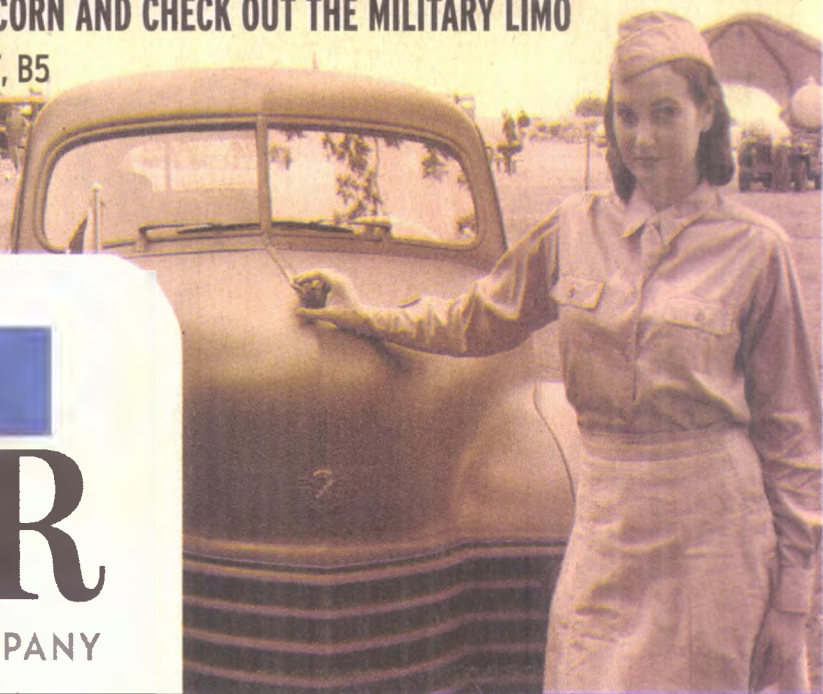




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Send photo of dad and he could win

Whether peach fuzz or stubborn gray, there is no greater face than the face of a father.

Friday is the deadline to submit a favorite photo of your father to the Plymouth Observer. He could win movie passes for four to any Imagine Theater and



an "Ultimate Shaving Kit" (barbershop-quality grooming product from The Real Shaving Company). The shaving kit includes a self-heating face mask, shave cream, facial scrub and skin soothing balm.

Twenty-five lucky dads will be selected in a random drawing. It's easy to enter. Just send in a favorite photo and include his name, your name, where you live, where he lives and an e-mail address or phone number so we can contact you. Be sure to tell us why this is your favorite photo.

All photos must be submitted by Friday, June 24.

Send your photo (jpg only) - attach it to the e-mail with the information requested here) to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. E-mail submissions only.

Community garage sale

It is spring cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use or want. Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in your house! For \$20 you can reserve your spot, but hurry space is limited.

This year, because of the high demand, there will be three separate Garage Sales: June 25, July 9 and July 23. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so if you do not need to sell but need to buy, come to the Plymouth Cultural Center and pick up a hidden treasure. Admission is free.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, e-mail Lauren at lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Garden walk

The Trailwood Garden Club hosts its annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28.

Children 12 and under are half off, babes in arms are free. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale. Tickets \$8 presale, \$10 day of walk, available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail or Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information, call Darlene Rinke at (734) 459-7499 or Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some 150 walkers kept making the circuit in spite of warm weather during this weekend's Plymouth Relay for Life at its new location, West Middle School.

Walking for a cure

Relay moves, still makes successful run

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David and Deborah Rutkey celebrated their 35th anniversary Saturday in fairly simple fashion, by going on a nice, long walk together.

It wasn't your average, run-of-the-mill walk, though, and the Livonia couple wasn't alone, choosing instead to celebrate their anniversary with some 150 other walkers at the Plymouth Relay for Life cancer fundraiser.

The relay drew some 20 teams in its first year at West Middle School, where organizers moved it in an effort to give the event, which had been held on the track behind Central Middle School, a little more visibility.

The Rutkeys were going to be there regardless. Deborah Rutkey was a 19-year cancer survivor until August. When her cancer reappeared. The couple used to walk three-five miles a day with no trouble, but last summer noticed Deborah was getting winded at a mile or less.

She went back to the doctor, got treatment and has beaten the beast back into remission, but that doesn't lessen the



Eight-year-old Justin Belson gets his ears lowered by Luann Andes of Defining Image Salon Saturday during the Plymouth Relay for Life.

fear. "After 19 years, to hear that it has come back was scary," Deborah Rutkey admitted. "It's having a positive attitude and the support you have from my husband, my daughter and her boyfriend, and friends."

Nearly everyone has a connection to the disease when they walk in the Relay for Life. Nobody close to Teresa Mei of Plymouth has been

affected by the disease, but she was out there Saturday anyway, supporting the team sponsored by Bird and Isbister elementary schools. Her children, 7-year-old Alex and 8-year-old Sarah, both go to Bird Elementary School. "Nobody close to us (has died) but we know people who have lost close relatives," said Mei. "(The Relay) raises

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Former coach pleads guilty to child pornography charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man and former Plymouth High School girls lacrosse coach who distributed child sexually abusive material to a law-enforcement officer posing as a 14-year-old girl has pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Stephen Nyquist, who also supervised a younger girls basketball league, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of using the Internet to communicate with another to commit a crime and one count of distributing child sexually abusive material.

Nyquist, a 64-year-old divorcee and grandfather, faces sentencing July 29 by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski.

His plea was confirmed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. It came three months after his arrest stunned the community and prompted Frank Ruggirello, the Plymouth-Canton school district's community relations director, to issue a statement saying school officials were "shocked and disappointed" by the allegations.

The district fired Nyquist and ordered him to stay off school property.

Nyquist could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison after his guilty plea, which resulted in several other similar felony charges being dropped.

Nyquist formerly coached the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls unified lacrosse team. During the most recent school year, he had just one practice as coach of the Plymouth High team.

He also formerly supervised the Community Education Girls Basketball League for girls in grades 3-8 - a position he had held since 2007.

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Upgrades mean more features, customer choices

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Faster Internet speeds, more television programming and new features for mobile devices such as smart phones and computer tablets will be available to Comcast customers in Plymouth and Plymouth Township - and throughout Michigan - with the launch of a new technology platform.

Comcast Corp., which has about 1.1 million subscribers in the state, announced the launch of its Xfinity platform during a media event Tuesday at its Michigan headquarters in the township. Xfinity was made possible by network upgrades and the conversion of analog channels to an all-digital system, which increased available bandwidth. It represents a \$500 million investment in the company's infrastructure, according to Mary Beth Halprin, vice president for public relations and community affairs for Comcast in Michigan.

"Things have really changed since Comcast started offering video programming in the 1960s," Tim Collins, senior vice president for Comcast in Michigan, told media representatives Tuesday. The company provides cable television service plus telephone and Internet service. Xfinity, Collins

added, "gives us a platform where we can continue to meet and exceed our customers' expectations in the future."

Tuesday's outdoor launch event included a tent where computers and television sets were set up and visitors were invited to try out some of the new Xfinity-based features.

Those features include, according to Collins and a company press release:

- Internet downloading speeds, in the near future, of up to 105 megabits per second. Speeds of up to 50 Mbps are available immediately, according to the press release, twice as fast as the 25 Mbps currently advertised on the company Website.

- About 60,000 video-on-demand choices, including about 6,000 high-definition programs.

- Up to 300 TV channels, with about half being high-definition channels.

- Three-dimensional capabilities for some movies, sporting events and special programming.

- The ability to share a DVR, or digital video recording, with other televisions in the house, and a DVR Manager system that lets subscribers schedule or adjust their DVR choices online.

- For phone customers, the

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Visitors to Tuesday's public launch of Comcast Corp.'s new Xfinity technology platform were able to try out some of the features made possible by the upgrades, such as an enhanced program guide and an application for tablet-style computers.

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Banner carriers

Date/Time: Monday, July 4, 9 a.m.
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: Plymouth's annual "Good Morning USA" parade, held in downtown Plymouth, is in need of students, 10 years of age and older, to carry the banners that come before each parade entry. Banner carriers will be given a free "Good Morning USA" T-shirt to wear in the parade.
Contact: For further information or to register to march, call Fran Toney, (734) 453-0731, or e-mail frantoney@hotmail.com before June 22.

History kids camp

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Children can experience aspects of the Civil War at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the first annual History Kids Kamp. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s.
Contact: Visit the museum's web-

site at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information.

Vacation Bible school

Date/Time: June 20-23, 9:30 a.m. to noon
Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton.
Details: SonSurf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School invites kids from the community who are entering Kindergarten through kids completing 6th grade for rockin' music, great games, Bible exploration, snacks, and crafts. Download a registration form at www.cbcjoy.org or register at the door.
Contact: For questions, call (734) 455-0022.

Rockettes golf

Date/Time: Aug. 7
Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth
Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.
Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

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ability to get caller identification on a television or computer screen.

The move to Xfinity won't be accompanied by Comcast price hikes, Collins said. Over time, many of the company's phone, television and computer products and services will be "branded" with the Xfinity name, officials said.

Comcast also Tuesday announced Xfinity Signature Support, an around-the-clock help desk for customers who need guidance with their computers, computer networking equipment, game consoles, smart phones and tablets.

In addition, Comcast recently partnered with Skype, the computer-based videophone service, to offer high-definition video calling.

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Firm gives 'stuck' homeowners a hand up

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The housing bubble's burst left a boom market for home buyers. For sellers, however, not so much.

Mike Kalis is trying to level that playing field.

Kalis says his Plymouth-based Marketplace Homes can get customers with upside-down mortgages — those who owe more than their houses are worth because of the steep fall in property values — into brand-new homes in subdivisions in Michigan and many other states, plus guarantee, for up to six years, a monthly rent check for the old home, whether a tenant is renting it or not.

Marketplace has been offering the option for about three years, and has signed on more than 40 builders in about 20 states. There were 100 new homes sold under the plan in 2009, 205 last year, and in 2011, Marketplace is on track to exceed its goal of selling 365 homes, Kalis said.

"What people need is a good solution for their old home, and that's what we're doing here," Kalis said during a recent interview. The idea, he said, is help homeowners who want to buy new or who need a bigger home but feel trapped by the market in their current home. Many Marketplace customers have growing families, he said. "All of a sudden, they just feel stuck," Kalis said. "We help to unstuck the stuck."

BUILDER PARTNERS

Marketplace partners with some of the country's top home builders, recently signing Pulte Homes (Kalis used to work there), for example, and is selling houses at subdivisions throughout suburban Detroit, including Knightsbridge



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Steger family, Jennifer, Jeff and Elliot, who is nearly 3, in their new Novi home on June 20. The Stegers moved from Livonia into their home in Novi in April.

Gate in Novi, Lyon Ridge in South Lyon and Stone Ridge in Green Oaks Township. Marketplace gets a commission — a finder's fee, one might call it — from the builders, who are eager, in the extended downturn, to sell homes and finish slowed-down subdivision projects.

"The value and prices people can get things at right now are just incredible," said Kalis. For example, he said, a new 2,200-square-foot house in Novi, in a new subdivision, could go for about \$180,000.

The plan worked for Jennifer and Jeff Steger, who moved with son Elliot, who is nearly 3, to a four-bedroom house in Knightsbridge Gate in April. "It sounded a little too good to be true, so we were a little

skeptical," Jennifer Steger said. They had bought a 1,200-square-foot house in southwest Livonia in 2005, and the market crash put them upside-down with their mortgage, she said.

But the Stegers researched the market and decided to go with Marketplace. "It's been a positive experience. We haven't had any surprises yet," Jennifer Steger said.

MORE SPACE, CONVENIENCE

The move gave the Stegers the space they were looking for, at considerably less than they'd have paid at the peak of the bubble, and put Jeff closer to his teaching job in South Lyon, she said.

"It met our needs, it gave us bigger bedrooms, a bigger

kitchen" and room to entertain that they didn't have in Livonia, she said.

Marketplace, meanwhile, is essentially the property manager for their Livonia home, has found a renter, and will be sending a monthly check that's almost enough to cover the mortgage. (Jennifer Steger her research has made her comfortable they're getting fair rent for the market).

Kalis said Marketplace doesn't have much trouble renting out homes, as many people affected by the housing crash still have steady incomes and are looking to rent single-family homes as they rebuild their credit history.

Marketplace offers owners of the homes it's leasing out the chance to annually review the arrangement; an owner can decide to test the market by putting the home up for sale (Marketplace can handle that, too), or can decide to continue to wait another year for more favorable conditions.

"I think it's a really innovative, creative solution," said Jennifer Steger, who works in fund development at the University of Michigan. "I give them a lot of credit for thinking outside the box."

REMOTE REAL ESTATE

From its office in the former Century 21 Town & Country building on South Main, Marketplace is selling houses across the country, including in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Kalis said his intention is to use technology — chiefly the telephone and the Internet — to change the way real estate is sold. "It's amazing. You can get pictures of the house anywhere in the world" via computer, he said.

Sometimes travel is required, Kalis said, but Marketplace has been successful in forging partnerships, for example with builders, in places where it has no physical presence because of its focus on customer service, and because it brings the partners business.

"They want somebody who's going to return their phone calls," Kalis said. "I think they want that more than somebody who's going to sit down and have steak and wine with them."

Marketplace's sales, through the buy-new, guaranteed-lease program, have been predominantly in new subdivisions, but Kalis said the company could work with high-rise condominiums, small-scale projects in older communities or even a single house in an infill-type project.

"If there's a demand for it, we can always find a builder who wants to provide it," he said.

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Plymouth officials modify liquor license cap

Plymouth's cap on new liquor licenses is off, slightly, for establishments outside the downtown area.

The Plymouth City Commission voted 6-0 Monday for the final reading of an ordinance amendment that will allow two new or transferred licenses to sell beer, wine or liquor by the glass. The amendment also calls for officials to give first consideration, until November of this year, to license applications from businesses that already exist in the city.

The move raises Plymouth's cap on alcohol-by-the-glass licenses from 22 to 24. However, the number of licenses allowed in the Downtown Development District remains capped at 14, the number of current licenses. The number allowed for places outside downtown will go from eight to 10.

The ordinance amendment will take effect a day after it's published in a legal advertisement. Officials said the Grecian Cafe, which is on Main Street north of downtown, has a license application ready to be filed once the ordinance takes effect. The city has also received inquiries from several other potential applicants.

Commissioner John Barrett was absent Monday.

Command contract

The city and the Plymouth Command Officers Association have agreed to a new 18-month contract.

The deal includes no pay increases and formalizes changes in the officers' health insurance that were agreed to about a year ago through a letter of understanding. The insurance changes saved the city money and allowed it to maintain a single health plan rather than have a separate one for command officers.



Correction

Gilbert Fowler is alive and well (that's him on the right, with his grandson, Plymouth Police Officer Derek Burke), contrary to a story in the June 16 Plymouth Observer ('New police officer likes Plymouth's small-town feel') and is living in Arkansas, where he runs a cattle ranch. Fowler, who retired in 1994 after a 32-year career with the Bloomfield Township Police Department, has a big influence on Burke, who was this year hired as an officer in Plymouth.

The two sides failed to reach agreement on retirement costs, with the city seeking to reduce its contributions to the command officers' 401(k)-type retirement plan, also called a defined contribution plan. The city's contribution is 15 percent of an officer's salary; the union members can also contribute through a separate plan. The officers argued that the city has already saved money by moving to the current plan and away from a guaranteed pension.

The city has four command officer positions — a lieutenant and three sergeants.

Downtown streets open

Downtown Plymouth have all been reopened following paving projects on several of them.

Penniman between Harvey and just west of Main, and Ann Arbor Trail between Harvey and Forest, were resurfaced with asphalt on Monday. Ann Arbor Trail reopened late Monday afternoon and Penniman reopened early Tuesday.

Two other blocks, Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing and Fralick between

Harvey and Main, were resurfaced late last week, and Main between Church and Wing was resurfaced last month.

"We're essentially back to normal," said John Buzuvis, director of business operations and special projects for the Downtown Development Authority.

"Those who may have been put off by the construction, we'd love to have them back."

Only the striping of the new roads and the replacement of decorative brick in some spots remains to be done in the final phase of the \$2 million streetscape upgrade.

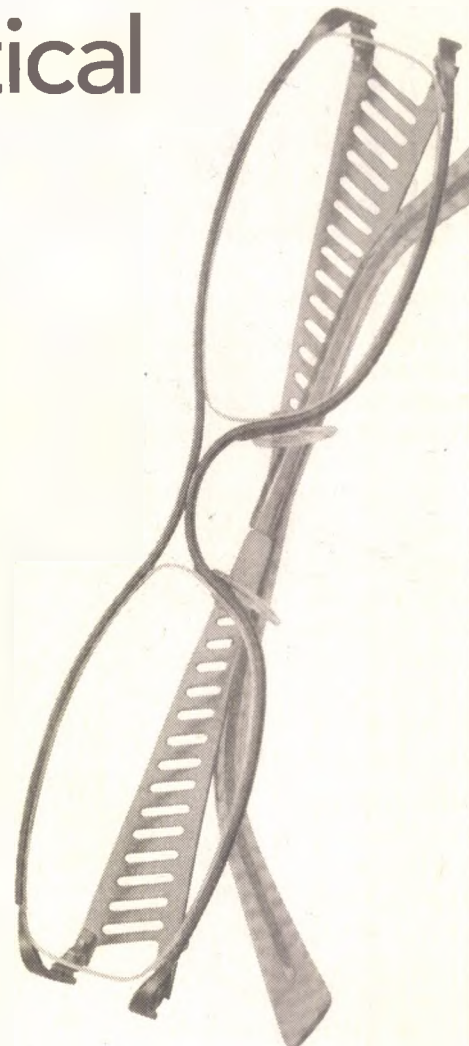
Buzuvis said the restriping of Penniman resulted in four new on-street parking spots between Harvey and Wing.

The DDA, anticipating that the project — this year's phase began in April — would cause the temporary loss of downtown parking spots, leased about 70 spots for free parking at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Ann Arbor Trail west of Harvey. Buzuvis said he expects those spots to be available through July.

- By Matt Jachman

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Stephen J. Nyquist and his attorney, John McWilliams, during an earlier court appearance. Nyquist pleaded guilty to Internet child porn charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

COACH

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According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Nyquist engaged in crimes using his computer while he was in contact with an undercover officer in Wisconsin, who notified the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which

searched his home March 15 and arrested him.

The computer-based crimes happened in the 1500 block of Hampshire, near Haggerty and Lilley. Authorities have said they weren't aware of any direct sexual contact between Nyquist and children.

Michigan State Police Detective Lt. Thomas Kish has said some of the children in the computer images had been known to the National Center

for Missing and Exploited Children.

Authorities said they had no evidence any of the images were of local children.

After Nyquist's arrest, defense attorney John McWilliams had described him as "scared" and "very concerned about the serious charges that have been brought against him."

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Canton man robbed and beaten on I-275 bike trail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 55-year-old man told Canton police he was robbed and beaten while riding his bike near Michigan Avenue along a paved trail that runs alongside I-275.

The victim, a Westland resident, said the attack occurred shortly after 9:30 p.m. Saturday along the I-275 Metro Trail while he was riding to a friend's residence at Sherwood Village, a mobile home park in Canton.

He told police he was approached by two white males and one black male — possibly in their late-20s or early 30s — who attacked him, pushed him to the ground and took \$110 from his wallet.

"They roughed him up, knocked him down, took his money and threw his bike and wallet in the (Rouge) river," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The man told police he retrieved his bike and wallet from the river.

The victim sought treatment at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. He told police the attackers pushed him to the ground and kicked him in the head and ribs before leaving the scene.

The incident was reported as a strong-armed robbery because the assailants didn't produce any weapons.

The victim rode his bike home and went to bed after the attack, but he woke up sore the next day and went to the

hospital.

The attack prompted Schreiner to warn anyone using the trail to use caution.

"There are lots of desolate areas along the bike path," he said. "People should avoid riding alone when possible and be aware of their surroundings. The path has a lot of desolate areas that provide a lot of hiding spots (for potential criminals)."

The assault along the 40-mile-long trail came after advocates recently celebrated the grand opening of a newly rebuilt section between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive. Hundreds of people turned out for the River Day event.

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CRIME WATCH

Man ticketed after admitting shoplifting

A Detroit man was issued a citation on a shoplifting charge June 16 after admitting to police that he had taken a mounting bracket for a car navigation device from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

Police were called to the Kmart shortly after 3 p.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said, after a security guard detained the suspect.

The guard told police she had witnessed the suspect take a bracket from its packaging, put it in a pants pocket and leave the store without paying for it. She confronted him out-

side, she said.

The suspect admitted to the responding officer that he had tried to steal the bracket, adding that someone had stolen one from his vehicle. The bracket, designed to be placed on a windshield, was priced at \$24.99.

Vandalism

A Plymouth man reported June 15 that his 2010 Ford Fusion was hit by a rock that was thrown from another vehicle as he drove along Hines Drive in the township.

He was driving east on Hines, south of Five Mile, shortly after 2 p.m. on June 15 when the thrown rock struck the windshield, he said. Police

noticed a chip in the center of the windshield.

The victim followed another vehicle to a nearby parking lot, but the driver of that vehicle told him he had seen a female in the car ahead of his throw the rock, police said.

Planters stolen

Two decorative planters were reported stolen Sunday from outside the State Farm Insurance office on Lilley, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in the township.

The complainant reported last seeing the planters at about 5 p.m. on June 16, a police report said.

- By Matt Jachman

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awareness. It's good for the younger generation to see this. A lot of people have lost their lives to cancer."

Organizers moved the event to West Middle School, at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, to make it more visible. Highlights included the survivors' lap; a "fight back" event during which participants pledged to urge family and friends to, for example, give up smoking, get regular mammograms, and adopt healthier lifestyles; and the moving luminaria ceremony at dusk Saturday.

The event goal was some \$78,000, and Laura Compton, chair of the Plymouth Relay for Life committee, said they'd reached nearly 80 percent of the goal before ever taking the track. The final tally wasn't

available at press time. Compton said a couple of factors kept attendance down a bit from last year. She figured the YMCA Father's Day run, which took place Sunday, kept people away, as did the 20th annual Canton Liberty Festival going on to the south.

"We'll adjust for those things next year," Compton said. "You always have some turnover. If cancer is something new to your family, you come out and you're all enthusiastic. There is some turnover; we had some returning teams, but we also had new teams."

The Rutkeys of Livonia aren't new walkers, having done the Race for the Cure for 16 years.

"It's been hard," David Rutkey acknowledged. "You have ups and downs. But you have to have faith."

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Shhhh! It's break time for Richard Cramb of Bobo's Piglets. Meanwhile, out on the track, others are still hoofing it.

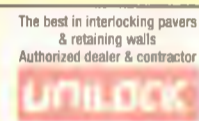
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Tom Lazo with his '56 Chevy Sedan.

Hot rods, hot dogs and tasty beverages return to the VFW

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For car buffs, the place to be is the VFW Post in Redford Township, where hundreds of vehicles are on display every Tuesday evening throughout the summer.

It's not a car show or a warm-up for the Dream Cruise later this summer in Birmingham. It's members and friends of the Kontinental Car Club showing off their prized cars, trucks or motorcycles, explained President Bob Silverberg of Plymouth, "We're here every Tuesday."

The VFW is the host, said Silverberg. "We (the club) just keep things going," he said. "There's no charge and no pressure, just people who share a love of cars."

Normally, 250 or more vehicles are on display. But rain and the threat of bad weather deterred some car owners this week, and the vehicle turnout was closer to 150.

Those vehicles on display, however, were very nice, said Brian Miller of Garden City. He admitted to being a little "car crazy," but Miller said he simply enjoyed the vehicles,



A pair of fuzzy dice decorates the interior of this Dodge Dart Swinger.

the setting and the ambiance.

"I really like the music," said his wife Kelly, referring to the 1950s and 60s classics playing over the public address system. The music was a little before her time, she said. "But I'm in the 'WhatAbout's,'" Kelly Miller said, referring to an oldies group based in Livonia, "and we sing some of these songs."

Dearborn Heights Resident Carol Sciborek proudly displayed her powder blue 1957 Ford, in mint condition of course. "I had one like that in

high school," said the graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn.

Refreshments are available, with hot dogs for \$1.50 and an 18-ounce glass of beer for \$2.50.

As they do every week, club members select a motorcycle and car they consider the outstanding vehicles of the evening. This week the honors went to James Gross of Redford Township for outstanding motorcycle and Phil Kasperek of Garden City, owner of the best car.

Gross' bike was a 2005 Road Glide, manufactured by Harley-Davidson. Kasperek displayed a dark red 1939 Buick.

"I've owned it for about 20 years," said Kasperek. It takes a lot of work to keep it running, he said. "I've got a wrench on it all the time — otherwise it would cost a fortune and I couldn't afford it."

The informal car shows will continue into early September, said Jerry Marszalek of Redford Township. "Everybody's welcome," he said, "it's a relaxed, family-friendly setting."

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The Plymouth Rotary Club A.M. handed out its annual scholarships recently to (front, from left) Kristen Schultz, Lissa Rupp, Shaniqwa Martin (with her son, Dan), Rachel Ferree, Michelle Saucedo, Natalie Zazula, Becky Trumpka and (back, from left) Corey Brodzik, Jonathan Ferrell, Mark Thompson, Matthew Collingwood, Chris Kordick.

Rotary hands out annual scholarships

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. has handed out its annual scholarship awards.

The club supports a variety of families, people, organizations and events throughout the Plymouth area, including the Miracle League of Plymouth, Polio Plus, Clean Water, Shelter Boxes, scholarships, the Interact Club, Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Tanger School Christmas Party, Tanger School Kindergarten Graduation, Fall Festival Spaghetti Dinner, a nine-pin bowling tournament, Tanger School Playground, Literacy Program: "Book Hounds" and Music in the Park.

Winners include:
• Kore Brodzik and Jonathan Ferrell won Career Tech/Vocational scholarships, awarded to students who are pursuing an associates degree or certificate in specific trades: nursing, fireman, culinary arts, etc. The scholarships are sponsored by Plymouth A.M., Plymouth Noon and Canton Rotary Clubs.

• Matthew Collingwood, Rachel Ferree, Shaniqwa Martin, Correy Rossi, Lisa Rupp, Michelle Saucedo, Kristen Schultz, Davion Stackhouse and Mark Thompson won Sandra Saguear Rotary Scholarships. These students have overcome adversity, displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier, and then these students invite

more challenges. They have shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

Since 2003, 68 scholarships have been given out in the name of Sandra Saguear, a 1969 Plymouth High School graduate who overcame polio. The Sandra Saguear Wall of Courage is located at Plymouth High School.

• Chris Kordick and Natalie Zazula earned the Jerry Trumpka "Service Above Self" award, sponsored by Becky Trumpka, the wife of the late Jerry Trumpka, a charter member of Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. This award is given to a young person who is the first to notice when something needs to be done, and then lends a helping hand.

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A festival full of fun

Benefiting from some new attractions and counting on dependable favorites, the 20th annual Canton Liberty Festival drew thousands of people to Heritage Park over the three-day event, culminating in Saturday's traditional fireworks display.

The festival, which this year did not feature a parade, still had plenty for people to enjoy. The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall made an first appearance, as did the U.S. Marines Silent Drill team and the Michigan Philharmonic.

There were the traditional International Festival, pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner, music, carnival rides and interactive children's activities.

Canton mother Lori Ahern brought daughter Amanda, 11, son, Kyle, 9, and their friends Griffin Sanford and Sophie Smock, both 11, to the three-day festival that ended Saturday. Their favorite festival feature: the rides.

Amanda couldn't wait to climb inside the Gravitron, an enclosed ride that allows riders to lean back against padded panels as it spins around while the floor drops out.

"I like the way the gravity holds you in," Amanda said.

Kyle preferred the Zipper, which tucks pairs of riders in cages that rock back and forth while the entire ride rotates like a Ferris wheel.

"I like flipping around in it," Kyle said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Saturday night fireworks draw a crowd to Liberty Fest.



Five-year-old Marquis Sagnia had a good time at Liberty Fest. He spent the afternoon there with Mom and Dad, Krysty and Marquis Sagnia.



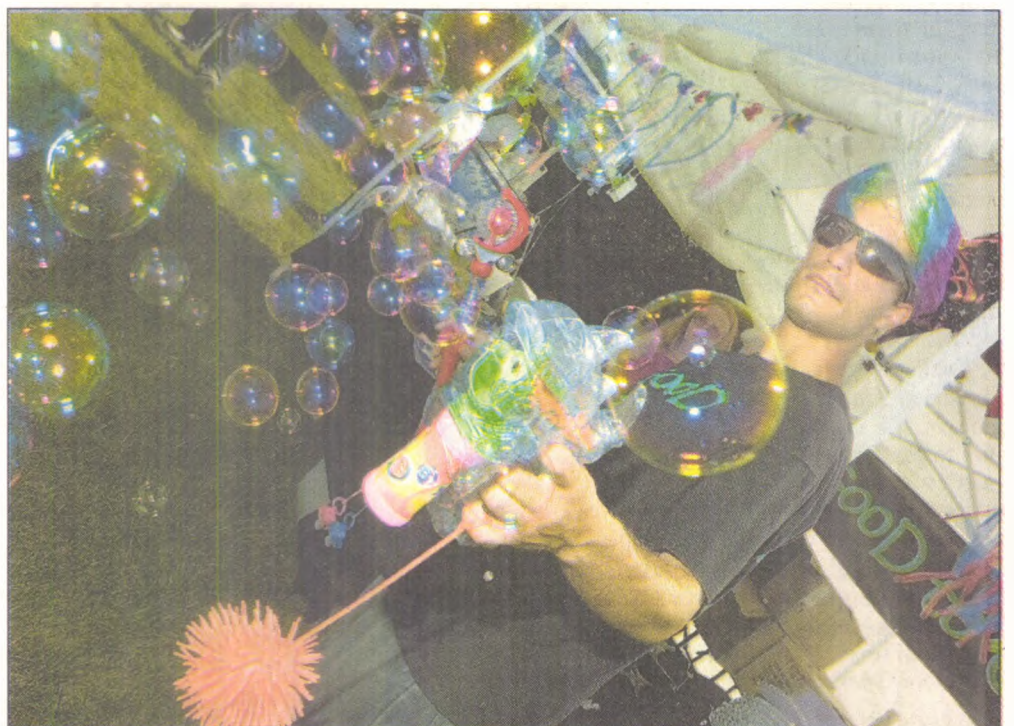
Five-year-old Madelyn Mason likes how she looks during Saturday's final day of the Canton Liberty Festival.



Saturday visitors to the Vietnam Wall search for names of those who died in the war.



It's a perfect Liberty Fest day, and a good time to be on the water.



Jasper, of Good To Glow, fills the air with bubbles.

Andrew Pascaris assembles a battery organizer at the Home Depot Kid's Workshop.



Amanda Kawcha and Randall Dennlar play bassoon during the Michigan Philharmonic's performance Saturday at Canton's Liberty Festival.



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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Center helps patients 'adjust'

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

Mashike: We are a full-service chiropractic office featuring wellness focused as well as pain management techniques, including intersegmental traction, extremity adjustments, low-level laser therapy and nutritional counseling.

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

Mashike: My father has been a chiropractor for 35 years, and I grew up with chiropractic.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Mashike: I grew up here.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Mashike: Our team is incredibly dedicated to professional excellence and service.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Mashike: We have grown both in patient base, through referral, mostly; and also in experience and dedication.

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

Mashike: One of the best parts of being a chiropractor is the privilege of working with so many families and impacting their outlook on life. Many people who have never visited a chiropractor don't know the benefits of chiropractic, how their bodies work, and how their nerve supply affects the whole body. But our well-adjusted families find out at an early age about how chiropractic works. In fact, it is an integral part of their every-day life. One of my favorite examples of this is 2-year-old Landon, whose dad is a welder; so, of course, Landon has a collection of toy power tools. Landon has been getting adjust since he was born and is used to the tools we use to gently tap the vertebrae into



John Miller hangs on to 2-year-old son, Landon, as he prepares to "djust" Dr. Adam Mashike at Mashike Chiropractic Wellness Center in Plymouth.

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place. One day Landon came in for his adjustment holding a small Fisher-Price drill or nail gun

and said, "Look, Dr. Bones, I can 'djust, too!" He then proceeded to tap on my neck with the toy, just the way he had seen me do so many times with the real activator. You're never too young to learn good habits.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Mashike: We have been very blessed that our patients are for the most part still able to seek chiropractic care. But for those who aren't we work with them.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Mashike: Stay focused on your goals.

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

Mashike: Our purpose is to educate and adjust as many families as possible toward optimal health natural chiropractic care.

Cloud: A new way to compute

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

There's a relatively new type of cloud around and it's much easier to spell or pronounce than cumulonimbus. This cloud also doesn't store rain — instead, it stores massive amounts of data that you can access from any computer, tablet, or laptop that you use.

The concept of storing all of your personal data: music, files, movies and applications in a central location called a cloud may seem simple, but it has already started to shift the way people use computers.

Cloud technology has been used by people and companies for a while but really became mainstream earlier this month when Apple announced its new file storage system called iCloud.

Apple isn't the first tech company to roll out cloud storage services — Amazon and Google had them first. But in classic Apple fashion, they turned cloud computing from a tech term, into a mainstream term in just a few days.

HOW IT WORKS

Instead of using piles of thumb drives or external hard drives to store data (like large music collections) users can store all of their music in their personal cloud.

Users can access their cloud from their desktop computer, work laptop, a friend's iPad or any device they do use. This means users can access their data (like memory-hogging

music files) from their work computer, or iPad, without downloading any files.

Just like a user can access their e-mail account from any device without downloading information, users can access any data they previously stored in a cloud because it is stored on a central server.

Cloud computing makes accessing data more convenient, makes backing up data more convenient and is also cheap. Amazon.com for example, offers 10 GB of free storage for users and if history has shown us anything, its that storage space grows exponentially cheaper.

END OF OPERATING SYSTEMS?

Cloud computing has already changed the way computer users and tech companies look at computing. Recently, Google rolled out their Chromebook (mini-laptop) that has no operating system. That means there is no start menu, file folders, or registry files. Instead, the device is run on applications much like a tablet or smart phone.

It is likely Google's goal, to have every Chromebook user storing their information on a Google cloud. Cloud computing and app-based computing may seem strange, but the prospect of those functions becoming more widespread is

a strong possibility.

I don't think cloud computing and app-based computing will completely phase out traditional computer storage and operation completely because there are a need for both models.

While app-based and cloud-based computing have convenience factors, and help speed up your computer, who wants to store his/her sensitive information like tax documents on a cloud run in a server farm by a huge tech company?

If your cloud gets hacked your sensitive information could be stolen and worse yet, your account could get hacked. On the other hand, app-based computing means you can't get a Trojan virus on your computer that eats away at your computer hard drive and steals your passwords. Under each model you lose and gain safety in different places.

That's why cloud computing and app-based computing are so incredible. When combined with traditional systems and the right security precautions computer users can gain more flexibility and safety while computing, without spending a lot of coin.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community garage sale

It is cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use, or want. Get a 10'x10' spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in your house! For \$20 you can reserve your spot, but hurry space is limited.

This year, because of the high demand, there will be three more separate Garage Sales: June 25, July 9 and July 23. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so if you do not need to sell but need to buy come to the Plymouth Cultural Center and pick up a hidden treasure. Admission is free.

For more information call (734) 455-6620, e-mail Lauren at lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Back to scratch

The Cupcake Station is fifth in the nation in the "Get Back to Scratch" contest, which lets friends, fans and customers vote for its signature item. You are able to vote daily to help the Cupcake Station win a new mixer for its Head Pastry Chef.

Cupcake Station is offering "BOGO FREE" cupcake for each time you vote and bring in your "Thanks for Voting" page at any location. (Limit one Free Cupcake per vote, per day). The contest ends Aug. 21, at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Sept. 6. Please go to the following link to vote for our Signature Item: <http://www.getbacktoscratch.com/directory/profile?id=214>



Center opens

Alex and Barbara West opened Physicians Weight Loss center at 1365 S. Main in Plymouth. The center provides medical weight loss programs that combine diet and exercise under medical supervision. Pictured are the owners, staff and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee. To make an appointment with a counselor call (734) 335-7492.

Cherry festival

Those who can't make it to Traverse City should instead head to Basket Kreations for the Cherry Festival Kick-Off Party today (Thursday), from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be yummy cherry treats to sample, prizes and other fun.

Haiti benefit

Core Sport is holding four donation-based pilates classes to benefit the Haiti Orphan Rescue Program. Call the studio at (734) 459-1547 or online at www.core-sportstudio.com to sign up under the workshops tab.

A minimum \$10 donation is appreciated; 100 percent of the proceeds go to the Haiti Orphan Rescue Program. Check it out at www.haiti-orphanrescue.org.

Biz of the Month

Charter One Bank in downtown Plymouth is featuring Compari's/Fiamma Grille as their Local Businesses of the Month for the month of June.

Stop into the branch anytime during the month of June to find out why Charter One Bank thinks Compari's/Fiamma Grille are so great. And while you're there, enter yourself into a drawing for a \$50 Gift Card for Compari's/Fiamma Grille.

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 chosen from all entries received at the end of the business day on Thursday, June 30.

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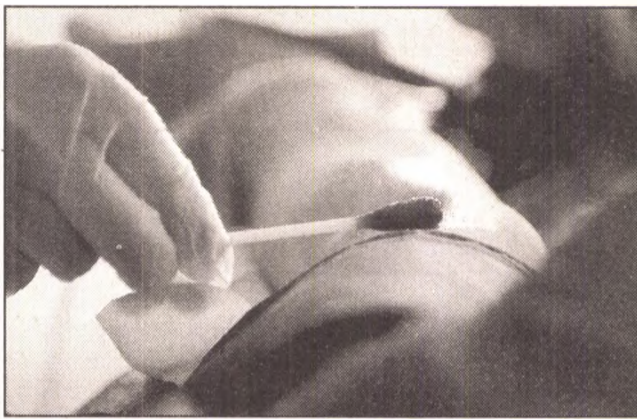
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OUR VIEWS



A nurse prepares a donor for a blood donation.

Gift of life

Start summer off by making a blood donation

The countdown is on to the three-day Fourth of July weekend. For many, it's the official start of the summer vacation season. It's time to kick back and do nothing, head north for some camping or fishing. Fireworks, festivals. It promises to be a grand old time.

But for some, the holiday may not be much fun. They are the people who are hospitalized and in need of the gift of life, a unit of blood. In fact, someone needs blood every two seconds. However, making sure there is enough blood available becomes difficult during the summer months. That's when shortages of all blood types happen.

Only 37 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, however, less than 10 percent do annually. Of nondonors, 17 percent say they never thought about donating and another 15 percent say they're too busy. Of those who do donate, the number of reason they give is because they "want to help others."

Giving blood is a way to make a difference that will never be in vain. Blood donations are constantly in demand, as donated blood can only be used for several weeks in some cases. Hospitals never know how much blood of a certain type they will require to help patients, and especially when a disaster takes place, there will be a dramatically increased demand for blood that a certain location may not be able to meet.

Wondering where you can make a donation? You can do it at the American Red Cross Livonia Blood Donation Center at 36650 Five Mile, west of Levan. The center has hours Monday through Saturday, mornings, afternoons and early evening. Give the place a call at (800) RED CROSS to schedule a blood donation appointment.

There are also a number of mobile blood drives taking place in western Wayne County. We've taken the liberty to list a few that are happening during June and July:

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 26, St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City.
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 26, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth.
- 1-7 p.m. June 30, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton.
- 1-7 p.m. July 1, Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 6, Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford, Westland.
- 1:30-7:30 p.m. July 7, Gardner White Furniture, 39453 Ford, Canton.
- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 8, Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15, Isuzu Motors America, Inc., 46401 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth.
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 24, Divine Savior Catholic Church, 39375 Joy, Westland.
- 2:30-8:30 p.m. July 25, Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton.

There's a plus to donating at this time. Everyone who comes to donate blood through the American Red Cross at any southeastern Michigan donor center or mobile drive now through Sept. 12, will be automatically entered to win a year's worth of free gas — a \$3,000 value.

Red Cross Racing also has returned for a fourth season. Between now and January 2012, Red Cross Racing participants can accumulate points by donating blood and referring others to the program. The purpose of the program is to encourage frequent blood donations and to recognize that frequency with points that can be used to purchase NASCAR/Red Cross Racing-themed merchandise.

Red Cross Racing is made possible by 3M, Roush Fenway Racing and NASCAR driver Greg Biffle.

Start your summer vacation off right this year. Set aside an hour to donate a unit of blood. Appointments can be scheduled online. Some of the blood drives provided a link to schedule an appointment, otherwise, call (800) RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

We urge our readers to take the time to donate blood. The fact is that if all blood donors gave three times a year, blood shortages would be a rare event. (The current average is about two.) If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

And wouldn't that be nice.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do think the state of Michigan will be in better or worse shape a year from now?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Better. How could it get worse? I feel like (Gov.) Rick Snyder knows what he's doing even if it doesn't seem like it right now."

Mike Hodges
Livonia



"I think it's getting better. ... (Snyder) hasn't been in office that long. I don't know, just need to give him a chance."

Abby Hansen
Dearborn



"I would like to hope better, but I fear not."

Amber Edney
Plymouth Township



"Gee, that's iffy. I hope it's better. I'm not fond of our governor."

Vera Bascom
Plymouth

LETTERS

Save busing

The purpose of this editorial is to inform residents of the Plymouth-Canton community of the school district's plans for privatization of the transportation department.

Bids for privatization have been solicited and were due to the Plymouth-Canton School board on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, with a decision to follow immediately thereafter.

With the privatization plans, an estimated 150 school district employees will lose their positions. Many of us have come to know these employees as the "bus driver" we entrust to safely transport our children to and from school. These individuals are also our neighbors and friends as well as local residents that would be placed on the unemployment rolls in this tenuous economy.

While economic realities require that budgets be cut in order to provide the students with the best possible education a consideration also needs to be made for the individuals that will be so drastically affected.

Union officials that represent the transportation employees have expressed willingness to work with the Plymouth-Canton school board in order to allow the district to meet the budgetary requirements as well as save the jobs of the approximately 150 employees.

I urge you to join me in contacting the

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Plymouth-Canton school board requesting that every effort be made to maintain the employment of these individuals and avoid the permanent and potentially devastating change to privatization of the district transportation department.

Eric A. Larson
Canton Township

Opposition confusing

No pre-presidential maneuvering by Mitt Romney and Thaddeus McCotter would be complete without a lively round of health care reform bashing. As many times as I've heard the arguments, I remain utterly confused.

• Why are Americans content to see fellow citizens disappear in a deluge of debt due to illnesses that could happen to any of us at any time?

• Why don't we care that people who work full-time plus at low-paying jobs and who struggle to put food on the table are not entitled to take care of their families' health care needs?

• Since when is it the mark of a good American to let our fellow citizens deplete a lifetime of savings and declare bankruptcy, and then think of them as free-loaders?

• Why do politicians insist that we can rely on private enterprise to regulate health care when the market has done such a spectacularly dismal job of it so far?

• What kind of American feels that as long as I and my family are protected, it's OK to let other Americans twist in the wind?

Here's a challenge — find me a person with diabetes and/or a sick child who has no health insurance and no trust fund who wants the new health care law repealed. Mr. McCotter? Anyone?

Joy Kind
Livonia

Vietnam wall brings chance to pay respects

Al Saunders stood at the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall a long time, the way veterans do, staring at name after name of those who perished fighting that war.

His hand reached out, brushing the names of those with whom he fought with his right hand, as if touching the names helped him make contact with the souls of the friends who died.



Brad Kadrich

There was Lester Cavallia and Harry Wecker, the flight engineer on the AC-47 shot down in Vietnam. There was Robert Archer, the pilot, and Albert McBride and James Pitches, the navigator from Yonkers, N.Y., who Saunders remembered "could really sing" and did a rousing rendition of *Yellow Bird*.

Saunders remembers hearing the plane went down. "I remember people coming into our hooches and telling us they went down," said Saunders, who served in Vietnam from 1969-70. "They were all just such nice people."

Saunders rose to the rank of master sergeant before retiring from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, in which he served from 1984 to 2008. He made it back from Vietnam; it was the spirits of those friends who didn't that drew him to Canton's Heritage Park Saturday to see the wall, set up in a relatively quiet corner of the park for four days last week so people could come and pay their respects.

Saunders and a friend were among them. They'd been planning a trip to Washington, D.C., to see the Vietnam

Wall built there, but changed their plans when they read in the paper the wall would be in Canton. His emotions played with him a little as he looked at the thousands of names on the wall. He didn't want his feelings misconstrued.

"When I look at the whole wall, I see a waste of a whole generation," said Saunders, who now makes his home in Dearborn Heights. "Not because of what they did, but because of the deaths involved. A waste."

A whole generation. My generation, actually. Like Saunders, I served in the U.S. Air Force (15 years' worth). It was after Vietnam, obviously, but I served with people who were there. I heard stories, many of which I'm sure were "war" stories told by veterans eager to make their participation seem more than it was.

But some were WAR stories, told by people clearly affected by them, recounted by veterans who lived it — and lived through it — and came out the other side changed men.

Like anything else, time changes perspectives. The younger generations can't be expected to understand the loss of war the way these veterans understand it, although wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have brought it closer to home for them. Still, you wonder whether young kids these days understand what others have given up so they can move around freely, own their iPads and iPods, say what they want, act as they want.

It's a bit of a concern for John Stewart. The Plymouth attorney, a former state representative, spent an hour Saturday morning reading the names of servicemen and women who appeared on the wall. The bell that rang out after each name held a special place for

Stewart.

Stewart graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1967. Six months later, a classmate, Chris Johnson, died in Vietnam.

"As I was reading the names, I was thinking of Chris," Stewart said Saturday. "I saw the dates of birth of these people, and they were all between 1945-1951. That's my generation. (Now) the next generation needs to know."

It's a sentiment with which Randy Keen of Garden City agrees, which is part of the reason he was in Heritage Park Saturday with his 6-year-old son, Lucas, and 16-year-old son, Nick. Keen's father served in Vietnam (though not in combat), and Keen was eager for his sons to see the wall.

"Absolutely," Randy Keen said. "It's part of what this country is. (Lucas') grandfather was part of this. It's history."

Son Nick is a history buff, and knows about the current wars being fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lucas is a little young to understand it all fully, but Keen thinks viewing the wall helped bring it home.

"They know we're at war right now, and that other people are dying," Keen said. "I want them to realize how many people gave up their lives for the things we take for granted."

Sometimes, that's how veterans feel, particularly Vietnam veterans — taken for granted. If the appearance of the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall eased that perception even a little, the wall did its job.

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Cost containment critical for consumers

Over the last few weeks, many state universities announced tuition increases for the fall. Michigan State, University of Michigan, Oakland University and Western have all announced tuition increases of nearly 7 percent. The tuition increases are substantially more than the rate of inflation.

Don't forget that earlier this year seniors did not get an increase in their Social Security because the government claimed there was no inflation. The question is how do universities justify the increase?

Universities point to two issues when it comes to the increases. The first is that subsidies from the state have been slashed (which is true) and secondly that their costs are rising.

The question I have asked numerous times yet have never gotten a real answer, is why do tuition costs go up faster than just about anything else in our economy? Yes, declining state subsidies is part of the answer, however, I believe that universities have done a poor job in keeping expenses under control. And it's not only universities here in Michigan, it's a national epidemic. Universities and colleges have done a poor job of managing their affairs. However, as in government, there are very few consequences. After all, who ends up paying for their mismanagement? Parents and students.

I bring this up to highlight the differences between how you and I must handle our personal affairs vs. governments and universities. Unlike universities and government, we cannot increase our revenue by passing costs on to someone else. Government passes the costs on to taxpayers, universities to students and parents. Because you and I cannot magically increase our

revenue, the only way we can keep our family finances in tact is to focus on the expense side of the ledger.

REVIEW COSTS

As the end of the second quarter of 2011 loom, this is a great time to review expenses and to look for opportunities to become more efficient. Whether it is raising deductibles on auto insurance, cutting back on the air conditioning or other ideas, look for opportunities to save on costs. This is not something to do once. It's something to constantly think about. Saving on costs should be part of everyone's DNA. Hopefully, it will become second nature to all of us.

What happens when a university is fiscally irresponsible? Nothing. On the other hand, what happens to us consumers when we don't keep our financial house in order? Bankruptcy. The consequences are tremendous when our balance sheet gets out of whack. Therefore, we need to be smarter than the government and certainly smarter than universities, and that means look for new ways to reduce costs. Whenever you get one of those recurring monthly bills, instead of just paying examine if there are opportunities to reduce that bill by the next cycle.

Over the last few years many U.S. corporations have shown substantial profits. One thing that most of these companies have in common is that they have been tight with the buck. They have implemented a system of continuous improvement when it comes to cost containment. Consumers need to do the same thing. I don't care if you're currently in great financial shape or you are struggling. Make a determined effort to be more efficient and lower your cost of living.

Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

'Bark for Life' raises cash for cancer

So often dogs help people through their darkest hours, whether it is guiding the blind, watching over the young, or supporting those who are sick - those with cancer.

Area canines, with owners in tow, take to the track this summer as part of the American Cancer Society's new Bark For Life event to dig up a cure for cancer.

Bark For Life adds a twist to the Society's traditional Relay For Life, serving as a fundraising activity to honor the care-giving qualities of canine companions while supporting the mission of the American Cancer Society.

This noncompetitive walk is planned for Aug. 6 at Heritage Park and will include registration at 9 a.m. and an opening ceremony at 10 a.m., special laps around the path, pet/owner look alike contests, musical sits and other contest/ fun on-sight activities.

"Dogs are more than just best friends. Nearly half of pet owners consider their dogs a part of their family," said Angela Gallegos. "Bark For Life is the canine counterpart to Relay For Life, a very family friendly movement. Cancer patients often receive a great source of comfort from their pet during their cancer journey. This event celebrates our canine caregivers, just as we honor other family members who support their loved ones who are fighting cancer during Relay For Life."

To register, contact Kathie or visit www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi and look for the Bark For Life tab for more information.

Whalers score with library program

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers are participating with the Canton Public Library in their "Connect Your Summer" program, which runs through Aug. 13.

Plymouth veteran R.J. Mahalak and other members of the team will be reading to students on Monday, June 27, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 14, at 11 a.m.; and Friday, July 29, at 2 p.m.

Although Mahalak has taken a special interest in the program over the past couple of summers, other Whalers living in the area may appear as well.

Now in its 30th year, Canton Public Library is looking to revamp its summer program in a fun and interactive way. Young readers and their parents are encouraged to go online to www.cantonpl.org/



Plymouth forward R.J. Mahalak reads to children during last summer's reading program at the Canton Public Library.

PETE KRUPSKY

connect-your-summer/2011, sign up and begin earning colorful, virtual badges that can be downloaded and printed out.

Participants can perform activities and earn as many as 10 badges labeled with monikers such as traveler, sports fan, reader, foodie, adventurer,

artist and animal lover.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call the library at (734) 397-0999. The library's "Connect Your Summer" program can be found online at www.cantonpl.org/connect-your-summer/2011

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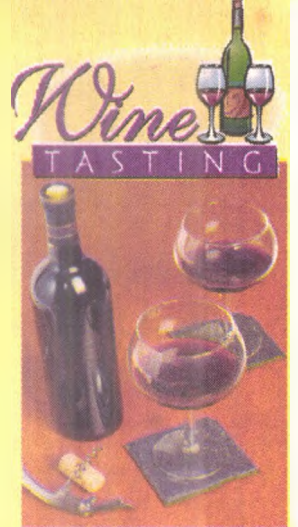
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Run's best start to Father's Day

This past Father's Day — a day noted for sleeping in late and getting served breakfast in bed — several-hundred dads (moms, sons and daughters, too) set their alarm clocks for 6-something and headed to downtown Plymouth to do some serious sweating.

And we loved every minute of it. I should say, we loved every minute of it until our hamstrings and lungs started begging us to go back home, get back in bed and wait for the breakfast.

Sunday marked the 32nd running of the Plymouth YMCA's Father's Day Run — a three-tiered event that annually draws close to 2,000 runners from throughout the Observerland area and beyond.

The Father's Day Run is a can't-miss event for avid runners, once-a-year-5Kers and everybody in between, for a variety of reasons.

TRIPLE THE PLEASURE

The No. 1 draw that gets the serious striders' adrenaline rushing is the "Triple", which consists of reeling off 1-mile, 5-K and 10-K races in succession.

Considering that the only "Triple" I'm capable of conquering is the one you can purchase for \$3.99 at Wendy's, you can imagine my admiration for the men, women and children who compete in all three races every Father's Day.

The winner of Sunday's "Triple" was Ypsilanti's Curtis Vollmar, who, after registering times of 4:31 in the mile and 15:21 in the 5K, posted a 32:20 in the 10K, which works out to a 5:13-per-mile pace. There are some retirement communities in Florida where people can't *drive* one mile in 5 minutes and 13 seconds.

For the less-competitive runners, the lure of the event is, well, everything. The course winds through downtown Plymouth and its picturesque neighborhoods. It is flat, shady and lined with generous people who offer you Dixie Cups filled with cold, refreshing water.

The weather is always chamber-of-commerce ideal — low-60s, partly cloudy skies — and every runner — whether or not they're Curtis Vollmar-caliber or guys like me who run in basketball shorts — is cheered down the homestretch by an enthusiastic crowd of onlookers.

GREAT JOB, Y!

I'm not sure how much time the YMCA's Cindy Morency and her incredible staff of volunteers puts into pulling this event off every June, but

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David Foust works on his stroke during practice last week at Canton's Summit on the Park in preparation for the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

WORLD WIDE WET

Canton man thrilled to swim at Special Olympics World Games

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This weekend, David Foust will be basking in the spotlight of the 13th Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

But Foust, a 34-year-old Canton man competing Saturday through July 4 on the Team USA aquatic squad, isn't too worried about becoming an international celebrity or having any different kind of life when he returns home.

"The first thing I do when I get back is probably take a little nap," said Foust, who doesn't let mental impairment get in his way. "Then I'll go back to my job (as a courtesy clerk) at the Holiday Market (in Canton).

"And then when I get done for the day at work, I'll probably get some stuff to celebrate, which is basically a Bill Knapp's chocolate cake and a thing of chocolate ice cream."



'I never thought this would ever happen to me, going to the World Games.'

DAVID FOUST, Special Olympian

Of course, he could be wearing Olympic medals when he partakes in that sweet scenario.

That well-deserved reward will be in the offing regardless of how Foust and Team USA do.

HAPPY TO COMPETE

According to his mom, Jackie Foust of Canton, the fact her son and other Special Olympians are able to compete at the World Games is the real prize.

The Games are a showcase that takes place every other year to bring public attention to the talents of people with intellectual disabili-

ties. "Can't guess for him," Jackie Foust said. "But it certainly levels the playing field for them, and lets them compete on a level with athletes of varying disabilities. Everybody's in it to do their best, they try their hardest, they're accepting if they win or if they don't win. That's part of the life lesson that it teaches them."

There's no denying David Foust's work ethic and commitment to what he called a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

Foust, a longtime athlete on the Plymouth-Canton Stars Special Olympics team, qualified for the 2011 World Games during state competition in June 2010.

He hasn't let up in the subsequent months, accelerating his workout schedule while paying close attention to nutrition — thus

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'Cats finish final strong

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a ninth-place finish on the opening day of the Division 1 boys golf state finals, Plymouth went to work on Saturday with hopes of earning All-State honors.

The Wildcats did just that, having a solid second day at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins Golf Course to place seventh overall with a two-day score of 633 strokes (316-317-633).

Individually, the Wildcats were led by sophomores Kyle Rodes, who shot a 77-78-155 and Ryan Rieckhoff (81-74-155). Others on the card were junior Josh Heinze (81-81-162), senior Justin Bauer (80-84-164) and freshman John Tatti (78-92-170).

Plymouth head coach Chris Moore praised his team for being an All-State team for the second year in a row (The Wildcats placed eighth in 2010).

"I was very proud of their effort and their attitude on the course," Moore said. "These five young men understand that when they are not playing their best, they need to find a way to make pars and not take a big score on a hole."

Please see **GOLF, B2**

Soccer brings 'Hope' to breast cancer fight

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They'd like nothing better than to give the boot to breast cancer, all while getting their kicks — literally.

Several Plymouth and Canton women, who play on the Hot Wings indoor soccer team at High Velocity Sports in Canton, are organizing the first annual Canton's Tournament for Hope.

Teams are invited to register by July 1 for the 6-v-6 tournament, to take place the weekend of July 29-31 at High Velocity (46245

Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Road).

All proceeds will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Kim Riley and Colleen Van Auker of Canton and Plymouth's Tina McIntyre discussed the fundraising tourney recently at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth.

Their idea stemmed from attending a couple similar tournaments in Indianapolis.

They're further tuned in to the cause because Riley's mom, Sharon Drummond of Farmington Hills, is a breast cancer survivor who now is doing well.



The Hot Wings indoor soccer team includes several women spearheading the Tournament for Hope. Team members are: (front row) Gina Hilditch, Tina McIntyre, Gretchen Hennen, Lesley Aiello; (middle row) Kim Riley, Colleen Van Auker, Jodi Pokerwinski, Melanie Shulters, Stephanie Edgerton; (half row) goalie Janet Hall; (back row) Kristin Coe, Pattie Biegalksi, Marian Smrcka and Kelly Rusinek. Not pictured are team members Karen Hopf, Karen Richter, Lesley McDougall and Lisa Zidzik.

"I got this thing, somebody sent me a tournament thing from Indiana," McIntyre noted. "I signed us up to play and everybody was like 'OK.' So we had a lot of fun. Didn't go for a couple years because of gas prices.

"We decided to go again last year and raised over \$200."

BRINGING IT HOME

After they did the soccer tournaments — along with participating in metro Detroit's Susan G. Komen For the Cure in 2008 and 2009 — the women were encouraged to do something more at home.

The Hot Wings (comprised of 10 players) were on board

to bring an indoor tourney to Michigan.

That meant taking their philanthropic efforts up a notch from the usual raffles at their team hangout, Crow's Nest in Canton.

"So we decided, let's bring it to Michigan and keep the

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SIDELINES

Car wash Saturday

The Canton Lions Jr. Football Club will be holding a car wash 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road near Cherry Hill. The cost is \$5 per car. Proceeds will be used to fund the upcoming football season.

Whalers, library 'Connect'

Plymouth Whalers forward RJ Mahalak and other members of the Ontario Hockey League team will read to students at Canton Public Library as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

The Whalers will be on hand as follows: 2 p.m. Monday, June 27, 11 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m. Friday, July 29.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Canton wrestling camp

Canton High School's wrestling program will hold a four-day camp, July 11-14 at the school gym. Offering the camp is the Advantage Wrestling Club, run through Eastern Michigan University.

The camp will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days, for students entering grades seven-12 in 2011-12.

Emphasis will be on running, lifting, technique, drilling, intense practices and end of the day competitions. Another plus will be one counselor per 10 wrestlers for plenty of individual attention.

The cost to sign up is \$200. Contact Canton head wrestling coach Cory Mancuso (cory.mancuso@gmail.com) or EMU head wrestling coach Derek Delporto (Derek.delporto@emich.edu) or call (734) 487-6429 for more information.

Bucks win again

Despite missing their top two scorers from the lineup, the Michigan Bucks earned their sixth consecutive Premier Development League victory with a 3-0 soccer win over the Hamilton (Ontario) FC Rage before 514 fans at Rochester's Borden Park.

The first-place Bucks now stand 6-1-1 (19 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Minus Kenny Uzoigwe and Luke Holmes, along with the team's third leading scorer Tommy Catalano in the 30th minute, Luckmore Mkosana picked up the slack by scoring goals for the Bucks in the fourth and 84th minutes. Stefan St. Louis also added a goal in the 82nd minute.

Summer baseball clinic

Aspiring young baseball players are invited to learn about the game at the Plymouth Wildcats Baseball Summer Clinic July 19-20 at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Boys and girls entering grades two-nine this fall can participate. Sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, for players entering grades two-five and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for those entering grades six-nine.

The cost is \$20 for those who pre-register or \$25 the day of the camp and the fee includes a snack. Event T-shirts are available for \$8-\$10.

Sessions will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment.

Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 players.

The program is limited to 100 campers. Please register as soon as possible. Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for registration forms and contact information.

Mercy, FPS schools put eight on All-Area tennis team

First team singles

Angelica Woods, Franklin: The Division 1 state quarterfinalist and regional champion finished her senior year with a 20-4 record. Woods was also runner-up at No. 1 singles in the Kensington Conference Tournament.

Bound for Davenport University, Woods posted a career record of 78-16 mark and distinguished herself as one of the best players ever to put on a Franklin uniform.

"As co-captain, Angelica represented what a team leader is all about," coach Rick Clack said of the honorable mention all-stater. "She played USTA tennis during the off-season, which continued to improve her game."

Aimee Moccia, Stevenson: The freshman made quite a splash during her first prep season finishing with a 21-7 record while reaching the semifinals of the Kensington Conference and regional tournaments.

Moccia was also champion at the Stevenson and Howell invitational, and was also runner-up at Grosse Pointe South.

"She had an outstanding freshman season," coach Don McCathney said. "She played more like a junior or senior than a freshman. She's just a great competitor and really knows how to battle. She has all the strokes and has no weakness in her game."

Ariana Kabodian, Mercy: Kabodian was the Catholic League runner-up and a Division 2 regional semifinalist. Her record was 9-10, but she battled top competition throughout the season.

Anna Norman, Salem: The junior was outstanding all season for the Rocks, finishing with a stellar 12-5 record against a string of mostly very tough opponents, coach Lin Ware said.

Among highlights for Norman was a three-set victory over Livonia Stevenson's Aimee Moccia as well as a hard-fought 6-2, 7-5 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the

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HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Ani Cooper, Mara Karageozian, Kristi Fada, Jayde Schulz;
Stevenson: Laura Gumpfer, Ashley Benvenuti, Lexie Ranski, Kathryn Malkowski, Taylor Tinham, Maiko Ruetimann; **Ladywood:** Erica Ley, Megan Glowacki, Mary Beth Rouna, Courtney Doenitz; **John Glenn:** Desiree Cienney, Shannon McFadden; **Salem:** Morgan Spencer, Kerry MacDonald, Emily Simmons, Emily Borkowicz; **Plymouth:** Lindsay Stemberger, Miranda Cerny, Britta Swanson, Kayla Griffey, Brittany Rose; **Iulia Fratila, Mariah Tsar, Andrea Haider; Garden City:** Ann Silski, Jackie Pummill, Nhu Do, Emily Davis, Vanessa Hardrick, Ashley Genuend; **Canton:** John Eppler; **Farmington:** Meghana Gadiraju, Emily Hubbard; **Harrison:** Lydia Miller, Allison Ronan, Shannon Carter, Christine Mathis.

Division 1 regionals. She also had dual meet wins over Plymouth, Canton and Livonia Churchill.

"Anna Norman is a fierce competitor who always gives 110 percent on the court," Ware said. "She's been a great role model for Salem tennis and we will miss her next year."

Norman won't finish her high school career at Salem. Ware said she will be attending school in Germany.

Stephanie Petrusha, Ladywood:

The senior captain finished with a 12-8 record, including runner-up finishes at the Monroe and Howell invitationals.

"Stephanie, along with our other singles players, carried our team this year," coach Linda Brennan said. "She always had a tough mental game. She never gave up on any match. One of her highlight matches came in her first match of the season against Salem's Anna Norman where Stephanie lost the first set, 0-6, and then came back and won the next two sets in a grueling two-hour match. She will truly be missed by all next year."

Carmen Gaddis, Harrison: In her second year as Harrison's No. 1 singles player, Gaddis posted an 11-3 record, having played fewer matches due to rainouts and cancellations. She was a No. 3 seed at the North Farmington regional and reached the semifinals where she lost to No. 2-seeded Andover. Gaddis had wins over Rochester, Athens, Adams, Groves and North Farmington. She and Mercy's Ariana Kabodian did not play. Gaddis was the Lakeland Invite runner-up, but the matches were shortened to eight-game pro sets and didn't count.

"Carmen made phenomenal improvement over the course of one year, from her freshman to sophomore year," coach Janice Maxey said. "She's worked hard. She's just a really focused player. Her repertoire of shots, her strategy and movement on court have improved greatly. Her whole game has matured."

"She has a focus to her game; she's never out of a point and never out of a game. She's awesome to work with, a pleasure to coach."

First team doubles

Danielle Balsis-Riva Jaddou, N. Farmington: Balsis and Jaddou are repeat members of the all-area first team. They were selected last year as a No. 2 doubles team, and they moved up to No. 1 this year, posting a team-best, 10-5 record. The

highlight of their season was winning a Division 2 regional championship, beating Lahser's top-seeded, all-state team in the final (4-4) after a semifinal win over No. 2 Andover (6-0, 5-7, 7-5).

"Danielle and Riva were a strong team last season, which was the first year they played together," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "Riva was a former singles player, and I moved her to doubles, where she proved to be very effective with partner Danielle."

"Both girls are very athletic and competitive, which is why they did so well at No. 1 doubles. I was very happy with their season and the results they had. Both girls were captains and showed leadership on and off the court."

Emily Walsh-Laura Williams, Mercy: Williams, a repeat member of the all-area first team, and Walsh were Division 2 regional semifinalists at North Farmington. The Marlins posted a 7-8 record against quality opponents.

Alyssa Muller-Kelsey Shaw, Mercy: Muller and Shaw were Catholic League runners-up and Division 2 regional semifinalists. Mercy's No. 2 doubles team compiled a solid, 15-5 record.

Coach of the year

Linda Brennan, Ladywood: The first-year varsity coach guided the Blazers to the Division 3 state finals after a runner-up finish in the Grosse Ile regional. Ladywood scored five points to finish 13th overall.

The Blazers also garnered runner-up finishes in the Monroe and Howell invitationals and posted a 7-8 dual-match record, which included a challenging schedule against the likes of Birmingham Marian (third in Division 2) and Farmington Hills Mercy of the Catholic League's Central Division, along with Division 3 state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and D3 state runner-up Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Brennan, an avid player herself at Huron Valley Tennis



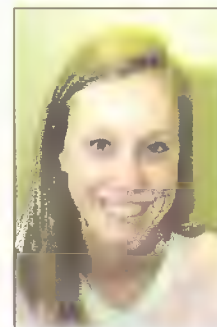
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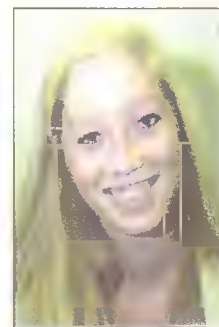
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Emily Walsh Mercy



Laura Williams Mercy



Kelsey Shaw Mercy



Linda Brennan Coach of the Year

Club, coached the Ladywood JV squad for six seasons.

"I started coaching when my daughter Katie (now a varsity assistant) played tennis at Ladywood," Brennan said. "I coached tournaments for the

Ladywood team her senior year (2004) and I decided then that I loved coaching the girls.

"I'm so happy how well our varsity did this year and I cannot wait until next year's varsity season."

WRIGHT

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given that it runs like a well-oiled machine each year, the hours of preparation must be abundant.

One of the coolest parts of

the run is seeing dads running with their kids and dads pushing their kids in strollers.

Don't get me wrong: It's always nice to get a necktie, a new pair of socks or a paper weight on Father's Day.

But pounding the pavement for 3.2 miles with your dad or

your son blows those material things away.

As long as you don't pull something in the process.

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GOLF

FROM PAGE B1

"We do not have a superstar on this team, but we have a super team."

Moore did give special notice to Bauer, who played in the state finals for the third consecutive season. Bauer wrapped up his career with a birdie on his final hole Saturday.

"He helped guide this team throughout the entire season," Moore said. "He did not score like he is capable of, however, he did not give up and made some great shots the past two days."

The coach said all five of his starters made key contributions to the seventh-place showing.

Tatti was instrumental in the Wildcats securing a spot in the state tournament with an excellent showing at regionals. And he made a big impact again on Saturday, Moore said.

On Friday, Tatti shot an impressive 78, only to struggle on Saturday.

But Moore said Tatti finished the final round with a birdie, which helped Plymouth win the tiebreaker between Traverse City Central and Battle Creek Lakeview.

Rieckhoff led the Wildcats on Saturday with a 74, includ-

ing an eagle and Heinze made some clutch putts on Katke-Cousins' fast, challenging greens.

Meanwhile Rodes was his usual consistent self with his 155 total. Earning medalist honors was Max Kollins of North Farmington with a 144 two-day tally.

Winning the D1 championship with a 297-296-593 performance was Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

"Overall, as a coach I could not be more proud of these young men," Moore said. "I hope that they understand the significance of their accomplishments."

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Bengal pride

The Canton Bengals of Michigan Youth Flag Football's Plymouth-Canton league finished 3-4 in the competitive 2nd/3rd grade Shula Division. The league's mission is teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development and fun and the Bengals epitomized that this season. Members of the team, who live in Canton and Plymouth, are as follows: (front row, from left) Lee Elliott Napthen, Andrei Grabowski, Christian Southerland, Nicholas Dosh; (second row, from left) Sasha Rahman, Francisco Diaz, Nicholas Scott; (third row, from left) Edward Cotton, Ashton Franklin; (back row, from left) coaches Marcus Napthen, Paul Scott and Michael Southerland.

No Ladywood luck in D2 final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So close, but yet so far. That was ultimate fate Saturday in Williamston as Livonia Ladywood came up short in its first state championship soccer bid in school history as Plainwell completed a 23-0-1 season by holding off the Blazers for the coveted Division 2 title, 2-1.

The Blazers, however, certainly had their chances, especially three golden opportunities during the final 11 minutes of a scoreless first half.

"That hasn't been happening for us the whole way here," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team bowed out at 17-4-6 overall. "We haven't left any goals on the table. It's probably the difference maker in the game, right?"

Despite coming up empty,

Shingledecker felt good about his team's play at halftime. "I thought we played really well, he said. "We had about a 10-minute bad span in the middle of that half. Other than that, I thought we were on our normal path of what we were doing. I was pleased with where we were at."

Plainwell midfielder Carlee Pallett, however, changed the complexion of the game when she scored with 35:09 left on a give-and-go from Kaitlyn Freitas off a corner kick.

The Trojans then appeared to have the match sewed up with only 18:05 remaining when Shelby Hubbell took a cross from Pallett scored to make it 2-0.

But Ladywood refused to fold as freshman Emily Huddleston buried a left-footed shot past Plainwell keeper Molly Meddock with 13:33 remaining to cut the deficit to a goal.

Allison Bielski, who dribbled the ball along the back touch line, drew the assist.

And the Blazers continued to apply the pressure down the stretch, but simply ran out of time.

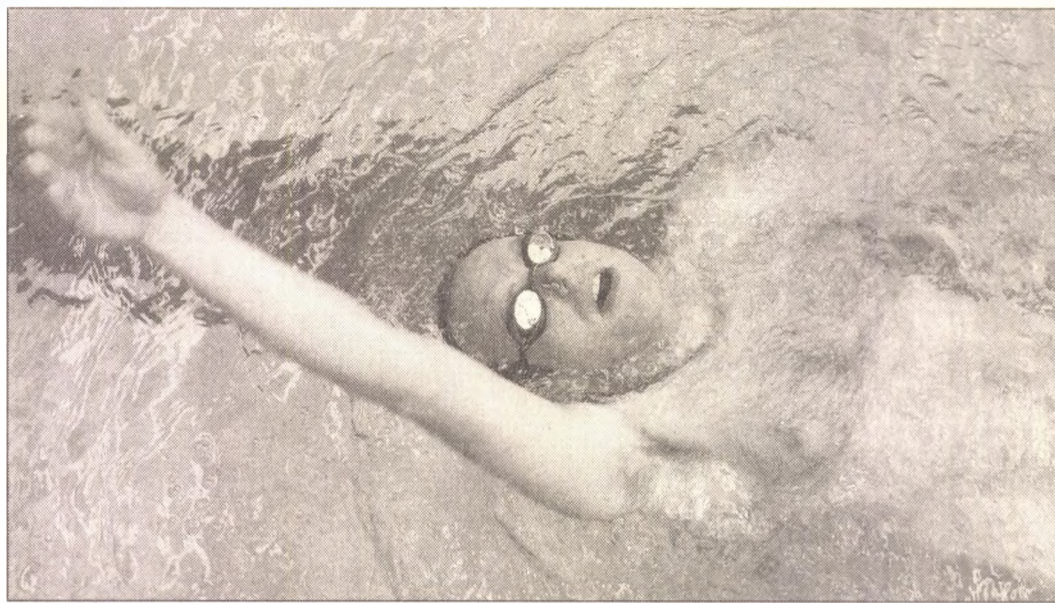
Ladywood's most dangerous effort in an attempt for the equalizer was saved by Meddock on a cross by Dominique Sarnecky with only 35 seconds to go.

Last year the Blazers reached the state semifinals before losing to Birmingham Marian and this season they got all the way to the finals.

Could next year be the year with 19-of-22 players returning?

"It's tough getting to this game," Shingledecker said. "You hope to do it every time you show up. If it's baby steps and that's how it's got to go, I guess that's how it's got to go."

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Getting in some work on the backstroke during a training session last week is Canton's David Foust.

Top lacrosse players earn honors

The first season for three girls lacrosse teams at the Park did not finish with championships. But coaches were happy with progress and plaudits received by their players.

Canton's Stephanie Bower was a second-team all-state selection with senior captain Lauren Allard all-state honorable mention. Both players made the KLAA first-team for their seasons. Bower, voted the team's best offensive player, set school records for goals (47) and total points (50) in a season; Allard, the team MVP, contributed school records for ground balls (54), draw possessions (39), interceptions (nine) and forced-turnovers (22).

Meanwhile, Julie Podorsek, Kaitlyn Allard and Annelise Niermann were all-conference honorable mentions. Podorsek (named the team's best defend-

er) set a Canton record for forced-turnovers with 22.

Over at Plymouth, head coach Bob Hill was just as proud of what his team accomplished in the first season following the breakup of the PCS Lady Warriors.

Sparking the Wildcats was second-team all-stater Katie Hill, the team MVP with school records for goals (90), ground balls (89), draw possessions (126), interceptions (nine), forced-turnovers (53) and total points in a season (108).

Other award winners included Shannon Lubin (best offensive player, 14 goals, 10 assists), Lauren Manner (best defender with 28 ground balls) and Haley Swanson (Wildcat Award for best attitude). Swanson's 26 assists set a school mark.

Earning all-KLAA first-team honors were Hill, Taylor Birman and Swanson with Manner, Lubin, Nicole Natelborg and Grace Stover collecting all-KLAA honorable mentions.

There were players to rave about at Salem, too. Senior goalkeeper Meaghan Eldridge, who stopped 211 shots on goal, earned Salem's MVP award and all-KLAA honorable mention honors.

Katie Meagher set a Salem record for most ground ball (45) while Rose Krasofsky scored 37 goals to set a new Rocks record in that category. Both were all-KLAA honorable mention selections.

The "rookie of the year" award went to sophomore defender Breanne Beaver, who set a school record in draws with 227.

HOPE

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money in Michigan," McIntyre said. "So we partnered with Karmanos. It's a great cause and you can have fun."

Up to now, the number of teams paying the \$400 registration fee have been trickling in.

"It's new and we've been kind of limited on advertising," Riley said. "So we've been sending out snail mail and e-mail."

Deciding on what to call the endeavor was another challenge.

"We were originally kind of thinking about calling it Kick for a Cure," Riley explained. "But when we met with the Karmanos people, they said Komen was going to be trademarking the phrase 'for the cure.'"

So they put the emphasis on "hope," the name of the Karmanos Cancer Institute's monthly magazine.

"We just didn't want to call it Canton Kick for the Cure and then two years from now if it gets patented (by Karmanos) we'd have to change the name," Van Auken stressed.

Of course, their tournament is far more than a name.

Teams can sign up for any of four divisions: Women's Open (competitive and recreational brackets, for ages 18 and over); Women's Over 30 (both for competitive and recreational).

Helping put together the tournament game schedule is High Velocity's Drew Crawford. The soccer venue also is donating the use of fields and referees for the tournament.

"They've been great," said Riley, with a nod.

FAST AND FUN

The games will be fast-paced affairs played on carpeted fields with hockey boards and glass around the perimeter.

Players jump over the boards back into the fray, just like hockey, and the goalkeeper has only five seconds to release the ball to keep the flow moving. Scores often zoom up into the double digits.

"It's not like Gold Cup soccer," joked Riley, about the quality of soccer that will be on display at the fledgling



During a recent game, Hot Wings goalkeeper Colleen Van Auken of Canton keeps her eye on the ball. At right is teammate Janet Hall.

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP

What: Canton's Tournament for Hope, benefiting the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

When: Friday through Sunday, July 29-31.

Where: High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., near Canton Center Road.

Deadline: Teams of at least six players have until July 1 to sign up for the indoor soccer tournament. There will be competitive and recreational divisions for women over 18 and over 30. The cost is \$400 per team, with all proceeds going toward breast cancer research.

Contact: Registration forms are available on Facebook (Canton's Tournament for Hope); for more information, call (734) 487-7678 or send an e-mail to hopetourney@yahoo.com or hvsports.com.

tournament.

But they do get after it when they compete.

Van Auken is one of the goalies for the Hot Wings, and she said she wears knee pads "because I dive a lot."

"We laugh a lot when we play," Van Auken said. "There's a lot of laughing."

It's been that way ever since the team formed about a decade ago.

According to Riley, she was invited to join by a friend who helped start the team.

McIntyre, meanwhile, got injured playing volleyball "so my friend recruited me on to the Hot Wings."

"I didn't know anyone on the team, but I wanted to join," Van Auken said. "And they just placed me on the team. That was nine years ago and I've met some great friends."

"They've certainly made friendships and gotten some stress-busting physical activity out of those last nine years."

Now, it's time to parlay all that into something that potentially can improve the lives of many they'll never meet.

"We hope it takes off," Van Auken said. "It's certainly worth the effort."

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WORLD

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nixing any of his favorite chocolate treats.

"David's been very dedicated and has never once said he didn't want to go or 'Can we skip it today?' Or anything like that," Jackie Foust said. "He has been very dedicated and worked very hard to be able to train the best that he could."

During the World Games, David Foust will compete in the 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke, individual medley and a 100-meter relay.

IS IT TRUE?

Of course, Foust can't be blamed for pinching himself about this opportunity.

His trek to Greece follows some 19 years of being active in Special Olympics with the Stars.

And when Foust isn't swimming, playing basketball, softball or even floor hockey for the Stars, he's traveling around the country as a global messenger for the program founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

"I never thought this would ever happen to me, going to the World Games," Foust said

following a recent swim session at Summit on the Park in Canton. "I've heard of other athletes who have gone, but I never thought that I'd be one of those going there."

Foust couldn't have dreamed of someday going to the World Games when a teacher in seventh grade suggested he give Special Olympics a shot.

"In a way after all these years, yes I am," Foust said when asked if he was happy that teacher encouraged him to join Special Olympics.

He'll be doing his best to earn a medal over the next 10 days, but whether he does or not seems lower on his priority list than what Special Olympics means to him and others with disabilities, according to Jackie Foust.

"I mean he's very accepting already of 'It doesn't matter what medal I win, I tried my best and trained the hardest I can,'" she said. "And we've really focused a lot on that it's an honor to go, you're representing your country."

"On any given day and any moment in time you never know who's going to be the best. ... That's part of the fun of sports. Just being selected is an honor and that's a medal-winning event right there."

KEEP AT IT

Perhaps a time will soon come where David decides to stop his athletic pursuits with the Stars and maybe just tout the positive impact of Special Olympics as he already does in his role as a global messenger.

"I basically tell them (audience members) the good that comes from Special Olympics and supporting it," he said. "And just how positive it makes other people feel when they do it."

He also champions the vision of inclusion that Kennedy Shriver had when she jump-started Special Olympics.

After all, Foust knows firsthand how much the organization has helped him become the confident, fit, well-spoken young man he is today.

"I'm encouraging people to follow their dreams and don't give up what they're doing if they are in Special Olympics," he said. "I mean, if they felt like quitting or walking out, I would tell them basically to not give up, to keep pushing forward and they'll get it."

The fact his speeches are always followed by "a great bunch of applause" indicates David Foust gets it, too.

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His hard work is being rewarded

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No pain, no World Games. Canton's David Foust certainly did more than his share of hard work in the swimming pool to ensure that he'd be able to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

Since October, he's been put through the paces by local swim coach Mandi Terzes (adhering to a workout plan from Special Olympics-Michigan aquatics coach Maciej Litkowiec).

Thanks to a practice regimen of three or four swimming sessions of 2-to-3 hours, plus time in the weightroom and gym, he's dropped 31 pounds.

From June 25 through July 4, Foust will see how all of that effort pays off for him and the Team USA swim team.

"Absolutely, he's definitely changed physically, lost a lot of weight and he carries himself very well," Terzes said. "He's more capable of some of the turns and endurance, he's really improved his techniques and his strokes from all of the weightlifting and other things he's been doing."

'He's never really complained. He wants this and you can see that he wants it by how hard he works.'



MANDI TERZES, swim coach

GETTING SHARP

During a June 13 training session at Summit on the Park in Canton (five days before the trek to Greece), Foust worked on stroke technique for the free style and tightened up flip turns.

Describing how David constantly ramps it up in preparation for the World Games as a "phenomenal" thing was Terzes — herself an accomplished swimmer with Salem during the 1990s when her last name was Ras.

"He's really pushed himself and has understood what it takes to get that level," she said. "He's never really complained. He wants this and you can see that he wants it by how hard he works."

Terzes said she usually observes how Foust is swim-

ming from the pool deck.

"I'm looking at the placement of his hands," Terzes said. "I'm looking at whether he's doing the (underwater hand) pull correctly, if he's recovering correctly."

"Is he kicking from his knees or is he kicking from his hip. Is he doing his flip turns properly. Just the basic techniques we look for in a swimmer."

Meanwhile, Foust always has a laminated "cheat sheet" of what he needs to do in any particular swimming session at the ready, placed on the deck at one end of the pool.

SOMETHING LEFT

With the trip to Greece just around the corner, Terzes took her foot off the gas a little bit.

"We've been pushing hard and pushing hard, and it doesn't matter how tired he gets we're going to continue to push hard during the practice time," the Livonia resident continued. "And now, as we get closer to the competition, what we want to do is keep the intensity but give him more rest."

"... He needs that reserve of rest stored up when he goes to the competition in Greece."

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Major praise

The Salem varsity boys baseball team is congratulated by Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland (far right) before the June 14 Detroit-Cleveland game at Comerica Park. The Rocks were being recognized for participating in the 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer' program.

Brothers minister together at Livonia church

Musician welcomed with open arms

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Grady Jensen has welcomed "a lot of visitors" to Open Arms Church in Livonia, since preaching his first sermon there three weeks ago.

But he expects his biggest crowd Sunday, June 26, when his brother, Gordon, sings at the 10:30 a.m. service.

"People that didn't even know this church was here will take a second look," he said, describing the kind of draw his songwriter/singer brother elicits.

"Basically, Gordon has been writing gospel songs close to 40 years and recorded with people like Bill Gaither and the Imperials. A lot

of people in the Detroit area know him and can benefit from his songs. He has written over 300 songs. People remember the songs because they mean something. Many people have been healed in his services."

Gordon Jensen has recorded 12 CDs and been nominated 10 times for the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award. His songs have been translated into 15 languages and recorded by such artists as The Oak Ridge Boys, Cynthia Clawson, Larnelle Harris, The Imperials and others.

Redemption Draweth Nigh, which he wrote when he was 18 years old, has been recorded more than 300 times and was used in the 1978 film *A Distant Thunder*.

Written in Red, Bigger Than Any Mountain and He's as Close as the Mention of His Name are some of his best-known songs.

Gordon sang in his brother's previous church in Flint, but will make his first appearance at Open Arms on Sunday.

"It's an honor to work with my brother. He's the newly elected pastor there. I'm excited to be a part of that new beginning," said Gordon, in an interview from his home suburban Nashville, Tenn.

Gordon has written songs and sung since he was a youngster. One of four brothers, he was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and grew up in Arizona and Michigan. As a teen he attended Brightmoor

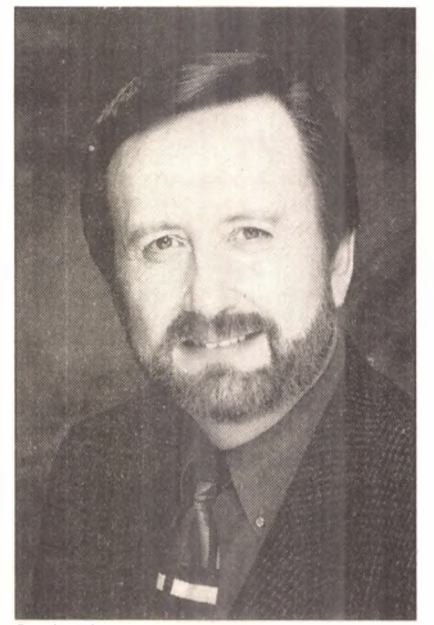
Tabernacle in Detroit, where he was invited to join the singing group, the Orrells.

"I went to Redford High School and I did finish. But we were full time by that time and had a record deal. I've been doing it ever since, on the road for 40 years." He travelled with bands for several years, but launched a solo ministry in 1976.

These days he performs solo on piano or accompanied by a digital recording. He has sung throughout the country as well as overseas.

"I trust people will be inspired by the message of the songs," he said, referring to his appearance at Open Arms Church. "We'll also pray for people for healing."

Open Arms Church is located at 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia; (248) 471-5282.



Gordon Jensen

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Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25

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Concert

Time/Date: Dessert at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30

Location: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Songs of the 1950s; dessert costs \$5 per person

Contact: (313) 534-7730

Lecture

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075

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JULY 7-13

ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

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Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at www.endowonline.org

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

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Contact: (734) 425-5950

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9

Location: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

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Contact: (313) 534-7730

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Details: Gently used items

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JULY 14-20

Concert

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Arts and crafts fair, games and food concessions

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MILLER, LORRAINE R.
Age 81 of Howell formerly of Redford. Passed away June 8, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William, mother of Kathleen Ice, Carol Miller, Bruce (Karen) Miller and Bill (Cyndy) Miller. Further survived by her adoring grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Online guestbook: www.HarryJWillFuneralHome.com

RIDNOUR, BETTY KATHERINE (Foster)
Age 73, June 17, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Teresa Lynn (Jeff) Sedlarik, and Jane Ridner. Very proud Grandmother to Anthony Sedlarik and Alisyn Sedlarik. She will be missed by all that knew her. No memorial plans are made at this time. Condolence may be sent to: sedlarikfamily@att.net

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It's asparagus time — Food, B7



Pass the popcorn and check out the official military limo

New troupe will cast all who audition

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Uniformed soldiers will invade a screening of the 1957 epic film, *Bridge over the River Kwai*, Friday, June 23 at the Redford Theatre.

But breathe easy, the WW II re-enactors simply will be on hand to set the mood for the adventure drama, which tells the story of British POWs forced to build a railroad bridge for the Japanese.

A limo used by General Dwight Eisenhower in Europe during WW II also will be on display.

Linda Sites, a Redford resident who helps with publicity for the classic theater, said the added attractions are designed to enhance the film-viewing experience.

"You bring an epic film like this to the theatre, it's meant to be seen on the big screen," she said. "It's fun for young and old."

The movie will screen at 8 p.m. Friday with the limo and re-enactors on hand before the film and during intermission. Other screenings, without the enhancements will be at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Doors open one hour before the film. Live organ music starts at 7:30 p.m. at evening showings and at 1:30 p.m. during matinees. General admission is \$4.

Sites said the theater screened *Bridge over the River Kwai* about eight years ago. It is among the many films that Redford Theatre patrons have requested over the years.

"We're always receiving requests. I get them via our suggestion box and also by e-mail," said Sites, who added



WWII re-enactors will be on hand during the showing of "Bridge Over the River Kwai" at the Redford Theatre.

that Eisenhower's limo likely will draw interest from veterans.

It's owned by a Plymouth resident who collects antique fire trucks, Cadillacs and other vehicles. At first, he wasn't aware it had a famous occupant.

"I have a buddy who owned several antique cars. He had a warehouse full and was trying to thin out his collection, I said, 'What's this dusty blob in the back?' He dusted it off and it was a Cadillac that he had in his collection for 20 years or more. I had it about that amount of time before putting all the puzzle pieces together," said the collector, who asked to remain anonymous, fearing theft.

While cleaning the car, he discovered "war papers and letters" that helped reveal its history. He said he also has WW II-era photos of the car.

"I always had a fantasy that I would get something that someone (famous) had owned. I thought someday that would be nice. I waited a long time."

He said he's now in the market for other military vehicles.

"I would love an artillery piece. That would be fun." *Bridge over the River Kwai* won seven Academy Awards and stars William Holden and Alec Guinness and was directed by David Lean.

The Redford Theatre is located 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit; (313) 537-2560.



The vintage limo will be on display at the Redford Theatre.

Following Your Heart Players, a new theater troupe in Novi, will hold auditions for Jack & the Beanstalk from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 25, at Sheryl's School of Dance, 40500 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Call backs will be from 2-4 p.m. on audition day. Rehearsals will be held Saturday afternoons at Sheryl's and the play will be staged in November in Livonia.

Cost to audition is \$5. Participants should be prepared to perform a monologue and should have a copy of it on hand. They also should prepare a song that can be sung with a background tape or a capella, be dressed to move and have a head shot and paper work filled out.

The play's choreographer will teach participants — who will be paired with a small group — a dance that will be performed as a part of the audition.

At call backs, actors will be asked to read for certain characters.

Everyone who auditions will be cast. There is no age limit. Orientation will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 26 for actors selected to appear in the play. A participation fee of \$110 is due at the orientation. A script fee is \$25 and will be refunded when the script is returned. All payments must be in cash or check.

To obtain an application or for more information e-mail to FYHPLAYERS@Yahoo.com.

Musical director is Thomas Mattison and artistic director is Stephanie Gladstone.

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Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideassgallery.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

Art from the Heart

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26

Location: Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia

Details: Arts & Crafts festival held in conjunction with Livonia Spree
Contact: www.livoniaspree.com or call Livonia Arts Commission "bulletin board" phone line at (734) 466-2548

Festival screens Michigan-made, award-winning films

The Northville Art House and charity partner, Forgotten Harvest, will present the first annual "Reel Michigan" Film Festival Saturday, June 25 at Genittis-Hole-In-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville.

Reel Michigan will feature a wide variety of Michigan-made and Michigan-themed short films, as well as two full-length features. Many of the films have received multiple awards at previous festivals throughout the United States.

Emceed by local personality Jimmy Doom, films will be shown in three groups at noon; 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Films shown at 6 p.m. are for ages 17 and older only. An after-glow party with appetizers and cash bar will follow the final group of movies at Genittis. Guests can mingle with local actors, filmmakers and artists, and then watch as awards are given to the filmmakers in each category. D.J. Anytime will also be on hand to provide music throughout the evening.

There will be special guest performances throughout the day by local artist, Satori Circus.

Tickets are available through www.reelmichigan.ticketleap.com or at the door. Tickets are \$5 for the screenings at noon and 3 p.m. and \$10 for the show at 6 p.m., which includes the after-glow party. Donations of canned or non-perishable food will be collected to help our charity partner, Forgotten Harvest.

For more information visit www.northvillearts.org or call (248) 344-0497.

Here's the film schedule:

- Noon
Iwo Jima Diary, a documentary/drama: At Age 77, Michigan native Mort Denell began illustrating his combat experience on Iwo Jima. Seven years and 300 drawings later, his story was complete.

- 3 p.m.
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- 6 p.m.
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- 6 p.m.
Shifting Gears, a student documentary: A short documentary about the rising "green" community in the city of Detroit, highlighting the city's Recycle Here program and Green Safe Products.

- 6 p.m.
The Mythics, a student music video: Written by Chad Stocker, this music video explores haunting dreams.

- 6 p.m.
Switch Hit Resistor, a narrative comedy and music video: When Detroit rockers WOODWARD show up unexpectedly, in the backyard of one high school outsider, his house party goes from lame to legendary.

- 3 p.m.
No Escape, animation/horror: When a nightmare becomes a reality, sometimes there is no escape.

- 6 p.m.
Missing, a narrative drama

and student mystery: *Missing* is a new take on the film noir genre about a young man, Carl, who receives a call that his father is missing. Carl has not spoken to his father in seven years. He must face his past and try to find his father.

Chat Room Killer, narrative and student horror: A killer prowls the internet in suburban Michigan, searching for his next victim.

Marison, a narrative/drama/student horror: Andrey, a ten year old boy visits Grandpa Lazar in the forest village and discovers a new, unusual friend in the forest the fairy that he names "Marison."

The Tank, a narrative drama: The Wayne County Detroit Jail is brought to life as five prisoners' lives collide while awaiting arraignment. These five men fight the system and each other for redemption.

5 Seconds, a narrative/comedy/horror: One guy ... one

girl... a mysterious passenger trapped in the trunk ... fries.

The Internet Style Guide for Bogs, a narrative comedy: A recent journalism school grad has just submitted his first article, but his boss has a couple of pointers.

The Spirit of Isabel, a narrative/drama: In a story of survival in an economically-collapsed Detroit, a young woman named Isabel struggles to get by. All alone, desperately seeking work, and on the verge of eviction from her apartment, she becomes a prostitute. Ashamed and tormented, she refuses to give up, having faith that hope and redemption are just around the corner. In a world growing smaller, and exponentially more dangerous, can Isabel find the strength to carry on?

Protangelina, a narrative/drama: A day in the life of a bar owner, his employees and patrons. This is a story of judgment, hope and promise, set in Downriver.

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1200 South Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
Phone: (734) 397-0999

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Meet Scoop from 1:30-3:30 pm
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
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Plymouth District Library
Registration begins 6/28/11 11am/ 2pm/7pm
Meet Scoop from 11am-3 pm & 6-8pm
223 South Main Street
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Roasted Asparagus

It's asparagus time

Steam, microwave, roast or stir-fry this tasty vegetable

Michigan asparagus season is winding down — it officially runs through mid- to late June — but I continue to find it plentiful at local farmer's markets. For \$3 I recently bought a bag of fresh, slender spears — about three dozen — and have used them in and on everything from omelettes to homemade vegetable pizza.

Lightly steamed, they're a snap to make as a side dish with a light, simple lemon or orange sauce.

And they are easy on the diet. According to the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, the vegetable packs a lot of nutritional value, with 400 milligrams of potassium and 3 grams of fiber in just five spears. That's about 20 calories. Asparagus also is a good source of vitamin B6 and thiamin.

Try some in a salad or simply roasted. Here are a few suggestions from the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board. Enjoy!
— Sharon Dargay

ASPARAGUS AND CRAB SALAD

This salad makes a delicious main course for lunch or dinner.

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice concentrate
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon dark sesame oil

Salad:

- 2 cups cut-up fresh or frozen Michigan asparagus
- 12 ounces crab meat (fresh or canned) or imitation crab
- 1 (10-ounce) bag lettuce mix
- 1 cup ½-inch pieces cantaloupe
- 1 cup sliced seedless cucumber

For Dressing, combine all ingredients; mix well. Set aside.

For Salad, steam or microwave asparagus until tender-crisp. Drain and let cool. Cut crab into bite-size pieces. Combine asparagus and crab in a large bowl; add lettuce mix, cantaloupe and cucumber. Toss gently. Pour salad dressing over all. Toss to evenly coat. Serve immediately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Note: Substitute 1-½ cups cubed, cooked chicken for the crab, if desired.



Orange and Asparagus Salad



Asparagus Frittata

ASPARAGUS FRITTATA

This omelet that cooks in the oven makes a tasty supper or brunch.

- 2 tablespoons Italian dressing
- ½ cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped red pepper
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can Michigan asparagus cuts and tips, drained
- 8 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ¾ cup shredded provolone cheese, divided
- ¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Heat dressing in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms and red pepper. Cook and stir 5 minutes. Add well-drained asparagus. Beat eggs, milk and ¼ cup provolone cheese in a medium bowl. Pour over vegetable mixture in skillet. If handle of skillet is not ovenproof, wrap it in foil. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 20 minutes or until eggs are almost set. Remove from oven and sprinkle with remaining ¼ cup provolone cheese and Parmesan cheese. Bake 5 minutes or until cheese is melted on top. Cut into wedges to serve. Makes 4 servings.

CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

This entree goes together fast for a flavorful family meal.

- Sauce:
 - ½ cup chicken broth
 - ¼ cup lemon juice
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
 - 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1 tablespoon dark sesame oil
 - ½ to ¾ teaspoon ground red pepper
- Chicken and vegetables:
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
 - 1 large clove garlic, crushed
 - 1½ cups cut-up fresh or frozen Michigan asparagus
 - ½ cup shredded carrots
 - ½ cup sliced green onions
 - ½ cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 - ½ cup sliced water chestnuts
- Hot cooked rice (optional)

For the sauce, combine all sauce ingredients in a small bowl; set aside.

For chicken and vegetables, heat oil in a large wok or skillet. Cook and stir chicken and garlic over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Remove chicken and garlic from pan; keep warm.

Add asparagus, carrots, green onions, mushrooms and water chestnuts to the pan. Cook and stir 5-7 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Return chicken and garlic to pan.

Add sauce. Cook and stir over medium heat until sauce reaches a boil and has thickened. Serve chicken and vegetable mixture over hot, cooked rice if desired. Makes 4-6 servings.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS

Roasting makes asparagus more flavorful and sweeter. The texture, although not as crisp as steamed asparagus, is tender and medium firm. The spears do shrink and become slightly wrinkled.

Here are the directions: Wash and trim fresh asparagus spears. Spread spears on a large rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle spears with olive oil and roll them around to coat lightly. Roast medium-thick spears in a preheated 450-degree oven about 15 minutes; thin ones about 10 minutes, occasionally shaking the pan to roll them around for even browning. Test with a fork to determine doneness. Spears should be tender throughout and lightly browned, but not charred.

Variations: Add 2-3 cloves chopped garlic to the spears before roasting. Or drizzle with balsamic vinegar or lemon juice after roasting. Roasted asparagus is great combined with pasta or rice for side dishes or salads and is especially good on a vegetable pizza.

COOKING ASPARAGUS

Fresh Michigan asparagus can be cooked several ways.

- To steam in a saucepan, steamer or frying pan, put 1 pound of fresh asparagus spears or two-inch asparagus pieces in 1/2 cup boiling water. Add salt, pepper and butter, if desired. Cover. Cook 5-8 minutes, or until crisp-tender.

- To microwave fresh asparagus, put 1 pound fresh spears in a microwave-safe rimmed plate or shallow dish. Add 1/4 cup water and cover tightly. Microwave at 100 percent power for 4-7 minutes for spears, 3-5 minutes for pieces. Stir or turn halfway through the cooking time.

The best way to cook frozen or canned asparagus is to microwave it.

- For frozen asparagus, place frozen spears or pieces in a microwave-safe plate or shallow dish. If cooking whole spears, arrange with tips in the center. Add 2 tablespoons water and cover tightly. Microwave at 100 percent power for 4-7 minutes, depending on the quantity cooked. Spears take longer to cook than cut-up asparagus. Stir or rearrange the asparagus halfway through the cooking time.

- For canned asparagus, drain all but 1 tablespoon liquid. Transfer asparagus and remaining liquid to a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at 100 percent power for 2-4 minutes stirring once halfway through the cooking time.

ORANGE AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

Quick and colorful, this salad appeals to kids and adults.

- 2 cups cut-up fresh or frozen Michigan asparagus

- 1 (6-ounce) bag spring or European lettuce mix

- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin orange sections, well drained

- ½ cup thinly sliced red onion

- ¼ cup honey roasted cashews

- ¼ cup raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Steam or microwave asparagus until tender-crisp. Drain and let cool. Combine cooked asparagus, lettuce, oranges, onion and cashews. Pour dressing over all. Toss to evenly coat. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

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'30 Under 30' Realtor pleased by 'huge honor'

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Aleksandr Milshteyn, 28, of Edward Surovell Realtors in Ann Arbor, has been recognized among "30 Under 30" for Realtor Magazine of the National Association of Realtors. He is an associate broker/Realtor with the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and GRI (Graduate, Realtor Institute) designations, and had a 2010 sales volume of \$26.9 million, selling 143 homes that year.

Milshteyn was 8 when he discovered real estate; he has no family in the business so at 15 cold-called brokerages and landed a job at Edward Surovell as a weekend receptionist. Despite Michigan's economic woes, he doubled his sales in 2009 and had a 37 percent increase in 2010 with help from coach Walter Sanford.

"He is a coach out of Kankakee, Illinois. He helps Realtors increase their business, which is what he did with my business," Milshteyn said.

Milshteyn graduated from Washtenaw Technical Middle College in 2001 and also received an associate's degree in marketing that year from Washtenaw Community College. Milshteyn earned in 2003 a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"It was a huge honor, a huge honor to be chosen," he said of the "30 Under 30" recognition.

Milshteyn has been involved in his real estate association for the past decade and in 2010 was the youngest president in the 90-year history of the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors. His advice is to set up campaigns targeting different segments of the market, such as mature owners, out-of-town owners and



Alex Milshteyn
honored Realtor

investors.

"It's going after people who are in the market to actually buy and sell," he said.

There was a reception recently in Chicago for the "30 Under 30" honorees, including those from past years. "It's amazing to see the caliber of people that are there. A lot of exchange of ideas," he said, adding those ideas are good for his business.

He serves on the Board of Education for Washtenaw Technical Middle College, as well as

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the board for the Ann Arbor Art Center. "I serve on various commissions for the city of Ann Arbor," the Ann Arbor resident said.

You can visit www.alexmi.com for more information on him, as well as www.realtor.org for the other honorees nationwide.

"I have friends who are Realtors across the country," Milshteyn said. "This is home, I'm not leaving home." The current Michigan market is getting him ready.

"Good times or bad times, I'm prepared," he said. "I work as far east as the I-275 corridor," including Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia, he said. "The inventory is much less than it was last year."

Ann Arbor's inventory is also dropping. "It's significantly less than it was last year," said Milshteyn, who sees the real estate market improving in south-east Michigan.

"I am amazed at the outstanding qualities and work ethic this year's '30 Under 30' honorees possess," said National Association of Realtors President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I., in a statement.

Employee status not likely affected

Q: I notice that in some states the condo projects have a transfer tax on the transfer of a unit from one owner to another. Generally speaking, the association collects the transfer fee, but I have seen situations where the developer does so. Is that legal?

The board recently passed an amendment to the bylaws which basically states that board members, because of their involvement, will be receiving relief from their annual dues. Can board members receive such pecuniary benefits simply by acting as a board member without casting a shadow on their volunteer status? Would this action not make the board members employees?

A: They will, no doubt, lose their voluntary status

and the protections under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act.

However, if the bylaws have allowed for board members to

receive compensation, and it was properly approved, that would be a legal basis to provide compensation to them. Is it a good idea? I do not think so, but I also do not necessarily think that they become "employees of the Association." They still hold fiduciary duties to the association.

Q: My condominium association wants to fund a July 4th party using condominium funds. I have reviewed the bylaws, disclosure document, and have done a little research on the web. Everywhere I have looked, the description of uses of the monthly assessment is for repair, replacement, upkeep and maintenance. There is no mention that the funds can be used for any other purpose, especially a July 4th pig roast. How can I convince the rest of the Board not to use these funds for a party, especially when we are on the verge of needing a new roof and other expensive maintenance items?

A: The Board of Directors has wide discretion in terms of how to utilize its funds. A key element of the operation of a Condominium Association is a social aspect of the condominium. I do not believe that it is necessarily unreasonable for the board to appropriate funds for a July 4th party for the benefit of the entire Association. However, the judgment of the board in using these funds when there are other necessary repairs, could be called into question. However, the best recourse is to find new directors who may better make use of the funds available to the association.

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

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Condo living has remained a practical housing choice for seniors for many years. It affords the owner the opportunity to live without the worry of lawn care, snow removal, or hiring hands to take care of the external needs of the structure such as roof, walls, basement, and siding. Owners are also free to pack up, leave, and travel without worrying about home.

There are many choices in condo living. An individual may choose a "regular" condo complex where age doesn't matter,

but the complex will have first floor living. Another condo might be above the ground floor unit. These are called stacked condos, much like an apartment arrangement. There can also be ranch condos with no one above or below.

Detached condos are just that. They are separated at every point. There are no common walls with another unit. These structures have become more desirable in recent years and construction of this type is on the rise. Detached condos provide more privacy than attached units as well as no worry about noise coming through

walls. There is plenty of room to plant flowers for those who enjoy gardening. The cautionary note here is that if you plant, you must care if what you plant. Underground sprinklers are almost always included. You may or may not be paying for water in your association dues, depending on by-laws provisions. In one condo complex, Bradbury in Plymouth, many individual owners have installed sprinkler systems as they were not installed at the time the complex was built. Some Bradbury condos, therefore have underground sprinklers and some do not.

Over-55 condo complexes for independent living don't proliferate in our area, but there are a few that deserve mention. In Plymouth, Bradbury and Crestwood condos are designated for the 50+ age group. Bradbury is a village-like setting of ground-floor living with basements and carports. There is a recently renovated clubhouse and a pool. Clubhouses are helpful, as this is where many activities are held. Owners can also rent them for a very small fee, enabling residents to have baby showers, retirement parties, and other such events. Activities such as card clubs, bingo, etc. are held in the clubhouse. Crestwood condos are apartment-style condos on pleasant grounds.

Of course, cost is significantly lower than other condos because they are apartment style but if you have a pet, Crestwood would not work for you. You must check the bylaws for each complex regarding restrictions such as pets.

Canton's first (excluding subsidized housing) 55+ condo community is under construction at Geddes and Beck. The Villas at Maple Creek have open floor plans and can include a fabulous sun room. There are attached garages, but no basements. The builder, Robertson Brothers, will make changes to the plan to accommodate aging-in-place devices and/or other needs. For more information, visit The Villas at Maple Creek and talk to salesman Chuck McHenry.

Farmington Hills's Botsford Commons is worth a visit due to its uniqueness. Condos are built in a circle rimming a complex of buildings which house other living arrangements such as apartments, assisted living and an Alzheimer's unit. All occupants can avail themselves of the amenities in the main building (just across the driveway) which include a swimming pool, dining room, movie theater, craft room, library and bus service. There's even a little gift shop in the main building. Each condo has safety devices, such as strategically placed pull cords, large-number thermostats, walk-in showers, built-in tub benches,

barrier-free entrances and extra-wide arches and bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs. Monthly dues include a live security patrol around the clock. I am not aware of any other condo complex in the metro area similar to Botsford Commons. There are several different floor plans, which include two and three bedroom units with or without basements. All have attached garages.

Emerald Pointe is a neat, detached condo community tucked into the northwest corner of Westland. The condos do not have basements but have attached garages. The two bedroom two bath units are generous in size. Vaulted ceilings, private entry and location are a few of the pluses for Emerald Pointe. All are on a small lot, but of sufficient size to make you think you aren't in a condo at all.

Should you desire any further information, selling price ranges and/or amenities of the above-mentioned communities or complexes, please contact me at the information listed at the end of this column.

If you know of any senior condo complexes not represented here, please let me know. This column is all about assembling information for seniors who like to know their options.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 14-18, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
4183 Berkeley Ave \$40,000
1757 Copeland Cir \$142,000
3180 Empire State Dr \$175,000
49253 Hanford Rd \$140,000

2330 Lexington Cir N \$208,000
248 Patriot St \$186,000
215 S Village Way \$90,000
1866 W Roundtable Dr \$85,000
7402 Willow Creek Dr \$165,000
Garden City
31486 Rush St \$65,000
6452 Sunsel St \$43,000
Livonia
36156 Fairway Dr \$265,000
17830 Fairway St \$165,000
17830 Fairway St \$170,000
19226 Gary Ln \$270,000
8964 Hanlon Ave \$195,000
16080 Hubbard St \$284,000

32838 Indiana St \$101,000
34713 Summers St \$130,000
14404 Summerside St \$110,000
15121 Taylor Blvd \$235,000
Northville
18342 Blue Heron Dr W \$325,000
17758 Devonshire Ct \$1,049,000
19727 Hayes Ct \$83,000
344 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$177,000
39607 Springwater Dr \$120,000
44347 Verona Ln \$150,000
16179 Westminster Dr \$20,000
16880 Yellowstone Dr \$121,000
Plymouth
10549 Fellows Hill Dr \$392,000

325 Irvin St \$265,000
9290 Saddlebrook Ct \$49,000
9296 Westbury Ave \$147,000
Redford
15864 Centralia \$27,000
15567 Chelsea \$18,000
12073 Columbia \$32,000
10039 Crosby \$40,000
24931 Elmira \$69,000
19905 Fox \$35,000
9095 Lenore \$30,000
9095 Lenore \$45,000
19425 Lexington \$57,000
25920 Lyndon \$68,000
12817 Marion \$34,000

9901 Nathalie \$40,000
17736 Olympia \$35,000
18693 Poinciana \$27,000
9657 Rockland \$72,000
26661 Southwestern Hwy \$30,000
Westland
35229 Cady St \$65,000
36779 Canyon Dr \$149,000
37574 Colonial Dr \$46,000
36133 Florane St \$71,000
27949 Hanover Blvd \$65,000
34436 Hazelwood St \$90,000
33037 Mackenzie Dr \$92,000
7271 N Newburgh Rd \$72,000
35735 Rolf St \$75,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

Beverly Hills
17181 Beechwood Ave \$223,000
32724 Friar Tuck Ln \$400,000
Bingham Farms
23630 W 13 Mile Rd \$161,000
Birmingham
440 Bannville Ave \$250,000
337 Fairfax St \$435,000
1375 Humphrey Ave \$155,000
1841 Melbourne St \$381,000
211 Pilgrim Ave \$950,000
Bloomfield Hills
241 Barden Rd \$345,000
375 N Glenarry Rd \$300,000

Bloomfield Township
939 Candlestick Ct \$345,000
3310 Kernway Dr \$613,000
2725 Turtle Ridge Dr \$950,000
Commerce Township
8701 Cooley Lake Rd \$395,000
Farmington
32718 Grand River Ave \$22,000
22805 Lakeway St \$199,000
Farmington Hills
27273 Arden Park Cir \$100,000
27435 Cranbrook Dr \$186,000
27672 E Echo Vly Unit 129 \$37,000
31275 E Stonewood Ct \$296,000
22554 Glenmoor Hts \$47,000
35307 Hillside Dr \$100,000
35854 Johnston Rd \$192,000
29105 Oak Point Dr \$160,000
29979 Richmond Hill \$105,000
24894 Toddy Ln \$175,000
34790 W 8 Mile Rd #1 \$42,000
27635 W Echo Vly Unit 114 \$40,000
22540 Whittington St \$130,000
Lathrup Village
18870 San Jose Blvd \$26,000

Milford
1592 Boulder Lake Dr \$290,000
253 Cumberland Trl \$635,000
Novi
26981 Maxwell Ct \$231,000
24423 Olde Orchard St \$37,000
25920 Petros Blvd \$194,000
42798 Wimbledon Way \$247,000
South Lyon
525 Whipple St \$77,000
Southfield
18175 Adrian St \$105,000
18749 Autumn Ln \$134,000
28694 Castlegate Dr \$205,000
25422 Farmbrook Rd \$49,000
26240 Franklin Pointe Dr \$38,000
18920 Goldwin St \$62,000
30228 Southland Rd #A253 \$19,000
27140 Sutherland St \$86,000
20070 Winchester St \$39,000
White Lake
8300 Atha St \$130,000
8535 Eastway Dr \$290,000
9075 Julia St \$38,000
1818 Kristina Dr \$190,000

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Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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