn and joyful as it remembers those who died in military service, yet kicks off the summer season. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, strollers and four-legged friends to watch the procession, highlighted by the Northville High School Marching Band. For more information, call (248) 349-1300.

NOVI

The annual parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic

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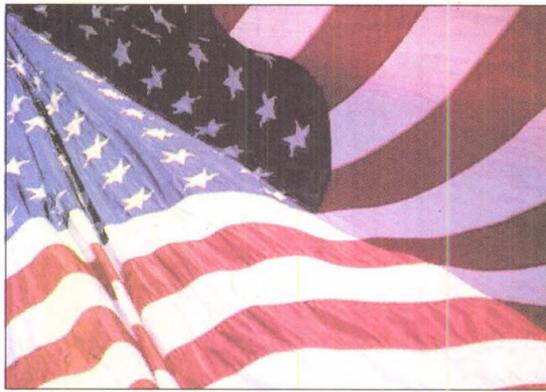
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An American flag waves in the breeze during a previous Memorial Day celebration.

PARADES

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Center. Local businesses and civic organizations are encouraged to participate by marching, displaying a specialty vehicle, or building a float. Veterans will have a designated float in which they are invited to ride upon.

Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Novi Civic Center. American Legion-Post 19 will host a luncheon for veterans and their families. For more information or to receive a parade entry form, visit cityofnovi.org or contact, Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager at (248) 347-0414.

PLYMOUTH

The parade begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, at Main and Wing streets and ends with a ceremony 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Church streets. The Lions Club and the Plymouth Veterans Organization put on the event. For more information, call (734) 812-8724.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP

Redford presents its 61st Annual Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, June 5. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and travels from Five to Six Mile on Beech Daly and will end at Township Hall. The Redford Parade Authority organizes the event which includes floats, various bands, bicycle riders and lots of marchers. For more information call (313) 768-6858.

SOUTH LYON

Organized by VFW Post 2502, the Memorial Day Parade begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 30, from Bartlett Elementary and makes its way down 10 Mile (also known as Lake Street) through downtown. The parade ends in the South Lyon Cemetery with a ceremony that commemorates the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans.

WESTLAND

The action begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29, at the Wayne Ford Civic League parking lot, 1645 N. Wayne Road. It will head north to Ford Road and then west, ending at city hall.

Art takes to the streets in downtown Farmington

More than 115 booths offering paintings, photography, jewelry, pottery, and more will fill Grand River Ave., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5 in downtown Farmington.

The annual art exhibit, with strolling performers, an amazing life statue and food booths, will stretch from Farmington Road to Grove Street.

The event will include live

concerts by a variety of bands along with a large children's area with hands-on projects, face painting, and entertainment in Riley Park.

Visitors also will find the Farmington Artist Foundation tent in Riley Park. It will be filled with works by local artists. Potters from Oakland Community College also will demonstrate the process of wheel turning with clay.

The festival opens with the Friday night "pre-glow" party.

The "Grapes on the Grand" wine/beer tent officially opens to the public from 6-11 p.m. and is open both Friday and Saturday nights. The pre-glow band is the popular "Killer Flamingos."

"Empty Canvas," will perform Saturday night. The multi-talented entertainers sing favorites from many eras while creating art on canvas.

Admission to Art on the Grand is free. For more information, call (248) 473-1848.



Jewelry, sculpture, painting and more will be for sale at Art on the Grand, June 4-5 in downtown Farmington.

Film festival adds library award, cash prize

Make the staff at the Salem-South Lyon District Library happy with your entry into the "3 Minutes in Lyon Film Festival" and you may win a cash prize.

The "Salem-South Lyon District Library Video Choice Award" is the newest twist to the annual film competition that begins with a free outdoor screening at dusk, Friday, June 24 in James F. Atchison Memorial Park, behind the Lyon Township Municipal Center, 58000 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson.

The award will be presented to the producer of the video that is deemed to be the favorite of the library staff. The recipient

of the Library Choice Award will receive a prize of \$250 but, there's a catch. The recipient of this award has to agree to create a three minute video for the library.

The recipient can use his or her own equipment or check-out a HD Flip Cam from the library.

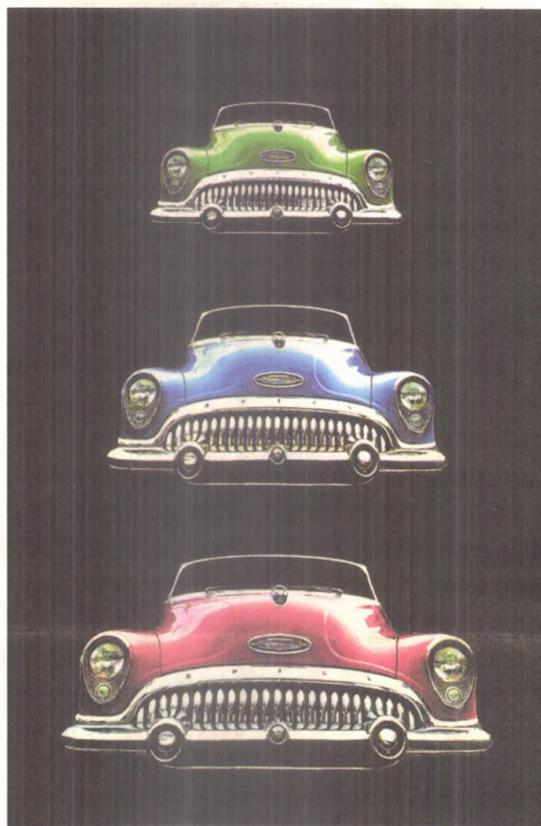
In addition to the outdoor screening, the festival also will include a producer's round table on Saturday, June 24. Top films will receive awards and honorable mentions at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. The Library Choice and Audience Choice awards will be presented at that time.

Anyone can submit a three-minute DVD no matter where they live, although the content must be shot or created within South Lyon, Lyon Township, Kensington Metropark or Island Lake Recreation Area. The festival is open to those who are not professional filmmakers and who do not earn a living working as a professional in television or film.

DVD content should be family friendly. The entry fee is \$10 per video.

To download an application and mailing instructions, visit www.lyonfestival.org. DVDs must be postmarked by June 13.

GET OUT!



"3 Buicks," and other photography by Paul McWain will be on display during Art in the Sun, June 24-26 in Downtown Northville.

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth

Details: "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

Art in the Sun

Time/Date: 4-9 p.m., Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: More than 75 artists sell glass, metal, jewelry, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more

Contact: (248) 344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27

Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com

Village Theater

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during any public performance, through May 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Work by Durwood Coffey

Coming up: Photography by John Middlestead, June 1-28

Contact: (734) 394-5300

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Jef Brennan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit,

Polish fair kicks off holiday weekend

The 40th annual Polish Country Fair — the largest country fair in the state — will run May 27-30 on the campus of St. Mary's Prep, 3535 Indian Trail, at Commerce and Orchard Lake Road in Orchard Lake.

"It is hard to believe, but this year marks the 40th anniversary of the fair and it has truly become a tradition that marks the start of the summer season in Michigan. We call our Polish Country Fair a 'Staycation Get-Away' because we try and provide a backyard get together that eliminates the road rage, long drives and expensive gas associated with going to Northern Michigan, with a great entertaining atmosphere. At the fair, we have live bands for dancing,

Las Vegas-style gambling for card players, over 45 rides and games for the entire family, as well as unique vendors and authentic Polish food," said Jim Glowacki, headmaster of St. Mary's Prep.

The Polish Country Fair hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday-Sunday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday. The Las Vegas tent is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday-Sunday and 3-9 p.m. Monday. The popular all-day ride passes are \$23 if purchased at the fair, or \$20, if bought in advance at local Meijer stores by May 26. Parking is \$10 per vehicle.

For more information visit www.stmaryspolishcountryfair.com or call the fair hotline at (248) 706-6775.

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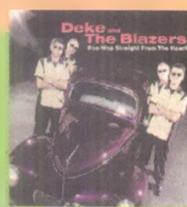
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Trinity House Theatre
Time/Date: Indiana Acoustic Artists in the Round with Jan Krist and friends, June 3; Kitty Donohoe, June 4; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, and Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 5; Around the House, June 10-11; Edie Carey with Jeff Scott, June 17; Michael on Fire and Billy Brandt, June 18; Jack Williams, June 19; Buddy Greene with Jeff Taylor, June 24

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave," a tribute to those who have served the country; \$10 and \$8

Contact: (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org

FOOD

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HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Lime-Marinated Flank Steak with Stuffed Poblano Peppers

FLAVORFUL, *festive and fun*

Bring the taste of summer to your Memorial Day meal

Memorial Day is often synonymous with a backyard barbecue to kick start the summer. As you celebrate this holiday weekend, have a delicious, grill-inspired meal ready in 45 minutes or less with these fun, flavorful recipe ideas. With mouthwatering grilled beef, canned tomatoes and bold bursts of flavor from lime juice, chimichurri and barbecue sauces, your Memorial Day menu is sure to be a memorable hit.

Get your grill sizzling with recipes like Lime-Marinated Flank Steak with Stuffed Poblano Peppers and Chimichurri Steak Wraps. And don't forget a refreshing salad to complete your grilling holiday menu. Spicy Barley and Black Bean Salad is a fast option with a flavorful twist — perfect for your Memorial Day table.

For more grilling recipes and beef cooking tips visit www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com, and for quick and easy weeknight recipes that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less, visit www.ReadySetEat.com.



Chimichurri Steak Wraps

LIME-MARINATED FLANK STEAK WITH STUFFED POBLANO PEPPERS

Makes 6 servings

Total Recipe Time: 45 to 50 minutes

Marinade Time: 6 hours to overnight

1 can (14½ ounces) diced tomatoes & green chilies

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided

½ cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 beef flank steak (about 1½ pounds)

2 cups cooked brown rice

1 can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium or regular black beans, drained and rinsed

6 medium poblano chili peppers (about 4 inches long)

Toppings:

Toasted shelled pepitas (pumpkin seeds),

crumbled queso frescos and lime wedges (optional)

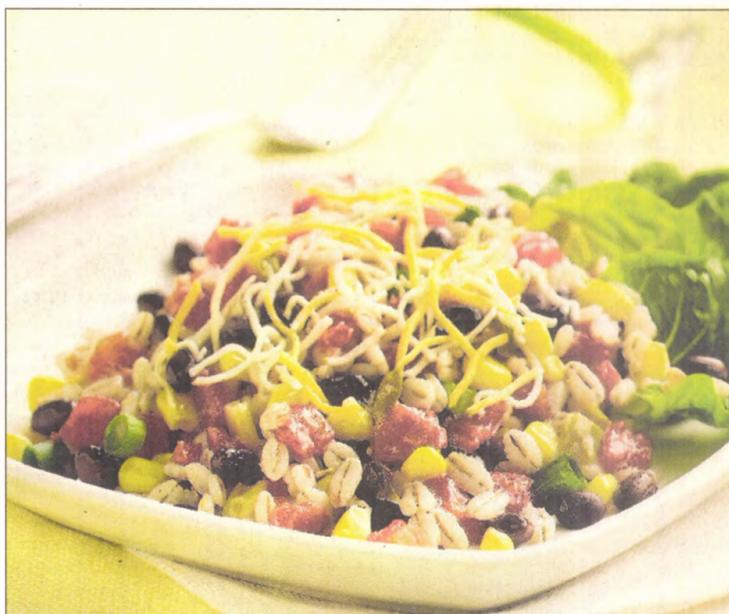
Drain tomatoes, reserving juice for marinade. Set aside diced tomatoes with green chilies.

Combine reserved tomato juice, ¼ cup cilantro, lime juice and olive oil in medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate ½ cup marinade for rice. Place beef steak and remaining marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Combine rice, reserved ½ cup marinade, diced tomatoes, black beans and remaining ¼ cup cilantro in medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Set aside. Cut slit lengthwise down 1 side of each poblano pepper to create pocket, leaving stem and tip intact. Make another small crosswise cut just below the stem to form T-shaped opening. Remove and discard seeds and membranes, being careful to keep peppers intact. Spoon rice mixture evenly into peppers. Wrap each tightly in aluminum foil to seal.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak in center grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange peppers around steak. Grill steak, covered, 11 to 16 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill 16 to 21 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill peppers, covered, 25 to 30 minutes (20 to 25 minutes on gas grill) or until peppers are tender and filling is heated through, turning occasionally.

Carve steak across grain into thin slices. Remove peppers from foil. Serve peppers with steaks and toppings as desired.



Spicy Barley and Black Bean Salad

CHIMICHURRI STEAK WRAPS

Makes 4 servings

Total Recipe Time: 15 to 20 minutes

Chimichurri Sauce:

1 cup fresh parsley leaves

2 cloves garlic

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

¼ teaspoon salt

Steak Wraps:

4 medium whole wheat tortillas (8 to 10-inch diameter)

3 cups fresh baby spinach

½ large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips

12 ounces grilled beef steak, cut into slices

Place parsley and garlic in food processor or blender container. Cover; process until finely chopped. Add oil, vinegar and salt; process just until blended.

Spread each tortilla evenly with Chimichurri Sauce, leaving ½-inch border around edge. Top with equal amounts spinach, bell pepper slices and beef slices on top two-thirds of tortilla. Fold bottom of tortilla up over filling. Fold right and left sides to center overlapping edges; secure with wooden picks, if desired.

SPICY BARLEY AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

Makes 4 servings (1½ cups each)

Total recipe time: 25 minutes

1 cup quick cook barley, uncooked

½ cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed

½ teaspoon garlic salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 can (15 ounces each) whole black beans, drained,

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2 cans (10 ounces each) diced tomatoes & green chilies, drained

¼ cup sliced green onions, white and green parts

½ cup shredded cheddar or Mexican blend cheese

Cook barley according to package directions; drain if necessary. Place barley in large bowl. Add corn, garlic salt and pepper; toss to combine. Add black beans, drained tomatoes and onions. Sprinkle with cheese just before serving.

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Grill safely this summer: Keep fire where it belongs

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

The National Fire Protection Association offers advice for outdoor grillers on fire safety.

Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, said, "We see the same proportion that you see nationally. A lot of people like to barbecue, so we see the same number as everyone else."

A grill is designed for outdoor use and should never be used indoors. "The heat can certainly set anything on fire," Kiurski said. Heat can quickly go through vinyl siding. "The heat always wants to go up."

Things stored in attic rafters can catch on fire easily. "You've got radiant heat that comes off, obviously," he said. There's also a risk for carbon monoxide with either propane or charcoal grills.

An unattended grill is a bad idea. "We like to have somebody watch the barbecue all the times," Kiurski said. "The kids, they don't pay attention. They go where the ball goes or where the Frisbee goes. You've got to have a watcher and you've got to have a plan."

A hose or pitcher of water is good near the grill, although for propane shutting off gas is best, he said. You can rinse down your home or garage with a garden hose until the fire department arrives.

You should look a grill over and make sure it's in good shape each year when you start to use it.

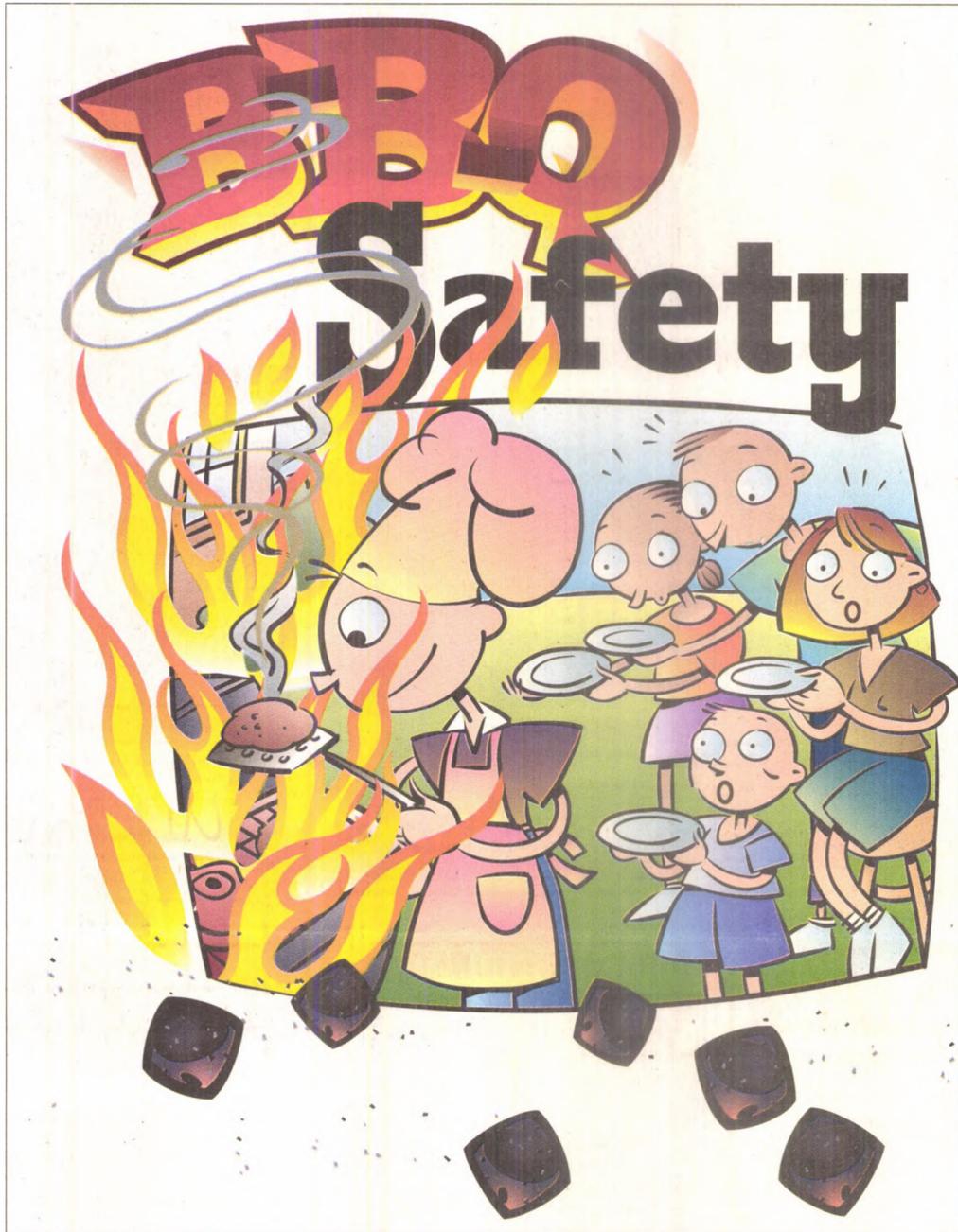
"If you use lighter fluid, you've got to be smart on that, too," Kiurski said of the flammable liquid on charcoal grills. Don't spray it while it's already lit, he said — arrange the briquettes, light them and let them sit.

He agreed you should quickly call the fire department if things get out of hand with your grill and fire.

"Any kind of fire, gives us a call. We do quite a few of those every year. Not a problem."

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



CHARCOAL GRILLS

•There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

•If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

•Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

•There are also electric charcoal

starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

•When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

Baltimore shows signs of upswing

Q: I know that downtown Baltimore has the inner harbor which has generated much growth and development, but how are the condominiums doing abutting the inner harbor?

A: Upon my recent trip to Baltimore, I learned that the condominiums surrounding the inner harbor are still holding their own and are being reasonably marketable

although there are fights regarding easements rights for a view of the harbor which have been generated among

various homeowners in different projects. In general, the area around the harbor which was, at one point, very dilapidated, is now being rejuvenated with new restaurants and shops frequented by "yuppies" and young professionals. In short, that is creating an additional market for condominiums and apartments with the close access to the downtown area as well as Little Italy.

Q: My condominium is in good shape financially as we have a fully funded reserve account deposited in Certificates of Deposit (CD). However, there are some on the board that want to put money in an annuity. I am wondering what your views are on it.

A: I am not an investment broker and have no authorization to approve or disapprove any type of investment. However, income on your investment is not your first priority as a director. Rather protection of the principal is the first objective. The board has a fiduciary duty to the members to protect their funds. You would be better off with a lower interest rate with a guarantee of return on the principal then taking any other type of risk. Moreover, you should check with your documents which may impose an obligation to deposit the money only in funds that are federally insured.

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 \$995 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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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| City | Address | Sales Price | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Canton | 5420 Barr Rd | \$115,000 | |
| | 4172 Berkeley Ave | \$82,000 | |
| | 46382 Briargate Dr | \$166,000 | |
| | 2431 Brookfield St | \$140,000 | |
| | 42559 Colling Dr | \$148,000 | |
| | 44248 Craftsbury Ct | \$141,000 | |
| | 2780 Denton Rd | \$149,000 | |
| | 7066 Kennesaw Rd | \$350,000 | |
| | 1444 Longfellow Dr | \$130,000 | |
| | 45235 Middlebury Ln | \$275,000 | |
| | 2266 Mistwood Ct N | \$400,000 | |
| | 1401 Oakview Dr | \$82,000 | |
| Garden City | 31522 Alvin St | \$58,000 | |
| | 30430 Barton St | \$68,000 | |
| | 33206 Brown St | \$59,000 | |
| | 30763 Elmwood St | \$85,000 | |
| | 32252 Elmwood St | \$50,000 | |
| | 29186 Florence St | \$75,000 | |
| | 32555 Ford Rd | \$225,000 | |
| | 32555 Ford Rd | \$225,000 | |
| | 32475 Leona St | \$68,000 | |
| | 29780 Rush St | \$43,000 | |
| | 6547 Sunset St | \$37,000 | |
| | Livonia | 11775 Alois St | \$145,000 |
| 12181 Camden St | | \$18,000 | |
| 30642 Greenland St | | \$188,000 | |
| 29191 Grove St | | \$20,000 | |
| 35542 Leon St | | \$152,000 | |
| 9226 Montana St | | \$125,000 | |
| 19845 Parkville St | | \$87,000 | |
| 16486 Pollyanna St | | \$151,000 | |
| Northville | | 17130 Beck Rd | \$207,000 |
| | | 17040 Birchwood Dr | \$348,000 |
| | | 18318 Blue Heron Dr W | \$235,000 |
| | | 44713 Broadmoor Cir N | \$334,000 |
| | 16819 Dover Dr | \$108,000 | |
| | 16323 Mulberry Way | \$20,000 | |
| | 339 Saint Lawrence Blvd | \$190,000 | |
| | 19395 Windridge Dr | \$331,000 | |
| | 16856 Yellowstone Dr | \$115,000 | |
| | Plymouth | 9433 Ball St | \$134,000 |
| | | 41141 Five Mile Rd | \$180,000 |
| | | 40627 Newport Dr | \$68,000 |
| 51130 Powell Rd | | \$285,000 | |
| 9088 Rocker Ave | | \$194,000 | |
| 580 Ross St | | \$155,000 | |
| 9300 Saddlebrook Ct | | \$385,000 | |
| 9325 Saddlebrook Ct | | \$373,000 | |
| 8952 Tavistock Dr | | \$143,000 | |
| 48660 Timber Crest Ct | | \$315,000 | |
| Westland | | 16710 Beech Daly Rd | \$43,000 |
| | | 17698 Lennane | \$71,000 |
| | 9653 Rockland | \$37,000 | |
| | 13560 Royal Grand | \$25,000 | |
| | 9165 Sarafota | \$75,000 | |
| | 8902 Sioux | \$75,000 | |
| | 39185 Armstrong Ln | \$92,000 | |
| | 35230 Cady St | \$29,000 | |
| | 38301 Carolon Blvd | \$30,000 | |
| | 37634 Colonial Dr | \$40,000 | |
| | 35830 Hazelwood St | \$15,000 | |
| | 29015 McDonald St | \$17,000 | |
| 32425 Muskegon Ct | \$33,000 | | |
| 38700 Northampton St | \$92,000 | | |
| 1599 S Dowling St | \$78,000 | | |
| 1580 S Schuman St | \$36,000 | | |
| 341 Surrey Hts | \$120,000 | | |
| 34103 Tomahawk Dr | \$88,000 | | |

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 7-11, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| City | Address | Sales Price | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Beverly Hills | 18835 Devonshire St | \$349,000 | | |
| | 16151 Marguerite St | \$165,000 | | |
| | 30395 Stellamar St | \$160,000 | | |
| | 18614 Warwick St | \$332,000 | | |
| | 18910 Warwick St | \$360,000 | | |
| | 30155 Woodhaven Ln | \$150,000 | | |
| | Birmingham | 32675 Bingham Rd | \$575,000 | |
| | | 353 Fairfax St | \$415,000 | |
| | | 1990 Graefield Rd | \$55,000 | |
| | | 779 Randall Ct | \$497,000 | |
| | | 2209 Windemere Rd | \$220,000 | |
| | | Farmington Hills | 29520 Briarton St | \$67,000 |
| 21711 Middlebelt Rd | | | \$36,000 | |
| 30261 Miron Dr | | | \$150,000 | |
| 39221 Silverthorne Bnd | | | \$239,000 | |
| 39236 Silverthorne Bnd | | | \$232,000 | |
| 30220 Southampton Ln | | | \$168,000 | |
| 37915 Sunderland Ct | | | \$264,000 | |
| Lathrup Village | 27464 Rainbow Cir | | \$228,000 | |
| | Milford | | 2875 Augustine Rd | \$224,000 |
| | | | 1593 Coogan Dr | \$345,000 |
| | | | 615 E Buno Rd | \$310,000 |
| | | | 3933 Foxthorn Ct | \$323,000 |
| | | 1654 Indian Garden Ln | \$200,000 | |
| | | 286 River Oaks Dr | \$253,000 | |
| | | Novi | 47749 Aberdeen Dr | \$590,000 |
| | | | 41713 Dukesbury Ct | \$382,000 |
| | | | 25677 Groveland | \$334,000 |
| | | | 23116 Heatherwoode | \$158,000 |
| | | | 51133 Mayfair Ter | \$45,000 |
| 27965 Middleton Dr | | | \$146,000 | |
| 41785 Mitchell Rd | \$156,000 | | | |
| 24652 Naples Dr | \$240,000 | | | |
| 27159 Victoria Rd | \$45,000 | | | |
| South Lyon | 540 Chester St | | \$140,000 | |
| | 178 Eagle Way | | \$167,000 | |
| | 26435 Great Plains Dr | | \$205,000 | |
| | 380 N Hagadorn St | \$122,000 | | |
| | 24084 Prescott Ct | \$61,000 | | |
| | 23548 Prescott Ln W | \$61,000 | | |
| | 26701 York Ct | \$261,000 | | |
| | Southfield | 17541 Bonstelle Ave | \$50,000 | |
| | | 29242 E Chanticleer Dr | \$70,000 | |
| | | 17567 Jeanette St | \$98,000 | |
| | | 17385 Lincoln Dr | \$109,000 | |
| | | 20375 Melrose St | \$69,000 | |
| 18145 Onyx St | | \$49,000 | | |
| 25366 Saint James | | \$71,000 | | |
| 30268 Southfield Rd | | \$20,000 | | |

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