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Death of a child

Long before Allison Newman died in foster care, her real parents struggled through a life of drugs and crime

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

When an 18-year-old Anne Hirsch licked the stamp to her first jailhouse letter to Kenny Newman and threw it in the mail, she set the downward spiral of her life in motion. The young couple's roller

coaster relationship, which was riddled with drug abuse and breakups, hit bottom in September with the death of their youngest daughter, Allison, 2.

Carol Poole, one half of the Canton couple that had been granted custody of the happy, brown-eyed child, has been

charged in connection with her death and is set to return to court Friday for a hearing.

While palming a picture of his angelic granddaughter laid out in a coffin, Craig Hirsch, Anne's father, stares at a wall in his Canton apartment as if it holds the answers to his questions.

"I knew something was going to happen because they weren't done with the crack cocaine," he says blankly. "I just never knew it would be a death."

Hirsch said he isn't sure who gave Anne the contact information for Newman, then

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Craig Hirsch holds a photo of his granddaughter, Allison Newman, and his daughter Anne Marie, running cross country in high school. Anne Marie, who is Allison's mother and sitting in the chair at left, has struggled with drug use for several years.



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Water-logged

The heavy rains that moved into the area earlier in the week caused some minor flooding in Canton, including on a number of roadways like Warren Road at Canton Center. This photo was taken Monday afternoon. According to Bob Belair, Canton's assistant engineer, the township fielded a few calls from residents about some flooding in a couple subdivisions, but it was considered minor. He said there were no sewer backups, which was a major concern. Township crews were out cleaning clogged catch basins, which Belair said were the main reasons for some of the flooding.

Man who rammed into biker to stand trial for murder

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The Van Buren Township man who crashed his car into a popular motorcyclist is set to stand trial for his death in October.

William Floyd Craner, 45, was arraigned Monday on charges of second-degree murder, first-degree fleeing and eluding police, manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle while intoxicated and causing a death in the July 15 death of Tony Quasarano, 46, of Romulus.

Craner will appear in court again for a final conference Sept. 11. His trial is scheduled to start Oct. 11.

Although he told a group of Quasarano's fellow bikers, at Craner's preliminary exam, that the case probably wouldn't make it to trial, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran said he's unsure if Craner will go for a plea. "That's up to him," he said. Craner, whose blood-alcohol



Craner

level was 0.19 — more than double the legal limit of 0.08 — struck Quasarano on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty Road as he attempted to

flee police after running into another vehicle.

The two-mile police pursuit ended when Craner hit Quasarano, who was riding alongside three other bikers, including his wife, Cindy. Quasarano, affectionately known as "Tony Q" was thrown from his Harley Davidson and died.

Craner was not seriously injured. If convicted of the second-degree murder charge, he could get life in prison.

Craner has two previous misdemeanors for drunken driving that happened more than 10 years ago.

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Canton couple has 'The Secret' to laws of attraction

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Lucio and Mariela Romero have a secret.

But they didn't have to solemnly swear to keep it under wraps. In fact, they're sharing it with anyone that wants to indulge.

The Canton couple recently created a free workshop, the Canton Law of Attraction Mastermind Group, in an effort to help people apply principles from the documentary and book, "The Secret," into their lives.

"We are doing this to get results," Mariela Romero said of the 10-week workshop. "Otherwise, it would just be chit chat and that's not our goal."

The group is designed to help individuals turn their dreams into real possibilities by using the law of attraction.



Lucio and Mariela Romero, of Canton, have created a free workshop, the Canton Law of Attraction Mastermind Group.

The couple is coached by Bob Proctor, one of the teachers featured in "The Secret."

"This is not a belief or a religion," Lucio Romero said. "It's a law, just like math. Whether we know it or not, we use the

law of attraction everyday but unfortunately, most of the time we use it negatively."

Lucio says he began applying the basic principles of the law of attraction into his life in 2003 when he read the book

"Ask and It is Given" by Esther and Jerry Hicks. In less than two years, the engineer said he earned three promotions.

"It's more than dreaming and wishing," he said. "It's an easy process, but the hard part for some people is changing their attitude and taking action."

In addition to "The Secret" and "Ask and It is Given," the couple has been inspired by the 1910 release, "The Science of Getting Rich."

"It's not necessarily about money," Lucio said. "Some people want to improve their relationships, others want to quit smoking and some want to have a better boss. You can (substitute the word 'rich') for whatever you want."

The new group gathers on Mondays and have met twice. Mariela said their energy is

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Senior Olympics



Charles Hutchison tosses the frisbee through the ring during Monday's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. The rain-plagued event was moved indoors to the Summit. For more about the Olympics, please see our sports section on C1.

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Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Car wash benefits veterans

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will be at Lighthouse Car Wash, 41869 Ford Road in Canton, on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Members of Chapter 528 will be there to wash and dry off your cars. The money raised goes to help all veterans.

Fine Art Camp Exhibition

D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, in Canton will be holding its 17th Annual Open House and Fine Art Camp Exhibition Aug. 26 through Sept. 1. Times are 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-4p.m. on Sunday. The art show is open to the public and will have more than 400 units of children's art on

display. Registration for fall classes, youth through adults, as well as home school art, private lessons and workshops will be taken during this week. For more information, call (734)-453-3710 or visit the Web site www.dmartstudio.com.

Fast-pitch tryouts

The PC Pride Fast-pitch Softball 2008 Season tryouts, for 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U divisions are set for Saturday-Sunday and Tuesday. Registration for tryouts Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26, are set for registration at 9 a.m., with tryouts starting at 10 a.m., at the Canton Softball Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., in Canton.

Tryouts are also scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28, on Field 3 at Heritage Park on Canton Center Road in Canton. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with tryouts starting at 6 p.m. The 10U, 12U and 14U PC (Plymouth-Canton) Pride Stars teams competed July 23rd-July 29th against many of the best teams in the country at the USSSA Fast-Pitch Softball World Series at the Disney Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando and had their best showing to date. The 14U Stars team, won 7 of 9 games and finished 9th out of 58 teams. The 12U Stars team finished 17th in a field of 47 teams and defeated teams from Texas, Virginia and Ohio in the process and The 10U Stars team finished 13th out of 32 teams.

Corn Maze help

The folks at Maybury Farm in Northville need volunteers for the Maybury Farm Corn Maze, which begins Friday, Sept. 21 and runs through Oct. 30. Volunteers are needed on Fridays from 4:30-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays (first shift) 12:15-5 p.m. or (second shift) 4:30-9 p.m. Volunteers do not have to work every weekend.

Drivers are also needed who can drive the wagons with either a tractor or team of horses.

To volunteer or for more information, call Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, (248) 374-0200.

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Canton jam session

The 2007 Axis Music Canton Jam Session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Willow Creek Shopping Plaza. Presented by Axis Music and local community partners, this free music and dance event will also feature plenty of food. It will feature local youth to seasoned veteran performers performing a variety of stylings on an outdoor stage.

Demonstrations from local businesses will provide the opportunity to see what Canton has to offer while experiencing a diverse series of live music, art and fashion. For more information, please call (734) 844-0100.

Mom to mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Fall Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission fee.

Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue.

Identity theft

Beverly Stanton hopes to help people avoid becoming the 1-in-23 people victimized by identity theft every year with a workshop, "Identity Theft and Fraud," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall. Stanton will cover prevention, how information is obtained and what to do if you become a victim.

OLGC is located at Beck and North Territorial. For more information, call Doris, (734) 453-9730.

Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95 per month.

For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes.

For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Summit shutdown

The Summit on the Park community center will be closed for annual maintenance from 3 p.m. on Aug. 30 to 5:30 a.m., Sept. 4. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville



Trip to the Windy City

After spending the last nine months researching, raising funds and planning for a five-day trip to Chicago, Canton Girl Scout Troop 501 made the trip to the Windy City recently. While working on the Chicago Girl Scout Council's Discover Chicago Interest Project, the Scouts researched modes of transportation, sights to see, costs, lodging, food and meals, then made decisions, budgets and agenda based on that research. They traveled to Chicago via Amtrak train and stayed at an international youth hostel, utilizing the city's bus and subway transportation systems.

service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Art exhibition

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is hosting the artwork of Ron Depentu of Canton through Sept. 2. The exhibition is a result of involvements ranging from near photographic like images to nonobjective expression.

Throughout the years, Depentu was constantly involved with the investigation and utilization of appearance of depth and motion on a two dimensional surface that gradually progressed to the actual penetration, raising, bending, and building up of material. His works are in private collections in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, California, and Washington. The show is free and open to the public Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. For more information about activities at the Village Theater visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater or call (734) 394-5300.

Jazz concert series

The Summer Jazz Concert series on Canton's Ford Road continues on Friday evenings in August. The free concerts

will take place on the Canton Live stage at various shopping centers in the DDA District. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy live jazz music brought to the community by the Canton DDA in partnership with V98.7 Smooth Jazz radio, and sponsored in part by Schoolcraft College. Also supporting the event is the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton's Leisure Services Department. Plan to come early, enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in the area or do some shopping at the nearby businesses. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

■ Aug. 24 - Hot Sauce at Willow Creek Center (Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty)

For more information on the series, please call (734) 394-5186.

YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors.

This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise.

Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcamedetroit.org

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Work ahead of schedule on Glenn addition

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Drive around John Glenn High School this summer and you can see Wayne-Westland Schools tax dollars at work.

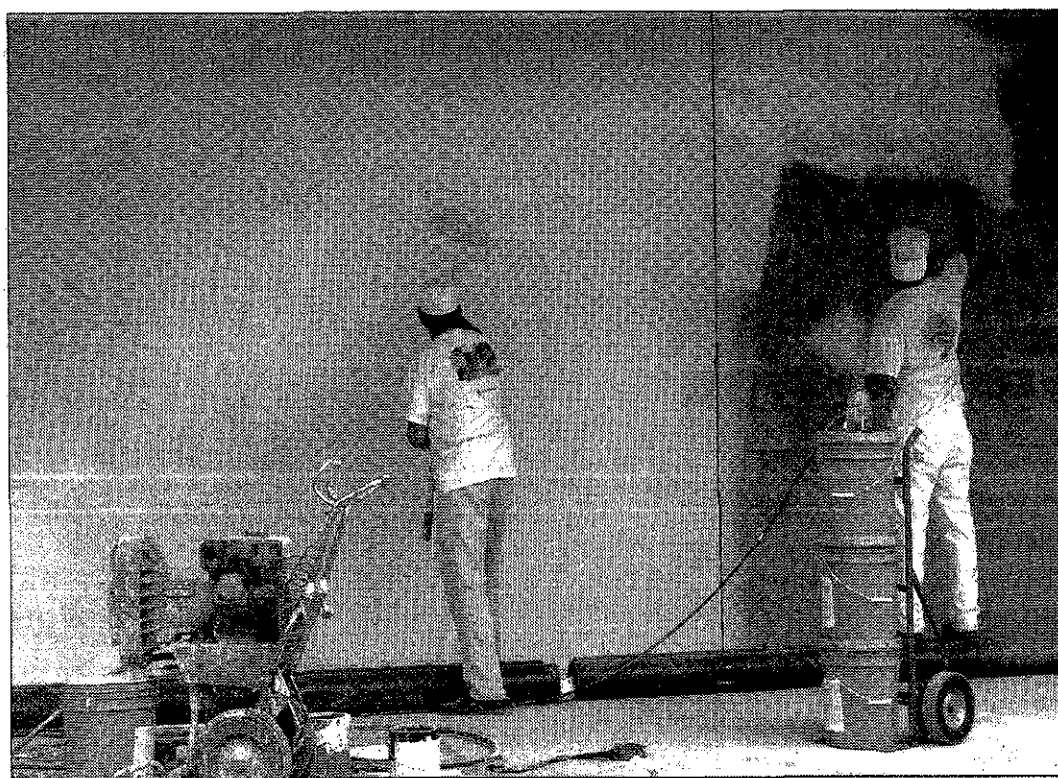
Construction is ahead of schedule on a second gymnasium that is being built on the east side of the existing facility. The more than \$2 million addition is being paid for with money generated by a 1-mill sinking fund tax voters approved in 2003.

"When the committee made the recommendation for the 1998 bond, the wish list had \$300 million in projects and they cut it back to \$108 million," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "There's still a lot left that we weren't able to address, and the sinking fund lets us do that."

The addition will include a second gym floor, fitness room and areas for exercise and athletic training.

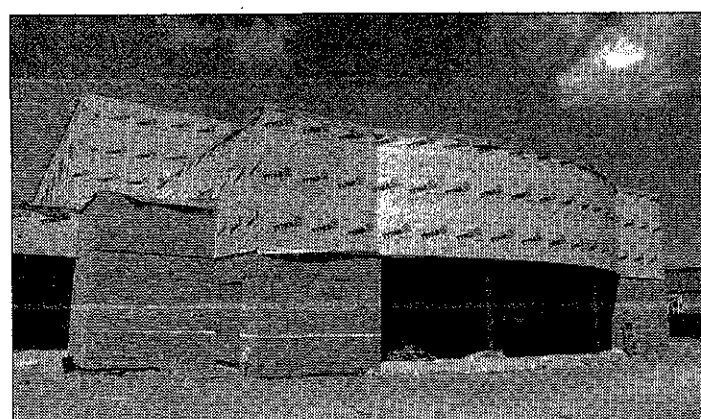
The district had been planning to add a second gymnasium at its two high schools — Wayne Memorial's was opened earlier this year — well in advance of a Supreme Court ruling that girls sports seasons must be aligned to match their college counterparts.

According to Baracy, research the district did and documents related to the lawsuit led the district to believe



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A concrete block wall is painted at a new gymnasium under construction at John Glenn High School.



This view shows the east end of Glenn's new gymnasium, under construction.

the high court would support the change in seasons. The second gym also provides a better scheduling system, he said.

"They won't be going late into the evening and on Saturday and Sunday as in the past," Baracy said.

A weak economy has helped with the project coming in at or below projected costs and

has brought in "great" construction workers, "very hard workers," Baracy said. In addition to the work at the high school, the district is replacing heating and cooling systems in classrooms and chillers in some buildings and doing other maintenance-type things like sidewalks and curbs for handicapped accessibility.

Work is being done on designs for new media centers to replace outdated ones at Schweitzer and Edison elementaries. The goal is to break ground next year.

The district is in the fourth year of the 10-year sinking fund. The money is earmarked for special improvements and the gymnasiums, "only a fraction of the need," Baracy said.

"We keep putting out fires and the sinking fund helps us maintain district operations," he added. "There's still a lot of need in a district this size. There's roofs, boilers, every aspect of the mechanical operations. Nothing lasts forever and the state doesn't provide the funds for capital improvements."

As it stands now, Glenn's second gymnasium should be ready for use by the first or second week of January.

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District 'not surprised' at state test scores

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are taking a close look at results of the new Michigan Merit Exam, which put its high school juniors at or above their counterparts in Wayne County, but below state averages in all but one subject.

"Frankly, I wasn't surprised by the results," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "It was a new test, a rigorous test, one most students wouldn't typically take. This was not the type of test students were familiar with and may have been expecting."

Wayne-Westland students did better than the Wayne County average in reading, science and social studies and did better than the state average in social studies. The scores were lower than those of their counterparts in neighboring school districts.

This is the first year of the Michigan Merit Exam, which was designed to determine how well-prepared students are for college. The new exam consists of the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; Michigan tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance exam.

Statewide, more than half of Michigan's high school juniors failed the math and writing portions, with less than 60 percent passing reading and science.

"These results are about what we expected in this first administration of the Merit Exam," Michigan Board of

Education President Kathleen Straus said. "As the new rigorous state graduation requirements are implemented and students are exposed to more knowledge, we will see an improvement in the scores."

The district's composite score for the ACT was 17.15, a little more than a point below the state average of 18.8. Among the district's three schools, John Glenn had the highest ACT composite score of 17.3. Wayne Memorial's was 16.95, with the Tinkham Alternative Center scoring 15.

"The tests were significantly different than the MEAP and a major part of it was the ACT," Baracy said.

Baracy said the district will analyze the results to see what needs to be done to improve scores. He said the district needs to work with parents and students to get them to "realize the importance of taking this state test."

"It's difficult to determine the impact. We have to analyze what the true implications are," he added. "It's the first time the test incorporated the ACT."

A bright spot in the results is the percentage of Wayne-Westland students who qualified for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship. Students were required to take the MME and receive valid scores to get the scholarship.

"Despite our test scores, 99.5 percent of our students qualified for the scholarship," Baracy said.

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electric.

"If you listen to people talk about our state, they say our economy is going down the tubes, but that does not have

to be your experience," she said. "If you focus on the negative, your experience will be negative. There are still opportunities in Michigan."

The group sessions, which take place Monday nights in Canton, are designed to go in 10-week cycles. Mariela said

they have about 18 members.

"This is a learning process for all of us," she said, adding that the group setting allows members to help brainstorm ways that they can all reach their goals.

"Our last meeting was so exciting that I couldn't even

sleep that night. I never thought we would have such a great response."

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Balloonists get bird's-eye view in search for dog

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Scott Lorenz of Plymouth prepared his hot air balloon for sailing in the Kensington Metropark and Island Lake Recreational Area near Milford earlier this month, he had a double mission in mind.

First was to enjoy the friendly skies in a three-man basket 500 feet or more above the wilderness, touching the tops of trees, watching blue herons fly by and chatting with people who wave from their yards below.

The other was to help a Brighton Township woman find Blue, her 4-year-old Siberian husky, who has been missing since he walked away from home May 8. Blue is the lead dog on Sharon Young's sled dog team, and knows how to open doors, which is how he got loose.

Lorenz, owner of Westwood Balloon Co., helped organize a massive land and air search for Blue in the Brighton-Milford area last month in search of the lost dog. Since then, every time Lorenz — or one of the other balloonists — flies passengers, they keep an eye out for Blue.



Scott Lorenz of Plymouth gets a bird's-eye view of the landscape from nearly 700 feet in the air.

"Sharon lives inside the area we fly and sees us all the time, so she called me and wanted to hire us to fly and look for the dog," Lorenz said. "I told her we fly there all the time and we'd keep an eye out for it. I sent an e-mail to members of the balloon club, and we look for him when we take passengers up."

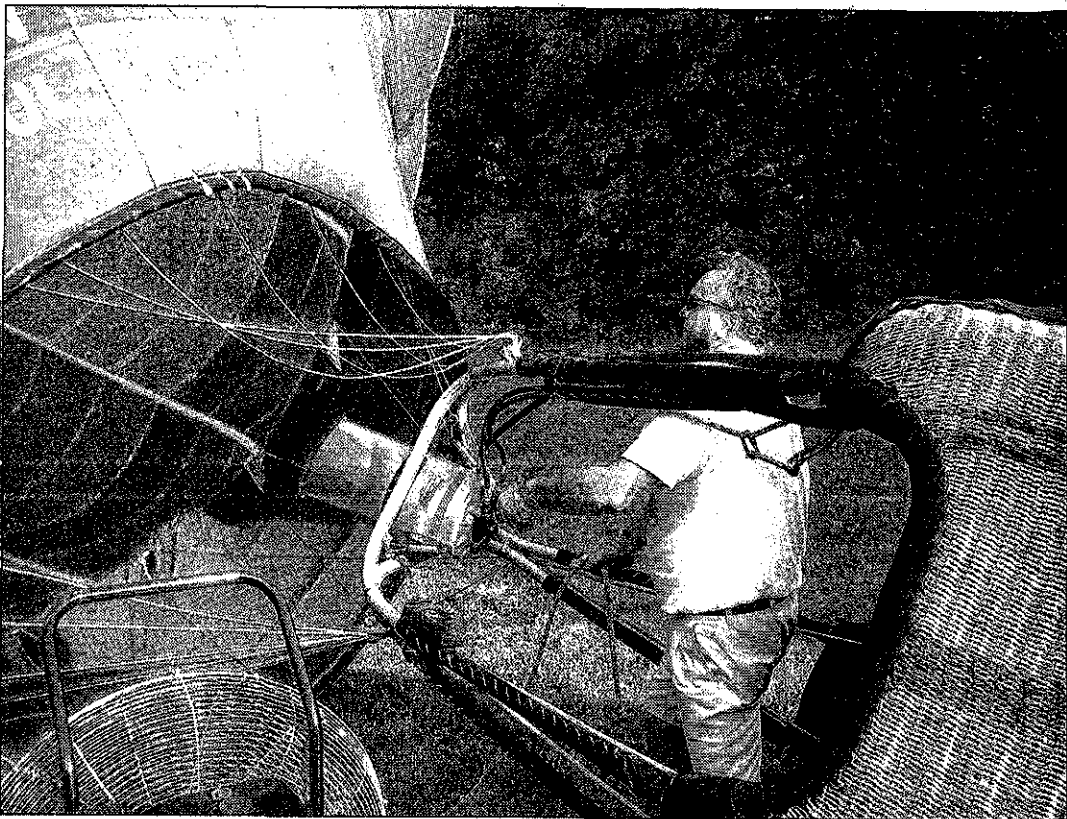
Blue has been spotted near the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford, and several other areas. While five

Siberian huskies have been returned to their owners, Blue is still on the loose.

Lorenz said a bird's-eye view comes in especially handy for covering many miles of heavily forested land while scouring an area for a lost dog.

"Look how much you can see, it's a view you could never get from the ground," Lorenz said, pointing down from nearly 700 feet above while flying a couple of weeks ago. "If the dog was in the swamp down there, you would never see it from the ground."

Young said she won't give up until her companion is found,



Scott Lorenz of Plymouth put the "hot" into hot air balloon as he prepared for a recent flight.

and is grateful Lorenz and his fellow balloonists keep a lookout for Blue.

"Scott is a great guy, and I appreciate his help," Young said. "Because of him, and the efforts of the other balloonists, there are so many people who know about Blue."

"It's been incredible, I get calls all the time," she added. "I could never have gotten this much attention from just handing out fliers. I won't give up until I find him."

Lorenz said he'll continue to keep a watch for Blue when he takes to the skies.

"We usually do this just looking for a good time," he said. "If I can help her find Blue, I'm happy to do it."



With a little help from their parents, Plymouth's Scott Lorenz gives rides to kids in the Lyon Township neighborhood where he landed his hot-air balloon.

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20, in 1998. And he still can't pinpoint the exact reason she began writing him but says he believes it's because they are both deaf.

Although Hirsch was leery of Newman's interaction with his daughter, he gave him the benefit of the doubt when he was released from jail later that year.

"I thought he was a nice guy," Hirsch said. "He was clean cut and he brought her a rose everyday."

'SHE WAS A GOOD KID'

At that time, Anne, one of Hirsch's seven children, was a "good kid" who had always conquered her physical limitations, including cerebral palsy, and had thrived in cross country running and performed in student plays.

Hirsch, who raised Anne, now 27, on his own, offers a slight smile as he hands over a stack of her old report cards.

"She didn't smoke and didn't drink," he said. "All she and her sister did was play with each other's hair."

Within months of meeting

Newman in person, Hirsch was pregnant with the couple's first daughter, Chrissy.

"I remember taking them all to Red Lobster when Chrissy was about three years old," Hirsch said. "They had some money in the bank and they were about to move into a trailer. That's the last time I remember them doing well."

Soon afterward, Hirsch says the couple spun out of control when they began doing drugs together.

"I had retired and went to Florida, but I had to come right back when I found out she was doing drugs," he said. "I was only gone three months."

UNABLE TO CHANGE

Anne, who has entered rehab nine times, made an effort to kick cocaine when she got pregnant with Allison, Hirsch said.

When she was around six months old, Allison was placed in foster care and eventually ended up with the Pooles. She had previously lived with her older sister and paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Debbie Newman, in Westland. Hirsch said health problems prevented him from taking the

child.

"I remember (the paternal grandfather) stating that he was glad Allison hadn't been placed in the ghetto, but was in Canton where everything is supposed to be la-dee-dah," Hirsch said. "I don't think any of us knew this would happen."

The Newmans, who have been at all of Poole's court appearances, have said they will hold off on comments until Poole's trial is over.

After Allison moved into the Poole's home, Anne appeared to want to turn her life around but Newman, now 29, was back in jail. He has an extensive criminal record, dating back to 1994.

Having entered a plea on four charges, including fleeing a police officer, assault with a dangerous weapon and receiving and concealing stolen property, Newman is in custody in a state prison in Jackson with a maximum release date of 2015.

Hirsch said his daughter and Newman are no longer in a relationship.

When Allison died, Hirsch said any of Anne's plans to get clean were gone. He believes it has been about a year since she's seen her oldest daughter,

now 7. The girl, who left a note in her little sister's casket to tell God she said hello, still lives with her paternal grandparents.

"I have to go and hunt her down," Hirsch said. "I stand outside the drug houses with my camcorder and I wait. I know what time they get going."

Estimating that he's hit the streets more than 100 times to find Anne, Hirsch has gotten beat up and robbed in the process.

As he throws out a recent photograph that shows his left eye swollen shut and bruised, Hirsch said Anne mostly appears numb to Allison's death but will cry or get mad about the situation if she's high.

"If it were me, I'd be totally heartbroken if this happened to one of my kids," he said. "But with her, it doesn't last long."

TRIAL WON'T BRING HER BACK

Poole, 42, is accused of causing Allison's death when the child flew over a second-floor balcony during a game of "whirlybird."

Although the Canton woman has insisted the child's



Craig Hirsch keeps his important papers and memorabilia in a locked briefcase.

death was an accident, police say she gave them multiple explanations for Allison's injuries, which included a skull fracture. She has been charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter.

Hirsch says he can only speculate about Poole's guilt but doesn't believe her acquittal or conviction will change anything.

"Nobody is going to win," he said. "Allison will still be gone and none of us know for sure,

what took place in that house."

After an unsuccessful attempt to visit Chrissy last month, Hirsch said Anne went off on yet another drug binge.

"My life is pure hell and I'm tired," he said flatly. "I gave my undivided attention to raising her, it's not like I was off somewhere doing my own thing. She was trying to fit in and got in over her head."

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Citizens for Peace to host film festival

Madonna University and the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace will continue their series of films highlighting peace and nonviolent themes with a three-theater movie festival. The movies, all centering around the themes of peace and nonviolence, will be shown from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Kresge Hall and the Science Hall at Madonna University.

Theater one will show "Living Luminaries," "The Secret" and "Humanity Ascending." Theater two

will show "The Peace DVD," "Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train" and "Peace One Day." Theater three will show "Critical Mass" and a series of highlights from the Department of Peace conferences held earlier this year and two years ago.

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AROUND TOWN

Dance ensemble
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Polio conference
Wondering about the late effects of polio? The Michigan Post Polio Conference is scheduled Sept. 21-22 at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. Cost is \$45. For tickets and more information, call Bonnie Levitan, (313) 885-7855, or Bruce Jacks, (248) 476-2477.

Road rally
A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented, timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carscompadres@yahoo.com

Suicide Loss Support Group
New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Ballet auditions
The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers

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Gardeners meet
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Beating stress
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Fall Harvest Festival
Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

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Heartland Hospice
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Hospice training
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Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic
Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more

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The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Gardeners meet
Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets September through May the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site at www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Canton Newcomers
The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwans.org).

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn/Kindergarten, at

Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birtha at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
■ Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

■ The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

@ THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fill those last few days of summer vacation with some fun programs for kids at the library.

■ Drop-in crafts for children ages 5-8 on Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.

■ Bubble Magic with Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, for kids ages 5-11 years old on Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. Registration required.

■ Jewelry Design for Tweens is Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. Registration required.

■ Goth sock puppets are the featured craft for Teens on Aug. 30 at 2 p.m., no registration required.

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The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about library programs and services, call (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 6, 2007 for the following:

SUMMIT ON THE PARK - LOUNGE CHAIRS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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FRI/SAT LS 11:45
INVASION (PG-13) 11:10, 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10 FRI/SAT LS 11:30
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 FRI/SAT LS 11:40
UNDERDOG (PG)
11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG-13)
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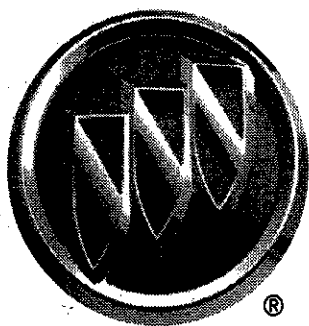
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Heating things up

Cooks needed to spice up chili festival

Organizers of the 12th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show are promising the food - and the action - will be hotter than ever when the competition returns to downtown Plymouth Sept. 30.

And they're looking for chili chefs to make it so. And, as usual, it's for a good cause: This year's event benefits Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. This portion of the cook-off is recognized by the International Chili Society (ICS) and will follow all ICS rules. The winners in each category will advance to the 2008 World Championship Chili cook-off next fall.

A fee is charged to partici-



Throngs fill the streets of downtown Plymouth for the annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show.

pants wanting to try their best to create a winning pot-of-chili. Top winners receive trophies and prizes. Chili samples will be available at 1 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 different bike categories including Harley and non Harley classes. There is a \$10 fee to enter a bike and all first place winners will receive a trophy with judges' choice winning cash prizes. The bike show

takes place noon to 4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Chili Ride, in its second year, begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and ends up in downtown Plymouth at the Chili Cook-off. A \$10 fee gets participants VIP parking at the event on Ann Arbor Trail, plus \$5 in 50/50 raffle tickets. Another ride is planned to begin at the BMW dealership on Ford Road for all BMW bikers. The Restaurant Chili Challenge takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Penniman and in Kellogg Park. More than 15 restaurants will be vying for the prize of "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Spectators will be the judge of the best chili served by area restaurants. Bowls of chili will be available for a \$4 donation, or they can be sampled for a \$1 donation per two-ounce sample.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669 or GLR chili @sbcbglobal.net. Bike Show & Chili Ride inquiries should be directed to MotorCity Harley Davidson, (248) 473-7433 www.motorcityharley.com.

Sponsorships and Vendor spaces are still available.

New packets to help victims of identity theft

Canton Police Department has developed an Identity Theft Victim's Packet intended to assist with investigations related to identity theft cases.

This packet also contains information that will assist victims in the correction of their credit and will help ensure that they are not responsible for debts incurred by the identity theft.

In addition, the packet includes information that will allow victims to obtain financial records related to fraudulent accounts. Without these financial records, police would not be able to conduct an investigation for prosecution.

"We find victims of identity theft often don't know where to begin to correct their credit. I think this packet we have put together will assist them in getting their financial records back in order, as well as provide us with the necessary information to proceed with our criminal investigation," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Police plan to hand out the Identity Theft Victim's Packet to everyone reporting this type of crime. The packet is also available for pick up at the Canton Police Department and can be downloaded from its Web site at www.canton-publicsafety.org.

Campaign aims to make elderly drivers safer

Unlike a pair of shoes or gloves, most drivers don't give much thought about how well their vehicle "fits" them, which is a concern, according to Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and AAA Michigan. That is why the Department of State has teamed up with AAA Michigan to promote CarFit, a traffic safety campaign offered at no cost to state residents.

CarFit, which was developed through collaboration among the American Occupational Therapy Association, AAA and AARP, educates mature drivers on how to properly adjust their vehicle's controls, mirrors, seats and other components for their height and size.

"Making sure all of your vehicle's controls are properly set is important," Land said. "This becomes even more crucial as you age and begin to experience changes in mobil-

ity, vision and hearing. CarFit provides a great refresher on some of the critical points of safe driving and is well worth the time."

"This gives participants a 'baseline' on which they can compare themselves next year and beyond," said Jack Peet, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "CarFit helps us meet our objective of keeping senior drivers behind the wheel safely. It helps them recognize when it might be time to re-evaluate their driving."

About 110 people went through a CarFit evaluation during the first part of the campaign in May and June. Participants reported that the service was beneficial, provided good information and helped them learn to better monitor their driving habits. The program's second segment begins in August and ends in

September.

Evaluations will be offered on the following dates at the local AAA office:

- Sept. 14 at 37383 6 Mile Road, Livonia
- Sept. 17 at 2650 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor
- Sept. 21 at 2017 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

To qualify, you must be a licensed driver at least 65 years old and own a registered vehicle. Call AAA Community Safety Services at (800) 646-4222 to schedule an appointment.

Secretary of State branch offices near CarFit exam sites will provide printed materials and a schedule of events. A list of CarFit dates, times and sites is available on the department's Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Branch office locations, hours and services are provided through the department's online branch office locator.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT TO WATER
AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-07-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 73.040 THROUGH 73.065 OF ARTICLE I, ORDINANCE NO. C-2002-01 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER SYSTEM RATES; PROVIDING FOR USE FACTOR SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION RULES FOR WATER AND SEWER BENEFIT CHARGES AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL (I.W.C.) CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER CONNECTION RATES; PROVIDING FOR RATE APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR WATER AND SEWER APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR BILLINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHARGES, RATES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION(S); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Sections 73.040 through 73.065 of Article I of Ordinance C-2002-01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

73.040. Water Rates. This section provides for consumption rates, service charges, minimum water rates, a water tap charge, water benefit charges, a fire line detector check, capital charges and special rates, and other charges.

73.050. Sewer System Rates. This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates, single residences unmetered water, special rates, and sewer benefit charges.

73.055. Use Factor Schedule. This section provides a use factor schedule calculations.

73.056. Transition Rules For Water and Sewer Benefit Charges Amendments. This section provides for transition rules for water and sewer benefit charges amendments.

73.060. Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge. This section provides that a monthly charge shall be applied to all non-residential customers for the purpose of the Industrial Waste Control Surveillance Program.

73.061. Sewer Connection Rates. This section provides for sewer connection rates.

73.062. Rate Appeals. This section provides that the Township Board may establish special charges or fees to meet special circumstances.

73.063. Water and Sewer Applications. This section provides that all water and sewer applications, agreements and/or permits shall be arranged for and signed and all tap connection and benefit charges shall be paid prior to the issuance of electrical, plumbing and/or building permits.

73.064. Billings. This section provides for the procedure for billing of water services.

73.065. Enforcement. This section provides for enforcement of payment for water services by the Township.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

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

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFICATION


The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of August 2007, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

Introduced: July 17, 2007
Adopted: August 14, 2007
Effective: August 23, 2007
Publish: August 23, 2007

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 6, 2007. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 6, 2007 for the following:

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF DIGITAL COPIER/PRINTERS

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PO Box 30204
Lansing, Michigan 48909
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Canton Township Hall, Freedom Room, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton, Michigan, on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 07-82-0076-P under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451 as amended, by Jahan and Debra Azizi, 572 Shana Drive, Canton, Michigan. The applicant proposes to place a total of approximately 334 cubic yards of fill in a total of 0.26 acres of wetland for the purpose of constructing four single family homes, driveways, and an access road. Utilities will be installed beneath wetlands by open trench. Mitigation is not proposed. The project is located southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton Roads in T2S, R8E, Section 20, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793 by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Wendy Fitzner, Chief
Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water Management Division
517-373-9244

Date: August 9, 2007

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction August 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1991	MERCUY	TOPAZ	4-DR	1MEPM36K1MK633155
1994	CHEVY	CAVALIER	4-DR	1G1JC544XR7287852
1992	FORD	TAURUS	4-DR	1FACP52U6NA102383
1990	CHEVY	LUMINA	4-DR	2G1WL54T1L9313645
1988	CHEVY	1500	P/U	1GCF2C24K0JE171150
1991	CHEVY	CAVALIER	4-DR	1G1JC54G5M7260576
1994	CHEVY	GEO PRISM	4-DR	1Y1SK526S2Z065296
1994	OLDS		S/W	1GHBT13W9R0705918
1987	FORD	ESCORT	4-DR	1FAPP2G9XHT170735
1995	CHEVY	VAN	S/W	1GBEG25K1SF157967
1991	DODGE	VAN	S/W	2B4GK55R3MR196182

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from MAPCO Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 5740 S. Beck Road, within the MAPCO Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel 4 of Tax ID. #128-99-0005-701: Part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 32, T.2 S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 32, distant South 87 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 471.72 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32, and proceeding thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 536.06 feet, along the South line of said Section 32; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds East 309.99 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 277.52 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 65.24 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 257.85 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 348.00 feet, along the center line of Beck Road to the point of beginning. Containing 4.03 acres. Subject to easements of record, and that part taken, used or deeded to Beck Road.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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Business owner should consider SEP or self-employed 401(k)

recently had a meeting with an individual who had accepted a buyout from an auto company. This individual was using part of the money to start a business. One of the client's main concerns was how to save for retirement. The individual did not plan to hire employees and wanted to know



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

what type of investment vehicles other than an IRA was available to the self-employed. Over the years, more options have become available for the small business person and, therefore, there is no reason for a small business or a self-employed individual not to save for their retirement.

For a self-employed individual, there are two types of tax-efficient retirement plans to consider. The first is a Simplified Employee Pension plan or SEP. A self-employed individual who works full or part time for themselves can establish an SEP.

Even if you are covered by a retirement plan at your full-time job, you are still eligible for an SEP for self-employed income.

In an SEP, you can contribute up to 25 percent of business income up to a maximum of \$45,000.

You have until your tax filing deadline, typically April 15, to open and contribute to an

SEP. Someone who starts their own business in 2007 will have until April 15, 2008, to establish an SEP plan and to make a contribution.

The advantage of an SEP is you can deduct your contribution off your income tax return and all investment earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis. In addition, unlike some other types of retirement plans, you are not required to make an SEP contribution on a year-by-year basis. And there are no annual reports that have to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

SEP plans are offered through many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses and typically offer a variety of investment options. In opening any SEP plan, make sure you determine the costs involved in establishing and maintaining the plan. Many of the no-load companies will have no or very little costs involved.

Another alternative for the self-employed is a Self-Employed 401(k) plan.

Under this plan, you can contribute up to \$15,500 in a Self-

Employed 401(k). If you are over 50, you can take advantage of an additional \$5,000 contribution by exercising the catchup provision.

In addition, the business owner can make a profit-sharing contribution into the plan up to 25 percent of compensation to a maximum of \$45,000. The total contribution between salary deferral and profit sharing cannot exceed \$45,000 or \$50,000 if age 50 or older.

Unlike an SEP, a Self-Employed 401(k) plan must be established before the end of the business calendar (or fiscal) year, which is typically Dec. 31.

Just like in an SEP plan, many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses now offer a Self-Employed 401(k) plan.

Once a Self-Employed 401(k) plan has assets exceeding \$100,000, IRS Form 5500 must be completed and filed on a year-by-year basis.

An individual can contribute a greater amount to a solo 401(k) plan than to an SEP plan. One looking to maximize a retirement contribution may wish to consider a solo 401(k) plan vs. an SEP.

When someone decides to strike out on their own, it is important they begin saving for retirement as soon as possible.

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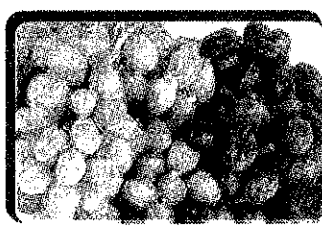
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Everyone who lives in Canton resides within the Rouge River watershed, which means that all the water that drains from Canton lawns, rooftops, driveways and parking lots eventually makes its way into the Rouge River.

There was a time (not so long ago) that the Rouge was one of the most polluted rivers in the country. Restoration efforts in recent years have helped reverse the tide of pollution that poisoned the river for decades. In many ways, the Rouge River is a real environmental success story.

The main sources of pollution from years ago, namely industrial discharges and sewer overflows, have largely been eliminated. However, that does not mean all the sources of pollution have been eliminated. In fact, most people are surprised to learn that the main source of pollution affecting the Rouge and its tributaries are the residents of the watershed.

When people excessively fertilize their lawns it impacts the river. When people wash their cars in their driveways or street, it impacts the river. When people don't clean up their pet waste, it impacts the river. When people don't properly maintain their vehicles, allowing oil or other fluids to leak, it impacts the river. When people dump used motor oil down storm drains, it impacts the river.

When you consider the collective impact of the roughly 90,000 people living in Canton, you can begin to understand the stress that is put on the township's creeks and streams.

With some minor lifestyle changes, residents can make a real difference in the health of the Rouge. Canton has partnered with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to promote seven simple ways people can help in this effort. Check out the Web site www.semco.org/OursToProtect/index.htm for details.

Another way people can help the Rouge and the environment in general is by taking advantage of Canton's upcoming annual Hazardous Household Waste Day, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at Canton's Department of Public Works Building. It's an excellent opportunity for residents to properly and safely dispose of toxic, flammable and corrosive materials in the home, including old paint, computers, antifreeze, solvents, batteries, kerosine, motor oil and acids (among many others).

If we want to live in a healthy environment, where our creeks and streams flow unpolluted, we all must do our part.

Budget delay is hard on local school districts

When Tom Petty sings that the waiting is the hardest part, our local school districts know just what he means.

Last year they waited through promises, reneged promises and restored promises as the state spent a year before it finally reached a balanced budget.

Technically the state has until Oct. 1 to produce a balanced budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. But the fiscal year for the school districts began July 1, without a clue as to what the state school aid grant would be. Whatever it is will still not be enough for many districts to do more than meet past obligations.

While Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators debate new taxes vs. deeper cuts in state programs, our local school districts are struggling to budget for the coming school year.

Many school districts have had to cut programs and staff due to the uncertainty of state school funding, which since the passage of Proposal A is the primary source of school funding and the largest part of state spending.

In addition to making good on school aid funding, the state needs to address the rapidly rising costs of employee pension and health care, which have swallowed up school district finances.

The disconnect between the two fiscal years and the uncertainty it causes is a major problem for our school districts.

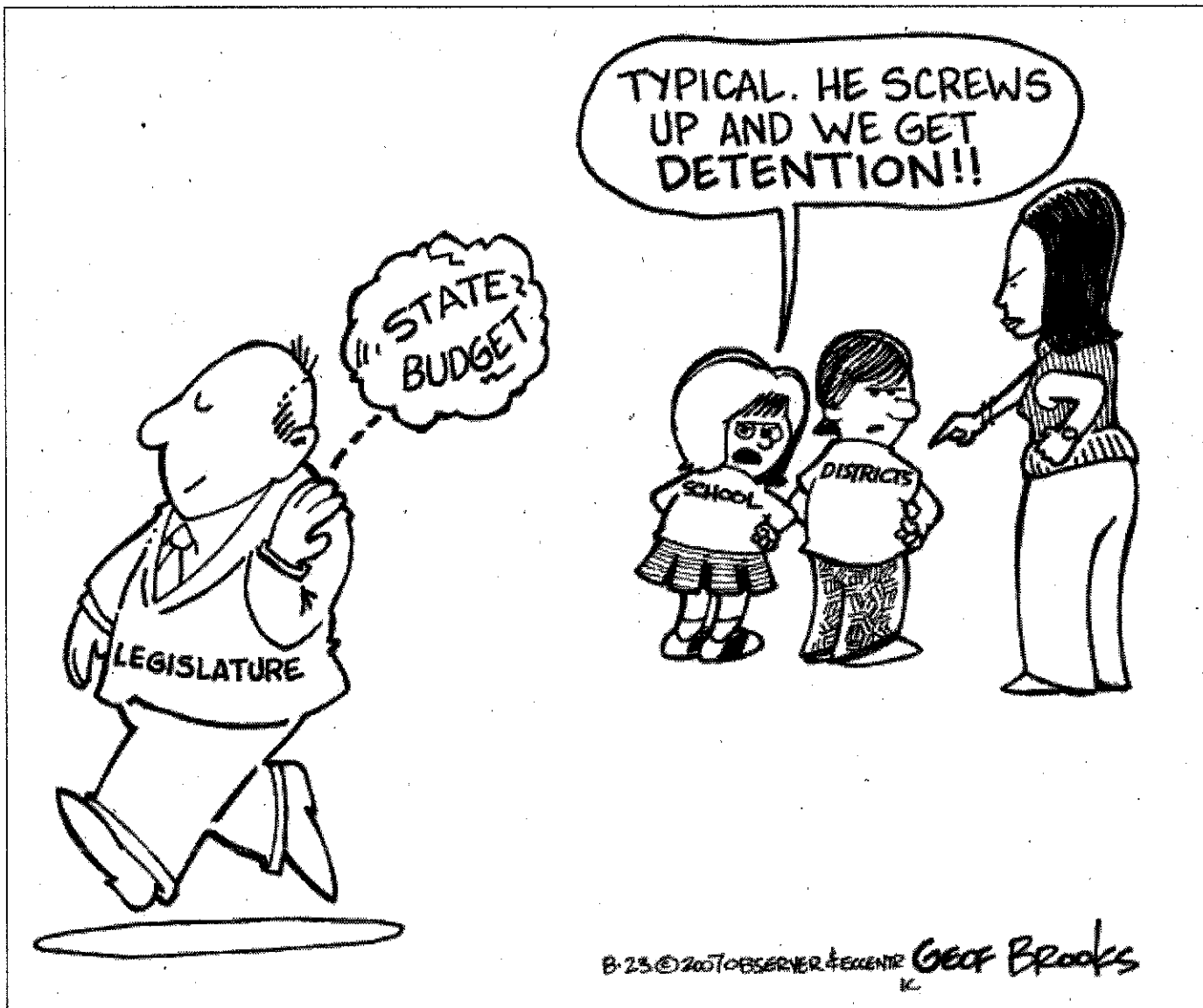
In Troy, the district has been cutting programs and dipping into its fund balance for the past five years.

"Our projections are for a zero increase in terms of school funding, but it's difficult to operate in this uncertainty. It's important that the state fully fund education and develops a system where schools have the ability to plan," said Tim McAvo, Troy district community relations director.

In South Redford they've got a plan, but the district faces having to make changes even this late into the year. Garden City had to cut high school busing, middle school and freshman sports and ask for employee concessions. Wayne-Westland is looking at borrowing money to cover costs.

In wealthy Bloomfield Hills, a School Foundation has been started to provide for extracurricular programs, including art and sports. But West Bloomfield is looking at deficit spending within two years.

The state Legislature needs to act and act quickly on this year's school aid, but it also needs to take a long look at reforming the funding process so that every year isn't an excruciating waiting game.



LETTERS

New leadership needed

Remember the administration in Washington stopped the filming of our fallen soldiers coffins coming off the planes as they landed back on U.S. soil. They did this so that the number of soldiers killed would only be a 'number' to us and we wouldn't realize our losses as time went by. If the over 3,600 flag draped coffins from Iraq were to be lined up end to end, we would have a line stretching for over five miles long. Imagine that, and remember, this should not have been.

This week the Cheney regime again tried to argue that the courts should have no jurisdiction to review their illegal warrantless spying because they claimed there were "other avenues" for that oversight. To which a federal appeals court judge responded, "What's that? Impeachment?" That's as close as a sitting judge can get to calling Congress essentially a gutless bunch of cowards.

We do not hear anything about being outraged from our Michigan congressmen, including Thaddeus McCotter. Our constitutional rights are being taken away and will be very hard to get back. Their voices do not cry out to protect our rights against this Republican White House. We need new leadership in D.C. Send this message in November.

Hadley J. Hudak
Canton

Still time to stop mine

Kurt Kuban's Aug. 19 editorial condemning the DEQ for approving the mining of nickel in the Upper Peninsula would have made Henry David Thoreau and John Muir proud in its eloquent defense of protecting the magnificent resources we possess here in Michigan. Not only should we be limiting sulfide mining here in the state, but we should severely curtail oil and gas drilling and clear-cut lumbering practices on our state's public lands. We need to be preserving the beauty and wildness that exists within these peninsulas.

Instead of working to attract dirty manufacturing plants and extractive industries that pollute and despoil our state, the governor and the legislature need to more aggressively promote Michigan as a tourist destination. Let's say no to mining and drilling and say yes to camping, fishing, hunting, boating and hiking. Michigan can and should be the wildest and most undeveloped state east of the Mississippi.

Michigan is truly a water and winter wonderland. Although global warming may bring an abrupt end to our snowy winters, the waters will still be here to enjoy.

As Mr. Kuban said, there is still time for citizens to voice their opposition to this mining project, which may destroy the trout fishery on two of the U.P.'s cleanest rivers, by e-mailing the DEQ at DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov before Oct. 17.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Mine is bad decision

I read Kurt Kuban's column on Michigan's decision to allow a sulfide mine to operate in the Upper Peninsula.

I am very concerned, as I am from Butte, Montana. I was born and raised in Butte for 19 years, but have lived in Michigan for the last 36 years. I would hate to see happen in Michigan what the Berkeley Pit has caused in Butte.

It created many jobs for my parents' generation, but when it stopped operating, it filled up to be a very large body of caustic water. To find pictures and articles about the Berkeley Pit and the environmental damage it caused, Google "Berkeley Pit."

I hope this letter makes people think before this devastation is done to Michigan. Thank you.

Bonnie Ministrelli
Livonia

Cherry Festival a success

The second time around for the Cherry Festival was such a great time. It was our first experience here at Cherry Hill Perk, because, unfortunately, we were not open last year in time for the event. We were so pleased to see so many Canton residents and their families come out to enjoy in the festivities.

The Village Theater staff painted small cars and put them out on display and had a vote for the most unique one. There was a sidewalk chalk drawing contest going on; A Special Place had a wonderful sidewalk sale going on with some very special and unique trinkets that are hard to come across; Indigo Salon and Day Spa gave away small free services and tours of their salon; Cherry Hill Perk had an assortment of cherry pastries, pies, and coffees on special, and a raffle drawing; Huntington Bank, whom sponsored the event, gave away great Cherry Festival T-shirts, cherries, and too many other little gifts to mention.

I would personally like to thank Huntington Bank for making the event happen. I do my business banking there and I couldn't ask for better service. The Huntington Bank branch in Cherry Hill Village is a very upstanding, personable bank that is involved in the community and I would recommend them to anyone. Thanks again Huntington.

The festival gave Canton residents a reason to come down and have a great day shopping, eating, and enjoying the day in the beautiful Cherry Hill Village. I would like to say thank you to the residents for coming out to enjoy our services that we all work hard to provide. Next year we will have more businesses open, like the Cherry Martini Bar and Honey What's For Dinner, as well as more fun things for the residents to check out and enjoy.

Christie Gilliam
owner, Cherry Hill Perk
Canton

IKEA worth the trip

I wanted to congratulate the township of Canton for acquiring an IKEA store. Many years ago on a trip to Toronto I stopped at my first IKEA store and was hooked. I was thrilled to learn that Michigan would be receiving a store. Unfortunately for me, as a resident of St. Clair in St. Clair County, the store is quite a journey. Nonetheless, it has not stopped me from visiting the store.

We planned a day trip with friends who live in Wallaceburg, Ontario. We left our house in the late morning and made our journey to IKEA (approximately 80 miles one-way from our house). After eating lunch at a local Canton restaurant, the husbands dropped us off at IKEA. They continued on to Cabella's in Dundee. My friend and I spent four wonderful hours leisurely walking through the store and purchased many items unique to IKEA. We are already talking of another day trip with our friends and I, myself, have several groups of people excited and ready to go.

My parents (who are 78 and 83 years old) are organizing a group from church to go for a day trip as well. They don't know exactly what IKEA is, but in hearing all the buzz, they want to find out for themselves.

Congratulations to the Downtown Development Authority for their efforts. I read a previous article in Crains Business explaining it was Trustee Karl Zarbo who made the first contact with IKEA. My congratulations to him as well for his vision and plan-of-action for the township of Canton, as well as his foresight in finding a successful source to bring jobs and revenue to Michigan. Other cities must read of Canton's success with envy.

Just wanted to pass along my account of a great day in Canton. I WILL be back very soon.

Colleen Ryan
St. Clair

Thanks for article

Your article regarding the First United Methodist Church in Wayne celebrating 175 years brought a lot of fond memories to mind.

In 1949, my mom and dad, Kathleen and Lloyd Smith, were married in the "old" part of the church. My brother, Richard, and I were brought up in the church and enjoyed our many friends there.

My dad died in 1977. Five years later, my mom married Louis Wiles who was an active member of the church. My brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Bambi Smith, were married in the same church in 1973 and in 1991, Ralph Arning and I were married in the same church!

We all feel very blessed to have been part of the church.

Thank you for your article.

Pam and Ralph Arning

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Michigan needs 'Silk Route Team' to take advantage of opportunity

Seldom do you get a second chance to go after a grand prize. The prize I am talking about is a direct, nonstop passenger flight to Beijing or Shanghai, China, the nation with the world's fastest growing economy.

Northwest Airlines failed in its bid for approval to fly directly to China when, late last year, the U.S. Transportation Department awarded to United Airlines the China route out of Washington D.C. to Beijing. The DOT will award additional nonstop flights to China during the next two years. It would be to our clear economic advantage to make sure Detroit secures this lucrative and beneficial flight.

A recent economic impact study by the Wayne County Airport Authority estimated that two new flights would generate more than \$265 million in benefits to southeast Michigan's economy.

If Michigan is to resurrect itself from the economic doldrums, it must find ways to have a larger footprint on the global stage. Take any statistic you like and you can see that China's economy is on a roll and picking up steam.

The China wave, with annual double-digit economic growth, is lapping at our shores. We can continue to play "Peking duck" or find ways to make the China rise work for us.

Michigan is reeling with a 7.2-percent unemployment rate and needs a new "route to help transform our economy." Building a two-way direct economic air bridge to China would help put Michigan in the fast lane for an economic resurgence for the metro area and the entire state.

HANGING TOGETHER

All Michigan leaders — Republicans and Democrats, labor and management, north, south, east and west Michigan — need to pull together to secure this important route. Air traffic will be to the 21st century what shipping and rail was in the 20th century. Nothing but an all-hands-on-deck, all-out commitment to secure this route is acceptable if we wish to thrive and not merely survive as an economic engine in the future.

Be clear — our competitors from other states and nations around the world will be aggressively pursuing every trade advantage they can muster with Asia and China. Michigan leaders need to show their intent to adapt to the changing global "flat world." We need every advantage to help tilt the world in Michigan's direction.

This is not simply a "one-way" flight with no return for Michigan.

China's rising economy has produced disposable income for millions of individuals looking

for vacation spots to spend their wealth. Our clean air, water, great universities and abundance of golf courses and gambling are a major draw for the Chinese.

Here are some suggestions to develop an Asia/China agenda, secure a direct air route to China and show the world that Michigan is united and open for global business.

1. Gov. Jennifer Granholm could assemble a "Silk Route Team" of business, labor, political, community and civic leaders to develop a comprehensive Asia/China strategy. None exists today.

This group's charge would be to find ways to make the economic rise of Asia and China work for Michigan's workers, families, businesses and communities. The first objective should be to secure the direct route from Detroit to China. Michigan's universities, with the Confucius Institutes at Michigan State and Wayne State and the China Center at the University of Michigan, and businesses that have navigated the China business shoals are bursting with China experts that can help guide the way.

2. Beyond a direct passenger flight to China, the "Silk Route Team" should find ways to make Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano's Aerotropolis concept a reality and make Willow Run Airport in western Wayne County and Bishop International Airport in Flint part of an international, inter-modal, global transportation hub for all of North America. This two-way cargo air bridge will make our region and Michigan the envy of the world.

3. Show your support for Northwest Airlines' attempt to secure this new China route by going to www.nwatochina.com. Northwest Airlines reported it received more than 100,000 letters of support in the first three days after the company announced its application for nonstop routes to China.

Today, Michigan is lagging behind other states and nations in tapping the rich Chinese economic vein in ways that benefit our citizens. Seldom does the economic merry-go-round provide the opportunity to snag the brass ring a second time. Do we have the ability to drop the political in-fighting long enough to capture this opportunity or will we continue to go around and around, again losing the prize?

The great Chinese philosopher, Lo-tzu once said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Let the journey begin.

Tom Watkins, former state superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and director of the Department of Mental Health (1986-90) is a business and education consultant. He has a longstanding interest in China and has traveled there many times since 1989.



Tom Watkins

Behind every spoiled brat there is an indulgent parent

So there I was waiting for a baker to box some heavenly-scented cinnamon sticks hot out of an oven in one of those ritzy resort towns up north. The man up next got a whiff and couldn't resist ordering a dozen, too. He gazed down on a girl of approximately 7 and asked if the order was OK.

She smiled the smallest of smiles, looked up at her father and spoke.

"I want frosting," little Princess said.

There was something in her voice that commanded attention.

It wasn't the high-pitched squeal of a little girl who merely wanted gooey sugar. The voice was bathed in expectation. It was as if a lesser royal had issued an edict to a commoner — she knew the request would be fulfilled because, in her world, that's simply the way things are done.

Over the next few minutes, the father did his best to get frosted cinnamon sticks for Princess gooey fingers.

The store owner wouldn't budge. "We don't sell them that way," was all she kept saying to the increasingly befuddled man.

One demand, two subsequent requests and a final plea were swatted aside before he turned to his right in defeat.

"How about a frosted doughnut?" he asked, looking to escape the storm of disappointment bearing down upon him.

"I guess," said the little one, and both moved one pace to the left as the woman at the register scowled like she would enjoy nothing better than frosting the brat from head to toe and tossing her in a vat of burning oil.

Is this what raising a child has come to?

Spa parties for 6-year-olds. Chicago shopping trips for girls too young to drive. A \$15,000 baby crib designed to look like the carriage in Cinderella for sale on a Web site called Poshtots.

Enough is enough.

Tots don't have to be posh.

They don't need facials, pedicures or cucumber eye treatments. They should be able to find suitable clothing at the nearest mall or, dare I suggest, a discount store like Target. And an infant certainly doesn't give a darn if she sleeps in a luxury carriage or \$300 crib so long as her parents love, cherish and take care of her.

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I remember it as a time when parents made rules and children obeyed. Of course there were exceptions, the most famous of which was our habit of removing every stick of furniture in the living room and using the fireplace as a soccer goal when mom and dad went bowling.

It was the Life of Riley compared to the childhood of my father's father. As one of 14 children growing up in Saskatchewan, Canada, he had to get his first job at 12 and wound up shoveling coal at the local railroad.

Has prosperity changed the rules of parenthood?

Must all parents now bargain with children instead of telling them what to do?

Is renting a Moonwalk the bare minimum for a birthday party these days?

Does a 3-year-old's opinion really matter when making a family decision?

I need answers fast because my wife and I have a little one on the way.

Baby girl is our first and we don't want to get off to a rocky start.

Perhaps a trip to Pottery Barn Kids is in order.

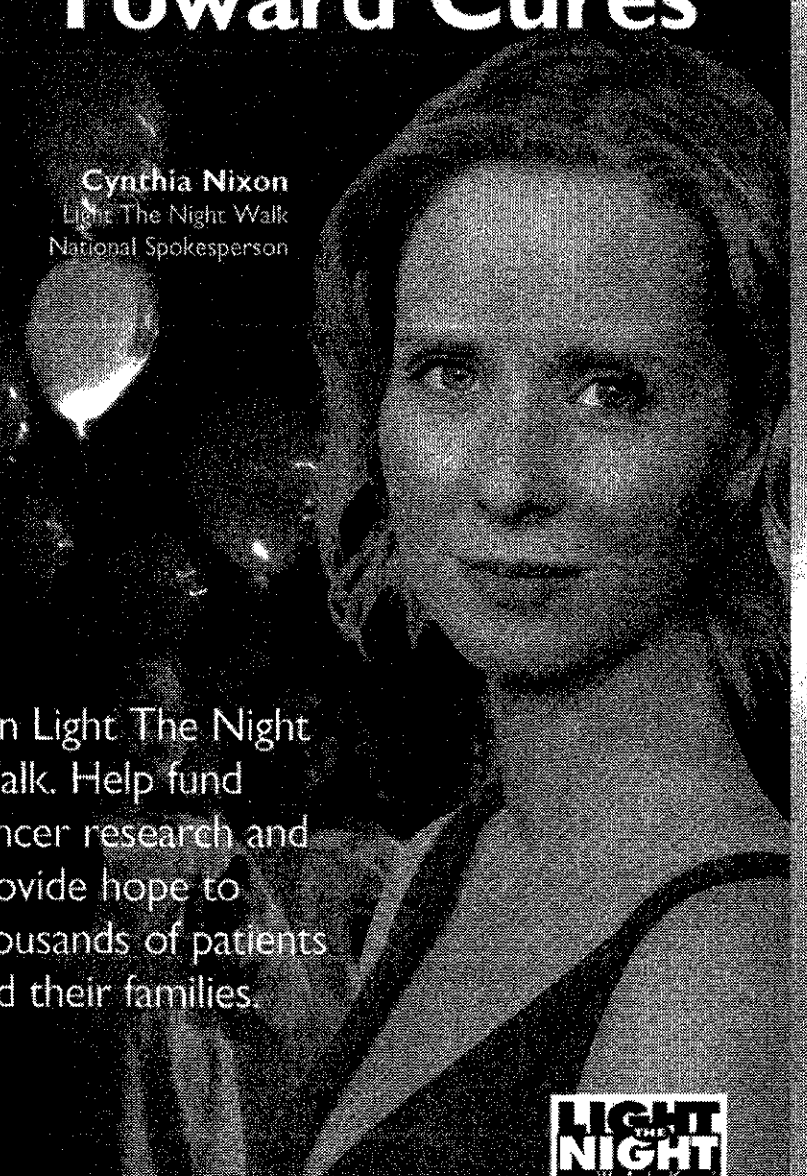
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Ballet company holds audition

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet will be holding auditions for the 2007-2008 performance season. The auditions are open to all interested dancers. The nonprofit dance company was established to bring performers from different dance programs together in a ballet company atmosphere. Performances and rehearsals are an addition to the dancer's regular training schedule at their studio.

Dancers are asked to bring a resume a dance photo and \$10 audition fee. Girls are required to wear ballet shoes, pink tights and black leotard with their hair in a bun. Boys are required to wear ballet shoes, black tights or jazz pants and a white T-shirt. All dancers will be evaluated for membership to the companies on their dance technique and performance potential during a ballet class. Girls with pointe shoes should be prepared to demonstrate their abilities.

Three audition classes will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Canton. Dancers aged 7 to 9 years will dance from noon to 1 p.m., dancers aged 10 to 12 years will dance 1-2 p.m., and dancers aged 13 to adult will dance 2-3:30 p.m. Contact the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company at (734) 676-7233 or by e-mail at pcbe@comcast.net. For more information visit the Company's Web site at plymouthcantonballet.org.

Dream Cruise was one fine ride

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

"There's that stupid car with the name we can't pronounce." The anonymous voice came from the crowd along Woodward at Maple.

Could he have been referring to one of the many Jaguars - is that Jag-U-ar or Jagwar? - or perhaps a Lancia, or maybe a Lamborghini Countach?

It certainly couldn't have been any of the herd of Mustangs or stately Rolls Royces that roared down Woodward Saturday for the official Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise revs.

By 9 a.m. the cars and crowds already were thick in Birmingham.

Kevin and Leigh Burrow came from Indianapolis for the event. Perched in folding chairs and Woodward and Maple, they watched the cars roll by with their son Blake, 4.

"It's excellent," said Kevin. "It's exceeded our expectations."

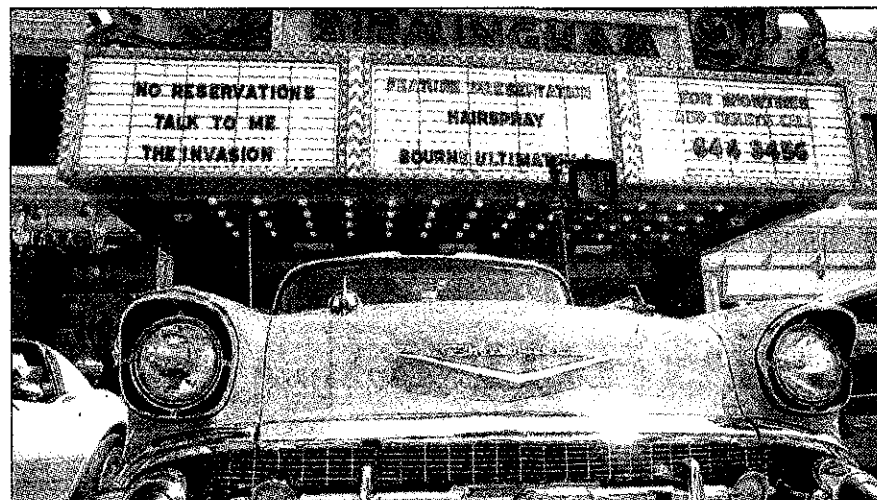
The event was a first for the Burrows.

"I just love it," said Leigh. Blake had nothing to say, except he thrust up the toy Corvette he clutched in his hands when asked what is his favorite car.

He had many to choose from. Thousands of classic cars filled Birmingham and the weather couldn't have been better.



Kayla and Conner Lance from Commerce Township rode in style in a 1957 Chevy wagon pulled by their mother Rhondi.



A classic car in front of the classic theatre on Old Woodward Ave.

Congrats O&E ticket winners

Six people are winners in the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers readership survey random drawing.

The winners are Penny Sage of Farmington Hills, two tickets to the Sept. 5 Tigers game; Charles Olschefske of Livonia, two tickets to the Sept. 7 Tigers game; Mary Ann Fassnacht of Rochester Hills, four tickets to Beatlemania Aug. 26 at Meadow Brook Music Festival; Deb Christiansen of Livonia, two tickets to the Sept. 5 Tigers game; Janet Seelow of Garden City, two tickets to the Sept. 7 Tigers game; and Nancy Fedon of Canton Township, four tickets to Dave Matthews Band at the DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The winners submitted a survey either in print or online published over a two-week period of time.

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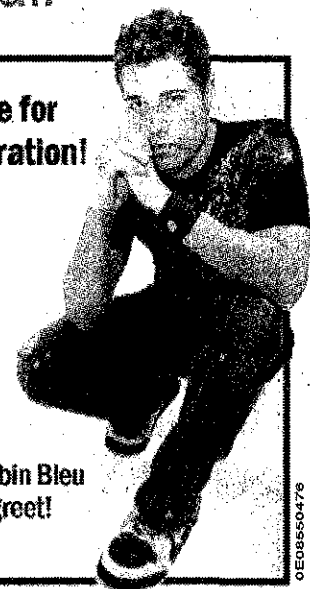
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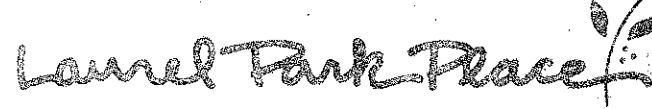
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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

AUGUST

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Supplies-for-Students

A Back to School Supplies Give-Away event that is free for all families in our community. Enjoy crafts, games, food, an inflatable bouncer, and more! Most importantly, we will be giving away 200 bags of school supplies to kick off the start of a new school year. Arrive on time because supplies are limited to the first 200 students 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Merced, Redford. For more information, call Pastor Bob Hegdal at (313) 538-2660.

Summer sings

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For

more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsavior.org for more information.

Summer camp

The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

UPCOMING

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Tent/rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Palooza/community jubilee

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, caricatures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox

Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicap-accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night. While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact disks of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium. For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek donuts). Inflation fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in our church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to our church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30-minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins us for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

Mom to Mom sale

Tr-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a one-dollar admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and development as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be 2 mile and 4 mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771

Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days; \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to ADOWomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Women of the word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Sunday school classes

New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

ONGOING

Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday

Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.hollycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.hollycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

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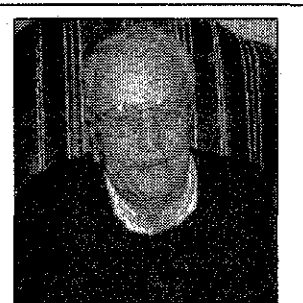


CLARISSA ADAMS GOAD

August 20, 2007 age 74. Beloved wife of Thomas C. Dear mother of Douglas C., Linda G. Larisch and Theodore C. Goad (Jenni). Grandmother of Taylor Goad, Andres Larisch, Brandon Goad, Jacqueline Larisch, Sadie Goad and Nicholas Larisch. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8pm. Funeral service Friday 11am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine, west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to National Miniatures Trust, 1811 Four Mile Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or Village Women's Club, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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68, Westland, MI. Died Aug. 16, 2007. Uht Funeral Home, 734-721-8555



JOHN P. RICHARDSON

August 20, 2007 Age 92 Beloved husband of Edna-Mary for 60 years. Dear father of John (Kathy), Julie Christy (Dane) and Mary Setzco (Paul). Grandfather of David (Meredith), Kate Frederiksen (Mark), Nicole Richardson, Jacob and Libby Christy and John Setzco. Great grandfather of Olivia and Alexa Richardson. Brother of Marion Linder (Howard) and Don (Patricia). Funeral service Thursday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Wednesday 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Shy-Drager/Multiple System Atrophy Support Group, Inc., P.O. Box 279, Coupland, TX 78615. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

PAULINE McMULLEN

Passed away August 19, 2007 at the age of 97. A full-time homemaker coming to the Plymouth Community in 1941. Beloved wife for 78 years to the late Dee McMullen. Loving mother of Thomas (June), Don (Norma), Ron (Delores), Larry, Harry (Linda), Jack (Linda) and the late Dale McMullen and Doris Sluder. Also leaves 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Tri City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48188

LUCILLE M. CLOAR

Age 88, passed away August 17, 2007, in Newark, Ohio. She was a former resident of Plymouth. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth where she also taught Sunday school. Mrs. Cloar is survived by four children, Robert (Joanell) Cloar of Minden, NV, Jonell (Ron) Essick of Granville, OH, Teresa Curtis of Livonia, and Michael (Sandy) Cloar of Kalkaska, MI. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Lucille Cloar is preceded in death by her husband, Price, four sisters and one brother. A graveside service was held Monday, August 20, 2007, 11am, at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 34224 Ford Rd., Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Valley Rd., Newark, Ohio 43055-9925. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



MARY J. KHOURY

August 20, 2007. Residence of Livonia, MI. Born June 20th in Hanceville, AL, the daughter of Rictor Quick & Ethel Cobb. Survived by daughter Kim; son Tony (Sandy), "Ya Ya" to Casey, Joseph, Kori & Alexander; great "Ya Ya" to Kamryn; sisters Theima, Anne & Jan; brothers Al, Wayne, & Larry. Visitation will be held Wednesday, 1-3pm & 5-8pm. Funeral service will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, MI, Thurs., August 23, at 11am with Sister Angela LaBranche officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

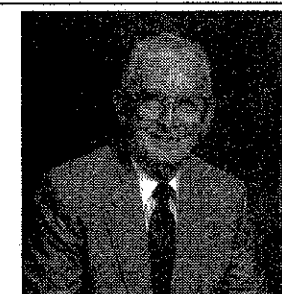
RUTH H. (Penny) PAYTON (nee Pennanen)

Age 86, of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Birmingham, passed away peacefully at her home on August 14, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Charles F. (Jack), a former pediatrician; six daughters: Ruth Ann (Michael) Hopp of Rotonda West, FL; Mary Lee (Craig) McFarland of Crown Point, IN; Martha Jean (King) Smith of Branson, MO; Catherine (Ronald) Klintworth of Rapid River, MI; Evelyn (Barry) Kennedy of North Port, FL; and Carol (Robert) Falls of Colorado Springs, CO; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Penny was an avid bridge player and bridge teacher who cherished time spent with family and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A private memorial celebration will be held in St. Louis, MO on September 9, 2007.

VIOLA M. NIEBLING

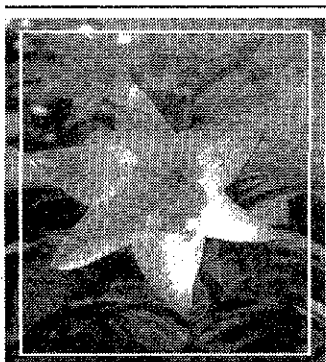
Age 84, August 19, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William L.; loving mother of William J. (Scharlotte), Susan (Richard) Fischer and Kathryn (Gregory) Marek; dear sister of Shirley Hulse; devoted grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of two. Funeral Service Friday, August 24th, 11:30am, at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Miles Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial tributes suggested to National Parkinson Foundation, Parkinson.org, or Alzheimer's Assn., alz.org.

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RALPH M. DIEDRICK

Age 78, born December 23, 1928, Ralph passed away peacefully surrounded by his family to be with the Lord on August 17, 2007. He was a life-long citizen of Plymouth, which always meant a great deal to him. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1947, and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Plymouth. Ralph retired from Ford Motor Company after 23 years of service. He was an active member of the Methodist Church of Plymouth. Ralph enjoyed his winters in Florida, and being with family and friends. Ralph leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Doris, daughter Connie and her husband Jeff Jacobs, and son-in-law Weldon Regan, husband of his daughter Pamela who preceded him in death. Four grandsons, Matthew (Heather) Regan, Ben Jacobs, Chris (Beth) Jacobs and Mark Regan, and sister-in-law Marian Owens also survive. Memorial services were held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the church or to the American Cancer Society.



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CALENDAR

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Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

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Scripture studies

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

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At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

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Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

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CROP walkers hope to top last year's numbers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the 2007 Plymouth-Canton CROP Hunger Walk are hoping to nearly double the number of walkers and amount of money they raised a year ago to help the Plymouth Salvation Army.

A year ago, 57 walkers raised some \$6,600 in the Plymouth-Canton Hunger Walk. Officials

this year are aiming for 120 walkers and \$12,000 in donations designed to stop hunger both in the local community and around the world. A portion of the funds raised here will benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The 2007 walk is set for Oct. 7, starting at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon

in Plymouth Township. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting at 2 p.m. Walkers can do either of two routes: a two-mile route and a four-mile route. Both routes will wind through the neighborhoods of Plymouth, through the downtown area and back to St. John's. Walkers raise money through pledges or their own donations. Organizers hope walkers will raise an average of

some \$100 apiece. "We're optimistic," said Bill Brave, a member at St. John's who has organized the local walk the last two years. "We have some other churches involved this year, to we're hoping to get more walkers. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't gotten pledges you can sign up to walk that day." The CROP Walk, organized to benefit Church World

Services, will take place in Plymouth-Canton along with some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide, according to information provided by Church World Services officials, who said many walkers will wear "We walk because they walk" T-shirts, proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served

by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks. For more information about the Plymouth-Canton CROP Hunger Walk, contact Brave at (734) 414-9867. bkadrich@hometownlife.com (734) 459-2700

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- August 14, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended deleting Item G-20 Set Millage Rate Limits for December 1, 2007 Tax Levy and Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rates and FY 2008 Budgets. (FBD) Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of July 24, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF THOMAS BURTON.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to enter into record the Resolution Recognizing Thomas Burton. Motion carried unanimously. **2. RECOGNITION OF DARLA LAFORGE.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to enter into the record the Resolution Recognizing Darla LaForge. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DURCON LABORATORY TOPS, INC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to consider the tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in opposition or in favor of the Tax Abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. to consider the tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property for three (3) years. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE "PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB, INC. D/B/A "PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS" AS A NONPROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR A "CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE" TO THE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request from the "Plymouth Newcomers Club, Inc. d/b/a Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors," at 8243 Trafford Court, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187; as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD TO HOST "LIGHT THE NIGHT". (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status for Canton Calvary Assembly of God to host "Light the Night" on October 31, 2007 at 7933 N. Sheldon Road from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAPCO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for September 11, 2007, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application submitted by MAPCO Manufacturing for new personal property at their facility located at 5740 S. Beck Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVAL OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Policy for the Administrative Departments of the Charter Township of Canton effective August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Policy for the Department of Public Safety effective August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Freedom of Information copy and supply costs effective August 15, 2007 are as follows: \$0.05 cents per paper copy, \$2.00 per audio tape, \$2.00 per cost of the CD/ DVD and case, \$2.00 per VHS tape. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REVISION TO APPROVE SITE PLAN FOR CROSSROADS VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the revision to site plan for Crossroads Village. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HUNTINGTON BANK AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Huntington Bank at Crossroads Village. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER JFK PROPERTY COMBINATION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to recommend approval of the proposed property combination for parcels identified as EDP# 054-99-0001-005, 054-99-0001-013, 054-01-0045-300, 054-01-0048-300 and 054-01-0165-002 as shown on the survey dated April 16, 2007 revised June 7, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER GRANTING A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER THE EXISTING GREEN DRAIN TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR PARCEL NUMBER 071-059-99-0003-704 (GRIFFIN PARK). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant a permanent drainage easement over the Green Drain from the Charter Township of Canton to the County of Wayne for Tax Number 71-059-99-0003-704, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the document, assignment of permanent easement. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN A PERMANENT 20' WIDE EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING DTE OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES ON PARCEL #71-099-99-0001-705. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the township clerk to sign the easement documents for relocation of Detroit Edison utilities on parcel # 71-099-99-0001-705. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER PROPERTY TRANSFER OF 6.615 ACRES (PARCEL ID#71-099-99-0001-705) TO THE WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITY AUTHORITY (WTUA). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the transfer of ownership for parcel no. 71-099-99-0001-705 from Canton Township to the Western Townships Utility Authority. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE LOWER ROUGE SANITARY RELIEF SEWER TO C&G MYERS INC. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize awarding the contract for construction of the Lower Rouge sanitary relief sewer to C&G Myers Inc. for an amount of \$1,577,820.00 plus a 10% contingency of \$157,782.00 for a total cost of \$1,735,602.00 (account number 592-000-158-0000, Construction in Progress). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR WADE TRIM ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM INSPECTION, ENGINEERING, AND SURVEY SERVICES FOR THE LOWER ROUGE SANITARY RELIEF SEWER PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize creating a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$214,945.00 for Wade Trim Associates to perform the staking, inspection, surveying, material testing and management of the Lower Rouge Relief Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. CONSIDER PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the public sale of Canton Police Department's property room contents, pursuant to Public Act 214 of 1979 contracted through the internet auction services of Property Room, contract may be terminated by either party upon 30-day written notification, all proceeds from sales to be deposited into police

account #207 000 673 0000 sale of fixed assets. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. CONSIDER PAYMENT TO FIRST RESPONSE FOR IS300-400 TRAINING (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT). (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve payment of Invoice #07-05007, First Response, 35560 Grand River, Ste#151, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$12,750 for IS 300 and 400, funds to come from the 2004 Homeland Security Grant forwarded from Wayne County, Michigan; further, to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Revenues Refunds and Rebates 101 000 687 0000 \$13,682 Increase Appropriations Emergency Management 101 426 818 0000 (\$13,682) This budget amendment increases the Emergency Management Division budget from \$77,000 to \$90,682, and General Fund budget from \$27,283,638 to \$27,297,320. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. AWARD BID FOR FIRE HOSE. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the purchase of fire hose equipment to Douglas Safety Systems, 2655 N. M-30, Sanford, MI 48657 in the amount of \$7,896.68 funds to come from fire capital outlay account #206 336 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. AWARD BID FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR GUN RANGE STORAGE BUILDING. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for construction work on the gun range storage building to Canton Construction, 5914 N. Lotz Rd., Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$7,700. Funding to come from Police FY 2007 drug forfeitures account # 207 301 744 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. APPROVE BUILDING SYSTEM AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS AT THE SUMMIT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Building Systems Agreement with Honeywell Building Solutions located at 49116 Wixom Tech Drive, Wixom, MI 48393 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the funds being appropriated from account number 208-757-975-0000, cost center L00070-0000-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. SUMMIT FLOORING REPLACEMENT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the formal bidding process for the replacement of the Summit flooring and approve the quote from Shamrock Floorcovering Services, Inc., 4454 Concourse Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 in the amount of \$39,308.50 and to allocate: • \$20,000 - Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 3). • \$10,000 - Summit Capital Outlay-Building Account #208-757-975-0000 and, • \$9,308.50 available from the Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 1), Aquatic Filter Sand. I further move to authorize the reprogramming of \$9,308.50 from the 2007 Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 1) to Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-000 (Line Item 3). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 15. REQUEST REPAIR FOR ROOFTOP UNIT AT SUMMIT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bid process, authorize the replacement of two (2) compressors for Summit on the Park and award the project to Campbell Inc., 661 Airport Blvd., Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, in the amount of \$15,100 to be taken from Budget Account #208-757-975-0000 Capital Outlay - Building. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 16. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the emergency purchase of chemicals for pythium control at Pheasant Run from Tri-Turf, 3751 Blair Townhall Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684, in the amount of \$7,760. Funds will be taken from Account 584-756-930-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 17. HERITAGE PARK ATHLETIC FIELD. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the revised bid from and award the contract for the Improvements for the Heritage Park Athletic Field to B&V Construction, Inc., 48400 West Road, P.O. Box 930029, Wixom, MI 48393, in the revised bid amount of \$26,204.32. Further I move to authorize the Clerk to sign the Mott Drain Drainage District Permanent Easement Agreement with Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226. I further move to authorize the reprogramming of \$3,154.32 from the 2007 Summit Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-0000 (Line Item 10) to Park Community Improvement Budget Account # 246-750-970-0000 (Line Item 6). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 18. REQUEST UPGRADE FOR BUSINESS SUPERVISOR. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the upgrade for the Leisure Services Business Supervisor from a Grade 6 to a Grade 7 effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 19. TRANSFER REMAINING FUNDS IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of the funds remaining in the following special assessment construction funds, plus interest earned, to the related special assessment debt service funds: Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund, Canton Center to Beck portion \$239,831 Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund, south of Michigan Avenue, \$ 1,570. Cherry Hill Road Construction Fund, Denton to Ridge \$44,408. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for these transfers: Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #803-000-665-2000 \$ 15,000 Appropriation from Fund Balance #803-000-699-0000 226,631 Total \$ 241,631 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to General Fund-Admin fee #803-500-965-1010 \$ 1,800 Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #803-500-965-8530 239,831 Total \$ 241,631 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Saltz Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$241,631. Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #804-000-665-2000 \$ 50 Appropriation from Fund Balance #804-000-699-0000 1,520 Total \$1,570 Increase Appropriations: Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #804-500-965-8530 \$ 1,570 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Lotz Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$1,570. Cherry Hill Road Paving Construction Fund: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #815-000-665-2000 \$ 1,500 Appropriation from Fund Balance #815-000-699-0000 42,908 Total \$44,408 Increase Appropriations: Contribution to SAD Debt Service Fund #815-500-965-8530 \$ 44,408 This budget amendment establishes the 2007 Cherry Hill Road Paving Construction Fund budget at \$44,408. Saltz Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Construction Fund #873-000-676-0000 \$239,831 Appropriation from Fund Balance #873-000-699-0000 (64,272) Total \$175,559 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Fund Balance #873-905-999-0000 \$175,559 This budget amendment increases the 2007 Saltz Road Paving

Debt Service Fund budget from \$184,251 to \$359,810. Lotz Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Construction Fund #874-000-676-8040 \$ 1,570 Appropriation from Fund Balance #874-000-699-0000 (1,570) Total \$ 000 This budget amendment does not increase nor decrease the 2007 Lotz Road Paving Debt Service Fund budget. Cherry Hill Road Paving Debt Service Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Construction Fund #875-000-676-0000 \$ 44,408 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Fund Balance #875-905-999-0000 \$ 44,408 This budget amendment increases the 2007 Cherry Hill Road Paving Debt Service Fund budget from \$306,000 to \$350,408. Saltz Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 1,444,609.58	
Contribution from Wayne County *	0.00	
Contribution from private sources *	266,763.93	
Less transfer to debt svc fund in 2006	-188,289.00	
Interest income	27,008.17	
Total Income		\$1,550,092.68
Construction costs	1,159,649.99	
Contracted services-engineering/staking	111,970.13	
Bond issuance costs	15,992.16	
Administrative fees 1.0%	20,849.68	
Total Expenditures		1,308,461.96
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		241,630.72

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special assessment: Lotz Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 662,107.24	
Contribution from Wayne County *	0.00	
Interest income	358.90	
Total Income		\$ 662,466.14
Construction costs	604,796.23	
Contracted services	48,800.00	
Bond issuance costs	7,310.13	
Administrative fees 1.0%	0.00	
Total Expenditures		660,906.36
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		\$ 1,559.78

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special assessment.

Cherry Hill Road Paving Special Assessment Fund:

Proceeds from Bond sale	\$ 2,006,463.43	
Contribution from private sources *	0.00	
Interest income	7,305.76	
Total Income		\$ 2,013,769.19
Construction costs	1,946,513.58	
Bond issuance costs	22,386.39	
Legal fees	951.40	
Administrative fees 1.0%	0	
Total Expenditures		1,969,851.37
Balance for transfer to debt service fund		\$ 43,907.82

*Contributions applied to Debt Service Fund as payment in lieu of special assessment. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 20. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2007 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2008 BUDGETS. (FBD)** Deleted from the agenda. **Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT - WATER & SEWER FUND - WTUA CAPITAL. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase the budget line item for WTUA capital repair charges: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$41,459 Increase Appropriations: WTUA Capital Charges #592-441-969-0000 \$41,459 This budget amendment-increases the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$31,158,536 to \$31,199,995. Amounts paid to date: Instrumentation upgrade \$ 10,894.54 Variable frequency drives 6,059.12 Pump repl-lower rouge 4,656.22 Pump repl-middle rouge 162,022.87 Flow meters FE-44 major repairs 12,152.11 Flow meters FE-45 major repairs 24,806.25 Total Paid to Date \$ 220,591.11 Additional amount estimated 41,333.12 Total Estimated cost \$ 261,924.23 Motion carried unanimously. **Item 22. BUDGET AMENDMENT - ROAD PAVING FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget: Decrease Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #403-000-699-0000 \$440,000 Decrease Appropriations: Construction #403-506-969-0000 \$300,000 Road Right of Way Costs 403-506-969-1000 140,000 Total \$440,000 This budget amendment decreases the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget from \$3,426,184 to \$2,986,184. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 23. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ROAD PAVING FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the budget for the millage transfer for road improvement projects: Increase Revenues: Current taxes #101-000-403-0000 \$ 5,114 Increase Appropriations: Contribution to Capital Projects Road Paving Fund #101-959-965-4030 \$ 5,114 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out budget from \$2,946,440 to \$2,951,554, and the General Fund budget from \$27,278,624 to \$27,283,738. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 24. SALE OF PARCEL 134-99-0015-000, 0.25 ACRES, LOCATED NORTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE AND EAST OF CANTON CENTER ROAD TO CANTON DEVELOPMENT LLC. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Charter Township of Canton approve the sale of parcel # 134-99-0015-000 (0.25 acres) to Canton Development LLC., 8351 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI. 48185 for a purchase price of \$35,000.00 (Public Improvement Fund #245-000-671-0000 Sale of Property). I further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the closing documents. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** There will be no Study Session on August 21, 2007. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on August 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

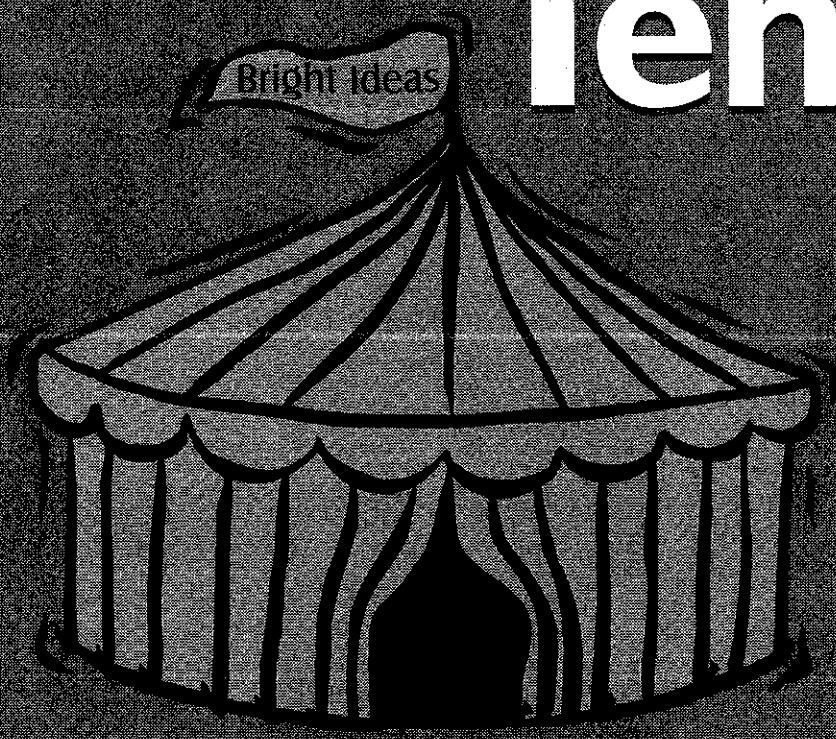
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Robert M. Meisner

Q. We are building a fitness center in our community clubhouse and want to make sure that it complies with fair housing laws. Do you have any suggestions?

A. You should consult with legal counsel who has knowledge of the fair housing laws before making any of the rules. Here are some general ideas:

- (1) Make sure that the rules are reasonable and promote legitimate goals;
- (2) Base rule specifics on objective criteria;
- (3) Target rules at behavior, but not at people;
- (4) Prominently post the rules and basis for them;
- (5) Enforce the rules properly and consistently; and
- (6) Make sure your rules comply with state and local law.

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WE'RE MOVING?

Help children adjust to move, educators say

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In her 37 years in education as a teacher and administrator, Helene Lusa of Livonia doesn't remember a child having major problems with a move.

"There were kids who had bumps, don't get me wrong," said Lusa, an assistant professor in the educational leadership department of Saginaw Valley State University. She recalls her time in the Livonia Public Schools — and how good kids were to new arrivals, making them feel welcome.

"I complimented them because that's what they were doing." Few families were transient in Livonia, added Lusa, making their school lives easier.

Lusa, who earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership and policy from Wayne State University, had 11 years in the Livonia schools, over 20 in the Garden City district, and shorter stints in South Redford and Wayne-Westland.

'All those things will help the student feel more comfortable with the move. Our experience has really been that it's much easier for the children than it is for the parents.'

GREG BARACY, Wyane-Westland district superintendent

She recalled how the Livonia elementaries where she worked had programs for new students.

"We would always identify who the new families were." Families could tour the schools. "We'd answer any questions they might have," Lusa said.

"It's hard for kids. The older they are, the harder it is. Older children struggle with it."

She's seen over the years many families moving when children complete third or sixth grade. "They're reluctant to uproot their older children, especially if they're doing well in school."

The current economy's a factor, Lusa noted, with some families forced to

move for job reasons.

She encourages parents to be as honest as they can with children about reasons for a move. Kids can look at homes with their parents, voicing their views on the new home.

"You can almost always tour a school." Often, parents like to see a school when students are in class, and it's possible to make a connection with the administrator there, Lusa said.

Longtime educator Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy, also an Ed.D. from Wayne State University, agreed parents can do a lot to help children adjust to a move.

"They need to help their children

acclimate themselves to the new school," Baracy said. He recommends a visit to the new school and grounds.

Baracy urges parents to get involved in the school PTA or PTO, and to go to school events. Contact with principals, "and let(ing) them know they're new to the community," will help as will visits online to the school Web site with kids.

"All those things will help the student feel more comfortable with the move," said Baracy, who like Lusa hasn't seen families have major problems with moves.

"Our experience has really been that it's much easier for the children than it is for the parents." Research backs that up, Baracy said.

He's seen some recent economic impact, but not too much.

"Move ins and outs are not unusually high," Baracy said. "There's a fair number of them, and the economy has affected some of our families." The district has lost some students to other states, and other parts of Michigan.

What to do before you put your home up for sale

(NAPSI) — When selling your house, you may first think about how your house looks from the outside, but inner beauty is also important. Fortunately, there's a lot you can do for relatively little money that can make your home stand out to prospective buyers.

So, what can you do to improve the appeal of your home? Before rushing

to purchase expensive new flooring and countertops, the experts at Budget Blinds, the nation's leading custom window covering franchise, offer these cost-effective suggestions:

■ **Clean up** — A tidy home is more appealing than a messy one. Take a good look at your window treatments. Are the draperies dingy, the blinds banged up, the shutters shabby?

Perhaps replacing your treatments with new ones will do the trick.

■ **Depersonalize rooms** — There's a reason white and off-white are the leading colors for window treatments — they're safe. Replacing the pink and orange floral draperies in your little girl's room with a simple roller shade will allow the couple to decide for themselves whose room it will be.

■ **Update your look** — If your window treatments are still stuck in the '90s, refreshing them with a new cellular shade or faux wood horizontal blinds may be helpful in moving your property faster.

■ **Create a focal point** — If you have a great view, call attention to it by bundling your window treatments. Bundling is the practice of combining

two classic window treatments on one window. For example, layer a sheer drapery panel over a roller shade or window shading to add drama. Further, use draperies to visually lengthen a short window or camouflage a harsh angle.

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CLASS & ELEGANCE This private home retreat is nestled on a wooded triple lot offering a gourmet cherry kit w/high end appl's, enchanting garden rm, master bath w/rock crystal fixtures & marble, heated floors, & so much more. **\$774,500 (P-319HI)**

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DESIRABLE RANCH Open & spacious ranch featuring Great Room w/french doors, fireplace, hwd floors in Foyer & Kitchen, granite in Kit & bath, prof finished bsmt, & 2 tier Deck. **\$389,900 (P-798HU)**

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YOU'LL BE PROUD TO OWN THIS! Great value & move in ready! Well maintained, 3 bd, 1 bath, updated windows, C/A, roof, 2.5 car Garage, hwh, counters, driveway, carpet, & large upstairs. Seller flexible! **\$114,900 (C-418CO)**

BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION Great new construction condo featuring a GR w/skating ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful mstr w/sitting area, gorgeous kit, private entry, private basement, & great location. More units avail, call for details. **\$212,400 (P-750CO)**

STOP THE CAR! You'll love this gorgeous brick ranch! 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen & bath, freshly painted, hwd floors, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & spacious backyard! **\$109,900 (C-343CO)**

QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & home warranty offered. **\$157,900 (C-596DE)**

ENJOY THE VIEW Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on a peaceful lot. Formal living & dining room, huge family room w/gas frpl, great Kitchen w/island & all appliances. Master suite, 2.5 car Garage, C/A, sprinklers, & Deck. **\$274,000 (C-440EM)**

WALK TO DOWNTOWN Completely remodeled ranch w/2 Garages, enormous Kitchen w/fireplace, 3 full baths, new furnace & C/A, new flooring, updated elec, & minutes from downtown Plymouth shopping & events. **\$399,900 (P-698EV)**

WALK TO DOWNTOWN Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath home on cul de sac. Open fir plan, hwd, prof landscaping, redwood deck, updated bdr, 1st fl mstr formal dining, newer furn, & lots of storage space. Great for entertaining. **\$339,900 (P-360FA)**

SPACIOUS COLONIAL Westland 3 bd home w/Family Room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, great backyard, & large covered Patio. **\$189,500 (P-625FA)**

MOVE RIGHT IN! Freshly painted 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a large Deck off Family Room, Patio, 1/3 acre lot, convenient location, & home warranty included. **\$229,500 (P-944FA)**

GORGEOUS CUSTOM HOME One of a kind home loaded w/custom features on premium secluded lot. Lg kit/sunrm w/silestone counters, Mstr w/oversized tub, fin bsmt w/2nd Kit & hottub w/built-in ceramic Deck. **\$484,900 (P-821FA)**

DARLING BUNGALOW Why rent when you can own this charming home. Totally updated top to bottom, updated roof & windows, move in ready, perfect for 1st time buyers. **\$99,900 (P-172HA)**

GREAT LOCATION 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/Northville mailing address. Formal Liv Rm, Din Rm, Fam Rm, walkout bsmt, 3 car Garage, & private commons yard. All offers considered. **\$319,000 (P-200HE)**

ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN Extra large master on the upper level & 2 bedrooms on the main level. Hwd, new windows & roof, kitchen w/nook, fenced yard w/hot tub & 2 car garage. Also for lease. **\$114,900 (C-468IN)**

RANCH W/GREAT VALUE! Don't miss a deal on this well kept home w/beautifully updated Bath, Kitchen, windows, furnace, roof, driveway, hwh, great fenced yard w/shed, & much more. **\$129,900 (C-025IV)**

LOVELY COLONIAL 4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Room w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything. **\$214,900 (C-407LA)**

A MUST SEE 2 bd, 2 bath ground floor condo offering a private entrance, new Pergo, fresh paint, new appliances, private laundry room, Patio, & very very clean. **\$129,000 (C-547LI)**

PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME! Upper end unit condo in popular Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, large laundry room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/balcony, Kitchen w/appl's, & priced just right! **\$107,000 (P-672LI)**

TOP SHELF! This home is impeccable inside & out! Wooded lot offering a Flagstone Patio off the great Deck, updated roof & hwh, skylights, 1st fl laundry, & more. **\$289,990 (C-151ME)**

TURN KEY BEAUTY Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Family Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/2nd Kitchen & egress window. A must see! **\$199,900 (P-548MO)**

IT'S A GEM! This 2 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy. **\$139,900 (P-403NE)**

CHARM & ELEGANCE This 3 bd, 2 bath home is loaded w/extras! Granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, Master w/updated bath, refinished hwd floors, new siding, paver Patio, & nice landscaping. **\$199,999 (C-430PA)**

EXCELLENT LOCATION Live in fabulous Whitmore Lake. End unit ranch condo offers hwd floors, Master w/bath & WIC, Great Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, doorwall leads to covered Deck, & finished bsmt. **\$179,900 (C-024PI)**

THIS ONE STANDS OUT This gorgeous ranch is being offered for the 1st time since 1963! Completely updated, Fam Rm in finished bsmt, fireplace, 2 baths, & too much more to list. **\$144,500 (C-242RO)**

SWEET CANTON CONDO One of the last condos built in Canton Forest. 2 car attached Garage, full bsmt, 1st fl laundry, Kitchen w/nook, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, & Master w/private bath. **\$179,900 (C-270SA)**

PRIME DEARBORN LOCATION Walk to Ford, Dearborn schools, & new shopping mall. 3 bd Cape cod, 1950 sq ft, Fam Rm, 2 baths, dream Kitchen, Patio, 2.5 car Garage, & 15 landscaping awards. A must see! **\$219,900 (C-001BN)**

SUPER CLEAN RANCH Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, Fam Room w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kitchen, finished bsmt, & Patio w/hot tub. **\$149,900 (C-429TR)**

CUSTOM BRICK RANCH 1800 sq ft of WOW best describes this 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/Livonia Schools. Gourmet Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, Deck w/view of nature preserve, finished bsmt, & Garage. **\$264,500 (C-530WA)**

DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy. **\$169,900 (C-908WI)**

LOTS OF ROOM 3 bd ranch offering a wonderful Kitchen & dining area, huge Great Room, skylights, private lot, & Master w/bath. A must see! **\$189,900 (C-515WI)**

GREAT HOUSE Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, newer carpet, vinyl windows, beautiful finished bsmt w/glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks. **\$189,000 (C-569AY)**

CORNER LOT Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Patio, & more. **\$119,900 (C-208BA)**

A MUST SEE! Fantastic like new ranch, 3 bd, 2.5 bath, ceramic Foyer, barber carpet, hwd floors, LR w/frpl, large Master w/bath, bsmt w/glass block, 2 car Garage, & nice landscaping. **\$245,000 (C-662BE)**

LARGE WESTLAND RANCH Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. Also for lease. **\$124,900 (C-900CA)**

DESIRABLE LOCATION Chase Farms proudly presents this spacious colonial. Foyer w/hwd, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, formal LR/DR, Master w/luxury bath, 1st fl laund, crown molding, & finished walkout. **\$429,900 (C-053DU)**

LUXURY CONDO Located in a private wooded setting to be enjoyed from the Deck or paver patio. Sensational finished walkout, polished oak floors, Anderson Windows, 1st fl Master, & custom window treatments. **\$443,900 (P-765EA)**

PRICED TO SELL Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. **\$124,900 (C-860PI)**

LIVONIA SCHOOLS New on the market! 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial offering a large Kitchen, ceramic floors, crown molding, Library, new neutral carpet & paint, & a very scenic private lot. **\$272,900 (C-195FO)**

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakeshore Village. Updated Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty included. **\$199,800 (C-218GR)**

COUNTRY RANCH Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 2 acres w/week winding thru it. Great location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list. **\$449,900 (C-150HA)**

HISTORIC VICTORIAN Must see 4 bd home nestled on almost 2 acres. Privacy in every direction. Formal Parlor, 2 full baths, large Kitchen, separate living space on 2nd floor w/kitchenette, Pole Barn, & many updates. **\$239,900 (C-325HA)**

LIVONIA SCHOOLS Very cute & clean condo offering updates to. Neutral decor, new carpet, windows, appliances included, association pays water, great view of pond, & convenient location. **\$66,000 (C-335WO)**

SPARKLING COLONIAL Beautifully updated kitchen w/oak cabinetry, bright Living Rm w/pergo style floor, vaulted Family Rm w/frpl & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard. Really nice. **\$200,000 (C-371BE)**

GREAT STARTER Charming ranch w/hwd floors, 3 large bds, deep fenced yard, appliances stay, & 1200 sq ft of living space. Beautiful landscaping w/mature trees & perennials, & just a short trip to downtown Plymouth. **\$599,000 (P-017BA)**

GORGEOUS COLONIAL Beautiful Colony Farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/numerous updates. Close to schools & parks, beautiful landscaping w/mature trees & perennials, & just a short trip to downtown Plymouth. **\$599,000 (P-017BA)**

GREAT BUY Beautiful 3 bd home w/lots of updates inc. newer furnace, water heater, 1st fl windows, kitchen floor, fresh paint, finished bsmt, & home warranty provided. **\$75,000 (P-411BE)**

THIS HOME HAS IT ALL Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck. **\$250,000 (P-700CA)**

A DREAM IN THE MAKING Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for! A great lot in Westland w/Livonia schools. New construction in the area & another new one on the way. All amenities nearby. **\$45,000 (P-203FR)**

VALUE PACKED COLONIAL This home offers a large private backyard, open floor plan, freshly painted, 3 spacious bds, part finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, inrm occupancy, & more. **\$189,900 (P-261GL)**

ONE LOOK IS ALL IT WILL TAKE! Come see this fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in sought after Sunflower. Plentiful updates inc. roof, furnace, carpet, Deck for entertaining, fenced yard, lavish landscaping, & area clubhouse w/pool & tennis. **\$264,900 (P-897HA)**

SUPER SUPER SHARP! Outstanding home w/fresh paint, new carpet, Pergo flooring, new Garage, updated roof, hwh, & concrete, all appliances stay, home warranty, & inrm occupancy. **\$109,900 (P-997HA)**

ALMOST NEW! Freshly painted 2 bd condo w/quality berber carpet, huge Great Room w/skating ceiling, balcony w/nice view, oak Kitchen w/updated appl's, Master w/luxury bath, & 1 yr warranty! **\$132,900 (C-589MA)**

LOTS OF UPDATES Awesome open Kitchen is updated w/new cabs, corian, & new flooring. Main bath has new tub surround & flooring, perg floors, new furnace, hwh, great yard, & great neighborhood. **\$159,500 (C-417MI)**

PERFECTLY MAINTAINED Open foyer w/hwd, gourmet Kit w/nook, formal Dining w/bay window, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, great Deck w/hot tub in fenced yard, & convenient location. **\$238,000 (P-325QU)**

BETTER THAN NEW! This luxury home offers more than you could imagine! Dramatic 2 story foyer, circular staircase, Master w/sitting area, Liv Rm w/frpl, granite Kitchen, Liv Rm, finished bsmt, & Patio. **\$725,000 (P-131SU)**

NEW CONSTRUCTION You won't find a deal like this anywhere! Base model includes gourmet Kitchen w/granite & stainless, hwd floors, glamour bath w/granite, 15x14 brick paver Patio, sod, sprink, custom landscaping, & more. Starting at \$250,000 **\$250,000 (P-262TE)**

LOCATION LOCATION! Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth colonial featuring Fam Rm w/frpl, updated roof, siding, elec, & windows. Formal Dining & Living Rms, ceramic Foyer, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced yard w/Deck. **\$250,000 (P-989TH)**

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Gorgeous condo w/hickory hwd, gourmet Kitchen w/eating area, Liv Rm w/marble frpl, large Master Suite w/WIC, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, & more. **\$125,000 (P-801VI)**

CHARMING BUNGALOW Check out this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home priced under market value! Hwd floors, Master w/large closets & built-ins, finished bsmt, Garage w/workbench, covered Patio, & fenced yard. **\$89,900 (P-519VI)**

LOOKING FOR A DEAL? Here it is! Stunning Brighton home on acre lot. 4 bds, large Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Liv & Din Rms, Master w/private bath, updated roof, furnace, windows, siding, hwh, & more. **\$200,000 (P-898WA)**

STUNNING COLONIAL 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod in popular Plymouth sub. 2 story foyer, huge island Kitchen w/nook, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, neutral decor, & prof landscaped. **\$328,000 (P-964WE)**

BUILD IT YOUR WAY! Here's a chance to have the home you want! Great lots avail w/67.5 ft frontage located in residential area of established homes. These lots are hard to come by and won't last long. **\$45,000 (P-853GA)**

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Selling your home in a buyer's market

(NAPSI) — Selling a home can be a daunting task for any homeowner and in a "buyer's market" the process can feel overwhelming. While many sellers think that homebuyers have the upper hand, with a little patience and a few helpful tips from GMAC Real Estate, you can successfully sell your home.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

The No. 1 factor in the sale of your home and one of the most critical elements of the sales process is setting the asking price. While you want to get the most appreciation from the sale of your home, you also want to be realistic when setting your price.

"Sellers need to work with an experienced real estate professional who can help them establish a realistic value and price for their home," said Lane Barnett, president and CEO of GMAC Real Estate Franchise Operations. "Setting a price that is unrealistic and too high can reduce agent and buyer interest, and can make other competing homes look like a better value."

On the flip side, it's critical to not underprice your home when looking to sell. Your real estate agent will research and provide you with data on current market conditions in your area.

REMODEL

Remodeling is a great way to increase your home's value in a more

challenging market. Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom generally offers the highest percentage return on your initial investment according to numerous industry surveys. Another rule of thumb is to decorate your home so it appeals to the broadest number of potential buyers. Buyers generally prefer neutral, mainstream designs, so avoid bold colors or patterns or out-of-date designs that can make it harder to sell. New paint, a nicely mowed lawn and attractive landscaping can go a long way in enhancing your home's curb appeal.

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

Hire a home inspector to help you identify any potential problems before you put your house on the market. Also, make sure your home complies with all local housing codes.

PRESENTATION IS KEY

The presentation of your home when you are listing it plays an important role in attracting a buyer. As with choosing an asking price, look at the condition of your home through a buyer's perspective.

"Sellers need to understand the importance of how their home looks to prospective buyers and really need to put themselves into the shoes of the buying public," Barnett said. "Potential buyers

will examine every nook and cranny of your house as they begin to think about making a purchase."

OVERALL MARKETING

Your real estate agent will prepare your listing for the multiple listing service as well as create an advertisement for the Internet and any materials that will be made available to those who visit your house. More and more, the first impression of your home that many potential buyers have comes from it being seen on the Internet. It is important to offer a wide variety of photos of both the inside and outside of your home. A 360-degree virtual tour of your home is another popular choice to consider. Also, the description of your house needs to be accurate and complete to grab the attention of the potential homebuyer.

When selling your home, remember that an experienced real estate professional can help you sell your home not only for the highest price, but also in the shortest time. Your agent should serve as your trusted adviser, your skilled negotiator and your marketing coordinator every step of the way. From pricing to closing day, these professionals can make you seem like a pro at selling in a buyer's market. For more information or to find a realtor nearby, go to <http://www.gmacrealestate.com>.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 23-27, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton					
300 Avium Ln	\$214,000	36841 Clarita St	\$229,000	41570 Hamlet Ln	\$220,000
2217 Brookfield St	\$275,000	14475 Ellen Dr	\$200,000	41572 Hamlet Ln	\$210,000
48605 Central Park Dr	\$412,000	31710 Fairfax St	\$190,000	23541 Londonderry	\$173,000
50550 Coolidge St	\$80,000	30048 Five Mile Rd	\$155,000	41103 N McMahon Cir	\$172,000
48097 Covington Ct	\$362,000	11021 Flamingo St	\$134,000	25599 Portico Ln	\$217,000
1963 Knollwood Dr	\$139,000	20116 Gary Ln	\$315,000	1155 S Lake Dr	\$80,000
49552 Lansdowne St	\$384,000	9614 Hubbard St	\$182,000	25200 Sutton Ct	\$573,000
47816 Lindenhurst Blvd	\$380,000	18111 Lathers St	\$182,000	30213 Viewcrest	\$300,000
47060 Lyndon Ave	\$365,000	9105 Melrose St	\$158,000	30238 Viewcrest	\$327,000
47459 Madison Rd	\$413,000	18425 Middlebelt Rd	\$140,000	30193 Viewcrest Ct	\$338,000
48366 Manhattan Cir	\$415,000	15910 Norwich St	\$245,000	24081 Westmont Dr	\$371,000
8758 N Canton Center Rd	\$225,000	29574 Oakley St	\$183,000		
1904 Pinacraft Dr	\$152,000	28830 Olson St	\$140,000		
2245 Pinacraft Dr	\$178,000	27653 Perth St	\$158,000		
7497 Pointe Dr	\$194,000	38231 Richland St	\$175,000		
45312 Prestbury Rd	\$215,000	18901 Westmore St	\$180,000		
48581 Rockefeller Dr	\$368,000	9376 Westwind Dr	\$198,000		
46974 Southgate Dr	\$310,000				
6165 Stonetree Dr	\$197,000				
47903 Stratford Ct	\$345,000				
3024 Wakefield Ct	\$338,000				
495 Waterview Ct	\$400,000				
Farmington					
31831 Grand River Ave	\$37,000				
32326 Grand River Ave	\$256,000				
22973 Mayfield St	\$260,000				
32200 Shiawassee Rd	\$147,000				
Farmington Hills					
29187 Autumn Rdg	\$289,000				
22070 Cape Cod Way	\$115,000				
28777 Eton Glen	\$240,000				
34730 Fendt St	\$176,000				
28630 Glenbrook Dr	\$260,000				
23540 Glencrest Dr	\$183,000				
37501 Glengrove Dr	\$200,000				
28116 Kendallwood Dr	\$205,000				
21195 Lujon Dr	\$285,000				
21390 Magnolia Ct	\$200,000				
21515 Orchard Lake Rd	\$165,000				
28058 Quail Hollow Rd	\$190,000				
37453 Turnberry Ct	\$659,000				
Garden City					
28832 Block St	\$110,000				
28815 Elmwood St	\$169,000				
5750 Helen St	\$150,000				
Livonia					
920 Hickory Ridge Cir	\$167,000				
4307 W Highland Rd	\$157,000				
Northville					
46920 Seven Mile Rd	\$425,000				
22040 Beck Rd	\$3,250,000				
44854 Broadmoor Cir S	\$350,000				
40613 Coachwood Cir	\$435,000				
44051 Cypress Point Dr	\$200,000				
39446 Edgewater Dr	\$235,000				
48050 Four Seasons Blvd	\$173,000				
48781 Freestone Dr	\$181,000				
937 Jeffrey Dr	\$240,000				
49904 Parkside Dr	\$100,000				
16988 Winchester Dr	\$305,000				
Novi					
27629 Albert St	\$310,000				
50598 Billenia Dr	\$500,000				
25616 Buckminster Dr	\$280,000				
24352 Cavendish Ave W	\$450,000				
22723 Cortes St	\$124,000				
22723 Cranbrooke Dr	\$125,000				
26403 Crestwood Dr	\$584,000				
Plymouth					
1195 Ann Arbor	\$161,000				
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$50,000				
820 Starkweather St	\$206,000				
Redford					
9182 Appleton	\$98,000				
10044 Brady	\$110,000				
9596 Centralia	\$97,000				
18681 Garfield	\$104,000				
8989 Hemingway	\$150,000				
15896 Kinloch	\$105,000				
9084 Riverdale	\$180,000				
9003 Rockland	\$124,000				
9944 Virgil	\$86,000				
25858 Westfield	\$146,000				
South Lyon					
807 Glen Meadows Dr	\$407,000				
23775 Point O Woods Ct	\$470,000				
1180 Shetland Dr	\$274,000				
53762 Shinnecock Dr	\$490,000				
61190 Tapsfield Ln	\$245,000				
24750 Wedgewood Dr	\$480,000				
Westland					
2075 Alanson St	\$100,000				
39364 Armstrong Ln	\$182,000				
1234 Berkshire St	\$150,000				
33540 Birchawn	\$225,000				
29208 Manchester St	\$75,000				
7649 Melvin Ave	\$149,000				
645 N Linville St	\$143,000				
33000 Palmer Rd	\$330,000				
7689 Rivergate Dr	\$130,000				
31906 Saginaw Ct	\$100,000				
31219 Stephen Ave	\$175,000				
34128 Tomahawk Dr	\$145,000				
38221 Warren Rd	\$125,000				

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BIA 'Best shot'

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelers Council will hold "Give It Your Best Shot," its 12th Annual Shoot Out on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road, in Walled Lake. Registration fees are \$118 per person which includes two rounds of shooting skeet or trap targets, 100 rounds of sporting clays, six boxes of shells, hot buffet lunch, and refreshments/snacks. Sponsorships are available. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

More BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR), presents a Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza on Wednesday, Sept.

19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andiamo Italia Banquet Center, 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. The networking event will assist builders and realtors with contacts needed to help sell homes. Registration fees are \$50 for BIA builders which include a table top display and two attendees. Additional attendees are \$15 each. There is no charge for MCAR Realtor members to attend. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronne in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Builder's pre-license class offered in Rochester

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar

offered by Rochester Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Educational Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 11, 13, 18, 20, from 6-10 p.m. at Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken Road, Rochester. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Sept. 7, to Rochester Community Education. Call 248-726-3165 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Educational Seminars teach building courses in 29 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's pre-license class offered at Henry Ford CC

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The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Sept. 7, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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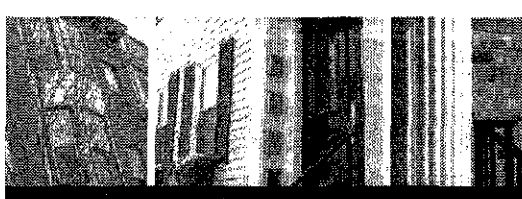
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#3) Fri-Sat, Aug 24-25, 18-4, 31933 Kings Wood, St. Hunsley Ridge, Farmington Hills - S. off 14 Mile, W. of Orchard Lk. Leather sectional, sofa bed, marble top tables, desk unit, leather king bed, antique mahogany bdrm set, if. TVs, tools, appliances, sports, clothing, art & much more!

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GARDEN CITY 6545 Golfview, Maplewood/Merriman. Aug. 25-26, 9-3. Books (incl. cook books/decorating), videos (incl. fitness/kids), household items.

GARDEN CITY-My trash, your treasure? Appliances, furniture, misc. Bring lots of cash! Thurs-Fri. 8-3pm. 28826 Sheridan-Weather permitting.

LIVONIA-1 day only garage sale. Multi Family. Sat 8/25: 9-4, 29817 Barkley. Baby girl/toddler boy clothes/gear/toys. Yard, tools, household. MUST SEE. Off Middlebelt bwn 5 & 6 Mile

LIVONIA 14040 Cardwell, W. of Inkster, N. of I-96. Aug. 24-25, 10-4pm. Something for everyone!

LIVONIA - 14461 Melvin, off Middlebelt bwn 96 and 5 Mile. Aug. 24-26, 8-5pm. Collectibles, household items, furniture and much more!

LIVONIA-18855 Bainbridge. S of 7 Mile, bwn Merriman & Middlebelt. Items available: toys, games, tools, clothes, children's furniture and much more. 8/23-8/25, 8-5pm.

LIVONIA-2 Family Sale 8/23-8/25 9:00 to 4:00. 34735 Standish St. Plymouth and Stark area. Girls clothing AE, A&F, Hollister and more. Boys clothing various sizes. Air hockey table, coffee and end tables, bed frames and headboards, much misc.

LIVONIA-2 house sale! Fri-Sun, 10-6pm. 16739 Yorkshire, 6 Mile/Hubbard. Wood-chipper, tools, cartop carrier, clothes, skates, toys, etc.

LIVONIA 27615 Barkley, N. of Lyndon & W. of Inkster. Furniture, LP's & 45's, Avon, luggage, bikes, tools, toys, more! Fri/Sat., 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA AUG 23-25 8-3pm: 35648 Dover, Ann Arbor Tr/Vaughn, play pen, toys, antique pitcher/washbasin, collectibles, records, housewares, books, electronics

LIVONIA-AUG 23-25, Thurs-Sat., 9-5pm. 8945 & 8951 Pere, N. off Joy Rd. W. of Hix. Girls clothes, furniture, household & more

LIVONIA- Aug. 24-29 & Sept. 4-8. 9am-6pm. Jewelry, clothes, China, furniture, more. 33460 Six Mile, W/Farmington.

LIVONIA Aug. 25-27, 9am-5pm. 31440 Joy Rd. W. of Merriman, north side of Joy Road.

LIVONIA Aug. 25th only, 8-4. 34201 Six M. Rd. across from Stevenson High school. Girls pre-teen items, crafts, housewares, hardware & more.

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LIVONIA- GARAGE SALE Aug. 24-25, Fri. 9-4pm, Sat. 9-3pm. 14851 Ellen. Baby clothes & gear, furniture, Levan & 5 Mile.

LIVONIA- Household Items, furniture, kid's stuff. Aug. 24, Fri. 9-4. Aug. 25: Sat. 9-3. 8988 Cavell, bwn Joy & W Chicago, must enter from Inkster Rd.

LIVONIA Multi-Family 2 House Fund Raiser For Youth Group Scrap booking items, small appliances, organizers, stuffed animals, tools, household, books, toys, glassware, tons more! Louise St., Livonia, 4 bks W of Middlebelt, S of 8 Mile. Sat., Aug. 25, 9am-5pm, Sun., Aug. 26, 11am-5pm.

LIVONIA-NAME BRANDS Aug 23 & 25, 9-5. New clothes, gifts, furniture, kid's stuff & much more! 27641 Barkley St. Inkster Rd & Lyndon.

LIVONIA - TRI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Thurs-Sun., Aug. 23-26, 10am-5pm. 14755 Ronnie Lane, 5 Mile & Levan.

LIVONIA-We're back! 32014 Maine, N/Joy, W/Merriman. Mint cond. girls clothing, baby items, furniture, antiques & more. Sat. Aug. 25, 9-5pm

NORTHVILLE 310 Orchard Dr., 7 Mile & Sheldon Rd. Aug. 24-26th, 9-5pm. Power tools, household misc., & much, much more!

NOVI Huge 5 Family Garage Sale! Toys, books, furniture and much more! 23034 Ennishore, Novi, 9 Mile & Meadowbrook. 9am-5pm Thurs 8/23-Sat 8/25.

PLYMOUTH ESTATE SALE 44727 Erik Pass, Off Sheldon, N of Joy Furniture, vintage & household items, silver, linens, Sat.-Sun. Aug. 25-26, 9am-4pm.

PLYMOUTH- Garage/Estate Multi family, Household, furniture, misc. 11900 Leighwood S off Ann Arbor Tr. W/ Canton Center. Aug. 23-25, 9am

PLYMOUTH - Garage/Estate Sale. Huge selection of quality jewelry, shoes, & accessories. Household items, leaf sweeper. 1411 Woodland Place. Aug. 24-25, 10-5pm. S. of Ann Arbor Trail, E. of Sheldon, bwn Evergreen & McKinley.

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale 1782 Lexington, August 24th, 8am-3pm. Bikes, games, misc.

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PLYMOUTH -Huge sale. Thurs-Sat. 9-5pm. Retired K teacher. Household, clothing, electronics, etc. 13285 Latherton Dr., W/Beck, S/North Territorial.

PLYMOUTH Large Garage Sale at 1726 Nantucket, Sheldon & N. Territorial Rd. Furniture, antiques, household items. Thurs. 8/23-Sat. 8/25. 8:00-4:00.

Plymouth Multi family Quality antiques, nice home decor and accessories, children's clothing and toys. Aug. 23 & 24 (8-4), 4936 Pine Ridge Dr. (N of Ann Arbor Rd. W off Ridge)

PLYMOUTH Ridgewood Hills Sub, off Ann Arbor Rd., W. of Beck. Aug. 23-25, 8-5. 49100 Pinehill Dr., enter N. on Hillcrest, left at stop sign. Multi-Family. Antiques/collectibles, furniture, clothing, electronics, home decor, cookbooks, Party Lite goods, kitchenware, lawn tools, more!

PLYMOUTH TOWN APTS Huge slightly used, yard sale. Everything from A-Z. Aug. 24, 10-4. 107 Haggerty, Corner of Plymouth and Haggerty.

REDFORD 19789 Negaunee (N7 Mile, E/Inkster) 8/23-8/25, 9am-5pm. Household items, clothes (name brand), Toys, ETC.

REDFORD Fri-Sun., 8/24-8/26, 9am-5pm. 13592 Berwyn, W. of Beack, S off Schoolcraft/198 Service Drive, Cric, Crafts, Party-Lite, Kids' Clothes, Toys, Housewares & MORE!!

REDFORD GARAGE SALE Richmond Sub, On Tecumseh, 2nd blk, E of Inkster. 3 homes. Aug. 23-25, 9-6pm. NO EARLY BIRDS.

REDFORD - Multi-Family Garage Sale. Aug. 23-26, 9-5pm. Yugio cards, Beanie Babies, porcelain dolls, glass and tables, stove, new turkey deep fryer, food dehydrator, bike trailer for 2 children, boy's clothes (size 4-7), toys, lots of everything. 19525 Five Points, bwn Beack & Telegraph & 8 Mile & Grand River.

ROCHESTER 1532 Biggers. Tienken/Livemore Aug. 23-25, 8am-4pm. Furniture, Electronics, Household Items.

Rochester Hills Aug. 24&25, 9-2. 2835 Culbertson Ave Downsizing Sale! Lots of household items that must go!

ROCHESTER HILLS Couch, recliner, misc. furniture, household. Fri.-Sun., 9am-4pm. 1822 Marlowe at Gerald (Auburn/Dequindre).

SOUTHFIELD Entertainment Unit, Boy's bikes & toys. 30480 Woodgate (S. 13 Mile/E. Evergreen) Sat. 9:30-5pm, Sun., 2-5pm.

SOUTHFIELD - Estate Sale Aug. 23-27, 8-7pm. 24825 Green Valley, 2 bks. W. of Lahser, S. of 10 MI. Fabric, patterns, china, household.

TROY *8 Family Garage Sale Troy* Aug. 23, 24, 25, 8am-7pm. 4999 HydePark. First house on street (Long Lake bwn John R./Dequindre) Furniture, books, toys, clothes, electronics, educational items, sports, video games, digital cameras, 100lb. punch bag, riding mower, electric keyboard, computers and more.

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TROY - Local Organization Garage Sale Fri.-Sat., Aug. 24-25, 8am-4pm. 445 Ottawa. Children's clothing, toys, games, books, CDs, VHS, household items.

TROY MULTI FAMILY, All in one location. Thurs-Sat. Aug. 23-25, 9-5pm. 1924 Stoney Cove Ct. W. side of John R, 2 bks N of long lake.

W. BLOOMFIELD-Collectibles, quilt magazines, various items. Aug. 23-24, 9-6pm & Aug. 25, 9-4pm. 5838 Shillingham, W/Farmington, S/Walnut Lk.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 3 Locations! Fri. 8/24 & Sat. 8/25 10am-4pm. 4691 Rolling Ridge (S off Lone Pine, between Middlebelt/Orchard Lake, 452 Wendell (W. off Middlebelt, between Lone Pine/Long Lake and 4433 Exmoor Circle (Regent E. off Middlebelt, between Lone Pine/Long Lake to Ramsgate Fri. only). Vintage collectibles, antiques, toys, household items.

WEST BLOOMFIELD- August 25th and 26th 8AM-4PM both days. 5442 Greenbriar Dr (off Walnut Lake between Farmington and Drake) Everything MUST go!

WEST BLOOMFIELD Birchess Sub Sale, Hardwoods Dr & White Birch. Aug. 25-26, 9-3pm. W/Orchard Lake, N/ Green, enter off Orchard Lk.

WEST BLOOMFIELD Estate Sale. Aug. 24-25, 9-5pm. 4379 Patrick, off of Maple and Farmington.

WEST BLOOMFIELD Friday, 8/24 and Saturday, 8/25. Dining room, hutch/buffer, glass/mirror, loveseat, dresser, computer equipment, baby clothes, kitchen housewares & more! 4070 Crystal.

West Bloomfield Garage Sale. 4541 Arrowhead, S off Pontiac Trail, Bwn Halstead & Orchard Lake Rd. 20 yrs of stuff must go. Multi-family sale. 8/25 & 8/26 (Friday & Saturday)

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WESTLAND Aug. 25-26, Sat. 8-4pm & Sun. 10-4pm. 32639 Lone Pine Drive, Warren & Venoy. Furniture & misc items.

WESTLAND Garage Sale - Fri.-Sun., 10am-4pm. 1303 Denice, S. of Avondale, W. of Venoy. Lots of baby/toddler clothes and furniture.

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TURNING CORNERS ON MEETING OBJECTIVES



WORKWISE

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It's general knowledge that people need to be goal-oriented and that persistence (versus stubbornness) may be

required. If you're goal-oriented, how can you tell that you're making progress toward your objectives in your work or job search?

Leslie Braksick, chairman of Pittsburgh's The Continuous Learning Group and author of "Unlock Behavior, Unleash Profits," second ed. (McGraw Hill, \$27.95), agrees. "The challenge in goal-setting," she states, "is getting there. My work focuses on behavior and . . . help(ing) change behavior." Part of that change involves recognizing that you're getting there.

TURNING POINTS

"The key is to have milestones set between where you are now and what you're trying to achieve -- milestones that are clear, visible and recognizable to people involved," Braksick says. However, she advocates using positive feedback, not parties, to recognize and celebrate those milestones. This technique creates an occasion to communicate how someone helped to achieve the goal, what difference the contribution made and how it fits into the longer-term goal. Her book points out that once behavior is unlocked, "daily acts of discretionary performance" will become visible.

How do you first spot those "daily acts?" By "keeping a pulse," says motivational speaker Les Brown of Les Brown Enterprises L.L.C., in Chicago. "You need communications intelligence," he continues. "Watch for

collective signs, not just individual, which show up in performance, attitude, teamwork, collaboration. Listen constantly. Do not make any assumptions. Ask questions; repeat what (people) say; get them to confirm it. Ask how you're doing, whether you're on track. Make sure you're clear about what the customer wants and that you confirm that with your customers."

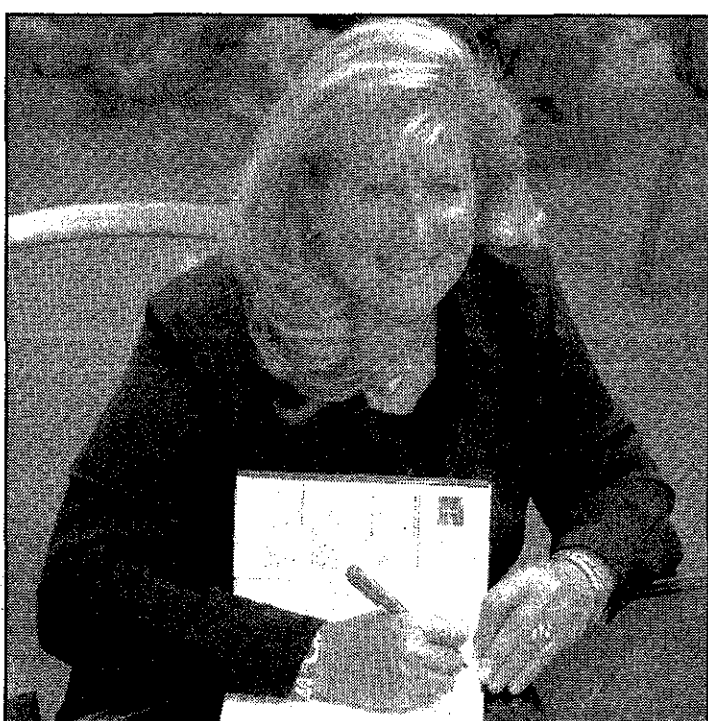
Tom Northup of Leadership Management Group in Newport Beach, Calif., recommends "breaking goals into action steps -- the finer, the better (to avoid being) overwhelmed by length, cost and complexity. Then, inspect what you expect and celebrate if you've made progress."

"The most true sign of progress is actually natural reinforcement," Braksick observes, "seeing things improved, doing work more easily and feeling better than doing it the old way. It's the pure joy and feeling when one knows he's made progress. You've made progress when it becomes easier." She points out that other people will also recognize the progress in their disposition or level of contribution.

Keep you and your objective viable en route by analyzing all feedback you receive, because there's a kernel somewhere that you can use, according to Braksick. Don't just listen without comment. Talk to the person "so that you fully understand what's at the root of the issue," she says. "As hard, hurtful and frustrating as it is, you may uncover something important to know to be successful. "Brown, the public speaker, concedes that to be successful, you must remain "open, flexible and adaptable, because there's more than one way to win."

JOB HUNTING

How do these principles apply to a job search? Robert McGovern, author of "Bring



Leslie Braksick is at a book signing for her "Unlock Behavior, Unleash Profits," now in its second edition. The book explains how to increase profitability by moving others to participate voluntarily and enthusiastically toward meeting an objective.

Credit: Courtesy of CLG.

Your 'A' Game: The 10 Career Secrets of The High Achiever." (Sourcebooks, \$14.95) and the founder of CareerBuilder.com, indicates that you're moving forward even when negative signs begin to emerge. They're part of the cycle. These could include:

- discovering that your enthusiasm toward your job tanks;
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- becoming uninterested in your work;
- watching your productivity suffer, only to find more stress when your boss rides you about it; and
- starting to communicate how you feel to

others -- "a sure sign that your career is turning a new corner."

Northup's method applies here, too. For example, if you want to improve your ability to communicate in interviews, teach yourself to ask more questions. Then, as people seem more interested in speaking with you or even make a statement about how they're enjoying the conversation, you'll know that you're on track.

In other words, while on the job and job hunting, watch your own behavior as well as that of others.

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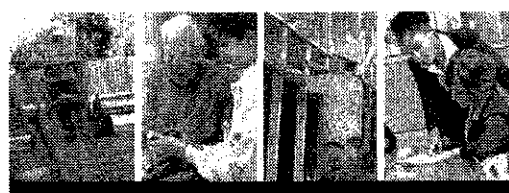
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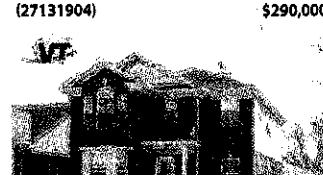
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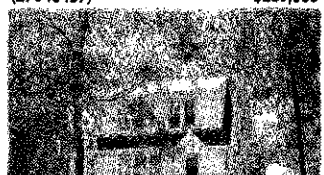
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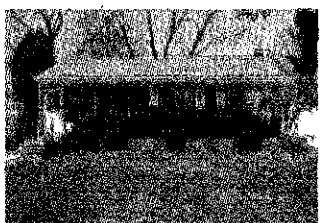
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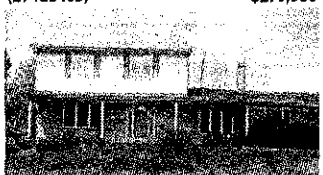
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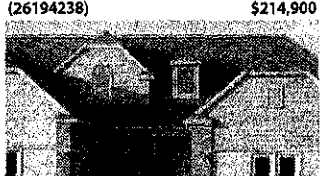
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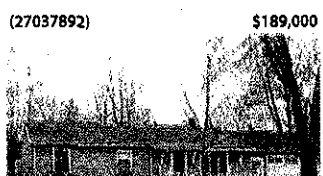
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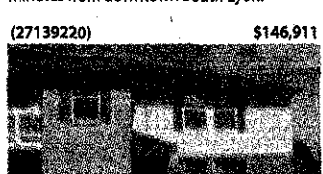
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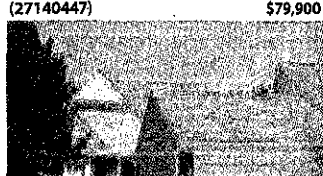
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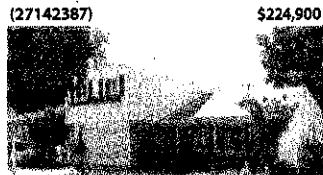
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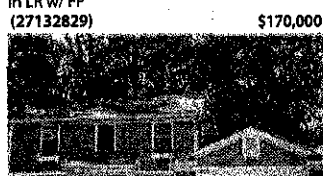
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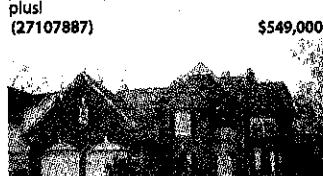
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Volleyball coaches like change of season

For a preview of this year's P-CEP volleyball teams, please see page C2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For the first August in the history of high school sports, female athletes in gyms across Observerland have been exchanging high-fives when a ball goes over a net and not *through* it.

Due to the court-mandated MHSAA switch of seasons, volleyball has flip-flopped with girls basketball — and the local prep volleyball coaches couldn't be happier.

"It took a little getting used to at first, but I love it now," said coach Kelly McCausland, referring to her sport's change of seasons. "It's a great segue for the girls who attend camps during the summer because they can start practicing for the volleyball season now in mid-August."

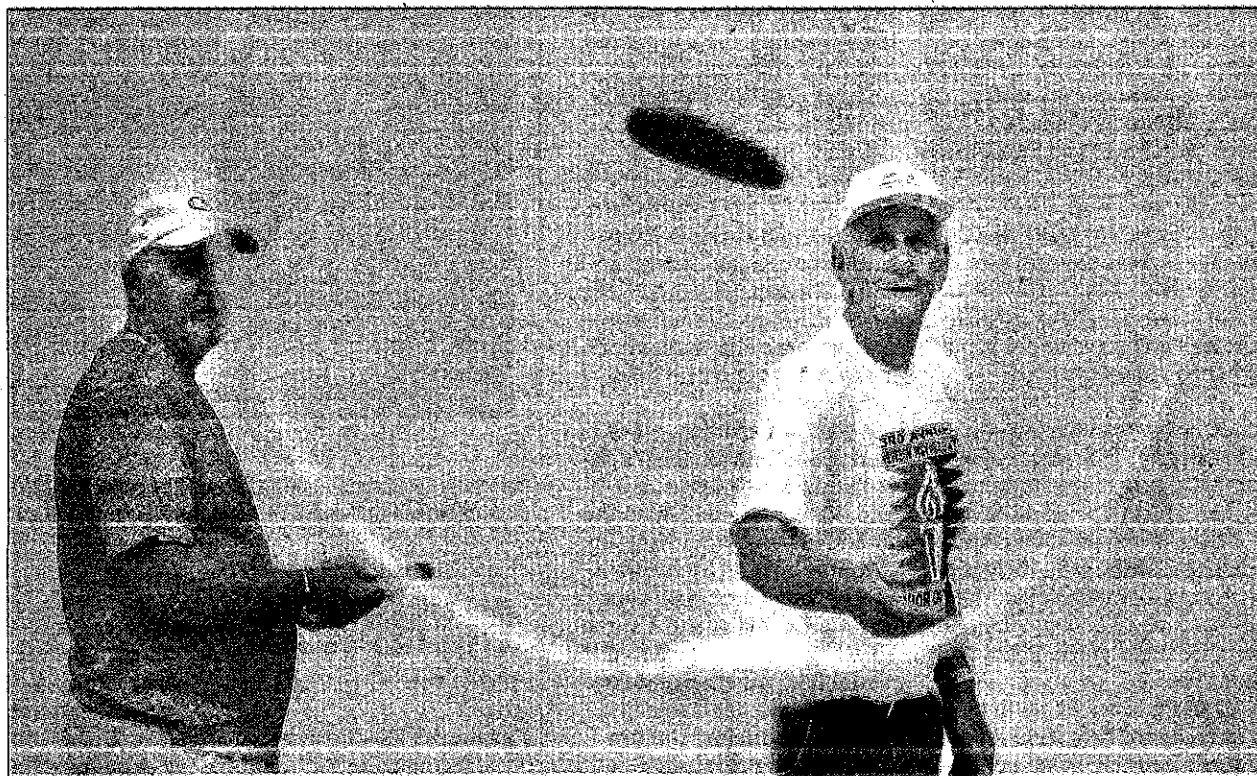
"The change has allowed us to do different types of conditioning, too, because we can go outside and run if we want to."

Salem coach Amanda Suder agreed with McCausland's assessment.

"Probably the best part about it so far is that we don't have any conflicts as far as getting gym time," said Suder. "The only downside has been that some of the girls had vacations planned in August, but we've been able to work around that."

Volleyball and girls basketball were just two of four sports affected by the court ruling. Girls golf has flip-flopped with boys golf, moving from the spring to the fall, and boys tennis will now be played in the fall with girls tennis moving to the spring.

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Charles Hutchinson (right) tosses a frisbee through a ring during Monday's opening day of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. More than 400 people were registered to compete in the week-long event that was hosted by Canton Leisure Services.

THE GOLDEN (MEDAL) YEARS

Event brings out best in senior Olympians

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The "Umbrella Toss" wasn't among the 23 events offered this week at the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, but considering Monday's opening-day weather, it would have been appropriate.

A steady, day-long drenching from Mother Nature cancelled a few outdoor competitions, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 400-plus senior Olympians, who are competing in everything from euchre to tennis.

This year's event — the third annual — is being coordinated by the Canton Leisure Services' Senior Adult Program staff.

"The goal of the Senior Olympics is to give people who are 50 years old and older an opportunity to do their best in a wide variety of activities," said Canton Senior Adult Program coordinator Dianne Neihengen.

The ages of the participants range from 50 to late-80s.

"Unlike the traditional Olympics, which are strictly a test of physical fitness, this program incorporates fitness along with creative arts like photography, writing and painting. We even added biking this year at the other



Anne Peterson competes in the ring toss during Monday's opening day of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics at Canton's Summit on the Park.

end of the spectrum. This gives everyone from all over the Western Wayne County region an opportunity to come together and have a wonderful time."

While the ultimate goal of the event is for the participants to have a good time, don't think winning isn't important.

"A lot of the athletes are very competitive," said Neihengen. "And there are a lot of very good athletes who enjoy competing. There were some disappointed

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DIANNE NEIHENGEN, Canton Senior Adult Program coordinator

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2007 prep football season kicks off

Two-a-day memories still fresh in my mind

If you're a high school football player and you're glad two-a-days are history, raise your right hand.

What's that? You're too sore to move?

Well, trust me on this: The soreness will go away, but the memories of possibly the two toughest weeks of your life never will.

I still remember my last week of two-a-days like it was last week, even though Jimmy Carter was president and instant-messaging meant yelling across the street to your friends.

GRID PICKS



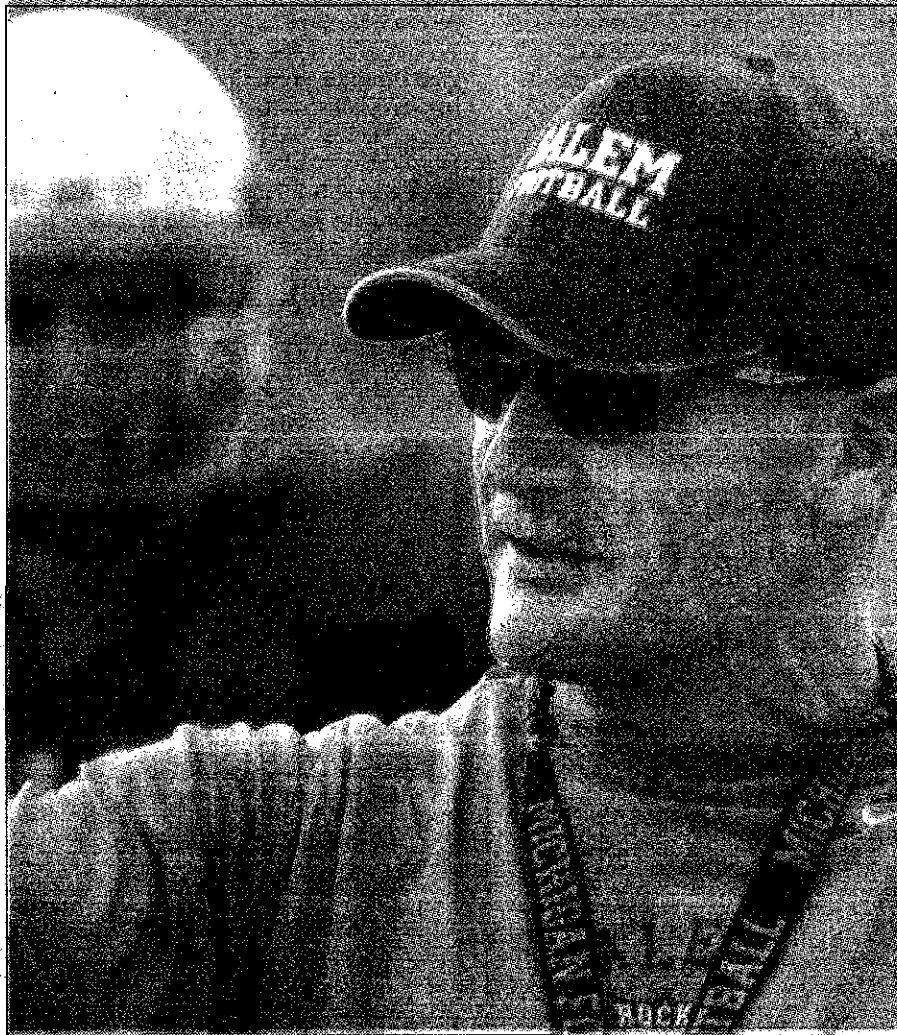
Ed Wright

Our coach always saved the most brutal drill for the end of the morning session — the absolute hottest, windless point of the day when the sun was at its apex.

The far-from-politically-correct name of the exercise was "suicides." Already drenched in sweat and exhausted from two hours of bear crawls, down-ups and running, we lined up at the goal line and ran a series of sprints from the 5-yard line back to the goal line; to the 10-yard line and back to the goal line — non-stop until we reached the opposite end zone roughly 20 minutes later.

I'll never forget one particular extra-humid, 90-degree morning when, as we all took a knee around the coaches following a series of the

Please see GRID PICKS, C2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Second-year Salem head football coach Parker Salowich will lead his team into Friday night's season opener at Pinckney. The Rocks' offense promises to be wide open this season.

Chiefs, Wildcats to open on big stage

Eastern Michigan University's 30,000-seat Rynearson Stadium will serve as the early-season proving grounds for the Canton and Plymouth football teams Saturday afternoon. Both the Chiefs and Wildcats were invited to participate in the Big Prep Showdown III event, which annually attracts many of the top teams in Michigan and, this year at least, Ohio.

Plymouth will tangle with Belleville beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Wildcats finished 3-6 last season while the Tigers were 2-7.

Canton will take on Toledo Central Catholic in the 5 p.m. contest. The Chiefs advanced to the Division I semifinals in 2006 with a 12-1 mark. The Fighting Irish finished 9-2. Tickets are \$10 at the gate.

Sidelines

Pride tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 PC Pride's 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U girls fast-pitch softball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Canton Softball Center and Tuesday at Heritage Park in Canton.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday with tryouts beginning at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, registration will commence at 5:30 p.m. with tryouts starting at 6 p.m.

Interested players need to attend just one of the three sessions, which should each last approximately three hours.

Only Plymouth-Canton-area residents can play for the 10U and 12U teams. The 14U squad is limited to a small percentage of non-resident players, while the 16U team has no residency requirements.

Players are encouraged to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the tryout.

Ignition tryouts

The Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League team will hold open tryouts Sept. 15 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, team President Greg Bibb announced recently.

The tryouts give area players and international players the chance to compete for a spot on the 2007-08 Ignition roster. The annual event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

Following the tryouts, a select group of participants will be asked to return to an invitation-only combine slated for Sept. 21 and 22 at High Velocity Sports.

Those interested in trying out need to complete a registration form and submit a \$50 processing fee. To register or for more information, contact Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264. Additional information can be found on the team's Web site at www.detroitignition.com.

Last year's tryouts featured over 100 participants representing 13 states and four countries. An impressive local turnout included a number of former area collegiate level players representing a total of 13 Michigan colleges.

Madonna Golf Classic

There are still openings in the 12th annual Madonna Golf Classic, which is set for Friday, Sept. 14, at The Inn at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth. The 18-hole scramble event and auction is held each year to benefit student scholarships and academic programs.

The entry fee is \$200 per golfer. Dinner and silent-auction reservations are \$50.

Registration and sponsorship information can be found at www.madonna.edu or by calling Ann Cleary at (734) 432-5421.

Canton spikers will have a familiar look in 2007

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Unlike the vast majority of high school volleyball teams in the area, Canton hasn't had to work through a "getting-to-know-you" period.

With 11 players returning from last year's team, the Chiefs already knew each other very well, which was an invaluable development for second-year coach Jen Barnes.

"With so many girls back, it's advantageous for us — especially early in the season — because everybody knows how everybody else plays," said Barnes. "The setters know where the hitters like the ball. The hitters know how the setters work. We have some minor adjustments to make, but otherwise I'm excited to get the season going."

Barnes won't have to wait much longer as the Chiefs open their 2007 campaign Saturday at the Warren Mott Invitational.

"We didn't have a great record last year (9-17-7), but we played a lot of state-ranked teams very tough," said Barnes. "Hopefully, if things go as planned this season, with our experience we should be able to play with most of the best teams out there."

Leading the way for Canton will be four-year varsity player Marie Martin, a 6-foot-1 senior middle hitter who has already etched her name into the school's volleyball record books.

"We're lucky to have a player like Marie because she is a great leader and she's very, very consistent," said Barnes. "She broke her own school record for blocks last year and it wouldn't surprise me at all if she did it again this year."

Hannah Mills will serve as the Chiefs' starting libero for the second straight season. The 5-4 senior provides the leadership in the back row that Martin gives to the front.

"Hannah was a captain last year as a junior, which tells you what kind of a leader she is," said Barnes. "She's probably our most consistent server, too."

Four more seniors will play key roles for the Chiefs: Lauren

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McPartlin, a 5-8 middle-hitter; Ellie Kenny, a 5-10 outside hitter; Laura Daniels, a 5-6 defensive specialist; and Rachel Kain, a 5-5 defensive specialist.

Three-year varsity setter Kacy Moran (5-7) paces a strong and talented junior class for Canton.

"Kacy is a great setter because she can sense who's having a great day and who may be off a little," said Barnes. "She knows where to go with the ball and she can put it wherever she wants to."

Another key returning junior is Gina Waite (5-7), who will play a variety of crucial roles, including right-side hitter and as the Chiefs' back-up setter.

"Gina is one of those players that gets to the gym early and stays after practice to work on things," said Barnes. "She's a very talented player and a very hard worker."

Other juniors who will make key contributions include Janelle Burdiss, a 5-7 right-side hitter; Shelby Anthony, a 5-6 defensive specialist; Chelsea Olson, a 5-7 outside hitter; and Blyss Galizia, a 5-8 right-side hitter who transferred in from Delaware during the off-season. The team's lone sophomore is Jordan Kieley, a 5-8 outside hitter who led the team in kills as a freshman last season.

"Jordan can do it all," said Barnes. "She can hit, pass, dig, serve — she's one of the best all-around players in the area."

SALEM

The Rocks will evolve from a senior-led team that went 42-10 and pushed Division state champion Livonia Churchill to the absolute limit last season to a youthful, up-and-coming squad paced by multi-talented junior Jansan Falcusan.

"We're very young, but a lot of our young players are talented," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "It's going to be very difficult to replace players like Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and Courtney Seiler (all of whom are currently playing college volleyball), but the girls are working very hard."

Suder can't say enough positive things about Falcusan, whose been the Rocks' starting setter since Day 1 of her freshman year.

"As a freshman and sophomore, Jansan led the older girls lead, but she's definitely shown me her leadership abilities so far this season," said Suder. "And she's not only one of the best setters around, but she's grown a couple inches since her freshman year, so she may do some hitting as well."

The Rocks' senior class is small in quantity, but stellar: Jill Slabey, a 5-9 middle-hitter; Alyssa Matchette, a 5-4 defensive specialist/back-up libero; and Taylor Abbey, a 5-5 defensive specialist who is also competing for the Rocks' cross country team.

"Jill played more than any other junior we had last year, so that experience will be valuable to her this year," said Suder. "Blocking is her main asset and she's our best middle-hitter."

The Rocks' deep junior class is led by Kelly MacDonald, a 5-

7 all-around standout.

"Kelly learned a lot last year from Teresa and Lauren, and it's showing so far in practices," said Suder. "She's 5-7, but she plays like she's 5-10. She can jump out of the gym."

Other contributing juniors will be Becky Davis, a 5-5 defensive specialist; Erin Classen, a 5-10 middle-hitter; Katie Janda, a 5-9 front-row player; Katie Parr, a 5-7 outside hitter; Annie Zhang, a 5-5 defensive specialist; and Kelly Gitre, a 5-8 middle-hitter.

The team's lone sophomore is Lauren Dworzanin, a 5-9 right-side hitter.

A pair of freshmen — 5-9 Kerry MacDonald (Kelly's sister) and Nicole Merget, a 6-2 middle-hitter — will open the season in the starting line-up.

"Churchill will be strong again," Suder said, assessing the WLAA. "They lost Lauren Krupsky, but they have Kyndra Abron back and their junior varsity went undefeated last year. Plymouth and Canton will be strong, as always, and Walled Lake Northern looks good, too."

PLYMOUTH

A lack of experience will be the No. 1 obstacle for the Wildcats to overcome this season after they posted a 17-20 mark during the 2006-07 campaign.

"Judging by what I've seen so far, we should be strong defensively, but we're struggling a little bit on offense," said coach Kelly McCausland. "Hopefully, we can show improvement week to week."

Plymouth will be led by senior Rachel Heaton, a 5-7 outside hitter who was one of the team's leaders in kills last season.

"She's definitely our go-to player," said McCausland. "She's our best all-around player."

Other seniors include Ashley Belszko, a 5-9 middle-hitter; Kate Spangler, a 5-8 starting setter; Lindsay Jewett, a 5-3 defensive specialist; and Ashley Shaffer, a 5-4 defensive specialist.

"Ashley has come around quite a bit and is really showing a lot offensively," said McCausland. "Kate has stepped up, too, and become one of our main leaders, both on and off the court."

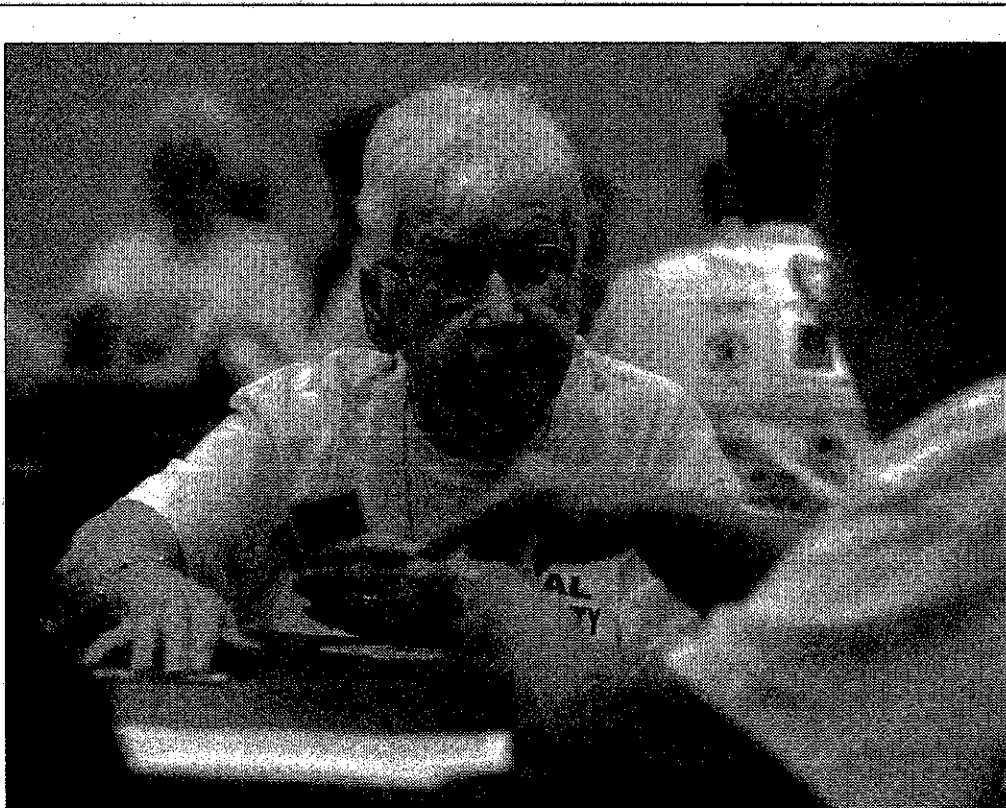
Megan Quinlan, a 5-10 middle hitter, leads the Wildcats' talented junior class.

"Megan really worked hard in the off-season to improve her game," said McCausland. "She'll be one of our major offensive threats."

Other key juniors include Mandy McManus, a 5-9 outside hitter; Jenna Livingston, a 5-4 defensive specialist; Lauren Scott, a 5-5 defensive specialist; and Brianna Beyer, a 5-5 defensive specialist.

"Mandy is one of our strongest outside hitters," said McCausland. "She should be piling up the kills this season."

Sophomore Katie Salo will probably share time at setter with Spangler, according to McCausland. The team has two talented freshmen: Kelly Smoltz, a 6-1 right-side hitter and Katie Binger, a 5-10 middle hitter.



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Dorothy Louisignau (left) and Bruna Rea enjoy the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics' euchre competition Monday afternoon at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

OLYMPICS

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athletes this morning when we had to cancel the softball throw."

Neihengen and her colleagues deserve a gold medal for taking over the hosting duties last October after the original host, Westland, had to withdraw due to contamination problems at Central City Park.

"Before we accepted, we had to make sure everybody here was on board and that there weren't any other events going on," said

Neihengen. "We've had meetings every month since last October. It's been quite an undertaking, but a very worthwhile one."

The four days of events wrapped up this morning with bowling at Wayne Bowl, table tennis at the Livonia Civic Center and a 12-mile bike ride in Hines Park.

An awards banquet is set for Friday at noon at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

2007 WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY SENIOR OLYMPICS RESULTS

TENNIS

Gold-medal winners: Orv Butzin

(Canton), Hassan Darouie (Canton), Bob Gregory (Livonia), Carol Shields (Northville), Wesley Pelling (Dearborn) and Walter Roney (Dearborn).

Silver-medal winners: Hsien Pao (Canton), Gerald Van Dusen (Plymouth), Chun Yen Wu (Canton), Joe Arnois (Canton), Joan McEvoy (Northville) and Emil Panowicz (Northville).

BAKING

Gold-medal winners: Marianne Curran (Westland), Grace Ersperer (Livonia) and Juanita Johnson-Owens (Westland).

Silver-medal winners: Mary Lavins (Canton) and Marianne Curran (Westland).

Bronze-medal winners: Beverly White (Van Buren), Judy Fields (Van Buren) and Catherine McQuade (Canton).

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Gold-medal winners: Kay Heard (Westland) and Dorothy Louisignau (Westland).

Silver-medal winner: Connie Felzon (Canton).

Bronze-medal winner: Clarabelle Kelley (Plymouth Township).

GRID PICKS

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energy-sapping drill, senior wide receiver/team comedian Arnold Caithen quipped just loud enough for the coaches to hear: "Those should be called homicides, man, because y'all killin' us."

The players chuckled. The coaches scowled. And we ran another series of suicides.

I can also painfully recall the "Lombardies," an equally tough drill that was named in honor of tough-as-nails legendary Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi.

"I'm not sure who this Lombardi guy is," Arnold said one morning, "but I'm pretty sure he was a mean (blankety-blank)."

The worst moment of two-a-days my senior year came on one of the last plays of an inter-squad scrimmage during the final two-a-day, just a few days before our season opener. Arnold, a slow but sure-handed wide receiver, caught a slant pass over the middle before getting drilled by a safety with a solid, clean tackle.

The hit broke Arnold's leg, ending his senior season before it began.

A few days later, as we struggled through a practice-ending series of sprints, Arnold limped across the parking lot to the edge of the practice field, a freshly formed cast encasing his entire right leg. Leaning on pair of crutches

for balance, a huge smile crossed Arnold's face as he watched our suffering up close and personal.

"No pain, no gain, y'all," he yelled with delight.

We scowled. The coaches chuckled.

Last year's final Grid Picks standings were no laughing matter for myself and Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith as both of us finished in Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons' rear-view mirror (and the objects were not closer than they appeared). Brad wiped us out pretty bad, so we're ready for some paybacks.

Good luck to all the local players and teams. And as my coach told us before our first game: "Win one for Arnold!"

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted; each team's 2006 record is in parentheses)

Salem (0-9, 0-6) at Pinckney (2-7, 1-6): Both teams will be looking to erase the memories of last season's poor records with an early-season victory. The team with the ball last may wind up winning what promises to be a high-scoring showdown. PICKS: Wright (Salem); Smith (Pinckney); Emons (Pinckney).

Redford Covenant (2-5) at Detroit University Prep (1-8), 4 p.m.: Two relative unknowns square off in the first game of the season, but the Spartans are deeper and more talented than 2006. PICKS: Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (University Prep).

Taylor Kennedy (2-7, 1-5), at Garden City (0-9, 0-7): Both of these teams had down seasons in 2006, and hope to get off to winning starts. PICKS: Wright (Kennedy); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Kennedy).

Warren Lincoln (3-4, 2-5) at Redford Thurston (2-7, 1-5): The Eagles were much better during the latter stages of last season than their overall record indicates, and they have playmakers on both sides of the ball. PICKS: Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Lincoln).

D.H. Crestwood (4-5, 3-3) at Redford Union (6-4,

4-2) at Kraft Field: Panthers head coach Miles Tomasaitis usually fields playoff-bound teams with tough defense and running backs who can churn up yardage. This year looks no different. PICKS: Wright (RU); Smith (RU); Emons (RU).

Lansing Eastern (2-7, 1-6) at Livonia Churchill (3-4, 3-2): The Quakers earned half of last season's win total in their 20-13 victory over the Chargers in last season's opener. The home crowd could prove to be the difference this season for Churchill. PICKS: Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

Wayne Memorial (5-4, 2-3) at Jackson (6-4, 5-2): With several talented players back at key positions, the Zebras should contend for a WIAA Western Division title this season. A win over the Vikings would give Wayne a confidence boost heading into its conference schedule. PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith (Jackson); Emons (Wayne).

Ypsilanti Lincoln (0-9, 0-7) at Livonia Stevenson (6-4, 3-2): This one has "running clock in the third quarter" written all over it. The Spartans should cruise. PICKS: Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

Liv. Clarenceville (4-5, 4-3) at Lutheran Northwest (4-5, 3-4): Following mediocre 2006 campaigns, a triumphant opener would prove invaluable for both of these up-and-coming programs. PICKS: Wright (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Emons (Clarenceville).

Westland Clean (0-9, 0-7) at Livonia Franklin (5-4, 3-2), 8 p.m.: The big stage and bright lights of Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium await these two WIAA opponents in a Big Prep Showdown III contest. PICKS: Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Harper Woods (6-4, 4-3) at Lutheran Westland (3-4, 2-5), 1 p.m.: The Warriors, who have just 18 players on their varsity roster, will be out to prove that they are small (quantity-wise), but mighty. Harper Woods will provide a stiff first-game test. PICKS: Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods).

Plymouth (3-6, 1-4) vs. Belleville (2-7, 2-4), 2:30 p.m., at EMU: The Wildcats, who will be making their second consecutive appearance in the Big Prep Showdown, will be fired up to secure a victory for head coach Mike Sawchuk in his head coaching debut at Plymouth. PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Belleville).

Canton (12-1, 6-0) vs. Toledo Central Catholic (9-2, 6-1), 5 p.m., at EMU: It's unlikely the Fighting Irish have encountered many offenses recently similar to the Chiefs' full-house "T" attack. Canton returns just three starters after two straight deep-in-the-playoffs runs. PICKS: Wright (Canton); Smith (Toledo CC); Emons (Toledo CC).

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Plymouth soccer foes must focus on containing Rolfe

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

High school soccer fans who reside in Plymouth and Canton won't have to drive far this fall to watch one of the premier players in the state display his skills.

A quick trip to the P-CEP soccer fields is all that will be required to check out Plymouth's Colin Rolfe, a senior forward who was named to the Division 1 All-State first team as a junior in 2006.

"Colin Rolfe is one of the top three players in the state this year," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose Rocks will look to contain the All-Stater Monday when the two teams meet at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity soccer field. "He's that good."

PREP SOCCER PREVIEWS

Rolfe didn't rest on his lofty laurels during the off-season.

Wildcat head coach Jeff Neschich confirmed. "The thing that has impressed me the most about Colin is how hard he's worked since last year to improve his skills," said Neschich. "He's so much better than he was last year, and last year he was All-State. 'Colin has really matured as a leader, too.'"

Plymouth will be relying on Rolfe's explosive right leg often this season after losing its top two defenders from last year's 11-6-3 team — Anthony Sasinowski and Travis Norris — to graduation.

"We have some talented kids who have a lot of scoring ability," said Neschich. "Our biggest question marks heading into the season will be our defending and our transition game."

A pair of senior forwards — Tyler Floyd and Gordon Libby — should benefit from the extra attention teams will give Rolfe.

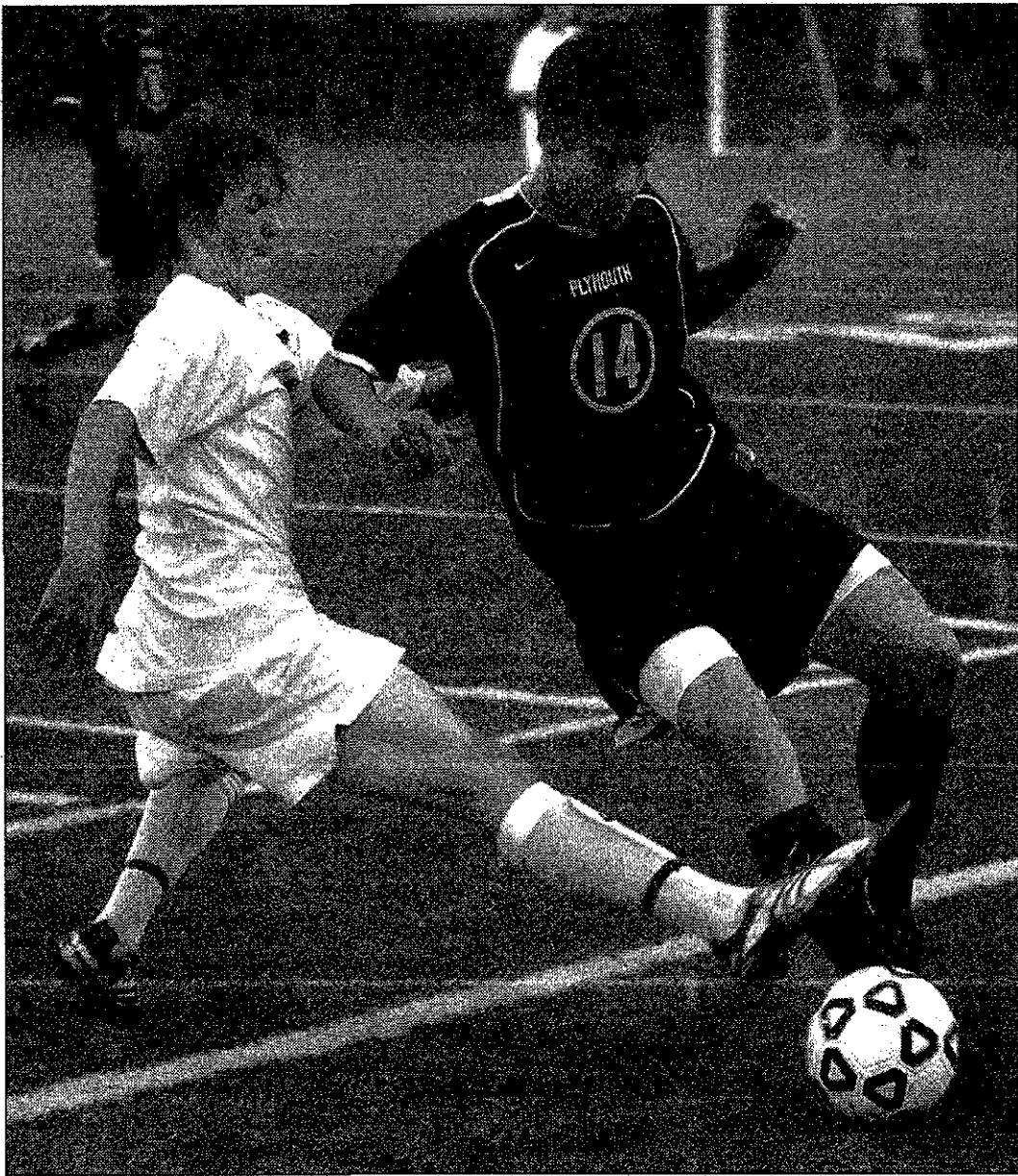
"Tyler is a very smart player who can score and provide us with good senior leadership," said Neschich.

Junior Evan Yoder and sophomore Vin Nguyen will also put pressure on opposing defenses. The Wildcats' mid-field will be patrolled by sophomore Danny Jaziwicz; juniors Dexter Gregg and T.J. Madigan; senior Jesse Forrester; and freshmen Ian Griffiths and Andrew Yoder. Junior Norm Frida will rotate between the mid-field and defense.

Among those who will be counted on to fill the huge defensive cleats of Sasinowski and Norris are seniors Mike Karona and Trevor Floyd; and junior Austin Kaczinski.

Senior Brian Rissman returns as the 'Cats' starting goal-keeper. He'll be backed up by sophomore Josh Hill, who shined for the junior-varsity squad as a freshman.

"Our conference will be tough, as usual," assured Neschich. "Stevenson, Northville, Canton and Salem will all be tough, Churchill will have a good club and don't count out the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (14) earned Division 1 first team All-State honors as a junior last season.

Walled Lakes either."

SALEM

The Rocks are coming off an impressive 17-8-2 campaign, which ended when they pushed Division 1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson to the limit before falling 2-1 in an unforgettable Regional final classic at Saline High School. Salem finished the season with a No. 4 state ranking in D1.

"We're very young and we'll be very defensive-minded this year," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "We lost two All-State forwards in Brooks Belhart and Tom Bennett, both of whom will be hard to replace. We return three of our four defenders, so we should be strong at that end."

Belhart and Bennett scored nearly 75 percent (37 of 51) of the team's goals last season.

McCarthy will have just two seniors to call on in 2007: defender Scott Dreaver, who is a converted forward; and mid-fielder Nick Schreiber. "Scott provides us with a lot of leadership," McCarthy said.

The Rocks' solid 'D' will be paced by a trio of juniors: Jeremy Stoychoff, Jace Bearden and Kevin Cope.

"Kevin should be one of the top defenders in the state this year," said McCarthy. "It's his third year as a varsity starter. He's an outstanding player."

"Both Jeremy and Jace will be key anchors on our defense as well."

Salem set to defend Balconi Invite title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem will be looking to defend its title in Saturday's eight-team Gary Balconi Invitational soccer tournament, which will kick off with four games at 10 a.m. on the P-CEP campus.

The Rocks captured their first Balconi title since 2003 last year when they ousted Royal Oak, 1-0, in the title match.

"It's a great tournament to play early in the season because you get to play three games in one day against some very good competition," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Whoever wins this tournament will earn a top-10 ranking in the state."

Salem will take on defending Division 2 state champion Dexter in its opening contest. The winner of that game will take on the winner of the Plymouth- Novi CC first-round match-up.

Other first-round matches will pit Canton against Midland Dow and U of D Jesuit against Ann Arbor Huron.

Second-round games are scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. with third-round matches — including the championship tilt — set for 3:30 p.m.

All games will run 60 minutes. Games that are tied after regulation will be settled by a shootout.

Games will be played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field that runs parallel to Canton Center; the varsity turf stadium; the new junior varsity field that runs parallel to Joy Rd.; and a field that will be set up in front of Canton's Phase III building.

Taking over the starting goal-keeper role will be sophomore Sasa Miskovic, who sat out last season after transferring from Novi Catholic Central in September. He'll be backed-up by junior Will Allen. Salem will be counting on forwards Josh Pascarella, a junior, and sophomore Alex Tramel, along with junior mid-fielder Dan Radosevich to spark his offense.

McCarthy didn't hesitate when he was asked who the team to beat was this year in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

"There's no doubt it's Stevenson again," he said. "I'm not exactly sure who they lost or who they have coming back, but they been excellent for the past 25 years, so I'm sure they'll be very good again this year."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the 2008 U14 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park. Prospective players are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley travel league, as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 14 years old as of April 30, 2008. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 13U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2008 season 3-6 p.m. Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Players must be 13 years old or younger on April 30 and reside or attend school in Plymouth or Canton. To pre-register, contact Rob Sudz at sudzy190@aol.com.

Furrey charity bowling event

On Oct. 29, Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey, a resident of Canton, will host an inaugural Celebrity Halloween Bowling Party at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mike Furrey Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization designed to improve the lives of those that are hungry, homeless, hurting and/or hopeful.

For more information on the foundation, visit www.mikefurrey.net.

The bowling event will include bowling,

food, Monday Night Football, music and a silent auction. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Several levels of sponsorships are also available for local businesses and residents.

For more information on the event, contact Alicia Maynard at (614) 588-6428; or alicia@themikefurreyfoundation.com.

Canton Leisure Services events

Following are upcoming program offers by Canton Leisure Services:

■ A free "Drive, Pitch & Putt" contest for kids between the ages of 7 and 14 years old will be held Aug. 25 at Pheasant Run Golf club in Canton Township. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Participants should bring a driver, wedge, putter and meet at the driving range at 8:45 a.m. to hear the rules.

Awards will be presented to top three finishers in each age category. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

■ A fall adult kickball league will be held Sept. 10-Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes double-headers that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250. There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to league and play-off champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600 beginning Aug. 8.



Storm front

The Canton Storm 10U tournament team won the Oxford Invitational recently by defeating the Lakeland Mustangs, 8-1, in the championship game. The Storm went 4-1 for the weekend. Pictured (front row from left) are Mike Scarpello, Glen Piot, Alex Zoltowski, Pete Carravallah, Colin Staub (middle row from left) Ty Robinson, Dante Toppi, Mike Noe, Ryan Watson, Kyle Bauer, Tyler Brooks, (back row from left) Coach Mike Noe and Coach Pat Watson. Not pictured is Dominic Murphy.

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Friday, Aug. 24
Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Big Prep Showdown III
Plymouth vs. Belleville,
2:30 p.m. at EMU
Canton vs. Toledo CC,
5 p.m. at EMU

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 25
Salem at South Lyon
Varsity Invite, 8 p.m.
Canton at Warren Mott Invite, TBA

BOYS SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 22

W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
Salem at Warren DeLaSalle, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Gary Balconi Invitational
at P-CEP tennis fields, TBA

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 23
Salem at Novi JV Invite, 8 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 25
Wildcat Invitational
at Salem pool, noon

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 25
Canton at South Lyon Invite, 10:10 a.m.

Wayne State to depend heavily on Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Wayne State's football team has a decidedly Observerland look this season, with no less than seven players on the roster from area high schools. Add to that another four who hail from the Oakland County high schools covered by the Eccentric and a Canton resident who played high school ball at Dearborn Divine Child.

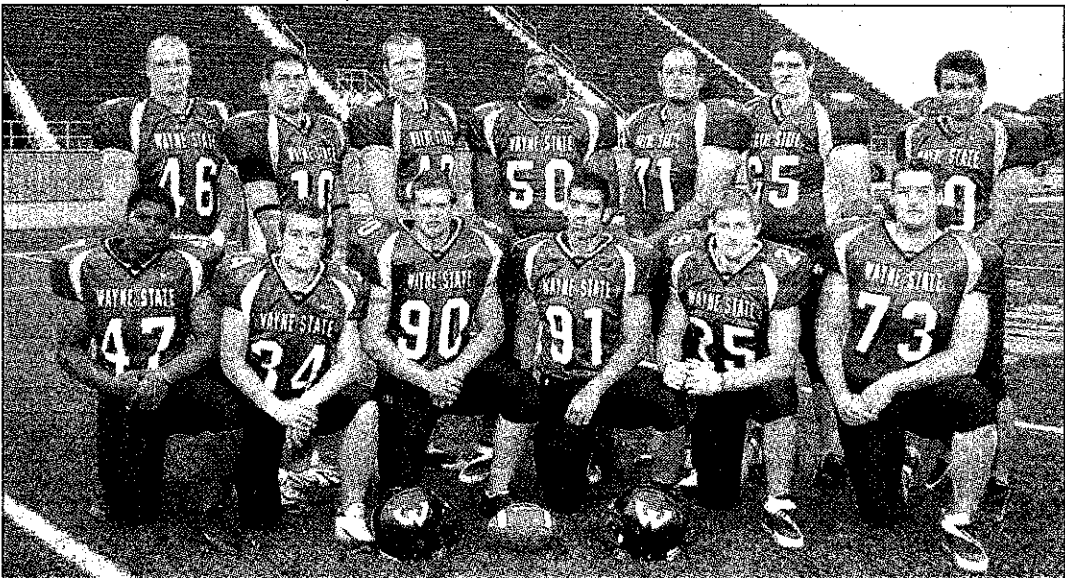
Among locals who look to help the Warriors this season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference are recent Garden City graduate Andrew Pack (5-10, 189), expected to line up at strong safety and on special teams, said defensive backs coach Kurt Mattix.

"He (Pack) will look to get on several special teams this fall," Mattix said. "Andrew made the transition from offense in the spring."

Back for his second season is Livonia Clarenceville alum Bruno Shkreli, a 5-11, 209-pound running back.

"Bruno had a great spring practice and off-season," noted head coach Paul Winters. "He will compete for playing time and will also be a leader of our special teams."

Shkreli isn't the only former Trojan now wearing the green and gold of Wayne State. Freshman Marcus Watkins (5-10, 279) could make his mark at defensive tackle before all is



The 2007 Wayne State University football team features a number of players from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. In the front row are (from left): Marcus Watkins (Clarenceville), Andrew Pack (Garden City), Jon Robinson (Churchill), Matt Shango (Brother Rice), Adam Nuckols (Waterford Mott) and Will Khoury (Canton). In the back row are (from left): John Rehberg (Stevenson), Alan Guy (Rochester Adams), Dale Knuth (Divine Child), Merrick Steele (Southfield), Frank Lietke (Walled Lake Central), Ryan Jonik (Canton) and Bruno Shkreli (Clarenceville).

said and done.

Among the new players to watch is 6-3, 293-pound freshman Will Khoury, one of the keys to the success of Canton's Chiefs last season.

"Will comes from a great high school program," said offensive line coach Terry Heffernan. "He is an excellent athlete who is working hard to adjust to the college game. He will begin playing guard but he has the size and the ability to play anywhere on the line."

Another Canton alum on the team is sophomore offensive tackle Ryan Jonik (6-3, 291). Senior tight end John

Rehberg (6-3, 245) is a Livonia Stevenson product while freshman defensive end Jon Robinson (6-0, 229) hails from Livonia Churchill. Although senior tight end Dale Knuth (6-4, 218) hails from Canton, he played for Divine Child's Falcons.

Both Rehberg and Knuth are important offensive players and determined team leaders.

"John is one of our hardest workers," Winters said. "He can be a dominant player" and is "very strong at the point of attack."

Knuth, meanwhile, is

described as "a warrior in the classroom and on the field."

Eccentric-area players on WSU's roster include sophomore linebacker Matt Shango (West Bloomfield/Birmingham Brother Rice), senior linebacker Alan Guy (Rochester Adams), senior center and Southfield product Merrick Steele and Frank Lietke, a senior center from Walled Lake Central.

Winters and his Warriors, who finished 6-5 in 2006, open the regular season with a home game noon Saturday, Sept. 1, against Michigan Tech.

New SC volleyball coach set for debut

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's doubleheader volleyball match against visiting Alpena marks the start of Richard Lamb's coaching tenure at Schoolcraft College.

Nobody expects the Lady Ocelots to pick up right where they left off at the end of the Tom Teeters era - the team won confer-

ence and district titles with an overall mark of 35-7.

But with several important returnees and some solid freshmen in the fold, Schoolcraft should still be as competitive as they come in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference.

According to Lamb, tri-captains Carly DeClercq (Livonia Churchill), Stacy Urbats (Churchill) and Amanda Ballnik will be instrumental to how the team fares as newcomers get their feet wet.

"One of our weaknesses is that as a team, we are lacking the experience at this level that some of our rivals have," Lamb explained. "However, through strong leadership of our captains, I believe that we can overcome this."

"We have strong leadership at all three positions and we are looking for them to show our newcomers

what it takes to compete in our league."

Perhaps the main catalyst of those three will be outside hitter/middle blocker DeClercq, whose versatility and court savvy will enable Lamb to also put her at outside hitter.

"Carly will also help anchor our serve reception and defense," Lamb said. "We are going to rely on Carly's experience this season and we expect big things from her at all areas."

Urbats will become the primary setter, following a season of sharing the duties with Sarah Schmidt. How she runs the offense will be a 2007 subplot.

"Stacy has really worked hard to improve herself both this summer and during the preseason," Lamb said. "She has become a vocal leader out on the floor."

LEARNING CURVE

Meanwhile, Milford alum Ballnik is cracking the starting lineup at libero, while continuing to work hard and develop her voice as a team leader, the coach noted.

Lamb will be very interested in how quickly his nine freshman players step into the college game, to help the top three.

Westland John Glenn alum Virginia Butler is slated to be in the lineup at outside or right-side hitter.

"Virginia will be one of the hardest hitters in the league this season and she continues to improve on other aspects of her game," Lamb said.

Churchill grad Sarah Button (outside/right-side hitter) joins the Lady Ocelots after experience a state championship ride with the Chargers.

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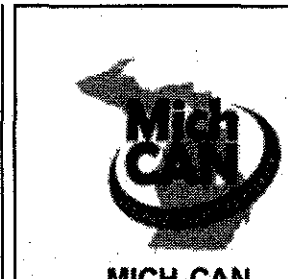
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By Dale Buss

For the Chevy Chase character in the classic comedy Vacation, the perfect vehicle for a cross-country family trip turned out to be a reliable old station wagon that was long enough to carry the corpse of unfortunate Aunt Edna for some distance on the roof – and sturdy enough to survive the ill-fated journey to the Wally World Amusement Park. Whether you take long family journeys, weekend getaways for two, or rent a car after a flight, your car should help you relax and unwind. Nothing can turn a trip into a drag more quickly than being stuck with the wrong wheels.

Here are some factors to consider:
Size in all its dimensions: Although \$3-a-gallon gasoline has become a fact of American life, don't automatically discount large SUVs and vans. There may be enough offsetting advantages to make it worth a couple hundred extra dollars in gasoline.

Particularly on a long road trip, some drivers prefer a full-size SUV's elevated seating. And some may feel extra security in knowing that their big Chevy Tahoe or Honda Pilot will hold up well in a crash against most anything else on the road. A larger car can also mean more interior space for everyone, something crucial to comfort and relaxation.

And if you have a family or a lot of gear, there's simply no substitute for the beefy, square cargo compartment of an SUV. A few sets of luggage, maybe a couple of bags of golf clubs, a dog cage and some hanging clothes can still fit into a single space along with, say, a family of four, in some highly capable vehicles including the Hyundai Santa Fe, Dodge Durango, and Toyota Highlander.

And of course if you're a recreational boater or camper, your Toyota Prius just isn't going to cut it when it comes to hauling that boat or ATV to the lake or campground. Raw automotive power still has its place, and you'll find the highest towing capacities and large SUVs and trucks.

Sitting pretty: Relatively fixed and unresponsive seats can be downright painful on a long trip; favor vehicles with plenty of seat adjustments and, if possible, lumbar supports. For passenger comfort, a



A phalanx of airbags around the front passengers makes the Mercury Sable one of the safest cars around. Many vacationers like the security of massive vehicles, such as the Chevrolet Tahoe.



crucial mistake can be purchasing a vehicle without reclining second-row seats, forcing sleepy riders either to sit up straight or slouch over on their sides.

Also be careful about third-row seating: While many automakers tout them, lots of these third rows would only be comfortable for trolls. On the other hand, many other vehicles including the Buick Enclave, Saturn Outlook, GMC Acadia and Mazda CX-9 all have comfortable third rows – and none of them are the biggest SUVs on the road.

Safety first: Every vehicle on the road today is constructed to create a cage around the passenger compartment that holds up pretty well except in the most horrific of crashes. The best vehicles literally create a pneumatic ring around you in the event of an accident, with front-row side and side-curtain airbags that work with seat belts and frontal airbags. Mercury Sable, Volvo C70 and Acura MDX are among vehicles with this level of safety.

Beyond that, automakers today are introducing more active-avoidance systems that make vacation driving safer.

Take Electronic Stability Control (ESC), for example. The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety now requires that any cars it designates as Top Safety Picks each year include ESC, at least as an option, because of how valuable these systems are in helping drivers maintain control of their vehicles during emergency maneuvers. "SUVs, especially if they're loaded up with people and their gear, have a higher center of gravity than cars and are more likely to roll

over," said Russ Rader, an executive at the Institute.

Highway to fun: Automakers like to feature vehicle amenities in their advertising. But a lot of these doodads you don't really use until you're on a long road trip – and at that point, they really come in handy.

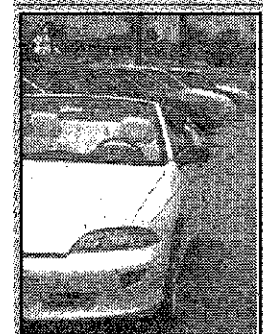
Navigation systems may be the most prominent of these. Around home, you may not have much use for one even if your vehicle has it. But on a long trip or one to unfamiliar territory, most of today's nav systems can be priceless little fonts of information. They calculate driving times, flag upcoming restaurants or gas stations, and get you from Point A to Point B.

"Adaptive" or "intelligent" cruise-control systems take much of the physical effort off long stretches of driving by handling the majority of driving-speed adjustments themselves by automatically maintaining a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Models with these systems, including the Infiniti QX56, remove a great deal of the strain of driving long distances from the person behind the wheel.

And as any parent knows, rear-seat DVD entertainment systems can be indispensable for a road trip, so long as you've selected the right movies. A plethora of power outlets – from 12v to 110v – is another great feature in a vacation vehicle, allowing folks to plug in everything from laptops and cell phones to coolers and videogames. Just remember to check what kind of power and/or interface your devices need.

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