

of town's past during Old Tyme **Farm Days**

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Long before IKEA and all the rest of the big box stores popped up in Canton, the township was renowned for its corn production and its agricultural way of life.

While the number of farms has dwindled to just a handful, there are many folks in Canton who still fondly remember the days when the town was the sweet corn capital of Michigan and life wasn't nearly so fast-paced. Those days will be celebrated this weekend during the Old Tyme Farm Days event in Cherry Hill Village.

Hosted by the Canton Historical Society and the Early Engine Club, the second annual

It's going to be a busy weekend in Cherry Hill Village. In addition to the Old Tyme Farm Days, the Village will play host to the third annual Cherry Festival on Saturday. Please see page A2 for story, or visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Old Tyme Farm Days will take place at the historic Bartlett-Travis House and Cady-Boyer Barn

(500 N. Ridge Road) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

According to Historical Society President Richard Waldecker, there will be plenty of antique engines and tractors on display, as

well as artifacts from Canton's farming days. "Last year we had 61 participants who

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Theresa Henning (left) had her wish come true, now she and her family and friends are taking part in the three-day bike ride for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. From left, Theresa Henning, father-in-law John Henning, Christina Atkins, her father Bob Polzin and John Finnegan.

'Think of the kids'

Team will bike 300 miles in three days to grant wishes for seriously ill children

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

mile bike trek to Chelsea. This year, Team Header has Fairgrounds and as a tradition, the

brought old farm equipment," said Waldecker. "Because of advertising, we're hoping to have over 100 participants this year. It's amazing how many people in this area own old tractors."

Waldecker, who is a retired engineer from Ford Motor Co., owns a 1941 Farmall A tractor, and will be using it to provide hayrides during the event.

Perhaps the highlight of the event will take place on Saturday, when three farmers will be putting on actual plowing and disking demonstrations in a field behind the Cady-Boyer Barn.

Waldecker said there may also be a small petting farm, as well as mini-train rides by Andy's Railroad.

The whole point of the event, according to Waldecker, is "just to show people how farming took place in the township," particularly those who don't remember the old days or even know much about farming.

"Children really don't know how produce gets into the supermarket. It's not that they can't read a book or look it up on the computer, it's just better to show them hands-on," he said.



OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His own "Wish" kid is now an adult, but that hasn't put a dent in Bob Polzin's enthusiasm for the Wish-A-Mile bicycle tour.

Polzin of Canton has been participating in the event, a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, for 16 years. He's gotten several friends and family members to join him throughout the years and 2008 is no different.

Polzin's group, Team Header, will travel to Traverse City today to prepare for the three-day, 300-

"I saw what Make-A-Wish did for our daughter and this is my opportunity to give back to other children," Polzin said, referencing his daughter, Theresa Henning, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 1990 at age 15.

Henning, whose cancer is in remission, was granted her wish of a new bedroom set two years after her diagnosis.

"To be able to have your wish granted means so much," said Henning, a township resident, adding that she's proud her father has championed the charity. "My dad doesn't give up on stuff like this."

about 20 riders, including family friend John Finnegan of Canton, who has been riding alongside Polzin for 15 years. Henning's sister and father-in-law, Christina Atkins and John Henning, both Canton residents, are also on the team.

"My son participated two years ago and when we went to the Heroes Hurrah to see them come in, the response was amazing," John Henning said. "I told myself, 'I gotta try this,' and 10 minutes after I finished last year, I said I was going to do it again this year." The Heroes Hurrah will take

place Sunday at the Chelsea

riders are cheered to the finish line by children and family members.

"The kids will drive you," said Polzin, who is known to yell "Think of the kids" whenever members of his team feel weary during the bike ride. "We may have three days of pain, but those children have years of discomfort."

Each participant of Wish-A-Mile is required to raise \$750 to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grant 200 wishes. For more information, log on to

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Longtime trustee, Foundation president vying to become treasurer McLaughlin loves working for Canton residents

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. If the way to a voter's heart

is through chocolate, Melissa McLaughlin is in a good position to become Canton's next treasurer.

McLaughlin, a 16-year member of the Township Board, has been stomping the pavement armed with packs of candy-coated chocolates that bear the initials of her first and last names.

"The M&M's are a fluke," the married mother of two sons said with a laugh, noting that the idea surfaced when she sent her sisterin-law a bouquet that included



McLaughlin, a township resident since 1962, said she's ready to expand her role as a Canton legislator and take the reins of the treasurer's

office. Longtime Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter is retiring from the \$98,790 post.

"This is the right opportunity," McLaughlin said, adding that her goals include navigating new finance software and revamping the treasurer's page on the town-

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Noricks wants to be a 'voice' for residents

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Noricks says she doesn't believe in sacred cows and can squeeze a dollar out of 15 cents with the best of them.

"When I go door to door, the thing that I'm hearing most often is: 'Are you going to reduce my taxes?' When times are tough, we have to engage the public and see what has to go," said Noricks, who is campaigning to be township treasurer.

The longtime president and CEO of the Canton Community Foundation said her experience with the organization, which included managing its staff and relationship building, has given



to today's bumpy economy. "I have a proven track record of making more out of less," she said.

Noricks, a married mother of three who moved to Canton in

1980, said under her leadership, the Foundation's assets grew from \$1,500 to \$1.8 million.

If elected, Noricks said she would explore the feasibility of a four-day work week for township employees, stay updated on technological advances that

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Coming Sunday: Shawn Johnson is the gymnast to watch in Beijing, says 1996/ gold medalist Shannon Miller

LOCAL NEWS

Village will be hopping for Cherry Festival

Saturday is going to be a busy day in Cherry Hill Village. Not only will the Old Tyme Farm Days be taking place at the historic Bartlett-Travis House and Cady-Boyer Barn, the rest of the Village will come alive for the 3rd annual Cherry Festival.

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Organized by Canton Leisure Services and sponsored by Huntington Bank, the family-friendly event will mix the arts, entertainment, food and other activities, including a special sidewalk chalk art contest presented by D & M Studios.

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The "Chalk it Up" contest is open to entrants of all ages and skill-levels, and will include prizes for winners. Participants are required to check in by 11 a.m. There is a registration fee for adults 13 and up of \$15, and children 12 and under can register for \$5. Chalk supplies are included in the registration fee. Those interested can pick up a registration form at the Summit on the Park or on-

site at the competition. Other children's activities include:

"Harmony and Me"

interactive music activities; a sock puppet workshop for kids presented by the PCEP Puppetry Club; and a "Very Cherry Story Time" at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Cherry Fun kids activity tent will feature games, cherry crafts, and the cherry pit spit.

The Cherry Sweet Treats & Dessert Bake-Off. Dishes featuring cherries can be submitted at the Cherry Hill School from noon to 1:30 p.m. Judging will be done during the Cherry Festival, and the winner will be presented with a prize pack. The winning recipe will also be published in an upcoming edition of the Canton FOCUS newsletter.

■ A cherry wine tasting with Vintner's Cellar of Canton from 5-8 p.m. at the Village Theater bar. Destination Theater will also perform a sneak preview of their latest production, "Grease," currently underway on the Village Theater's main

stage. For a detailed schedule of events, visit leisure.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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Cheer team visits Kentucky

The 2008-09 Plymouth-Salem-Canton high school large co-ed cheer team spent four days in Kentucky at the Coed College Prep Camp. The team is shown with Jomo Thompson (center, back row), head coach of the University of Kentucky's 14-time national champion cheer team. Front row (from left) are Sommer Guy, Jordan Thompsett, Alex Felts, Halie Lindberg; middle row (from left) Coach Erika Healey, Alex Hamric, Casey Norris, Alyssa Uller, Jessica Hasty, Hillary Genrich and Brianna Cheesman; back row (from left) Kevin Enna, Josh Thomas, Jesse Hulet, Ryan Schulthorpe, Jomo Thompson, Jason Payne, Quest Miller, Justin Groves and Coach Cam Schambre. Not pictured is Angela Whitehead.

AROUND CANTON

Chamber gold classic

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host the 2008 Chamber Golf Classic on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Registration for the fund-raising event begins at 8:30 a.m.

There are several packages to participate available.

The Golf for Four Sponsorship Package is \$650, and includes golf for four with a tee or green sponsorship, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner banquet, and a plaque, plus 18 holes of golf, with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, dinner, gift package, awards & prizes.

The Golf for Four Package is \$550, and includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, buffet dinner banquet, prizes, and gift package.

Individual golf is \$150 and includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, buffet dinner banquet, prizes, gift package, and more.

For those who only want dinner, the cost is \$35.

To register for the event or for more information, visit the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com or call (734) 453-4040.

Wear a helmet, get a reward

This summer Canton Police Department is participating in the 4th annual Caught Being Safe campaign, rewarding kids who are "caught" wearing helmets while bike riding or Rollerblading. When on routine patrols, officers spotting a child wearing a helmet will reward them with a coupon for a free ice cream cone or Apple Dipper from McDonald's. This program is presented by ThinkFirst Michigan, an award-winning trauma prevention program at St. Mary's Michigan. Michigan McDonald's restaurants are supporting the cause by providing 100,000 coupons to be shared among 573 police and fire departments throughout Michigan.

Biking and other summer safety tips are available at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Vacation Bible school

The First Congregational Church of Wayne and the Methodist Church of Wayne will host a joint Vacation Bible School Aug. 11-15 (from 8:45 a.m.-noon). The classes are free and open to the public for children from the age of 4 through 6th grade. Classes will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne. For more information or to register, call (734) 729-7550.

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Van Buren Schools chief diagnosed with cancer

BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Van Buren Schools officials received some sobering news last week when Supt. Pete Lazaroff announced he has been diagnosed with cancer. Lazaroff, who has been the

VBPS superintendent since 2003, was admitted July 11 to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after experiencing a persistent cough and chest pain. After undergoing numerous tests, Lazaroff, 51, was diagnosed... with acute lymphatic leukemia, a type of bone cancer.

According to VBPS spokesman Paul Henning, doctors say the cancer is in its early stages, and there is a 70-percent survival rate for patients diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia.



Lazarof

transferred to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann remain there for four weeks

Arbor, and will

of chemotherapy, according to Henning. "He's got a lot of energy. His

attitude is upbeat and that's a big part of battling cancer," Henning said. Lazaroff sent an e-mail to all

district employees explaining his condition and making sure everyone is as "fully informed as possible."

For the time being, Lazaroff is still in charge of the district. Henning said he and other school officials visit Lazaroff almost daily to go over district business.

"He's still right in the middle of everything," he said.

Henning said Lazaroff is expecting to be back at work when the new school year starts Sept. 2.

"I do plan on keeping in touch with the office over the next few weeks, but will balance that time, making sure that my wife and I are sensitive to the needs of each other, and that we are helping our two daughters during this difficult time," Lazaroff wrote in his memo to the employees. "I am viewing this as a bump in the road and have every plan to return to do what I can to contribute to our organization."

Lazaroff recently had his contract extended through June 2010. He earns an annual salary of \$130,088.



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You have to be proactive to seek out available scholarships

It's hard to believe that summer is more than halfway over and before you know it kids will be heading back to school. Since home equity loans are no longer a viable alternative for many, the question of where to get money for college this fall becomes an issue many families will face.

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One way to go - if you're short of money - is through one of the college loan programs. There are many types of loan programs available. In addition to talking to a college financial aid officer, there are excellent Web sites to use to learn about loans and how to obtain them. Findaid.org is just one of these sites.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are another alternative to paying for col-



Rick Bloom

civic organization among others. Unfortunately, scholarships

don't come to you, you have to go get them. In other words, you must be proactive. Many people believe that

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Scholarships

are given

scholarships are given either based upon academic excellence or hardship. Although, there are many scholarships for excellence in education and hardship, these are not the only scholarships available.

Scholarships are given for other types of achievements or situations. As an example, many scholarships reward students for community service.

The key to obtaining many of these scholarships is to search out the organizations providing them and do what is necessary to apply.

It is doubtful you will get one scholarship that pays your way through college, so you do have to apply to many groups. In fact, I saw a story where a student received approximately 20 scholarships to pay his way through college.

How to find the organizations who give scholarships has probably never been easier. Using the Internet makes the task a lot easier. However in using the internet we sometimes let our guard down.

Don't do it in your search for scholarships. There are many sites on the Internet that offer free scholarships searches and even offer free scholarships. However, some of these are not what they appear to be. Some of these sites ask for a variety of sensitive financial information that can be used against you in identity theft situations. Therefore in doing your search, be careful about what information you release.

A couple of sites to checkout are www.findaid.org and www.cityofcollegedreams.org. Both Web sites have a wealth of information about scholarship searches and other ways to finance college.

Is it too late to apply for scholarships for the fall? Although, many scholarships have been awarded, many

have not. It is amazing how many scholarships go unused. Although your scholarship search may be more difficult, it is not impossible and if nothing more, you can get a jump on next year.

Searching for scholarships is not something parents should do alone. Involve your students because they are the ultimate beneficiary.

LOANS

For those who need money now and are considering loans, make sure that you do your homework to shop the loan. Many people think that all student loans are the same but they are not.

Remember, in obtaining a loan always make sure you understand the terms including the interest rate,

how the interest rate is calculated, when payments begin and what fees and costs are involved. The time spent in making sure you obtain the right loan will definitely save money down the road.

It is never too late or too early to begin looking for scholarships. For parents who have children that will be attending college in the fall of 2009, now is the time to get proactive and to begin your scholarship search.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

Madonna creates a smooth transition for retiring faculty

Across the nation, 78 million 'baby boomers' from every' profession are moving towards retirement.

At Madonna University the average age of its 166 fulltime faculty is 57. The 4,100student, private liberal arts school has created a strategic plan that will aid retirees, while ensuring a smooth transition from one generation of faculty to the next. University faculty retirements equate to more teaching jobs in Michigan, as 96 percent of higher education institutions are recruiting new professors, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"The heart of this issue is how a university retains its character and core values when one generation passes the teaching-learning enterprise off to another," said Ernie Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "As in most human endeavors, something of value may be lost while something new and exciting may be gained."

To better prepare, Nolan and some 50 members of Madonna's faculty took part in a development workshop, led by the Department of Gerontology. The group mapped out the University programs slated for faculty

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retirements and developed a strategic plan to retain the University's successful traditions and values, and build upon the fresh perspective brought by new professors.

"The 'baby boomer' generation is characterized by a tremendous dedication to teaching and student learning, however incoming students or the 'digital generation,' often perceive the world and learn new information differently. This results in a conflict of cultures centered on ways of knowing and understanding reality," said Nolan.

Madonna University currently offers retiring faculty members the opportunity to stay on part time to mentor new hires and impart the knowledge they've gained over the years.

"What makes many of the classes unique at Madonna is that professors are willing to share their years of personal and professional experiences with their students," said Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk, graduating senior.

Sign language studies professor, Ken Rust, decided to retire after teaching at Madonna for 33 years.

"Choosing to retire was difficult because I have watched the sign language program

flourish over the years thanks to the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff, as well as the skill and enthusiasm of the students,' said Rust. "I wanted to make sure that the person coming on board was aware of the program's history and contacts throughout the community, and understood the program's potential for the years to come."

After retiring Rust agreed to work part time so he could continue working with the students, while training a newly-hired faculty member, who happens to be his former student.

At the development workshop it was suggested that a retirement link be placed on Madonna's Web site. This link, planned for fall 2008, would provide useful information about dealing with lifestyle changes and other post-retirement issues. It also would serve as a communication tool for retirees to stay in touch with others in the Madonna community.

"A portion of the Web site dedicated to retired faculty would be useful. Even though I am finishing my part-time work, I do plan to stay in contact with the Madonna family," said Rust.





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Zoo millage proposal would create authorities

BY SUE BUCK Observer staff writer

Residents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will decide Aug. 5 whether to help finance the Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak.

If approved, the 0.1-mill tax would help the zoo weather Michigan's "economic storm." About 25 people attended an informational recently, organized by Oakland County Commissioner Mike Rogers,

of Farmington Hills, at the

Maxfield Training Center in Farmington.

Under the proposal, each county would have a locally appointed board or authority. "We are going to use a con-

tract and purchase services from the zoo," said Gerald Poisson, deputy Oakland County executive. "We will not be involved in the day-to-day governance of the zoo."

Residents in these counties would receive specific benefits which would be spelled out in a negotiated contract, Poisson said. They would include cost breaks for senior citizens and children, for example. Professional zoological personnel would continue to decide which animals to purchase and which exhibits should be expanded.

If the 0.1-mill regional 10-year tax is approved, the average owner of a \$200,000 house would pay \$10 a year. The tax could not be increased without another vote of the people.

The annual operating bud-

get of the zoo is \$26 million. Millages from the three counties would generate about \$12 million, Poisson said. The rest of the money would come from admission fees and private donations.

If the contract between the Zoological Society and the City of Detroit ends, this contract would also end, Poisson said. The City of Detroit cannot sell the property while there is a contract with the Zoological Society, according to Ron Kagan, zoo director.

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LOCAL NEWS





Several streets in the Hampton Ridge North subdivision were never completed.

Township moves ahead with lawsuit for subdivision's unfinished roads

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an effort to get roadwork completed in the Hampton Ridge North subdivision, township officials voted Tuesday to proceed with a lawsuit against Sheahan Title Co., Brown Communities Corp. and developer Jeff Brown.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said he expects the lawsuit to be filed within the coming days.

"The (Hampton Ridge) homeowners association has said they are in full support of this and want us to go for it," he said.

Phase one of the high-end subdivision, located off of Ann Arbor Road in the northwest corner of Canton, began in 2001 and its roads are still incomplete.

The Troy-based Sheahan Title holds the security for completing improvements to the development but, according to township officials, failed to respond to recent letters sent by Carol Rosati, township attorney, requesting that the work be done.

"At this point, we need to file a lawsuit,"

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with the township's decision to file a lawsuit against a developer that did not complete street work in a subdivision? E-mail your comments to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com for post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Rosati said last week.

Sheahan Title Co. did not return calls to comment on this story.

Hampton Ridge resident Doug Sadrack moved into the development in 2004 and said he backs the township going after the title company and Brown, which has since pulled out of the state.

"These roads are bad and it's an embarrassment," he said, referencing the potholes just east of his property and the patched area at the end of his driveway. "I've had people say, 'Beautiful house, but it (was horrible) getting in here.' The streets look like a war zone."



Several streets including Chatham Court in

unfinished.

the Hampton Ridge North subdivision remain

ship Web site to make it more user friendly and informational. "I want to give people the how-to and the what-to." McLaughlin, a former

accounting clerk for First National Bank of Plymouth/ First of America Bank, said she is prepared to learn the ins and outs of the department.

"I believe you have to get out of the way and let people do what they do, but I also think it's important that whatever job you take, you know every aspect of it," she said.

As a trustee, McLaughlin has been one of the more vocal members of the board and said she doesn't buy into criticism that township officials rarely disagree.

"I was here when there were fights at midnight and (elected officials) suing the township

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could work for the treasurer's office, check into the ability of advance scheduling of tax and water bill payments on the township's Web site and work to decipher the essentials of Canton government versus "expendable" budget items.

Campaigning on a promise of "real change," Noricks said she was disappointed when board members gave themselves raises last year.

"We can't continue to live like we are in the '90s," she said. "That's where I say there's a disconnect. Board members have to sacrifice for the good of the people who elected them."

Earlier this year, the board reversed course and voted to lower the salaries of elected officials and the treasurer's compensation went from \$103,730 to \$98,790.

MELISSA MCLAUGHLIN Years in Canton: 46

Family: Husband, John, two sons

Campaign slogan: "I'm committed to Canton's progression, regardless of Michigan's recession."

and it was shameful and we have come a long way from that," she said. "That might have been good for the newspapers but it wasn't good for Canton."

In addition to her work as a trustee, McLaughlin has spent 17 years on the Canton Planning Commission, is chair of the DDA, and serves as the vice chair of the Canton Historic District Commission.

"I absolutely love working for the residents of Canton," she said. "This is a fantastic community and we have very little to complain about."

JOAN NORICKS

Years in Canton: 28 Family: Husband, Dennis, three children

Campaign slogan: "Real Change: A treasurer who will excel at relationship building and has business experience."

Noricks, a former selfemployed dress maker and a past president of the PCCS School Council, said if elected, she will continue going door to door meeting residents.

"I really think our current leadership is embedded and cliquish so I want to be a fresh perspective," she said. "I love door knocking and it's quite amazing how many people I talk to who feel that the board rubber stamps (projects). I want to listen to them and be their voice."

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Noricks best fit for Canton treasurer

Voters have a difficult decision to make when choosing the Republican nominee for Canton Township treasurer on Aug. 5. Two qualified candidates — Melissa McLaughlin and Joan Noricks — are the seeking the nomination, which will almost certainly decide who ultimately wins the office. There are no Democrats in the race.

Both McLaughlin, a longtime Canton trustee, and Joan Noricks, the president of the Canton Community Foundation, have distinguished records of service to the Canton community.

Unfortunately, the race has largely turned negative rather than focusing on individual strengths and records. It's too



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bad, because it is a disservice to the voters of Canton, and the candidates themselves.

Noricks, who has headed the Foundation for the past 15 years, has taken the organization from one that was in debt to one that has nearly \$2 million in assets. She has helped recruit an excellent, diverse board of directors, and managed staff and an annual budget of about \$200,000. She acts as the Foundation's chief financial officer, and is responsible for investments and payroll.

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Under her leadership, the Foundation has also been recognized by the Council on Foundations as being in compliance with the national standards for U.S. community foundations, making it one of just a few foundations in the region to meet the rigorous standards of accountability and transparency.

Noricks was also a longtime member of Plymouth-Canton's Educational Excellence Foundation. She is able to work cooperatively with others — even those who disagree with her — and build coalitions. She has the vision, the independence and the temperament for the job as Canton Township treasurer.

If elected, Noricks will explore alternative ways for residents and business owners to pay their taxes, including electronically, and making some technological improvements to the office (ideas McLaughlin also shares). Noricks said she would also be open to implementing a four-day work week for township employees to save money.

McLaughlin, who moved to Canton in 1962, has been a trustee since 1992 and has the support of Canton's old guard, including retiring Supervisor Tom Yack. She is also a member of the Canton Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Canton Historic District Commission. When it comes to knowledge about the township's history, there are few individuals that can recount as much as McLaughlin, and she has done as much as anyone to help preserve historical buildings in the community.

Whoever wins will have some big shoes to fill. Elaine Kirchgatter, who was elected treasurer in 1988 and is the longest serving member of the board of trustees, is retiring. Both Noricks and McLaughlin have shown through their actions and deeds that they have a deep love for Canton and its people. Both would make a good treasurer.

However, we believe **Joan Noricks**, based on her management experience and her independence would be the best person to serve the interests of Canton Township residents in the traceuror's office.



Judge vote is important

I'm often asked two questions regarding the election of judges: 1) How do you choose which judge to vote for and avoid falling victim to the name game? and 2) Why are judges on the nonpartisan ballot?

Voting for judge is an important and personal decision. Unlike other elected officials, trial judges have the unique authority and sometimes the responsibility to take away one's liberty which is a power that should not be taken lightly and should be carefully entrusted to the right people.

The following are some factors (strictly my opinion) that you may want to consider. I don't pretend to possess all of these qualities but they are qualities that I aspire to and believe that the best judges possess. Feel free to disregard them but hopefully they will help you in your decision.

Qualities to look for in a trial judge: honest; caring, compassionate, fair; a ood decision maker; addity to see things from multiple perspectives; ability to make fine distinctions; even-tempered; hard-working; knowledgeable; independent; humble; attentive; patient; respectful; courageous. How does one gauge these qualities in a candidate? Some ways include personal knowledge of that person; what is the candidate's reputation (personally and professionally) and is it deserved; what type of character has the person demonstrated in their personal and professional life? (Look at their history of activities/ behavior/involvement); is the person a good lawyer? Are they knowledgeable, thorough, honest and fair; what do clients and especially opposing counsel say about the way they practice law? How do they treat people?

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people in this area. We talked about a lot of different things that were affecting our lives a

things that were affecting our lives as well as lives of teens and young men and women in our community, how jobs were scarce and how the economy left everyone with confusion and hopelessness. But listening to his views and what he stands for and how he feels he is the best man for the job, I have to agree with him.

Now I'm an older man that has lived in this area for over 30 years. I've seen the good times and the bad times and yes even worse than now, but I know sooner or later it's going to get better and maybe even better than it used to be. So I think that with people like Jim Plakas looking after our well-being, this community will be not only be a better place to live but a better place to be safe in. I take voting very serious being a veteran of the Vietnam War, so you can bet I'll be at the polls voting to make the community a better place for everyone and a vote for this man will be a step in that direction. It was an honor to meet with you, Mr.

Over the ensuing two decades, Phyllis and I have been happy to make philanthropic donations to the CCF as we were confident funds would be put to good use. We have proudly watched as the CCF endowment has grown from a fledgling sum to a mature, substantial amount; we have delighted in knowing of scholarship award recipients and other good causes being supported. There can be no doubt, the success experienced by the CCF is attributable to the efforts of many, many selfless individuals.

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That is why I was alarmed to receive a copy of the most recent "newsletter." The "newsletter" exuded certain not-so-subtle political undertones; and, it signaled an appearance of impropriety to the trained eye suggestive of transgression that could seriously jeopardize the taxexempt status of the Canton Community Foundation.

Therefore, I call upon all members of the Board of Directors of the CCF to take even greater care in the faithful discharge of their respective fiduciary duties. All precautions must be taken to make certain nothing is permitted to occur that causes the district director of the IRS to question, let alone withdraw, the CCF's important, preferential taxexempt status. Vigilance must be maintained so that the organization's special status is not subjected to revocation. Failure now would be a terrible set back for our community. Nothing could justify allowing the misappropriation of the CCF's good name and reputation; no current political aspirations should be permitted to sully the noble efforts of so many, over so long a period.

the treasurer's office.

We recommend a vote for Noricks in the primary on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Vote 'yes' on zoo millage

These are tough times to ask taxpayers to approve yet another tax.

On Aug. 5, voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a 10-year, 0.1-mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. If approved, the tax would generate about \$12 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. The annual operating budget of the zoo is \$24 million. The rest of the zoo's budget would be covered by admission fees and private donations.

Zoo officials have argued that the new tax is needed to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over operations to the Detroit Zoological Society.

The ballot proposal would create taxing authorities in each of the three counties with the legal authority to levy a tax.

Questions have been raised about putting the millage on the August ballot rather than on the November ballot, when many more voters are expected because of the presidential election. Ballot supporters argue that they want the issue on the August ballot so that if it fails they can return to voters in November, a common practice for tax questions.

Though failure doesn't seem to be a concern, the Zoological Society has been reluctant to discuss contingency plans if the millage fails, citing polls that show 78 percent of voters support a millage. It is also unclear what would happen if one or more of the counties votes against the millage.

Despite these questions, we believe the zoo is a major asset to the Detroit area as a regional tourist attraction and a valuable educational institution with numerous school programs. We agree with proposal supporters that the tax is reasonable for the benefit.

We strongly support a yes vote on the zoo millage.



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Why are judges on the nonpartisan ballot?

Justice is not a partisan concept or issue. Judges are sworn to be impartial. Judges will have many cases come before them where a governmental entity is a party or has a vested interest in the outcome. Judges are entrusted to apply the laws enacted by the other branches of government. These branches of government are run by partisan elected officials.

Our three branches of government are designed as system of checks and balances. Judges need to avoid any appearance of bias and that is best achieved by running as nonpartisan candidates.

Mike Gerou

35th District Court judge

Voting for Plakas

I recently had the honor to meet a man who's running for 35th District judge in our community. He introduced himself to my wife and I, and told us of his qualifications for the position he was hoping to win in August. As he talked I thought why would anyone want a job as a judge in these times of uncertainness, but as he talked to us I saw that he really was excited about this position he was running for and also saw that he had the backing of many of the most prominent

for supervision of kindergartners at lunch."

Robert Denstedt Canton

Political signs not welcome

Regarding the report in the Observer about the theft of political campaign signs. These signs may have been removed because they were placed on subdivision association property without the permission of the subdivision's governing board.

The long-standing policy of the Fairway Pines at Pheasant Run Subdivision Association is to remove any political signs that are placed on association property. Association property is owned by, and maintained with funds collected from, all the owner/members of our Association. Therefore it has been the position of our governing board that no political preferences be allowed on Association property.

Thomas P. Gamache

Canton

Concerned about Foundation

My wife, Phyllis, and I have made Canton our home for over 30 years. Recently, we received a "newsletter" from the Canton Community Foundation (CCF). It was no surprise that a copy of the CCF "newsletter" was sent to us.

Why was it no surprise you might ask? Because I am an emeritus director of the Foundation; and, in fact, I was the attorney responsible for drafting the original documents approximately 20 years ago incorporating the Foundation as a Michigan not-for-profit corporation. Moreover, I prepared the original paperwork required by the Internal Revenue Service to apply for tax-exempt status. Actually, I still have a framed copy of the IRS district director's letter granting provisional tax-exemption to the CCF.

The CCF was the brain-child of the then newly-elected Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and built upon his reputation and that of the Rev. Kenneth Gruebel and Mr. Mitchell Howard (the original three Incorporators).

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additional costs for professional development, curriculum changes from half-day to full-day and the additional cost

- George Belvitch, director of elementary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, on what the district would have

"We need about 27 more teachers if we went all the way, which would total about \$1.6 million. Then there's the

to do to offer full-day kindergarten, which is being considered for the 2009-10 school year

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Bruce Patterson state senator, Canton

Shame on the League

I was disturbed to learn the League of Women Voters used a strong supporter of Canton treasurer candidate Joan Noricks to screen questions in the recent candidates forum. Shame on the League. They owe Melissa McLaughlin a huge and very prominent apology. They spent a considerable amount of time telling us just how "nonpartisan" they are supposed to be.

Nancy Spencer Canton

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I believe I represent most voters when I say the one thing I desire most during election time is complete information. With complete information, I can measure the candidate's background, experience, and sincerity against my value system.

Most recently I was very disappointed in the article comparing our 35th District Court judicial candidates. It nicely highlighted the male candidates' experience, but the very first sentence regarding candidate Martha Snow was a negative one. The most unbelievable thing is the article didn't even tell you what she has been doing during this time. I know there are other voters like me who want all the facts before making their decision.

Martha Snow's experience is relevant and significant. She was hand-selected by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, and for over five years has prosecuted the felony nonsupport docket for the State of Michigan. I think the confidence the attorney general has in her abilities is relevant. She has had significant experience dealing in family law which affects every one of our communities. When fathers don't pay child support, it not only affects the single mother and child, but it affects all of us.

Another thing a voter might want to know is what the candidates have done for our community. Be mindful to look back further than when this election began. You will see a lot of "Good Samaritans" kissing babies around election time, but what are the candidate's true colors? Judicial candidate Martha Snow is an amazing community activist. I have personally witnessed her leadership and community involvement well before this campaign was contemplated. As far back as 1999 she was president of her local Rotary Club. She served as president again in 2006. During this time, there were some very difficult decisions that had to be made and I can tell you firsthand she contemplated, sought opinions, and then implemented the rendered decision.

Martha Snow is a graduate of Leadership Canton and was instrumental with her group in developing and hosting the first "Rally 4 Canton" road rally which raised over \$10,000 for youth and seniors in our community. She is a board member for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring many events and serving her business community in many ways. She participates in the Plymouth and Northville chambers. Martha Snow is a past president of Wayne County Family Law Bar. You have to be pretty sharp to be entrusted with that honor. She serves on the Northville Planning Commission, is treasurer of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board, and a founder and board member of the Women's Giving Circle. As you can see, she has a lifestyle of giving back to her community.

I could go on and on about her communityminded lifestyle, but I am fortunate to know her personally and I want to share what I have witnessed there. I have personally witnessed what a loving, devoted mother she is. In addition, as a friend, Martha can always

be counted on for love and support and candid conversations. She is smart, dedicated, loving, community-minded and able to make tough decisions when necessary. I can't think of a better addition to the bench in the 35th District Court. So, I urge voters to look at the whole picture and who is truly involved in the community by actually participating, serving on boards, and making a difference. Campaign signs and billboards don't equate involvement. Don't let this be politics as usual. On Aug. 5th, I will "Let it Snow."

> **Lisa Kennedy** Canton

Bolden has come a long way

If elected as a trustee my job would not be to micromanage any department. I have a great deal of respect for the department heads in particular Dave Medley, Canton's HR manager, and John Santomauro, director of Public Safety. I have had lunch with them and have sat on boards with them also. I personally see no deficiencies in the way this township has been run or is currently being managed. My first supporters were members of the township staff and many of the elected officials. I would not be giving my time as a volunteer football and baseball coach, band booster or serve on Canton's many boards if I thought Canton needed "fixing." I see everyday diversity and cooperation within this community because I am at the library almost daily; I'm in the township offices again almost daily. And coaching Canton kids on a daily basis.

As a former police officer I have spoken with many "cops" in other departments and the only complaint I hear about this department is that they have tough standards and some say they could not work for Canton because of its intensive standards. I was glad to hear that and complimented the chief for setting such high standards.

I have gotten in hot water before while attending St. John major seminary in Plymouth by saying I thought some of the seminary teachers were diverse in its teaching. That was interpreted as liberal so I was moved to a monastery in Wisconsin the following fall and my friend, Father Larry Z., was moved to Indiana. We were labeled the new right wing of the church.

I hope you don't see diversity as a negative thing. I know I can use some more diversity in my life. My sister said to me last week that I have become more diverse in my "old age." She was surprised that my kids listen to music other than country. She was surprised that they played sports other than baseball, that they take hip hop dance classes, and like hip hop music, which still pains me a little. She was also appreciative that I have finally gotten over the second Vatican Council changes (mostly). Boy, have I come along way.

Fred A. Bolden Canton

(Fred Bolden is running for Canton Township trustee.)

Looming 'great transformation' calls for knowledge of history

at the gas station at the Grand River exit off I-96, just north of Brighton. As I waited, I watched the traffic go by: SUVs, big pickups, RVs. Every one of them happily guzzling gas on a warm spring afternoon.

And I thought to myself: I'm watching the end of an era



That's because we are at the end of cheap gas (relatively speaking) and the lifestyle it made possible during the last century.

Cheap petroleum has produced "exurban" communities like Brighton and Howell, where people drive 20, 30, even 40 miles each way to their jobs

and think nothing of driving 20 miles to Wal-Mart to shop on the weekends. It is a lifestyle that has produced

enormous, elaborate new high schools. Think Northville, South Lyon, Walled Lake, with vast parking lots for the convenience of students - students, mind you! - driving back and forth to school.

The bulldozers that produced all of this, the endless scrapings of the ground in outer ring suburban communities for new subdivisions, new shopping malls, new schools, new roads, were made possible by one thing: Gasoline that sold for under \$2 a gallon less than 10 years ago, but which has marched past \$4.19 even at the cheapest stations.

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined with low-interest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an ever-increasing home equity loan line of credit.

And now that the world is changing, it is time to look back and assess what was happening, and who we have been.

The era we are watching end involved an entire interconnected set of things that, taken together, have pretty much defined the American way of life ever since the end of World War II.

Jobs, for the most part, have been plentiful in Michigan. And if you were lucky to catch on with the auto industry and happened to be a United Auto Workers' union member, you got a big paycheck and gold-plated benefits. And with solid job security and a good pension, you could get that cabin Up North, the boat, an allterrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no longer true.

As a result of the rise of industrial farming and federal government subsidies for beef and corn and rice, food was pretty cheap. Sure, fast food was fattening and not very good for you, but you could feed a family on your weekly paycheck and have something left over for fun. Anybody who's been at the supermarket lately knows that's changed drastically, too. For most of that time, people also felt, all

things considered, that things were pretty good,

that the country was generally on the right track, and that things would gradually get better and better for Michigan families, and that the kids would live better lives still.

America was the most powerful nation on earth and, at the same time, the moral beacon of hope to do the right thing, to be the shining city on the hill. The government that kept our Social Security checks coming was reasonably effective, and the social and political institutions that knitted our country together worked fairly well.

Then, however, came Sept. 11, followed by Iraq. And Hurricane Katrina, followed by more Iraq. Then came a melted-down mortgage system and an over-extended and ethically challenged financial industry. Michigan was additionally shackled with a fiercely partisan political system that failed to get the important things done.

Now, the signs are all around us that our long era of good times will never again be what it was. All manner of things are starting to go wrong, or at least fraying at the edges. My gut tells me they're interconnected in a complex and subtle pattern.

Americans have, of course, seen massive transformations before. Starting in 1775, our revolution brought us independence from colonial England and ushered in a great and successful experiment in creating an entirely new system of self-government.

The Civil War confirmed that America was in fact destined to be primarily an industrial economy, not an agricultural one, and that this required a strong national government.

Finally, the frightening Great Depression sowed the seeds of a national safety net and the notion that our society, acting through our government, has some responsibility for each and every one of us.

Craig Ruff of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing is a deeply thoughtful man who knows something about almost everything. In a recent column, he suggested our nation is on the eve of a "great transformation." Echoing the argument of William Strauss and Neil Howe in their influential book The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy, Ruff noted that these fundamental transformations take place every 70 years or so. Given that the modern era started in 1945, we are about due.

The philosopher George Santayana once observed that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nobody knows what future historians will conclude about these turbulent and contentious times. But it is getting clearer and clearer that rough waters are ahead, and we're going to need every bit of our historical memory and common sense to get through what's coming.

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Red-hot Rams earn 5th straight AAABA berth

2008 PREP ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unfortunately, the stock market and economy aren't as reliable as the Michigan Rams' 20-and-under baseball team.

The Rams (23-9) captured their fifth consecutive Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League title Monday night with a 9-1 thrashing of the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder in a contest played at LaCasse Park in Tecumseh, Ontario.

The Thunder closed out the regular season with a 2-19 record.

The league title earned the Rams a berth in the AAABA national tournament in Johnstown, Pa. — their eighth such berth in the team's history.

The Rams struck early and often on Monday, registering seven first-inning runs on five hits and never looked back. Ben Schroeder picked up the mound victory as he gave up just three unearned runs and three hits while striking out three in a

walk-less effort. Matt Tuttle was solid in relief, yielding just one run over the final four innings. Tuttle

gave up one hit while whiffing three batters. Brent Walker suffered the setback for the Thunder after he was rocked for eight runs in two innings.

Aaron Wick and Frank Persichino paced the winners' hitting attack with two hits and two RBI each. Brad Herman, Dan Augustine (two) and Nick Plinka also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Joe Barnes proved to be a thorn in the Thunder's side as he scored three runs.

The clinching victory was set up by Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the Knights at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams notched the opener, 5-0, thanks to six innings of three-hit pitching from starter Derek Mosher and a near-perfect seventh from Tuttle, who gave up just one walk while K'ing three.

The Rams, who stroked just five hits, broke open a scoreless encounter with three runs in the third and two in the fourth.

Dan Augustine led the Rams with two hits and a pair of runs scored. Herman (1for-3, RBI, run), Brett Mazmanian (1-for-2, run) and Ryan Abraham (1-for-2, run) also contributed at the plate in the winning effort.

Tony Pounders went 2-for-2 for the Knights.

Knights hurler Dustin Hill deserved a better fate as he gave up only five hits and two earned runs. The Rams won the nightcap, 1-0, thanks to Brett Shankin's one-hit masterpiece. The shutout was the ninth of the season for the Rams.

Shankin faced just 23 batters, 11 of whom struck out.

The Rams manufactured the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh when Tim Cross reached on an error before scoring on Persichino's RBI hit.

Ex-Ram Ryan Gunderson suffered the loss despite yielding just one hit.

The 16-team AAABA double-elimination national tournament begins Aug. 11 in Johnstown.

The Rams are coached by Rick Berryman, Harvey Weingarden, Mike Taylor and June Berryman.

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Hail to the 'Victor' John Glenn kicker boots East to win

BY ED WRIGHT Observer staff writer

Add a "y" to the end of Victor Sanders' first name and you'll end up with what the former Westland John Glenn kicker led the East team to in Saturday's Michigan High School All-Star Football Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

Playing in front of more than 7,000 fans, Sanders booted three field goals — one from 42 yards out along with a pair of 32-yarders — to account for all the scoring in his team's 9-0 victory. Sanders also handled kick-off and punting duties for the victors.

"I never kicked three field goals in a game in high school and the one I kicked from 42 yards today was the longest I've ever kicked in a game," recounted Sanders, explaining how he saved his best for the last high school game of his career. "We played at Eastern (Michigan University) our first game my senior year, so I wasn't star-struck by playing in a big stadium, but I was still a little nervous. I was able to get the nerves out, though, during pre-game warm-ups.



Star performer

Leading Garden City's varsity softball team to a Division 1 state championship last month apparently wasn't enough for Hallie Minch. She pitched the Red team to a 4-1 victory over the White team on Saturday at the 27th annual Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 1 All-Star game, held in Holt.

Minch, a 2008 graduate of Garden City, will attend Madonna University in the fall and play for the Crusaders' softball team.

City Golf

Championship

The 45th Annual City Golf Championship will be held Aug. 9-10 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Included in the field will be past champions including Claude Jonston, Sandy Felan, Bill Hawley and last year's titleist, Zach McCurley.

The competition is open to residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Livonia, Romulus, Plymouth, Inkster and Garden City. The city whose residents compile the

five lowest scores will earn the prestigious

Rotary Club traveling

trophy.

"It was a great week. I got to meet a lot of nice people and hang out with some great players."

Three other Observerland players played key roles in the East's triumph.

Defensive tackles Pat Cecile (Livonia Franklin) and Matt Broome (Livonia Stevenson) were instrumental in keeping the West off the scoreboard.

During one key stop in the third quarter, the former rivals jarred West Kirk Doering on successive plays to force incompletions.

Former Plymouth wide receiver Mike Hanchett, who is headed to Saginaw Valley State University to play football next month, grabbed two passes, including a 14-yard screen pass in the second quarter that helped lead to Sanders' sec-

Please see ALL-STAR, B4

Fred Miller (left), longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons, was presented with the MHSFCA Alliance Award during Saturday's All-Star football game in East Lansing. At right is MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck.



BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fred Miller laughed when asked what receiving the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's coveted Alliance Award meant to him.

"Longevity, I guess," said Miller, 56, a longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons' youth football team and a Redford Union alum. "But really, I just try to teach the boys to be competitive and always do their best.

"We really have a great tradition with the Falcons, we play with a lot of pride." The Livonia resident was honored during halftime of Saturday's Michigan High School Football All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Presenting the award was MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck, who described Miller as a man who "not only gives his players a passion for the game, but also for representing themselves, and their community, with pride and distinction."

Miller's family — wife Beth, and 13year-old son Matthew, entering his final season with the Falcons — were on the field when Hollenbeck presented the

Alliance Award.

Miller, about to start his 37th season coaching the Falcons' varsity, emphasized that getting such an award really means many others have been dedicated to the program over the decades. For example, former Falcons' player Rob Shepley (who went on to be a starting fullback at Plymouth Salem) is head coach of the Falcons' freshman team some 20 years after playing for him.

The award recipient also continues to find it rewarding to take a group of

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Canton resident Greg Wolfe (left), pictured above and at right playing for the Honeybaked Midget Major team last spring, was drafted by the United States Hockey League's Chicago Steel in April. Wolfe has his sights set on playing Division 1 collegiate hockey.



Shooting star Wolfe's ice goal: earn opportunity to play for D1 college

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

ODSLAVER STAFF WRITER

To say June 8 was a milestone day in the life of Greg Wolfe would be an understatement.

A few hours after accepting his diploma during Canton High School's senior commencement ceremony that Sunday, Wolfe was in Chicago, trying out for the Steel, the Windy City's United States Hockey League franchise.

The sharp-shooting, slickskating Wolfe made the Steel's roster, which wasn't the least bit surprising considering he was the team's fourth-round pick in the USHL's May draft.

The USHL's talent level is comparable to the Ontario Hockey League, but unlike the OHL, its players are still eligible to play in college — which is

Wolfe's primary goal.

"There were probably about 80 guys trying out for 25 roster spots," said Wolfe, who led his nationally ranked Honeybaked Midget Major team with 55 goals and 45 assists during the 2007-08 campaign. "I felt pretty good going into the tryouts since they had drafted me. But just because you're drafted, doesn't mean you're going to make the team."

Wolfe's ultimate dream is to play Division 1 college hockey. He's already drawn interest from Bowling Green, among other schools.

His tenure in Chicago could last one year or two, depending upon how quickly he can impress the college coaches.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Greg Wolfe will play D1 hockey," said Rob Krohl, Wolfe's coach for Honeybaked two of the past three years. "He has tremendous offensive ability and he's one of the best shooters I've seen in the 10 years I've been coaching.

"If you placed a BB somewhere in the net, Greg could hit it with the puck anywhere from inside the blue line. His shot is not only super accurate, it's hard."

Krohl said Wolfe's skills are not limited to his lethal slapshot.

"Greg has tremendous hockey sense," the veteran coach said. "He's smart with the puck and he sees the ice really well. It's like he has eyes in the back of his head sometimes.

"He's a leader, too. Guys follow him. He put the entire team on his back during this year's state tournament (when Honeybaked

Please see WOLFE, B4

There are flights for all ages, genders and abilities. The top three places in each flight

will win trophies. The entry fee is \$60, but does not include a cart fee.

To enter, call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at (734) 721-7400.

Salem soccer

The Salem boys soccer team will be holding optional conditioning workouts for all student-athletes entering ninth through 12th grades from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through July 30 at the high school soccer fields located at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads.

Thomas signs

Canton High School graduate Devin Thomas recently signed a four-year contract with the NFL's Washington Redskins worth a reported \$4.83 million. Thomas, who starred at Michigan State University during the 2007 season, was the Redskins' second-round pick (34th overall) in April's NFL draft.

Thomas signed two days before training camp started.

The 6-2, 218-pound ex-Chief caught a school-record 79 passes for 1,260 yards and eight touchdowns in 2007 as a junior at Michigan State. He also had a 29.1-yard average as a kickoff returner. **B**2 (CP)

T-shirt.

751-6061.

Canton softball camp

The Canton softball team

12-13 for girls between the ages

of 8 and 13 years old. The \$75

registration fee includes a free

The camp will be held from

9 a.m. to noon both days at the

Canton softball complex, locat-

For more information, con-

Canton will be hosting a struc-

tured hitting program every

Wednesday and Friday from

10 a.m. to noon. Participants

will work at stations that will

include hitting off machines,

tee work and soft toss.

ed behind the high school.

tact Beth Dunleavy at (734)

Precision Baseball

Precision Baseball in

will be hosting a camp Aug.

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Instruction will be provided by Wayne State University head coach Jay Alexander.

The program is limited to the first 50 baseball and/or softball players (there is no age limit). The cost is just \$20 per session. To reserve a spot, call Precision Baseball at (734) 459-5921.

Motor City

Pirates tryouts

Tryouts for the 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, from 3-5 p.m. at the UAW Fields, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Pirates play in the

Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and will play in several tournaments in 2009.

Players interested in try-

Cardinals 12U tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton Cardinals 2008-09 12U travel baseball team will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, and

The team competes in the KVBSA League and in the USSSA and Sylvania tourna-

in one or two tourneys later this fall.

For the first time ever, outof-district exemptions are

For more information on tryout times and locations, Hejka@jeffersonwells.com.

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Terry G. Bennett Clerk DE08612767 - 2x7

ing out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@ wowwav.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 13.

ments.

The Cardinals will also play

allowed.

contact Jim Hejka at James_



Talk to other moms who have been there.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

National bowling tournament in Canton proves successful

hey came, they saw and they bowled.

Nearly 40,000 women bowlers invaded Canton to participate in the 92nd United

States Bowling Congress women's championships at Super Bowl Lanes, which recently ended its 88day run.

It turned out to be a great **Ten Pin Alley** success, espe-

cially for the Al Harrison local economy. Although our

local ladies did not fare so well on the leaderboard this year, most of them enjoyed the experience of bowling in national competition.

As for the multitude of outof-town visitors to our community, they discovered the many fine attractions the Detroit area has to offer -- and that made for a most memorable trip.

Attempting to list all of the top finishers in each division would take up a lot of space here, but it is all available on the Internet at www.bowl.com.

Here are some of the locals who finished among the top five in their divisions: Division 1 Team event (845-945 average.) fifth place, "Girlfriends" of Rochester Hills with a total score of 2.675: Division 1 All-Events (170-189 average.) Karen Linebaugh, Romulus, 1,744; Division 3 Team (651-745 average.) second place, Michael B's Foxie Ladies, Romulus, 2,409; Division 4 Doubles (260 average. and under) fourth place (tie) Robin Pickens, Romulus and Theresa Caloia of Redford, 916.

Much of the success of this huge event was due to the efforts of Mark and Diane Voight and Roger Philipi of the Community Bowling Centers; the entire staff at Super Bowl: Mark Martin and Libbi Fletcher of the Metro Detroit USBC Association: the Detroit Sports Commission and a host of volunteer workers who devoted their time and energy to help make it all work out.

About the same time the last of the ladies rolled the last ball in the tournament, a couple thousand youth bowlers came to town to compete in the 11th annual USBC Gold Championships July 5 -11 at three Detroit-area bowling centers: Sunnybrook Lanes and Sterling Lanes, both located in Sterling Heights, as well as Century Bowl in Waterford. A record sold-out field of 1,728 from all 50 states plus Canada, Puerto Rico and military zones in the Far East and Europe have pre-qualified for the trip to Detroit. They were competing for more than \$100,000 in scholarship money.

Participants are USBC Youth and Junior Gold program members. Boys must have a minimum average of 175 and girls 165.

They range in age from 10 to 21 and advanced here by qualifying in leagues and tournaments.

This event is held under a demanding format with the most challenging conditions bowling offers.

The entrants bowled three rounds of qualifying over three days (July 7-9), with each round consisting of six games to determine those who made it to the semifinals.

Once competition reached

the finals, all bowling took place at Sunnybrook Lanes.

The leader in each division after 46 games of competition was declared the U.S. Junior Amateur Champion of 2008. The Girls Division winner was Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla.

The boys winner was Geoffrey Young of Denton, Texas.

That's not all, folks, the **USBC** Youth Championships was held on July 7-15 at Skore Lanes in Taylor while the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships were held July 14-16 at Sunnybrook Lanes. This event was for youth bowlers who have qualified at the local and state levels.

For all of you parents of kids who are wannabe bowlers, Plaza Lanes in Plymouth has quite an attractive offer. Kids bowl free - and there are no strings attached.

It's all part of a national program that involves 1,500 public and private schools.

You can register your kids at www.kidsbowlfree.com and they can get two free games of bowling any day, every day through the Summer. Plaza lanes is located at 42001 Ann Arbor Road and the phone is 734-453-4880 or go to www. plazalanesmi.com for a complete schedule of open bowling times.

They have all new air conditioning units and 40 lanes for unconditional fun.

National Bowling Week this year is August 23-30.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted by Email at: tenpinally710@yahoo.com

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. The test will take place on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS July 15, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

<u>Roll Call</u> Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members

Absent: Zarbo

Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Eva, Tom Casari, Bill Serchak, Jeff Goulet, Mike Ager, Carol Rosati

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

1. CONSIDER OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY UNDER WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the offer to purchase the following parcel of land under Wayne County tax foreclosure at the minimum bid amount listed; Parcel #1 (Tax ID # 71-128-99-0006-703) for an amount of \$6,689.77. Further, I authorize the Municipal Services Director to make the written offer on behalf of the Township Board. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Item 1. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT, 2160 ELMHURST STREET (FBD) Discussion of future land purchase for Habitat for Humanity.

Item 2. CLAY STOCKPILE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SAUK TRAIL LANDFILL DAILY COVER. (MSD) Township representatives have been in discussion with Allied Waste in regards to a stockpile lease agreement for soil cover on acres owned by Canton Township adjacent to Sauk Trail Landfill.

Item 3. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLETION UPDATE. (MSD) On June 11, 2008 staff met with council to seek advice and guidance on dealing with ensuring completion of the Cherry Hill Village project and Hampton Ridge North projects.

Item 4. MDEQ STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (MSD) On May 22, 2008 the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued its final version of the updated stormwater permit for communities requiring coverage. Canton's effort to improve the water quality in the Rouge watershed will be adversely impacted under the updated permit. Together with the majority of the 40 communities and three counties that make up the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC). they intend to object to the new permit requirements. The objection is in the form of a "contested case" hearing before an Administrative Law Judge to be filed on or before July 21, 2008.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:40 <u>Adjourn</u> p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

> Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Arena's skating program a big hit

Like hockey players, aspiring figure skaters need ice and shifts in order to improve. Sensing a need in Plymouth and the surrounding community, Compuware Arena has expanded its focus on figure skating.

The arena is offering Figure Skating Drop-in sessions from 7 a.m. until Noon Monday through Friday.

The price is \$10 per hour. The arena's sound system and an ipod connection are also available for music for figure skating routines.

Skaters in the area have responded to Compuware Arena's program. On a recent Monday, 20 skaters and instructors of all ages and abilities worked to improve throughout the five-hour program.

"The program is a great opportunity," said Jennifer Hancock, Compuware Arena's Skating Director. "Everyone's very excited to be skating here. We have about a dozen coaches from the area coming here using the ice with their students. We're getting a great turnout from everyone.

"Summer is the prime time for students to train and maximize time with their coaches. Like hockey players, figure skaters use this time to gear up for the upcoming season."

Wendy Andison has been a figure skating instructor in the Detroit-area for over 30 years and appreciates Compuware Arena's new program.

"I love it," Andison said. "We get a good amount of hours to be on the ice. Kids often make their most improvement in figure skating during the summer, because they don't have to worry about school.

"Figure skaters skate the full year. During the winter, we skate in competitions. Even our recreational figure skaters enjoy the fact that they don't have the pressure (now) to rush to school and then come to the rink. These sessions are more relaxed, but the instruction is more concentrated because the skaters don't have other things in the way." Compuware Arena also offers Learn to Skate and Learn to Play programs for aspiring figure skaters and hockey players. Learn to Skate classes are offered on Tuesday from 11-11:50 a.m. Classes started on July 8 and run through August 12. The cost of the sixweek session is \$75. Learn to Play is offered on Wednesday from 6:10-7:00 p.m. starting on August 6 running through August 27. The cost of the four-week session is \$50. For more information, or to register, please call 734-453-6400.



Pictured is the start of the inaugural Canton Historical Society 5K run Sunday through Cherry Hill Village.

First time's a charm for Canton 5K

he inaugural 5K Run for

Canton's History was a rousing success Sunday as over 140 runners pounded the pavement through a route that stretched through and around the townships history-rich Cherry Hill Village community.

The first male to cross the finish line was former Plymouth High School cross country standout Derek Lax, who clocked a time of 17:46.

First-place in the women's division went to Hannah Cavicchio, a former running star at Salem High School who registered a time of 20:48.

Serving as co-coordinators of the race were Mike Hoffmeister, of Canton Leisure Services, and Jerry VanDusen, of the Canton Historical Society.

All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Canton Historical Society. State Representative

Phillip LaJoy served as the official race starter.



Derek Lax and Hannah Cavicchio placed first in the men's and women's division at Sunday's 5K race.



Pictured are Jerry VanDusen and Mike Hoffmeister – co-coordinators of the 5K Run for Canton's History.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

You are hereby notified that a **Primary Election** will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on **Tuesday, August 5, 2008** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the purpose of nominating Democratic and Republican candidates, and nonpartisan judicial candidates for the following offices, and deciding upon a Wayne County Proposal:

United States Senate

Information can also be found online at http://www. compuwarearena.com/learn_ to_skate.html.

The Plymouth Whalers offer hockey schools for all ages and abilities starting July 28 and running though August. The schools feature instruction from Whaler assistant coach Joe Stefan and Whaler players. More information can be found online at

http://www.plymouthwhalers.com/camps_and_clinics. html.







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, August 7, 2008 for the following:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

INVITATION TO BID

PURCHASE OF VIDEO SERVER EQUIPMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, 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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Representative in Congress 11th District State Representative 20th or 21st District Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Wayne County Sheriff Wayne County Clerk Wayne County Treasurer Wayne County Register of Deeds Wayne County Commissioner 11th District Canton Township Supervisor Canton Township Supervisor Canton Township Treasurer Canton Township Treasurer Canton Township Trustee Delegates to County Convention by Precinct Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position

Judge of the District Court - 37d Circuit, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position Judge of the District Court - 35th District, Regular Term, Non-Incumbent Position

Wayne County Proposal

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of the County of Wayne. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real property and personal property to provide revenue for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.1 mill on all taxable property located within the County of Wayne be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2008 through 2017. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage will generate approximately \$5,299,640.48 in 2008.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES_____ NO _____

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Primary Election** will be held on **Tuesday**, **August 5**, **2008** from **7:00** a.m. to **8:00** p.m. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address	
1 & 23	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Road	
2	Connection Church	3855 S. Sheldon Road	
3, 10, & 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road	
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road	
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Road	1. A.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road	
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road	
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road	• •
9 & 34	Township Administration Building	1150 S. Canton Center Rd	
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road	
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street	· .
15	Walker-Winter Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue	
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon Road	
18 & 29	Fellows Creek Golf Club	2963 Lotz Road	
20	Township Fire Station No. 1	1100 S. Canton Center	
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road	×
24 & 25	Canton High School-Phase 3	8415 N. Canton Center	
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway	
28	Agape Christian Center	45081 Geddes Road	
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Road	· .
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 N. Morton Taylor	•
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 S. Beck Road	
35	Canton Human Services Building	50430 School House Rd.	
38	Historic Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Road	- 1 - F
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Road	n An thair

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be opened from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, August 4, 2008, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots <u>ONLY</u> will be issued on Election Day, August 5, 2008.

Handicapped voters with an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the online voting page on Canton's Website at http://www.canton-mi.org , or contact the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

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Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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young, raw talent and help turn them into competitive high school players as well as outstanding young men.

"It's great when you (get) a group of kids and you have to build and mold them," Miller said. "Hopefully, you have some athletes. But I've been blessed to have some of the finest athletes in the city play for me."

BIG INFLUENCE

The person nominating Miller was Chuck Padden of Livonia, an assistant football coach at Birmingham Brother Rice.

"The Livonia Junior Athletic League has become one of the premier youth leagues, in the country, with approximately 1,200 boys and girls participating in several sports, 12 months a year," wrote Padden in his letter of nomination to Hollenbeck. "The Livonia Falcon Unit has set the bar high on how these programs should operate for the benefit of the kids, and Fred Miller's influence on the kids, coaches, and the parents is a big reason for the success of the whole league."

Among others in support of the Miller nomination were Novi-Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, LJAL football commissioner Michael Rotter, Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel and Mike Gatt, head coach at Livonia St. Edith School. Most of the players who go through the Falcons' program, which includes units for freshman, junior varsity and varsity, join the Stevenson or Catholic Central programs.

"I want to thank everyone who made the award possible," said Miller, noting that a caravan traveled to and from Spartan Stadium and then finished off the big day with a celebration at Coach's Corner in Livonia.

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ond three-pointer.

Hanchett was an alternate for the game until finding out a few weeks ago that he was added to the roster when another player had to drop out.

"This week really opened my eyes to what the college game is going to be like," said Hanchett. "Today was a lot faster game than what I was used to in high school." Hanchett was shifted from

his customary wide receiver role to tight end -a move he took in stride.

"I was able to work on my blocking a lot," said the 6-foot-4, 190-pound speedster. "I was blocking a lot against some pretty big guys."

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finished second)." Wolfe is a member of a hockey-loving family. His older brothers — Brad and Mitch both played for Canton and his dad, Chris, was instrumental in bringing high school hockey to the Plymouth-Educational Park 10 years ago.

Wolfe, who won't be paid by the Steel, said he's always been attracted to hockey because of the sport's uniqueness.

"It's different from every other sport I played growing

up," said Wolfe, who played high school baseball during his freshman and sophomore years at Canton. "Probably the thing I've enjoyed the most are traveling to the weekend tournaments, the long bus rides with your teammates."

Fittingly, Wolfe has worked with youngsters at a shooting camp this summer.

Judging by his previous success, it won't be long before he'll be teaching opposing USHL defensemen a thing or two about how to put the puck in the back of the net.

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Eagles eye WS crown

The Detroit Eagles travel baseball team has won three straight World Series championships, beginning with the AABC Sandy Koufax 14-and-under division in 2005.

The Eagles have won backto-back titles in Major League Baseball's RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) Program the past two seasons, winning the championship games at Angels of Anaheim Stadium in 2006 and Dodgers Stadium in 2007. The RBI format sends seven regional champions and the defending champion to MLB's Youth Academy in Compton, Calif., to compete in the week-long event.

The RBI program created by former player and scout John Young now includes teams from 205 cities worldwide and over 250,000 players ages 13-18. Major League all-stars Coco Crisp, Dontrell Willis, Jimmy Rollins and Carl Crawford are recent graduates of the RBI program.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Detroit Diesels are Giant killers, 40-0

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

That home cooking got even better as time goes on. After a 14-6 win over the Cougars on Saturday, the Detroit Diesels showed what they could truly do.

They set season highs on offense – 40 points scored - and defense, shutting out the Belleville Giants in a dominating victory at Livonia Franklin High School.

"I knew that we would put it all together soon," Diesels general manager Al Seder said. "We finally got clicking in all phases of the game and look what happened."

The Diesels defense got it in gear early, forcing two fumbles from the initial Giant offensive drive and giving the Diesels great field position inside the Belleville 20, which culminated with a quarterback sneak from Andy Hess (Lutheran Westland). The two-point attempt was good.

Detroit would score again later in the second quarter on a Hess toss to Jon Craven (Farmington), going into halftime 16-0.

A Ja'Ron Embry (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) interception set up the Diesels' next scoring drive, marching 74 yards before Keith Thomas walked into the endzone over left tackle.

Amped up by the offensive fireworks, the defense got into

the act as well in the third quarter, when Bernard Evans (Wayne Memorial) recovered a fumble and scooted into the endzone from the Belleville seven-yard line.

Detroit capped off the night with a Hess pass to Brandon Fender (Canton), who moved to tight end following Hess' emergence at quarterback.

Hess finished 10-of-14 passing for 193 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. Jon Craven (Farmington) 74 yards on five catches, including two for touchdowns, and Fender had two catches for 16 yards, including his scoring snare. Thomas had 38 yards on five carries with his score, and Giles Cassel rumbled for 44 yards.

Defensively, Evans had a sack in addition to his fumble recovery for a score. Embry had two interceptions, and Lamarr Miller had three batted passes. Dan Hayes and Earl Blanchette each had two sacks for Detroit. Overall, the entire defense stood out, holding Belleville to 25 net yards of offense.

The Diesels (3-3 overall, 3-2 GLFL) will hit the road next week to play the Kalamazoo Outlaws before returning to Livonia Franklin on August 2nd to face off against the Lenawee County Crusaders. They will close the home portion of their season on August 9th against the Northwest Ohio Knights.



Happily clutching trophies after capturing the Bronco Division title at Sunday's PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Garden City's Moeller Fields are the U11 Garden City Gladiators. In the front row (from left) are Tyler Harnos, Zackary Maszatics, Brendan Ferracciolo, Brendan Spehar, Brian Widmer and Nick Montroy. In the middle row (from left) are Angelo Policicchio, Jeremiah Vera-Burgos, Kyle Murray, Nick Radtke and Ryan Browne. Standing in the back row (from left) are team coaches Tony Widmer, Dave Ferracciolo and Jim Montroy. Not present for the tourney was Vinny Cadotto. The Gladiators advance to the state tournament this week in Grand Ledge.

Homer lifts GC Gladiators to Bronco Division title win

Clutch performances on defense and offense Sunday propelled the Garden City Gladiators to a 6-5 victory over the Westland Cobras in the Bronco Division championship game of the PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Moeller Fields in Garden City.

With the eight-inning triumph, the Gladiators advanced to this week's state tournament in Grand Ledge, which begins Thursday.

PONY LEAGUE TOURNEY

After leading most of the well-played contest, the Cobras knotted the score at 5-5 in the top of the seventh and looked ready to take the lead. But Garden City's Brendan Spehar made an outstanding defensive play at second base to end the frame.

In the top of the eighth, Gladiators' pitcher Bryan

Widmer retired the side and that set the stage for the gamewinning home run by Jeremiah Vera-Burgos in the bottom half of the frame.

According to team coaches Dave Ferracciolo, Jim Montroy and Tony Widmer, the Gladiators - an Under-11 team performing in a U12 tournament - prevailed thanks to excellent team defense as well as the pitching of Ryan Browne and Vera-Burgos.



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BELIEFS & VALUES

Canton church reaches out to community with clothing bank

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

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Individuals in need need not be a member of Canton Christian Fellowship to shop at the church's monthly clothing bank, thanks to the thoughtfulness of the congregation. Over the years their kindness has been bountiful.

When Hurricane Katrina displaced about 50 of Adonna Wright's family members in New Orleans in August 2005, she turned to the church for help. After collecting and shipping many clothes and items to Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they were staying, Wright started thinking that people in Michigan needed the same kind of help, so she prayed about it and asked Pastor David Washington for his thoughts.

In January the church opened The Clothing Bank to individuals as well as organizations like the Salvation Army. The Clothing Bank is now held the fourth Saturday of each month (except for November and December this year when it will be on the third Saturday.) The next date is Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We've had people who have had fires and lost everything, people in foreclosure and out of their homes and financially strapped," said Wright, ministry leader for the church's Clothing Bank and a Canton resident. "We even had one woman with breast cancer who needed clothing but asked for prayer. We routinely ask during intake if they would like prayer directly there or to be put on a prayer list."

The church staff depends on the honesty of individuals as to whether they're in need and tries not to intrude on privacy. Few questions are asked during intake.

"We ask for sizes and have volunteers go around and shop and help them find sizes," said Wright. "We call them shoppers. We ask that people who are in need come. Your honesty is between you and God. We're not here to judge how needy you are.

"If we don't have their size, a

CLOTHING BANK

When: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26

Where: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley Details: The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org

lady needed a bra and we didn't have it but were able to purchase it for her later. If people need a certain size we put it in the bulletin for next time."

Church members as well as the community have been generous in donating clothing to the bank.

"Sometimes when we're open on Saturdays people will see the sign and stop in and donate clothes. We often get beautiful things," said Wright. "We're going to have a back to school extravaganza to donate school supplies in August so we can give out pencil and paper and notebooks. We're getting a lot of return visitors who know it's the fourth Saturday."

Pastor Washington estimates about 10 to 15 families show up each month for the Clothing Bank run by the contemporary church, which is affiliated with Southern Baptist. Washington, a Canton resident, brought many of his concepts for the church from California where he lived for five years.

"It took us a couple years to understand the culture in the area," said Washington, who says he grew up in a traditional African-American church. "It's taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears but the mission of the church is to take in those in your community, regionally and in the world. We have a global vision to be a lighthouse in our community. A lighthouse reaches out to the community. We recognize that need."

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Cynthia Shelton (left), Minister Wallace Shelton, Alexa Wright, and Leo Regular set up just before the Clothing Bank opens to the public. The Clothing Bank has been available to the needy once a month since January at Canton Christian Fellowship Church.



Minister Wallace Shelton helps Beverly Neal shop for clothing at Canton Christian Fellowship Church.

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RELIGION CALENDAR



IRENE M. CARSON

Age 63 of Vicksburg, died Friday, July 18, 2008 at her Indian Lake home. She was born in Detroit on March 31, 1945 the daughter of Earl and Wilva (Norris) Markham. Irene was married to her high school sweetheart, Donald Carson on March 13, 1965 in Plymouth, MI. While living there, she was Secretary to the Director of Finance for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She taught Sunday School, and following her retirement, worked briefly at the Physicians Center of Physical Medicine. Irene is survived by her husband, Donald; three grandsons, Joshua, Jeremie, and Jacob Murray all of Rockford, MI; and 1 brother, Ronald Markham of Bradenton, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Lisa S. Murray. Visitation was Monday, July 21st at the Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the church with Rey. Dave Downs officiating. Burial will follow in Vicksburg Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southwest Michigan, or the American Cancer Society Arrangements were by the Eickhoff Funeral Home of Mendon. Online register and condolences may be left at: www.eickhofffuneralhome.com



JOHN ROBERT GABEL

July 20, 2008. Age 84. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Loving father of Bob (Lym) Gabel and Jack (Helen) Gabel. Devoted grandfather of Amy (Grady) Coon and Kelly (Auriel) Gabel-Acuna. Proud great-grandfather of Ava and Kendall. Visitation Tuesday 5-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Wednesday at 11:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



JAMES JOHN HAPP, JR.

Of Westland, Born December 22, 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. died July 18, 2008, age 65. He was a longtime employee of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools where he taught English at Nankin Mills and Marshall Junior High Schools and John Glenn High School. He was a member of the Westland Civitans and volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Art and for the American Red Cross. He is preceded in death by his father, James John Happ, Sr., and a nephew, Matthew Robert Mason. He is survived by his mother, Frances Happ, brothers Robert of Kodiak Island, Alaska; Timothy (Susan) of Brighton, and sisters Elizabeth (Richard) McClure of Milford and Susan (Robert) Mason of Westland; nieces Colleen, Amy and Brian Happ, Kristin (Matthew) Weber, Katie (John) Tomasatis and Jonathan Happ, Ian (Melissa) McClure and Robert and Carolee Mason. Instate Thursday July 24, 9AM until 9:30AM Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorial may be made to the American Red Cross. To view obituary and share memories log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

CHRISTINE B. DICICCO Age 79, of Troy, MI, passed away July 17, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5-year-olds free. Call (248) 374-7400. **Vacation Bible school**

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3 years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail,

Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

Summer music ministry

Family Choir, all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. All are welcome: Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills; 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills. org.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. It is open to all boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level). The mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Cost \$25, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Register at www.christoursavior.org. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards. Items not required to enroll. For information, call (734) 522-6830.

Vacation Bible school

Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia. com.

Family movie night

A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Water works park

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975. **Crafters wanted**

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

UPCOMING

Married couples retreat

Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, northwest corner Quarton Rd. and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For reservations, call (248) 644-4933 or visit www.manresa-sj.org.

Church bazaar

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, includes entertainment, open air market, children's games, food, raffles, petting farm and pony rider, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard at i-75 and Mack, Detroit. Free admission. Friday night jazz concert is \$20 advance, \$25 at door (313) 863-4687. For information, call (313) 831-1356 or send e-mail to sacredheart@mcleodusa.net. Proceeds benefit the church benevolent fund including feeding the homeless.

New Song ministry

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, hosts the music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. on Sunday August 3 during morning and evening services. A reception follows the 7 p.m. service. No charge. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Tent revival

Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Vacation Bible school

The Anglican Church of Livonia will hold its Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 12-15. This year's theme is Bible Beach Bash - Soak up the Son! For information, call (248) 442-0422.

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BELIEFS & VALUES

CALENDAR FROM PAGE B6

Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail Igoodman@hosanna-tabor.org. **Bible study**

A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word, All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Health program

U-Count Empowered to Get Health Family Edition is a 8-week, life-changing program that promotes complete health and family development. Biblically-based classes, workshops, exercise training, and accountability. Breakout sessions for adult, youth (12-18), and kids (5-11). Informational meeting noon Saturday, Aug. 30, in R-201, at Detroit World Outreach Christian Center, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Opening Day 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in R-201,

cost \$75. Information available at (313) 255-2222 ext. 359 or sledlie@dwo.org. **Exploring the Catholic faith** Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in

Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Dorje Chang is living in America

Presentation focusing on the reincarnation of the Highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. For information, visit www. zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will be the one leading the congregation in Detroit. **Spirit of Manresa**

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost is \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing, Call (248) 644-4933, ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child. \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211

ONCOING

Thursday fellowship dinner All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730. Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Praver and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month.

The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome.

Call (734) 261-1455. Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Time change

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www. livonfaith.org.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean. humby@att.net, or visit www.members. aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org. **Church schedule**

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life.

Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or email her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid

for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 pr visit www.orchardumc.org.

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Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m.

Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome.

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BY JULIE BROWN OSE STAFF WRITER

It's been a rainy spring and summer, but progress is strong and steady for two Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes in Inkster.

"We have a dedicated group of core workers who are out there every day," said Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations chair for the affiliate, currently building two homes on Dunning in Inkster. Partner Northwest Airlines, which donated \$20,000 for the Apostles Build effort, has volunteers at the site weekdays. A number of area churches have volunteers each Saturday.

Work generally stops on Sunday. "As a Christian ministry, we tend to honor the Lord's day," said Fichtenberg, a medical technologist at Garden City Hospital.

The Apostles Build involves a number of area churches. The second home is the Thrivent Build, supported by a Lutheran financial organization.

"We're still struggling," Fichtenberg said of current fund raising for the Christian ministry, which aims to provide new homes for needy families. "It seems the economy is really having an effect on our ability to raise funds."

The Gucwa family will live in the Thrivent home, the



Bowman-LaLone family in the Apostles home. "They're out there pretty much every Saturday," Fichtenberg said of family members, who are required to put hours of "sweat equity" into their future homes. "They have extended family that tries to help."

be done late September/early October. The Habitat affiliate will start work in late summer in two additional homes on Dunning for a total of eight Habitat homes there.

is totally different," said Fichtenberg, adding the new homeowners have young children who play together.

A number of area congregations are participating in the Apostles Build **II/Thrivent Build Churches** 2008. Sponsoring churches for the Apostles Build are: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, **Resurrection Catholic** Parish of Canton, St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton, St. Michael the Archangel Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville.

Participating churches are: St. Robert Bellarmine Church of Redford, St.

The two homes will likely

"That neighborhood

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Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton and Northwest Airlines volunteers worked at the Inkster home site on a recent Saturday.

Church of Canton, St. Aidan Catholic Church of Livonia and Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

Sponsoring churches for the Thrivent Build are: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church of Dearborn, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, St. Michael Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran of Northville and Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia. If you'd like to join the Habitat volunteers, you can visit the Web site at www.habitatwwc.org. The

Plymouth-based affiliate's phone is (734) 459-7744. There is also a Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County affiliate, based in Pontiac.

Lynnette Jefferson, executive assistant for the Western

Wayne affiliate, knows how

valuable volunteers are. "We

are a volunteer-driven orga-

nization, so we needs volun-

teers to help us in all phas-

By using volunteers, Habitat

es," including office work.

can save money, and build



Putting siding on the Habitat home keeps these volunteers busy.

more homes, said Ypsilanti resident Jefferson. Janice Mulholland is the

volunteer coordinator for

Q: The wife of a board member was hosting a few neighbors for a barbecue number of volunteers. So it's and she commented to one of her quest,

really nice." She agreed with board member Fichtenberg that the work on Dunning is pro-

ceeding on schedule.

"It's going very well.

Saturday," Jefferson said

July 1, referring to a rainy Saturday. "They were work-

ing in between the down-

They were even working on

privately and discreetly, that it was unfortunate that one of the neighbors

Two homes are under construction on Dunning in Inkster, with a number of churches and businesses offering support, both volunteer help and financial help.

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The seminar series will continue on the first and second Thursday of each month with a new

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the Western Wayne affiliate. "They can sign up online. It's not a problem," Jefferson

said. "We've been very fortunate," she added of volunteers and corporate sponsors who support Habitat's work. We've got quite a good

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A: One of the most sensitive and challenging tasks for an association volunteer is separating their association responsibilities from their personal and social life. An offhand comment about a neighbor's current hardship may be well-meaning and sympathetic in nature, but is also a breach of confidentiality if the news came via closed door discussion of delinquent assessments. That may be a breach of the fiduciary duty of the board member and the neighbors may well claim that their privacy has been violated, among other things. Board members should understand their fiduciary duties and consult with counsel to get a further explanation or otherwise read the appropriate legal journals and/or treatises written about this subject.

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BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers present "Cash In On CAPS" on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. CAPS refers to the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist designation offered by the National Association of Home Builders and earned by attending specific classes held locally at BIA headquarters.

Bob Johnson, Johnson Building Co., will present topics that relate to CAPS: using CAPS to expand your customer base; evaluating your qualifications to serve aging customers; marketing for jobs; knowing the similarities and differences between ADA and CAPS; using universal and elegant design; and describing the CAPS certification program.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate (CG) course, "Building Codes & Standards," on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of **Builders Professional Services** will identify the organizations that develop, revise and regulate building codes and standards. Emphasis will be on state and local building departments, plan review, building permits, inspections, code enforcement and the appeal process.

The course counts toward requirements for National Association of Home Builders designation programs including Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP). It also counts toward Prelicensure and Continuing Education Competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodelers, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www. builders.org.

BIA and Bank of America will also sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-to-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Staging

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able to create a welcome and warm feeling for any potential renter," said Heather Roberts, colead of the Staging Committee. "This was a fun opportunity to think outside the box and make these properties look great."

The Lighthouse Community Development Open House Event was to showcase the renovation and construction of a 28-apartment facility and 12 three-bedroom townhomes available for low-income families.

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Automotives

By Dale Buss

As they rapidly switch to smaller vehicles, American consumers are streaming into two camps: those who want to hold onto their automotive accoutrements -- and those who are just looking for a cheaper ride.

"There are two trends out there," said Mark Perry, director of product planning for Nissan North America. "Some consumers are giving up some size but want to hang onto amenities they got used to. Others are just looking for very basic, maybe no-frills transportation that is fuelefficient.

"These are competing consumer behaviors, and I'm not sure which will outweigh the other."

How the two trade-down trends ultimately reconcile will affect everything in the industry from product planning to pricing to marketing. Some suggest this is a major sign that the U.S. market is quickly evolving into something similar to Europe, where highly contented though small cars reign.

But because the current shift toward smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles has been precipitous, OEMs already have been adjusting to them on the fly as much as possible.

"With an industry running at only 12 million to 13 million [annual sales rates] now, it's even more important to have the right vehicle at the right price at the right time," Perry said. "Stale inventory is a problem because it costs you lots of incentive money. So everybody is studying this hard."

Portable Comfort

At least fairly distinct identities already have emerged for the two groups currently trading down and bloating the market for small- and mid-size cars and light SUVs.

Let's call the first one Comfort Cravers. These are the fast-growing ranks of large- and luxuryvehicle owners who have decided to downsize in the interests of fuel economy but want to



More and more buyers of the Chevrolet Malibu LTZ are demanding amenities along with a four-cylinder engine.

"content" their new purchases as much as possible and are willing to pay the price of doing so.

"These people include many boomers who are in their peak earning years and have become accustomed to leather seats and higher levels of trim, moon roofs, audio systems and navigation systems," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. sales analysis.

General Motors is seeing the Comfort Cravers' impact in the changing profiles of buyers of the Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 midsize sedans. Typically, those who bought the fourcylinder models of these vehicles were happy with a base content level; only buyers of the sixcylinder engine wanted to add a lot of bells and whistles.

"But now we're seeing that the people who are getting four cylinders in these vehicles don't' want to give up the creature comforts," said GM spokesman John McDonald.

Granted, the Malibu is a brand-new model this year and has generated more interest in general from upscale buyers than did the rather utilitarian version it replaced. But McDonald nevertheless believes it's significant that, for example, nearly 50 percent of recent Malibu four-cylinder buyers have requested the remotestarting option, compared with only about five percent a year ago.

Similarly, nearly 20 percent of Malibu fourcylinder buyers are purchasing sunroofs, compared with significantly fewer than 10 percent a year ago. Adjustable gas pedals now are requested in more than 40 percent of fourcylinder Malibus, versus just five percent a year

Honda's Civic is inexpensive, but consumers are asking for the new leather-seat option.



ago. Heated seats: more than 20 percent now compared with less than five percent a year ago.

Ford is recognizing this phenomenon in the high numbers of buyers of Focus subcompacts who insist on including the heavily marketed Sync electronics system. Meanwhile, packages including Bluetooth connections and upgraded audio systems in the Versa subcompact "are just flying off the shelf," said Nissan's Perry. And Honda is seeing the preferences of

And Honda is seeing the preferences of Comfort Cravers show up in the five-percent penetration of factory navigation systems in its Civic subcompact since the option was added in 2006 as well as in high take levels for the leather-seating option that Honda added for Civic with the current model year.

But a group that might be called Price Purchasers -- the other prominent strain among downsizing consumers -- are exerting a huge pull on the market as well.

These people often are downsizing for reasons beyond high gas prices alone; in today's shaky U.S. economy, many Price Purchasers are seeking inexpensive vehicles for general financial reasons as well. This camp also includes consumers who are merely staying in the smallcar segment rather than trading up as American car buyers traditionally have done.

"If gasoline is costing you \$100 a week when it may have cost you \$50 a week before, and you're not seeing a raise, something has got to give in many households," Perry said.

While these trends remain highly volatile, so far the collective effects exhibited by emerging groups of Price Purchasers and Comfort Cravers basically seem to be offsetting each other.





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\$250.000

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Best Price & LocationI 55+ complex. Well kept end unit by woods. View of lake in front. New paint, light fixt, kit sink, faucet/disp. Newer neutral carpet. All Appl stay. Spacious FR.

Newer Home Shows Well. 2 story foyer, beautiful hrdwd in kit, breakfast, dining & foyer, Huge 29x18 vaulted mstr w/lrg closet. Bonus rm fin above gar. Prem. lot backs to

Great kit w/ cherry cabs; plank wood firs in DR; french doors in LR. 1st fir laundry w/ blt in cabs. Open FR w/ FP. Large fenced yard; custom deck.

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Set an extra place at the table.

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Brighton 248-437-3800 Stunning Turn Key Home! Offering 5 irg BR all above grade, a 1st flr mstr suite, spacious gourmet kit w/granite island, fully finished bsmt, game rm, media center. Private wooded viev

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Brighton 248-437-3800 Stately Cap Codl This open sytle home offers a 1st floor spacious master suite w/private deck and walk-in closets. Great room with fireplace and vaulted ceiling. Much more!!



Brighton 248-437-3800 DESIRABLE LOCATION Near downtown Brighton & within walking distance to nearby shopping. Newer furnace & A/C. New kitchen, shopping. Newer furnace & AVC. New Michell, bath, flooring, carpet and paint. Move in conditi



Canton 734-455-7000 NOT YOUR STANDARD COLONIALI Wellmaintained home w/flowing floor plan to fit all living & entertainment needs. Huge fam rm, loft, 1st flr Indry, 2FPs, brick patio/walk, custom appts & more



Canton 734-591-9200 Beautiful home on Cul-De-Sac. Priv backyd backs to tree farm. 32x18 cdr dk. Foyer-high ceilings, LR, Mstr, FR, Skylgts, nw carpt, fin bsmt w/BA & egrs wind, 4th BR, mro-conv ov, ref, garb dis, ht/wt 4 ceil fans 1 yr warr.

(28106181) \$224,900



Charming West Dearborn Bungalow with 2 fireplaces. Finished Rec room is carpeted. Hardwood floors 2 car garage. Bay window n dining room.



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430 Cute Bungalow ready to Move Right ini With 3 BRs. 85MT, garage & fenced vard this home is BRs, BSMT, garage & fenced yard this home is a must seel Updates include Wallside wndws, plumbing, roof. Some HDWD FLRs, crown moldings. Most appl. stay!



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 End of Cul-de-sac 1+ Acre Lot Updates since 2002 include new roof & furnace, Pella windows 2002 include new roof & furnace, Pella windows & DWs, KIT w/cherry cabs, granite. HWH 2007. Walkout basement has in-law qtr, rec room, new BA, KIT.



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Beautiful Golf Course Community First fl mstr suite, fin'd walkout bsmt, 2,300 sq. f.t. New Corian counter sink in kitchen



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430

Spacious 3 BR Ranch on Nice 0.8 Acre Lot Delightful Glen Orchard Sub bordered by 2 parks. Home has updated Island KIT, new HWH, AC, roof, HDWD FLRs under carpet, 1,668 SF SCRND porch, Circle DR. WOWI (28104226) \$235,000



Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole kitchen. Mst suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/ FP. Much morel



Highland 248-437-3800 Brick End Unit With Garage One of the nicest lots in sub, backs to natural wooded area peaceful, tranquil setting. Replacement bamboo hardwood in foyer & kitchen. All appliances incl. (28062356) \$99.900



Just right for fam. Great hm & neighborhood 4BRs, 2.5 bths ,fin.bsmt, fire/pl in fam rm, hrdwd/firs T/O marb foyer & kit, Ist flr Iaun, blt/ins in lib/stdy, roof 3 yrs old. All appliances inc. Yrs to enjoy.



Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks Move right inl



No. Commence and the 2.33 and a second descent of the second second Livonia 734-591-9200

Spacious brick in quiet location, huge MSTR BDRM, full DR, tiled BAs, newer roof, updtd elect, piumb; 2.5 car det gar w/elec; part fin bsmt, C/A, patio, hrdwd firs, thermal vinyl

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(28120171) \$129,900

REMODELED KITCHEN & BATH, GREAT VALUEI 3

R, 2 baths. Huge deck off LR w/Peila doorwall. Newer windows & doors. All appliances included. Large shed in back w/electric. Quick

SAY HELLOTO A GOOD BUY! 3 BR RANCH Newer

roof & vinyl windows, updated electric & copper plumbing. New cabs in the bathroom. Large kitchen. HWF throughout. Totally fenced large backyard.FR addition.

Secluded setting/English-European flair.

Castlestone/cedar ext.: curved stairway, lib

w/ coffered ceil. Viking appl./granite. ingrnd

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pool; much more!

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Milford 248-363-8300 LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION Ten acres



UPDATES GALORE ON 3 ACRES Newer kitchen & Brazillian Cherry firs. Mstr ba w/skylite & jetted tub. Newer furn & h20 heater. New composite deck & circular drvwy. Awesome views from



Milford 248-684-1065 Great location-walk to downtown. Cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/ ceramic floor & snack bar. All appl. stay. Deck. Carpeted Bsmt. Lots of storage.

(27147273) \$149,900



Northville 734-455-7000 STUNNING HOMEI 3rd hole on the tee, AP golf course. Hrowd foyer, kit, liv/din rm, ilo. Maple granite kit, 2story GR-2nd stairs. Exceptional fin LL. Upgrades-12 mos = \$70,000.



Northville 734-455-7000 5 BEAUTIFUL ACRES! Home with lots of potential on natural beauty rd. Huge vaulted ceiling grand rm, 3 large bedrooms, att. garage plus out bldg. Enjoy nature and privacy.

LG yard, great views & 3 car att'd side entry.

Outstanding Location! Private treed lot w/ fenced backyard, very well maintained 4 bdrm home, spacious island kitchen w/new

appliances & counters, many rooms freshiy painted.

COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDARSPRINGS

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> END UNIT CONDOW/UPGRADES GALORE Great kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, ceramic, berber, lights & windows. Both bedrooms w/baths. Attached garage, private entry & basement & 1st floor laundry. (28067426) \$189,900

South Lyon

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nature trail.

(28026603)

Waterford

(28085119)

West Bloomfield



Plymouth 734-455-7000 THIS IS TRULY A CUSTOM ONE-OF-A-KINDI Many

custom features: iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched-ways, pillars, daylight bsmt, 3car gar, ceram firs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease! (28045163) \$325.000



Plymouth 734-591-9200 Wow! Panoramic views of the pond & situated on one of the largest Interior W/O lots.Full walkout bsmt, bit in 2000; Extras and upgrades T/O. Crown mldgs, HW firs, mint condition.



734-455-7000 TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newly remodeled 3BR/2 full baths. Ceramic eatin kitchen. All new systems. Part. fin. baseme 2 car garage

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Pivmouth 734-455-7000 TUCKED AWAY - ONLY MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN Bright, new, eat-in kit w/all appl. 1st flr indry, ig open living & dining rms. Dbl doorwalls to deck overlooks Walden Pond. Fin out LL w/patio to pond. (28117786)

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Westland

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82' of frontage on Upper Straits Lake. Open fir plan & hdwd firs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ priv ba, jet tub, shower & WIC. 2nd fir br/den w/ gas fp. (28051999) \$299,000



734-591-9200 Westland Grt Hm Ofrs 3 BRs, 2 Full BAs & Hge Fm/Rm Also offrs up/dts-New slding-2yrs,Wind 97,Roof 97.Stvµ2006. All appl sty. Hdwd firs thru/out.Fr pnt, Fncd yd. 2.5 Gar.

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Canton 734-284-5400 REMODELED BUNGALOW 2 BD. 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Golf Course. Includes 3 studio apartments (rented & income producing). You need to see this one!



Canton SUMMER FUN ON GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATIONI 488/2.18A, over 2100'open fir plan. Hardwood flr, newer carpet, family rm w/wet bar & FP, lg living/dining rms, private backyd, pool, dubhouse, tennis ct. (28110725) \$219,900



Canton 734-455-7000 GREAT CANTON RANCH! Newly listed 3BR/ 2.5BA ranch offers many updates, Incl. redone kitchen, family rm w/FP, florida rm, huge fin bsmt w/bath. Quiet setting in sub., and much morell



734-455-7000 Canton CHERRY HILL VILLAGE LIVING! Condo with a flarel Nice open floor plan, great for entertaining! Neutral decor, basement, garage, oak kitchen, 2BR, 2BA. Turnkey home! Call for appt. today! (28096061)



Canton 248-348-6430 Wonderful Condo Ready to Move Right In! Elec FP in LR. Contemp KJT w/pickled oak cab and lam wood firs. BRs have WIC. Great bsmt for ent, finishing, storing. Att'd garage. Close to Summit and x-ways. \$142,000 (27219336)



248-348-6430 Fowlerville 4 BR, 2 Story, 2.5 Baths on Nice Lot Nice Colonial, Family room w/fireplace, oak kitchen, HDWD FLRs, MSTR STE w/WIC, 1st FLR (aundry, 3 car garage. Close to shopping. Don't miss this opportunity!



248-437-3800 Green Oak Reduced! Vacation at home this summer! Enjoy the 20x40 gunite inground pool, sub tennis court, walking trails & ponds. Large wellmaintained home w/open floor plan.



248-684-1065 Highland Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more!



Highland 248-684-1065 Lake front ranch w/ fin, walk-out, New windows softner, central air, furnace. Finished garage w/ ramp. 2nd FP in family room. Walnut kitchen cabinets.

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Highland 248-684-1065 Sweet home in Huntwood! Neutral & move-in ready! Fin BSMT w/ corner bar, Mstr BA w/ stone tile. HDWD firs, crown moulding, ceramic baths jetted tub, patio.



Milford

setting at end of cui-de-sac. Solid Oak thru-out. Corian klt/ w/ built-in appi. Part fin 2nd garage w/ heat





Kensignton Park is your backyard! Wooded

and the second 248-348-6430 85' On Shawood Lake Great open FLR plan in this 3 BDRM, 2 bath ranch, LR w/large windows and view of lake, bath has been beautifully updated, greenhouse w/elec. & running water.

\$247,500



248-684-1065 Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hdwd firs & nat fp, 1st fir laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsmt w/ office



RECENTLY UPDATED BATH & EAT-IN KITCHEN Gorgeous hardwood firs, new furnace, vinyl windows & tear off 30 yr roof, 2.5 car garage. Large basement wylass block windows, new HWH & circuit breakers.



Beautifully renovated charming bungalow



All Sports Lakefront Home! Home is situated on huge lot with excellent views. Two fireplaces for cozy winter nights. Large decks for outdoor entertaining. Recent updates.





Carriage Trace. Selier has \$440,000 invested. Granite kitchen w/cherry cabinets, ceramic backsplash. GR w/hrdwd firs, soaring ceiling.



South Lyon The Exception to the Usual Home lives up to your expectations and has the quality you desire at the value today's market demands. Meticulous hrdwd firs thru out. \$60,000.in



MSTR/cathedral cell. Fin LL pre plumbed for bath. Decl \$165,000 (28099607)









248-348-6430 Newer Ranch Backs to Park. Free Boat! Newer ranch home with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Open floor plan. Fenced yard, finished lower level, free boat!



PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under

5005F. Nice size 88s,1.5 BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar; motion lites frnt & side; 4 Clng Fans; Newer Roof & determent WH bit 07

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LOVELY 2 STORY CONDO in Westland, Attached





Walking distance to town. Open flr plan. Lrg. master w WIC. Many updates. Pt. fin. bsmt. Private wooded yard.



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248-437-3800 South Lyon

ESTATES Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulted FR w/frplc, Spacious kitchen, Formai LR & DR. (27208861)

3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and Ig yar w/lots of trees for privacy. \$249,900

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