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Canton Library Director Eva Davis (left) congratulates Parminder Kaur of Canton, who pushed the library's 2008 circulation to one million items when she checked out some materials on July 23.

July was a sizzling month at the library

Canton's Parminder Kaur received a bit of a surprise when she checked out some materials during a July 23 visit to the Canton Public Library. Little did she know that her checkout would put the library's total circulation at 1,000,000 items for 2008.

Kaur was rewarded for her special checkout with a free library tote bag filled with prizes from the library and \$50 Jungle Java gift certificate.

According to Library Director Eva Davis, the library has experienced an annual circulation increase averaging nearly 5 percent, which has pushed the one million circulation mark to an earlier point in the calendar each year since November of 2002 — when the library reached the milestone for the first time.

The library was particularly busy in July, when 184,836 items were checked out. The total was the library's all-time record for a single month.

Davis said the increased use of the library probably has a lot to do with the poor economy and the fact that people are looking for cheap things to do closer to home.

"Overall, library usage has been up, which is typical in times of economic hardship," said Davis. "Summer reading participation is high this year and that has increased our circulation. Also, we have removed limits on some items in response to patron requests, so they are free to check out more items at a time. The public library is a great deal when you are watching your budget."

Kurt Kuban



PRIMARY ELECTION COVERAGE 2008

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McLaughlin knocks off rival in contentious treasurer's race

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In nabbing the Republican nomination Tuesday, Melissa McLaughlin is poised to become the next Canton Township treasurer.

McLaughlin, a longtime trustee who pulled in 61 percent of the vote over Joan Noricks, will run unopposed in the November general election.

"I'm very excited," said McLaughlin, who celebrated her victory with her husband, John, two sons, Ian and Bryan, and friends.

In total, McLaughlin received 3,160 votes to 2,030 for Noricks, the longtime president of the Canton Community Foundation.

"I voted for Melissa McLaughlin because she personally came to my door and spoke with me," said Canton

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Joan Noricks gets a hug from outgoing Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter at an election night party.

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Incumbents lead way to victory in trustee race

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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After a few moments of attempting to get a glance of the computer screen through the small crowd, the woman gave up, turned to Pat Williams and asked: "Are you winning?"

Williams, later chosen as one of the four Republican trustee candidates to advance to the November election, responded, "We're doing good. It's not final but we're doing good."

On Tuesday night, Williams and his supporters gathered around two computers at his home to monitor the township's election results as they poured in.

When Williams, a political newcomer, learned that he had advanced out of the primary, he celebrated with Trustee Todd Caccamo and trustee candidate John



Anthony



Zarbo

Anthony. The three, along with Trustee Karl Zarbo, received the largest number of votes out of the seven Republican candidates running for a seat on the board.

Democratic trustee candidate Syed S. Taj also solidified his spot on the general election ballot with 2,071 votes. He is the only Democrat in the race.

Caccamo, who is wrapping up his first term, was the highest vote-getter out of the trustee candidates by pulling in 3,616 votes (22



Todd Caccamo (second from left) was the top Republican vote-getter in the trustee race. His wife, Kay, is at left. Political newcomer Pat Williams, with his wife Nancy, earned third place in voting. Both will appear on the November general election ballot.

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percent), Zarbo got 3,014 (just under 19 percent), Williams brought in 2,815 (17 percent) and Anthony had 2,732 (17 percent).

Fred Bolden, a longtime Canton activist, earned 1,767 votes to finish fifth, followed by newcomers Mike Andro (1,694 votes) and Jaldhar Prasad (565 votes).

"Obviously, I'm flattered with the results and I'm motivated to keep doing what I do," Caccamo said.

"I'm happy that people can see that I'm trying to do the right thing. It's about more

substance than show." After the final numbers were reported, Anthony, a former FBI agent, clasped the hand of his wife, Gloria, and credited her with his victory.

With Taj on the ballot, Anthony said his seat on the board isn't guaranteed and he's ready to continue campaigning for November.

"I didn't get into this thing to stop in August," he said. "I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead."

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Plakas, Barone earn top two judge spots

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It will be Jim Plakas of Northville Township and Joe Barone of Plymouth Township in the Nov. 4 general election race for 35th District Court judge.

Plakas won the field-of-six primary Tuesday with 7,380 votes, followed by Barone with 4,937.

Martha Snow of Northville Township finished third with 4,689 votes. The rest of the field had Cam Miller of Plymouth fourth with 4,314 votes; followed by Jim Malinowski of Canton Township with 1,174 votes and Art Butler of Plymouth Township with 288.

Plakas finished first in Plymouth Township, Canton

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CANTON PRIMARY RESULTS	
SUPERVISOR	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Phil LaJoy ... 4,923
DEMOCRAT	David Marsh ... 2,873
TREASURER	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Melissa McLaughlin ... 3,160
DEMOCRAT	Joan Noricks ... 2,030
CLERK	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Terry Bennett (I) ... 4,640
TRUSTEE	
(TOP FOUR TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
REPUBLICAN	Mike Andro ... 1,694
DEMOCRAT	✓ John Anthony ... 2,732
DEMOCRAT	Fred Bolden ... 1,767
DEMOCRAT	✓ Todd Caccamo (I) ... 3,616
DEMOCRAT	Jaldhar Prasad ... 565
DEMOCRAT	✓ Pat Williams ... 2,815
DEMOCRAT	✓ Karl Zarbo (I) ... 3,014
DEMOCRAT	✓ Syed S. Taj ... 2,071
35TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE	
(TOP TWO TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Joe Barone ... 2,326
DEMOCRAT	Art Butler ... 288
DEMOCRAT	James Malinowski ... 1,174
DEMOCRAT	Cameron Miller ... 1,621
DEMOCRAT	✓ Jim Plakas ... 7,380
DEMOCRAT	Martha Snow ... 2,165
U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Thaddeus McCotter (I) ... 5,025
DEMOCRAT	Joseph Larkin ... 853
DEMOCRAT	✓ Edward Kriehall ... 2,459
STATE HOUSE 20TH DISTRICT	
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REPUBLICAN	✓ Todd LaJoy ... 4,709
DEMOCRAT	✓ Brian Slavens ... 3,031
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Coming Sunday: Tween power: Pre-adolescent tweens spend millions — their leader? Hannah Montana.

AROUND CANTON

ITC tree removal

Over the next couple of weeks, crews working for the International Transmission Company (ITC) will be marking trees for removal in the high power electric corridor that runs through Canton. Federal guidelines necessitate the clearing to ensure there are no disruptions to their service. All trees designated for removal will be marked on the corridor side of the tree. In some instances, trees that are within their safety boundary could be located on, or near, private property. In those cases, ITC will negotiate with the property owner.

For questions or concerns please call ITC directly at (877) 483-4839.

Newcomers welcome Dr. Fiegel

The public is invited to spend an evening socializing, enjoying refreshments from Carrabba's Italian Grill and Back Home Bakery, getting to know your "neighbors" and signing up for 20-plus interest groups (Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Chick Flick, Couples Social, Scrapbooking to name a few) at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday Sept. 3 adult general meeting at Workman Elementary, 250 Denton Road (at Cherry Hill Road).

A special meet/greet is scheduled from 7-7:30 p.m. with newly appointed Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel. This is the Newcomers' season kickoff meeting. Huntington Bank is sponsoring the event. All remaining 1st Wednesday

of the month meetings will be held at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. This social, civic and charitable organization will also host a raffle to benefit a local charity.

To order a complimentary September newsletter that will arrive a few days before the meeting, visit www.canton-newcomers.org or call Noreen at (734) 981-0486.

Plymouth-Canton Head Start

The Plymouth Canton Head Start program will host an ice cream social from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Sheldon Head Start, 44649 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Head Start is now enrolling children in its free preschool program. For more information, call (734) 326-6271.

School supplies giveaway Way of Life Christian Church is giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies. The picnic and giveaway will be held from 2-6 p.m., Aug. 31, at UAW 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue (west of Beck Road). There will be refreshments and activities for children of all ages. Pastors Fred and Helen Canty and the Way of Life congregation will be on hand and would love to meet your family. For more information, call (734) 482-0068.

Marching band fundraiser

The Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting its annual "Car Washathon" on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Plymouth High School parking lot in Canton from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plymouth High School is

located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

"The Car Washathon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Scott Ragland, president of the 2008 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

Free Bilingual children's event

Join Bilingual Fun for a morning of stories, music, dancing, and fun activities. Children of all ages will be exposed to the Spanish language at this upbeat and interactive story time, which will be held at 11 a.m., Aug. 13 at Borders Books and Music in Canton. The event is free. No registration required. Contact info@bilingualfun.com or visit www.bilingualfun.com for more information.

Willow Run air show

The Yankee Air Museum's 2008 "Thunder Over Michigan" Air Display, which will include the participation of the U.S. Navy's F/A-18C Hornet Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration and the U.S. Air Force's F-16C "Viper" Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration teams, will coincide with this year's 10th Anniversary Air Display Aug. 9-10 at Willow Run Airport.

The two teams will put their respective jets through "hard core" demonstrations reaching speeds over 700 mph, which is just under the speed of sound. The pilots will pull in excess of 8 G's in their maneuvers and will show the tactical capabilities of these modern fighter jets. These single-ship demos will show them flying as low as 500 feet and climbing straight

up to altitudes of over 15,000 feet.

Special guest Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermy will sign autographs and take pictures within the Yankee Air Museum tent. Ermy starred in the film "Full Metal Jacket" and was nominated in 1988 for a Golden Globe award for his role. Currently he is working on two films that are in production, "Cat Tale" and "Black Mountain." He has been in numerous other films and television shows for nearly the last 30 years.

General admission tickets are on sale until Aug. 8 for \$20 each and then \$25 at the gate. Parking is also discounted to \$5 per vehicle right now and will be \$10 at the gate. Tickets are available at www.starticketsplus.com, or by phone at (800) 585-3737, or visit any Meijer store and purchase at the StarTicketsPlus kiosk. All proceeds will be used to rebuild a new museum complex. In October 2004, the museum suffered a devastating fire in which the entire WWII hangar and most of its contents were lost.

For more information, visit www.YankeeAirMuseum.org.

Preschool open house and sale

Plymouth Children's Nursery, a co-op preschool for children age 3 to 4, is having an Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 8. Come visit the school located at 5828 N. Sheldon Road (just north of Ford) in Canton and learn about how a co-op works and how your child will learn and grow through play. The school will also have a sale at the same time. Items include toys, books, stuffed animals, household items, bikes, typewriters, records and much more.

Chamber golf 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,



Cell phones for the troops

Vietnam Veterans Post 528 member Bob Lamoureux (from left), Sharon and Brian Metzger of Canton and Lynn Dery from REMAX Classic of Canton display some of the more than 100 cell phones the post and REMAX have collected as part of an effort to provide our troops overseas with free calling cards. For every cell phone that is turned in they are able to provide the calling cards to the troops. They will be collecting cell phones at the Vietnam Veterans car shows Wednesdays at 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. In addition, Dery will be at the Aug. 23 car show at the UAW HALL on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Also the post is accepting old American flags that need to be retired, and will replace them with new flags (while supplies last). For more information, contact Gary at (734) 459-6700.

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.

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 leadership class. This is an eight month class from October through May designed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton community.

Registration deadline is Aug. 15. The cost of the class is \$800. Each day long seminar includes lunch.

Leadership Canton is a joint collaboration between Canton Township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com.

Literary arts class

Literary Arts Class For Children - Embark On A Creative Writing Journey Poet and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton offers a Literary Arts Class for Children noon to 1 p.m., Aug. 4-7, at the Tinkham Center off Venoy Road in Westland.

The class is designed to liven up your story telling skills by writing in your journal, learn about new ways to describe things so that all of your stories and haiku will be cool to write and fun to share with others.

Call (734) 419-2426 to register. Anyone wishing to speak first to Martin can e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or call (734) 397-1626.

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Township, Northville Township and Northville, and finished second to Cam Miller in Plymouth by only 16 votes.

"That's just today," said Plakas, with the realization the bigger prize is in November. "There's 90 days from now."

Plakas said with six candidates vying for the six-year judgeship, it was a tough campaign.

"You have five other competitors doing whatever is necessary to win, five other people



Plakas



Barone

fund raising and trying to get financial contributions from a lot of the same people, five other campaigns you have to monitor," said Plakas. "All I know is that we gave it everything we had and ultimately the people would decide the two finishers."

Barone was both excited and relieved after hearing voters in Plymouth Township — the last community to report its results — vaulted him past Snow for second place.

"I'm a little bit shocked, but I'm very happy," said Barone. "Everybody ran a great race."

The winner in November will take the seat being vacated by Judge John MacDonald, retiring after 24 years on the bench. Plakas, who won the primary two years ago and lost to incumbent Judge Ron Lowe, said his strategy will now shift with Barone the only other candidate in the race.

"That's one advantage I've had, I've done this before," said Plakas. "I know the difference between the primary election and the general election ... it has to be a different strategy."

"It certainly isn't going to be easy," he said. "Joe (Barone) did a great job with his campaign and it showed in the numbers."

Barone said he knows it will be a tough challenge the next to catch Plakas' number of votes.

"I think I'll have to work that much harder, rally the troops and see what happens," he said.

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'Unofficial' results cause brief court confusion

When Joe Barone went to bed early Wednesday morning, he was on Cloud Nine after learning he'd just been voted one of two candidates to run for 35th District Court judge in November.

However, just hours later he was deluged with phone calls suggesting he lost the primary election to fellow candidate Martha Snow.

The Wayne County election Web site, as well as those of several media outlets, had Snow edging Barone by 36 votes.

"I received a phone call from Joe (Xuereb, husband of Snow) about 7 a.m. saying Wayne

County has some different numbers and Martha beat me," Barone said. "Then my cell phone was ringing off the hook with people wondering if I had won."

"My heart sank, so this (Wednesday) morning I went to each individual clerk's office to verify the numbers," he added. "For a few hours, I was really on edge."

Wayne County Chief Deputy Clerk Caven West would only comment the Web site had "unofficial results, we have 14 days to go through everything and certify it."

- By Tony Bruscatto

TREASURER

FROM PAGE A1

resident Kendra Gutierrez as she left the polls Tuesday.

McLaughlin, who has been a trustee since 1992 and a planning commissioner since 1991, estimated that she visited 1,500 township homes and acknowledged the benefit of voters being able to put a face to the name.

With months to go before the general election rolls around, McLaughlin said she hopes to begin learning the inner workings of the office with the help of retiring Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

"I hope to use the time we have now to get some runs on the ladder climbed," she said. "I want to take full advantage of the opportunity to learn from Elaine."

McLaughlin's goals as township treasurer include maximizing the newest technology with various payment plans and options, simplifying the treasurer's Web page to make it more informational and providing immediate access to information and services regarding financial assistance programs, foreclosures and tax deferrals.

McLaughlin also wants to publish an annual report to "enhance transparency and accountability to the public" and accept taxes paid by mail as "on time" if they are postmarked as of the due date.

In filling the role of treasurer, which has a salary of \$98,790, McLaughlin would continue her legislative duties to the township and said it's important that Canton progresses regardless of the state's tumbling economy.

"We need to go on the offense and really fight to keep Canton

vibrant and strong," she said, adding that township officials must go after new economic developments.

As one half of the township's most contentious race, Noricks was disappointed with her finish but felt good about her first venture into elected politics.

"I am proud of my campaign. I am proud of my supporters," she said. "I'm pleased I was able to stay on the issues and talk about my qualifications for the position."

Noricks, who took a leave of absence from the CCF to campaign, said she plans to continue

working in the community.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said 11,455 voters participated in the township primary, which is about 20 percent of Canton's registered voters. Bennett, who is running unopposed for reelection, said the low turnout was surprising.

"We've had better primaries," she said. "I expected a larger turnout, considering how much the candidates got out there and knocked on doors and all the money that was spent on this campaign. I thought it would be up around 30 percent."

Bennett received 4,640 votes.

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Scholarship program helps local students get jump on college

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayur Patel will begin his freshman year of college \$1,000 richer because of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast Grant.

"This is pretty good help," says Patel, 17, who will study pre-med at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Patel is one of two dozen local students that will begin the fall semester with a scholarship awarded through the 2008 Canton Community Foundation Education Grant Program.

Patel learned of the program after a friend received a CCF scholarship last year.

"I'm really glad that I got it," he said of the Kiwanis grant. "It's going to help me out."

Other scholarships in the program, which dates back to 1990,

include the \$500 Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship for a student planning to attend a Christian college; the Denski Family Scholarship worth \$500 for graduating cheerleaders from Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Harold Rosin Grant valued at \$1,000 for non-traditional students.

"No matter the amount of the scholarship, students have been able to help pay for materials and tuition," said Katie Robiadek, CCF programs assistant. "We have received so much feedback from recipients saying that this helped a lot."

While the majority of the program's scholarships are in the \$500-\$1,000 range, two of the most sought after awards could total \$8,000 each. The four-year renewable \$2,000 Yazaki North America, Inc. Scholarship was awarded to Xin-Kan Su and Stephanie

Wong, both of Canton. Su and Wong each plan to attend U-M—Ann Arbor.

Emily Patton, 17, was selected to receive the Canton Lions Club Scholarship.

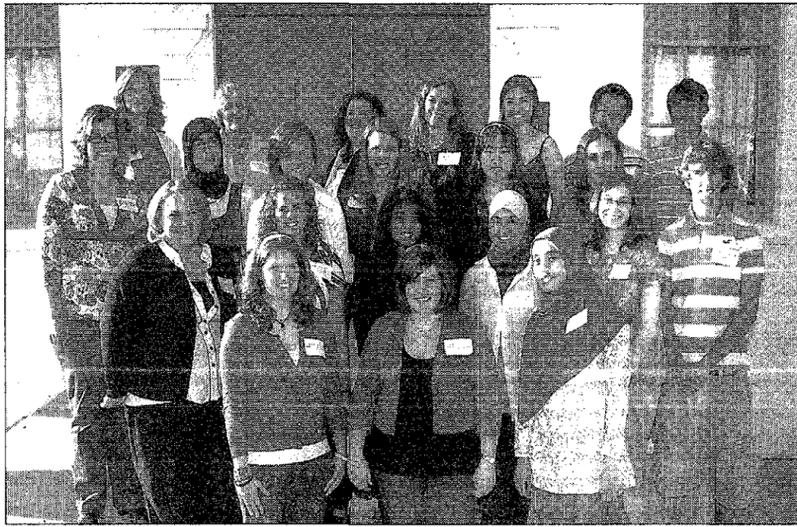
"I'm excited," the Salem High School graduate said of the \$500 award. "This will help me further my education."

The Lions award is designed for any sight or hearing-impaired individual or a student who intends to major in a sight or hearing-impaired field.

Patton, who is hearing impaired, will study nursing at Northern Michigan University.

"I learned about the scholarships through a family member and I think it's good that (CCF) is here to help students," she said.

To learn more about the Foundation or its programs, visit www.cantonfoundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.



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The 2008 Canton Community Foundation Scholarship winners.



Mahela Ashraf, Canton Jack Demmer Ford Scholarship, \$650
College: University of Michigan



Allison Deeb, Canton Eastern Michigan University Grant, \$1,000
College: Eastern Michigan University



Sarah Glunt, Canton Denski Family Scholarship, \$500
College: Central Michigan University



Fatima Idrees, Canton University of Michigan-Dearborn Grant, \$500
College: University of Michigan-Dearborn



Patricia Janus, Canton Canton Business & Professional Women, \$500
College: Schoolcraft College



Cynthia Kamish, Canton Lawrence Technological University Grant, \$1,000
College: Lawrence Technological University



Manal Kandah, Canton Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, \$500
College: Eastern Michigan University



Bryson Machonga, Canton Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship, \$500
College: Erskine



Aisha Malek, Canton Marvin Schulz Scholarship, \$300
College: University of Michigan



Helen Meerenda, Canton Canton Community Foundation, \$500
College: University of Michigan



Jessica Obrec, Canton Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, \$500
College: Schoolcraft College



Mayur Patel, Canton Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast Grant, \$1,000
College: Univ. of Michigan



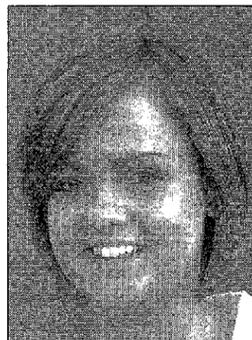
Emily Patton, Plymouth Canton Lions Club, \$500
College: Northern Michigan University



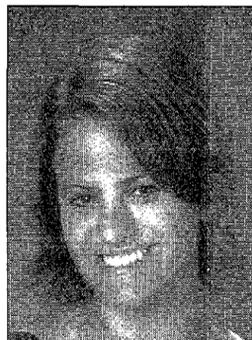
Dodi Piotrowski, Canton Harold Rosin Grant, \$1,000
College: Madonna University



Monica Przebienda, Canton Youth Leadership Scholarship, \$500
College: Univ. of Michigan



Nina Redzovic, Canton Mans Lumber & Millwork Scholarship, \$500
College: University of Michigan



Jessica Reed, Canton University of Michigan-Dearborn Grant, \$500
College: University of Michigan-Dearborn



Xin-Kan Su, Canton Yazaki North America Grant, \$2,000
College: University of Michigan



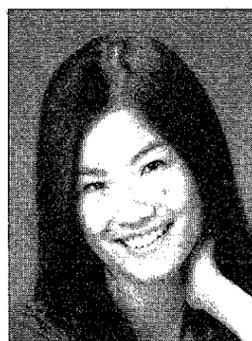
Nanzeen Uddin, Canton Canton Community Foundation, \$1,000
College: University of Michigan-Dearborn



Stace Wendland, Canton Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, \$500
College: Madonna University



Stephanie Wong, Canton Yazaki North America Grant, \$2,000
College: University of Michigan



Siyang Yu, Canton Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Scholarship, \$500
College: Univ. of Michigan

Jennifer Bordin, Canton Eastern Michigan University grant, \$1,000
College: Eastern Michigan University

Nancy Szczepanski, Canton Canton Business & Professional Women, \$500
College: Schoolcraft College



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Canton Community Foundation Chair Herb Scott talks about the awards and the winners during a ceremony in Cherry Hill Village back in June.

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3 Wayne-Westland staffers take on new assignments

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be new faces in the top spots at Wayne-Westland's two high schools this fall.

The school board earlier this month approved the appointment of Valerie Orr as principal at Wayne Memorial High School and David Ingham as principal of John Glenn High School. They replace John Albrecht, who has joined the district's administrative staff as the executive director of student and legal services, and Joan Sedik, who has been named the executive director of human services.

Orr told the board she was "very excited, overwhelmed and humbled" by the appointment.

"There's not many people in world who can say they got the

job they always dreamed of," she said. "My roots grow very long in this community. I love Wayne-Westland, I love the kids, and I am very proud to be here. There's no better place than Wayne Memorial High School."

Orr, a Wayne resident, has been with the district since 2001. She was a mathematics teacher at Franklin Middle School for six years before being named an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial. She has a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and sociology from Eastern Michigan University and a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix.

She has participated in the Wayne County RESA Aspiring Principals Program, trained as a district staff development leader and developed and

presented staff in-services on student-led conferences. She also has served on the district's middle school scheduling committee.

Orr also thanked her husband, Brent, telling the board that he "has been very supportive and understanding of my love of education."

Ingham is a familiar with John Glenn High School, having served as an assistant principal there during the 2003-04 school year. He moves from Adams Middle School where he had been the principal since 2003.

"This almost seems like an awards acceptance speech because I'm thanking everyone," the Howell resident said. "But it's appropriate because we need support of everyone here."

Ingham has a bachelor of science degree in natural

resources management from the University of Connecticut, a master of arts degree in management and supervision from Central Michigan University and a master of arts degree in secondary education from Marymount University. He was as a teacher, department head and interim assistant principal at Taylor Truman High School before joining the Wayne-Westland district in 2002.

Ingham also had a special thank you for Superintendent Greg Baracy for hiring him from Taylor schools.

"You gave me the opportunity to be in excellent district where focus is always on students and matches up to our focus," he said. "I appreciate that and accept the opportunity to serve."

Sedik also was thankful for being tapped for the human resources position.

"This was not some I had imagined as my plan for the future," she said. "I'm excited about the new challenge and the new position, and I look forward working with human resources, Dr. (Greg) Baracy and the board."

Sedik will move a few hundred yards down Marquette from the school she's been at since joining the district in 1970. She worked as a teacher at John Glenn High School for 25 years before being named an assistant principal in 1995. She was named principal in 2000.

A Westland resident, Sedik has a bachelor of science degree in business education, social science and English from Wayne State University, a master of arts degree in reading from Eastern Michigan University and an education specialist degree from WSU in

general administration.

The appointments drew praise from board Secretary Cindy Schofield, who was excited to see the three administrators "step forward to new positions."

"I know the three of you will do a wonderful job, you will be a real asset to Wayne-Westland," she said. "Thank you for stepping up and taking on new responsibilities."

"It's always been our objective, and my objective, to hire from within and this shows we have many talented people in school district that can move into these positions," added Trustee Skip Monit.

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger also added her congratulations, saying that "I think it's great and our schools will benefit from it."

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Larkin calls differences with McCotter 'crystal clear'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin says that he and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter have "crystal clear" differences on the major issues of the day and he is looking forward to a debate in the fall campaign for the 11th Congressional District.

Larkin, 44, handily defeated former Novi city manager Edward Kriewall with more than 70 percent of the vote in Tuesday's Democratic primary. McCotter ran unopposed in the Republican primary.

This is Larkin's first run for elective office. He has a private law practice in Livonia.

On Tuesday, Larkin said he was ready to accept a win or a loss.

"I believe I have a healthy view of being a public servant," he said. "I'll give them my point of view. I have to be true to what I believe."

Larkin said he has strong differences with McCotter over the war in Iraq, the foreclosure crisis, energy and the economy.

"I am going to bring ideas that will be a big, positive step forward," he said.

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Thaddeus McCotter 41,543

Kriewall said Wednesday that newspaper endorsements for Larkin "killed me."

"I didn't think it would be that big a factor, but it was," he said.

Kriewall said he believes he did better than Larkin in television interviews and in their joint forum. He said newspaper endorsements portrayed him as leaning more Republican.

"I thought I was a good candidate," he said.

Kriewall said he has no plans to run for office again.

McCotter released a statement Tuesday that he was "honored and humbled to be nominated" for the fourth time as the Republican candidate in the 11th Congressional District.

"I will strive to uphold their trust as, together, we fight to revitalize our Great Lakes State and keep our America the greatest nation on earth," the statement read.

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Ryan Flaherty and Kylei Philo were among the four recipients of the Dul Foundation Scholarships. The Dul Family, owners of Clips and Clamps Industries and Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, established a yearly scholarship fund in 1999 for employees and their families.

Flaherty, who attends Grand Valley State University and is majoring in chemistry, plans to attend law school and become a patent lawyer. He was placed on the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement his first semester of college. Ryan is also active in community service including volunteering at soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity and political campaigns. Ryan is a graduate of Plymouth High School and is the son of John and Cindy Flaherty. Ryan has been an employee of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center since 2005.

Philo attends Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and is majoring in accounting with a minor in Spanish. After completing her Bachelor's degree, Kylei will continue her education by obtaining her Master's degree in accounting. She has been a member of the EMU Dance Team for two years and on the EMU Competitive Dance Team for one year. Kylei received the Eagle Academic Scholarship and has been on the Dean's list for two semesters.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Dhake Industries for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on a two story, 8,000 square foot addition to an existing facility, including new personal property. The facility is located at 15169 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

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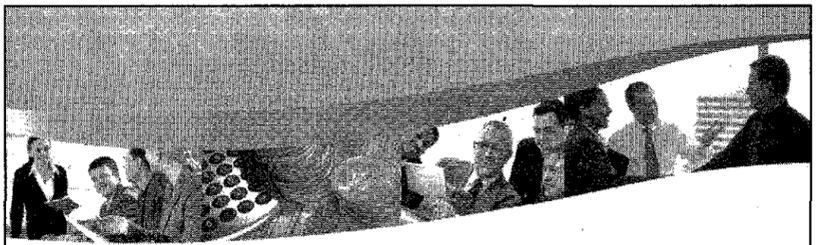
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Phil Simmons (left) and Ryan Lewis will present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a giant 'King' sign glowing behind him, Phil Simmons said it's only fitting that *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* serve as the first production of the newly-formed 8th Wonder Theatre company.

"Joseph really has something for everyone," said Simmons of Ypsilanti, who runs the Ann Arbor-based company with Ryan Lewis and Brian Carbin.

Joseph is one of the few musicals that appeals to audience members of all ages.

Simmons and Lewis, both professors at Eastern Michigan University, joked about the wide range of personalities depicted in the popular play,

which relays the Biblical saga of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers and eventually reunited with his family.

"There's a little Elizabeth Taylor, a little country music, Elvis and Barack Obama. If you don't like a number, just wait a minute," Simmons said, while Lewis added, "It's like the weather in Michigan, it keeps changing."

The play opens Friday with an 8 p.m. show at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

The production has a cast of 23 actors and a 16-member children's choir from an Ypsilanti elementary school and 15 crew members.

With this being his eighth production of Joseph, Simmons, who has toured internationally, said he never tires of the production.

"Even if you are in a really bad mood or have had a tough day, you can't help but smile," he said.

Lewis applauded the tal-

ents and dedication of those participating in the production, which includes students from EMU, the University of Michigan, Penn State University, Michigan State University, Grand Blanc High School and Oakland University, and said he hopes 8th Wonder will be able to expand next summer.

"We want to be a professional company for summer stock work," he said. "We've gotten pretty good feedback on people that are happy and pumped up about us bringing this to the area. A lot of things focus on younger and older (actors) but the in-between has been lacking."

For more information on 8th Wonder, visit www.8thwondertheatre.com. To purchase tickets for the show, log on to www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300.

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It seems that every week there is another announcement that more people in the auto industry are losing their jobs. Last week, General Motors announced it is cutting 5,000 white-collar jobs. One issue all those people will face is what to do with their 401(k) plan. In fact, people who are changing jobs or retiring also are faced with this decision.

When someone leaves a company for whatever reason, he/she generally has a few alternatives when it comes to a 401(k) plan. In most situations, an individual can simply leave his/her 401(k) or retirement plan with the employer. Most employers do not require you to transfer your retirement savings account into a different retirement vehicle. The other option, the one I recommend, is to move the money into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The problem I have with people keeping their retirement money at their old employer is the issue of control. Over the last few years, we have seen a trend where employers are changing retirement vehicles much faster than in the past. If you are participating in a plan that changes, whether you are retired or still working, you have to adjust your portfolio.

Sometimes these changes are to the benefit of the employees because they offer new and better investment alternatives. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Employers are adding new



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

investment vehicles for which it is difficult to find independent information.

In the recent past, employers were adding more options to retirement plans and these were basically mutual funds where an investor could receive independent information about the fund. This is no longer the case. For whatever reason, there is a trend to offer fewer investment options and many of these are not mutual funds.

I believe the key is to depend upon independent research. With many of these new types of investment vehicles, there is no independent information. The investor must rely on the information provided by the investment company. I never want to rely on information provided just by a company. My general rule is if you cannot find independent information, you ought to walk away from the investment.

There are many options to transfer your retirement money when you leave a company. The problem with many is high fees and high costs, which do nothing but erode the return of an investor.

Too many people who leave a company end up going into an investment product they are sold and one that makes no sense for them. One example

is variable annuities. Variable annuities are great for the salesperson, as not only do they make a substantial commission, but they make ongoing fees every year. They are an investment that most should avoid.

When someone leaves a company, they are swamped by the sales vultures who care only about making the sale as opposed to putting someone into an appropriate investment product. One clue that you are dealing with the wrong person is if you are dealing with an aggressive salesperson.

I know this is old-fashioned and I've said this many times in the past, however, one way to make sure that you are not being taken advantage of is to pay close attention to fees and costs. You just can't ask the salesperson about fees and costs. You need independent information. I think you will find that high-commission, high-fee products underperform and end up putting more money in the salesperson's pocket than in your pocket, where it belongs.

Don't be negligent with your retirement money. Make sure you make an informed decision. Take your time. If you are getting pressured, particularly from a salesperson, the easiest thing to do is walk away.

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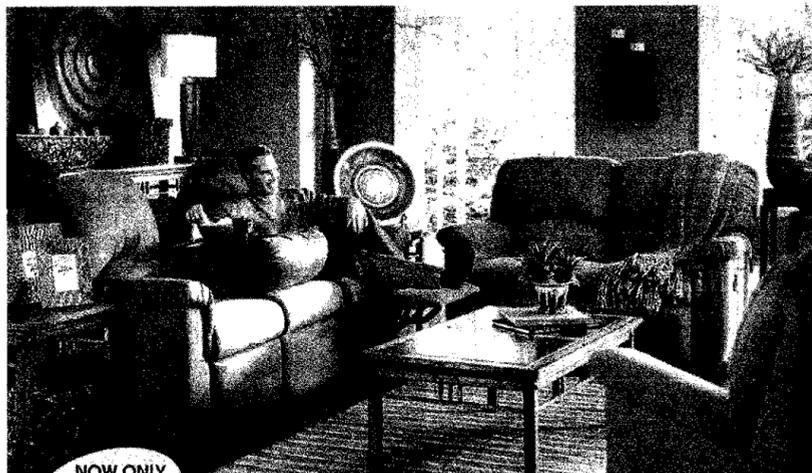
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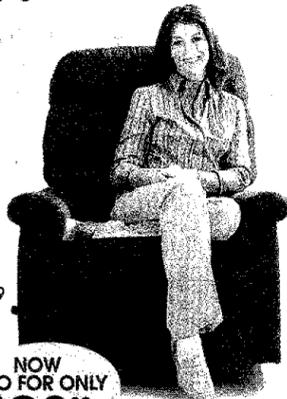
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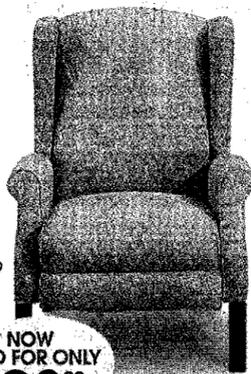
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OUR VIEWS

Help ensure pupils are set for school

Kudos to the The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps and its partners for coming up with the idea to help make sure all students in the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school districts are prepared and ready to go once the new school year starts on Sept. 2.

The Plymouth Corps, which also serves the Canton community, is hoping to fill an entire school bus with school supplies to donate to children from families that are struggling in these turbulent financial times.

According to Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Corps' director of family and community ministries, the number of people asking for help before the start of school will certainly surpass the 36 families (113 students) that requested help last year. She said they've already received plenty of calls from families that are seeking help because one or both parents have lost jobs. And they are expecting more calls to come in as the school year approaches.

You might say that this is just one more downside to living in the current Michigan economy.

Fortunately not everyone has lost their job or is having to scrimp to get by like so many Michigan workers currently are. If you are fortunate enough to be in that category, there are a lot of kids getting ready for school that could use your help.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, volunteers will be on hand at The Salvation Army church and community center at 9451 Main in Plymouth to accept donations of pens, paper, crayons, backpacks and other school supplies.

While school supplies may seem like a minor detail to some people, they are a big deal for children who don't have any. If you think about it, a pencil and paper are on the front lines of the educational experience.

No child should have to come to school and feel inferior because their parents can't afford to buy these supplies. So, please, help if you can. Making sure all our children have an equal footing in our schools is something that benefits us all.

Good ideas merit adequate funding

The story is a familiar one to area school district administrators.

State officials come up with a great idea — so great, they figure every school district in the state should implement it. Do it or else, they say — and, by the way, don't bother asking us for any financial help in paying for it.

The resultant dilemma is called an unfunded mandate. It's happened time and again, so no one should be surprised that the state Legislature has taken up an all-day kindergarten program that could cost districts plenty.

In her state of the state message, Gov. Jennifer Granholm called it a "simple step" that would make a difference. But simple by whose definition?

While many districts in the area are moving toward that goal, still others know that the mandate will require more space and more teachers at a time when state aid already has fallen behind increased costs.

The problem of unfunded mandates doesn't stop there. Recently, the state Court of Appeals ruled that the governor and Legislature violated the Headlee Amendment by requiring school districts to compile data on student progress without reimbursing them for the cost.

The issue could be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

"The (state) constitution is very specific" on requiring mandates be funded, Michael Adamczyk said of the ruling. The assistant superintendent for business in the Troy district is also president-elect of the Michigan School Business Officials group.

The frustrating part, he said, is that even though the state has lost the argument in the past, it still puts up a fight.

Adamczyk said it would be difficult to place a dollar amount on the cost of collecting such data, suggesting that school staffers would have to keep tally sheets on the amount of time spent.

But the costs continue to grow. First, the state required fourth Friday counts in September to calculate enrollment and state aid, he noted. Then the state also required counts at mid-year, and now it also requires tabulations on safety, school crime and school employees.

For some districts with current software, computers take the brunt of the work. But other districts, Adamczyk said, have to either buy new software or update what they currently have.

Districts "don't argue the merits" of gathering data, he added.

Nevertheless, time is money, whether it be in gathering data or fighting a lawsuit.

It not only makes sense to fund mandates, it's the law.



Unfunded Mandates -- State Supported Theft

LETTERS

Dress code enforcement overdue

Hats off to the Plymouth-Canton Schools officials who decided it was time to finally start enforcing the dress code for students — something that has been long overdue.

Yes we want students to have freedom and expression, but we also want them to learn respect for others and respect and modesty for themselves — and apparently that is something that is not being taught to all of our students today. Students should be there to learn, and a good dress code will aid in having a healthy learning environment for everyone with no unnecessary distractions — and I am sure the teachers will appreciate the students being able to focus more on the curriculum instead of what the person next to them "is" or "is not" wearing.

And yes students, you still have freedoms. If you don't like the dress code, you have the freedom to find another school to go to.

Thanks school officials for bringing some decency back to the classrooms.

Karen Jeffries
Canton

Listen to elders

I know my thoughts won't be important to the kids in school. After all I'm 65 and an old man. When I was a student we didn't have a say in our dress code. We just followed the direction of our elders.

Perhaps there wouldn't be such a fuss now if the elders had not been remiss in enforcing the codes consistently since 1993 when they were enacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to put my two cents in.

Len Roberts
Canton

Letter was another attack

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack's letter ("Stop the personal attacks," July 27) was a perfect example of the slanderous attacks he so disdains.

I worked as Joan Noricks' office assistant at the Canton Community Foundation and can attest to both her excellent leadership and her efficient, transparent handling of CCF funds. She is an expert at building and maintaining relationships. Everything Joan, together with a dedicated board, has done to advance the status of the foundation is a matter of public record. In no way did I witness the negative things Mr. Yack outlined in his letter. If things were so bad, why didn't the board (on which he served) just fire her?

Please, Mr. Yack, cease to engage in the "politics of personal destruction" you so righteously condemn.

Peg Krueger
Canton

Not backing down

I do not usually take such a firm stance and speak out about my opinion on political races. Nevertheless, I choose to write a short letter to the *Observer* stating a belief and some information I had read regarding the race for the seat in the 35th District Court. Now that the primary is over and this letter will not weigh too heavily on the minds of voters, I felt it necessary in

response to that of Judge Bokos.

Initially, I wanted to discuss why it is important to select an individual for office instead of simply by name recognition and campaign support. Comments such as "endorsed by over 50 judges" is great, but people need to look further than just campaign slogans and look to the person for themselves. Personally, I find it intriguing that Joe Barone has his campaign headquarters at his office in downtown Plymouth, while Jim Plakas had to rent out a special space to be inside the district.

Plakas' employment history is primarily in Westland and not in the 35th District. I do not attack Mr. Plakas personally as he is probably a fine attorney and may make a decent judge, but I want someone who has shown a dedication to my district, someone who has worked and lived in my district. Mr. Plakas is better suited for the 18th District.

Barone, on the other hand again, has his office in Plymouth and represented more cases in the 35th District than any other candidate. Barone is a devoted family man and an extremely active member of the 35th District communities. Just because my name does not have "judge" before it does not mean that I cannot be a good judge of character. I chose to endorse Joe Barone because of his service and dedication to the 35th District. When I find someone to believe in, I do not back down.

Scott Foess
Canton

Campaign was a journey

Campaigning for local office is an amazing journey. As I write this letter I have no idea if I was successful or not. What I do know is that I am glad I took the trip and that I have met so many new people (thousands) while I was going door to door and attending various events. Most people I met are as passionate about our Canton community as I am.

I am very grateful for so many good people supporting me with their personal commitment and encouragement along the way. Thank you to all who have helped my campaign during the past six months. Regardless of the outcome, your commitment of placing signs, working the polls, money, sending notes to your friends and other efforts did not go to waste. A special thank you is also owed to my wife and children for their patience with me during the process.

With so many qualified people running for the trustee positions the benefit to all is that a lot more Canton folks became involved in discussions about our community. These discussions were what Canton Township is all about. Please do stay involved to help our new leadership team focus on where we need to go as a community.

P.S. — Going door to door was a very healthy way to lose 20 pounds in two months.

Again, thank you.

Pat Williams
Canton

Intersection still dangerous

I recall reading not too long ago a story about a woman in Canton who died when

she crashed her motorcycle into the side of a van on Ford Road at the Ridge intersection.

Reportedly the motorcycle slammed into the side of the van with such force that the van ended up on the south side of Ford Road even though the impact of the rider took place just behind the driver's seat.

The police department in Canton has charged the girl driving the van with negligent homicide. I think that is an error in process that needs to be addressed. This benefits the court while sparing MDOT from any bad press.

The intersection of Ford and Ridge has no stoplight because at the time a school was built at Ford and Ridge the Michigan Department of Transportation put a light at the entrance for the school. They refused to put a light at Ford and Ridge because they claimed the second light would be too close to the first light. The Canton Charter Township Board of Trustees had been informed of the danger of the intersection some time ago.

On paper the distance between the light in front of the school and the busy commercial intersection of Ridge and Ford appears to be adequate. However, a physical visit to the location shows bushes and small trees along Ford, with larger trees appearing before the light, so if a person of normal stature in a car even the size of a Yukon SUV would stop at the intersection during any season other than the dead of winter the effective viewing distance would be seen as being greatly foreshortened. That is inadequate.

The Michigan DOT says everything is fine at Ford and Ridge and the intersection doesn't need a light so they won't kick out the \$70,000 to put it in. Any normal person going to that intersection will see the need for a light. You will also see that a motorcycle traveling at 45 mph at that location would be hard to see — one going at 55 mph would be a danger, and one in excess of 55 mph would be a weapon.

A MDOT representative has stated that putting a light at the intersection would be "do-able." Nice word, but the intent is what I am concerned with. They have no apparent intent to do it and avoided doing it even when clearly instructed to the danger that exists at that intersection and for which they are solely responsible.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

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QUOTABLE

"We've already had several calls for help before the start of school, and we're expecting a lot more. We're definitely seeing folks without jobs, those with reduced hours and families who had two incomes who are now trying to survive on one."

— Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, collecting school supplies for students in need attending either the Plymouth-Canton or Van Buren school districts

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Michigan's black dropout rate, a call for outrage and action

As an angry and embarrassed citizen of depressed and eroding Michigan, it would be rhetorical to ask why bad news about public education and especially that of our black students is getting worse.



Marcie Lipsitt

Michiganers ... it is time for a citizens uprising and education revolution. Do the math and add together the reports released by the Schott Foundation for Public Education, Given Half a Chance (specific to school year 2005-06) and *Education Week's Quality Counts 2008* (specific to school year 2006-07). Michigan has the highest dropout and lowest graduation rate for black males across all 50 states and highest dropout and lowest graduation rates of the 50 largest school districts, and the information has only gotten worse. In fact we are so far below the national average that we are not only the worst in the Midwest; worst of the nation's largest states; worst of the nation's smallest states; we are the worst in the entire United States!

And all state Superintendent Mike Flanagan and his newly enriched and extended contract through 2011 can say is, "It's obvious that the way we've been trying to educate these students is not working" (Ya Think!) ... and DPS spokesman Steve Wasko (DPS Superintendent Connie Calloway is nowhere to be found) adds insult to injury with, "The numbers would not shock anyone who has looked at our school-by-school data ..."

Shocked? Of course not. Outraged, depressed, but with courage of conviction and stalwart resolve — committed to raising passionate and educated noise for as long as it takes for a Michigan governor and legislature to recognize their fiduciary and moral obligations to educate ALL of our 1.7 million children — absolutely!

A bit of historic reminiscence is necessary to remind Michiganers this crisis in educating our state's most fragile and precarious citizenship has been decades in the making. Former State Superintendents Arthur Ellis and Tom Watkins had a hand; the state's abysmal take-over of Detroit Public Schools; the revolving door of DPS superintendents, school boards and mayors — lack of concern under Govs. Blanchard, Engler and Granholm's education-less administrations? Maybe some or all should be quoted for their current thoughts on the state of public education in Michigan and how it eroded during their years in office? Where have three decades of House and Senate Education and K-12 School Aid committees been ... at least until we wrecked our Legislature with term limits in 1992?

The time is long overdue that we march one-million-strong down the streets of educationally-war torn Detroit. (And like Iraq and Afghanistan

— let us not forget Highland Park, River Rouge, Hamtramck, Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac, Southfield or Oak Park) and to the Capital in Lansing and loudly proclaim our revolt against public education in Michigan and the illiteracy, poverty, homelessness and crime it brings in its wake.

What we are doing to Michigan's black children is egregious. There are no palatable excuses left — end of story. Dr. Martin Luther King spoke to the "fierce urgency of now." This situation is 40 years urgent and the next obliterated Class of 2009 is only six excruciating weeks away. There are answers and they should not include vouchers and tax credits. We need an education revolution and not the end of public education.

This is not rocket science. The nexus to literacy, grade level proficiency, standardized test scores and turning students into taxpayers instead of tax burdens — starts with a hot breakfast, intensive daily research-based reading instruction and followed by after-school tutoring and dinner. Food and literacy are equally necessary to feed, expand and extend a child's mind. A few small high schools in Detroit as proposed by Gov. Granholm and bankrolled by the stingy K-12 School Aid Committee won't make a dent in this ship that makes the Titanic look appealing.

Small classes with properly certified and highly qualified teachers providing intensive, daily reading instruction is the necessary start Michigan schools and Detroit Public Schools has been missing. Students who can't read have no reason to stay in school and sadly, this the students have figured out in droves. Still, based upon the numbers — more will figure it out this year, than the last and the year before that and before that and before that.

State Superintendent Mike Flanagan and DPS Superintendent Connie Calloway must take a page from former Michigander and current District of Columbia Education Chancellor Michelle Rhee's playbook that starts with the core belief "her" students, their achievement levels and preparing them for postsecondary education and the global workforce is her only concern. No more excuses and that starts with Mike Flanagan, Connie Calloway and every administrator in this state.

And while former Vice President Al Gore has challenged the United States to solve its energy crisis over the next 10 years — someone might tell the next president to solve the education crisis in America and especially for our black, Hispanic and special education students. It is time to remind and ingrain in all of us that education and our children — white, black, brown and of all socioeconomic stations; with and without disabilities — are the energy our economy and our nation rides and rests upon.

Marcie Lipsitt of the Michigan Alliance for Special Education lives in Franklin.

The online barroom has changed political discourse

Times have changed.

As someone who has usually embraced change, I wonder if my current resistance is just a sign of advancing age.

Politics has always been a rough-and-tumble experience, dating back to the days of Jefferson and Hamilton. In those days, all newspapers were blatant partisan journals supporting one side or the other in the debate over federal power. Sometimes these journals presented cogent arguments to support their partisan positions. Most times they offered up salacious rumors, wild accusations and downright lies about their opposition.

Beginning in the 1830s, newspaper publishers found they could gather more readers and, most importantly, advertisers by the eliminating or at least soft pedaling partisan positions on their news pages and saving them for opinion pages.

Of course that hasn't stopped partisanship from creeping into news accounts and it hasn't stopped some publishers from using their newspapers for blatant political reasons. But, the principle remains in place at most newspapers and the major broadcast networks.

But now we have the Internet — blogs, comments on online stories, chat rooms. Everyone is invited to offer up an opinion or two or incessantly. There is little censorship over these comments and the result is something like the elevation of barroom arguments into written political discourse. The back and forth on almost every issue is every bit as vulgar, misinformed, bullheaded and, quite often, off-subject and distracting as your usual Friday night after work at the local friendly.

Being churlish about these things suggests a disdain for democracy and free speech. I'm with Winston Churchill about democracy being the worst form of government except in

comparison to all the other forms of government that have been tried. As for free speech, well, here I am ranting so I guess if I can rant, so can everyone else.

On the national scene these comments probably have little effect. Candidates running for federal positions are pretty much immune to this stuff, although this year provides a test on dealing with one of our most prickly issues — race relations. But it is at the local level, the state, county, city and township levels that we cover that this sort of nasty business becomes troubling.

This isn't about taking a position on something like the annexation issue in Livonia or a particular slate of candidates in Canton or Redford townships. Everyone who lives in those communities should take an interest in those topics, speak out on their positions and be a part of the debate. The problem is when that conversation becomes vitriolic, personal, accusatory with vague and harmful charges that aren't and can't be substantiated. Quite often the writers drift off the issue entirely to launch a personal attack on someone who has offered an earlier comment. (Good thing the 'net isn't a bar because the fists would be flying all the time. Or we'd see a return to the days of Hamilton and Burr, when a duel satisfied the issue.)

As we move into the general election season, the focus in many of our communities will switch from the local scene to the presidential election. Many of our communities are one-party strongholds in which the primary was the election. But there will be ballot issues coming in November that will set off alarms for many political junkies.

We can only hope they spend some time honing their arguments, focusing on the issues and eliminating the vitriol.

("Fat chance, Killjoy!")

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Wojtowicz survives Cavanagh challenge for treasurer

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Wojtowicz

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, 79, survived a contentious challenge from Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh to win the Democratic nomination for treasurer, a position he has held since 1976.

Cavanagh finished second in the field of 11 candidates, but Wojtowicz had 41 percent of the vote to Cavanagh's 25 percent.

Wojtowicz will face former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy in the general election in November. Dunleavy handily defeated Timberly Robinson in the

Republican primary with 73 percent of the vote.

In the elections for other county offices, incumbents won easy renominations. Sheriff Warren Evans defeated

former sheriff's deputy and Detroit Public Schools security officer Darron McKinney with 81 percent of the vote. He will face Republican Taras Nyoriak in the November election. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood easily defeated Terrance Hood with 70 percent of the vote. He will run unopposed in the November election.

County Clerk Cathy Garrett faced four opponents but finished first with 50 percent of the vote. Her nearest competitor was Michael O'Brien with 24 percent of the vote. On the Republican side, Lannell Buffington ran unopposed and will face Garrett in November.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy, a Democrat, ran unopposed and has no Republican opposition in the general election.

Six candidates advance in the race for one of three open seats on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court: Daniel Hathaway, Lynne Pierce, Connie Marie Kelley, John J. Sullivan, Susan Hubbard and Richard Cunningham.

Voters in Wayne County

approved a 0.1 mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo with nearly 75 percent supporting the tax. The zoo millage was also approved by voters in Oakland and Macomb counties by wide margins.

The tax will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$10 a year and is expected to generate about \$15 million a

year. The zoo budget in \$26 million a year, the rest of the money coming from admissions, concessions and donations. The Detroit Zoological Society, which operates the zoo, sought the tax to replace a subsidy from the city of Detroit, which ended in 2006. The city of Detroit owns the zoo.

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REPUBLICAN	✓ Taras Nyoriak 35,106
DEMOCRAT	
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
✓ Warren Evans (R) 127,257	
Darron McKinney 28,680	
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✓ Brendan Dunleavy 26,268	
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✓ Raymond Wojtowicz (I) 60,409	
Linda Zebrowski 4,222	
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✓ Bernard Youngblood (I) 91,681	
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✓ Cathy Garrett (I) 70,441	
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2008 Summer Olympic Games



Schmitt

READY FOR THE WORLD

Beijing is next stop for Canton swimmer Schmitt



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Allison Schmitt, pictured competing in a high school meet last fall, earned one of just 20 roster spots on the 2008 U.S. Olympic women's swimming team.

Allison Schmitt is pictured holding the 'High Points' trophy she won at the 2003 12U Michigan State Championships.



SCHMITT FAMILY PHOTO

ABOUT SCHMITT

WHO: Allison Schmitt;
AGE: 18;
HOMETOWN: Canton;
ACCOMPLISHMENT: Qualified for the 2008 U.S. women's Olympic swimming team in the 200-meter freestyle and the 4 x 200-meter relay;
FAMILY: Parents Ralph and Gail; siblings Kirsten, Derek, Kari and Sara;
NICKNAMES: Schmitt, Al, Allie;
HOBBIES: Scrapbooking, taking pictures, playing outdoor games, playing board games;
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PART II: Qualified for three events — 100-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle and 400-meter freestyle — at 2008 Olympic Trials; won four individual state high school titles at Canton.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Summer Olympics were the furthest things from the minds of Ralph and Gail Schmitt when they signed up their 6-year-old daughter Allison for basic swim lessons in 1996.

"Like all of our children, we just wanted to make sure Allison knew how to swim so she'd have fun when we went to the beach and went on vacations," Ralph Schmitt reflected.

Little did the Schmitts know that the lessons their third of five children soaked in at the Salem High School pool that year would become the first steps of an incredible journey that will continue a half a world away at the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China over the next three weeks.

Allison Schmitt earned a spot on the 20-member United States women's swim team July 2 when she placed second in the 200-meter freestyle event at the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

Schmitt is the third-youngest member of the star-studded contingent — 23 years younger than teammate Darra Torres — and is believed to be the first Canton resident to ever compete in the Summer Olympic Games.

"Everything has been amazing so far," Schmitt said last month from the team's domestic training camp in Palo Alto, Calif. "I'm swimming with the best swimmers in the country and swimming for the best coaches in the country. The entire experience has been unforgettable."

And it's only just begun.

Early signs of greatness

The tall, slender swimmer's talent began to emerge at the age of 12 when she captured the

"High Points" award at the 2003 Michigan 12-and-under State Championships.

Schmitt's physical tools — most notably her long, strong limbs — were impressive, but it was her mental make-up that stood out in the mind of Josh Morgan, her coach at the Ann Arbor Swim Club during the middle school years.

"If I had to describe Allison with one word, it would be 'fearless,'" said Morgan. "When she was in the water, she wasn't afraid of anybody. And she hated to lose."

"She had a great attitude, too. You could tell she was interested in learning and getting better."

Considering the vast wealth of swimming talent in the United States, Schmitt's meteoric climb to the elite level of athletes in her sport is awe-inspiring, Morgan said.

"First of all, only the top 1 percent of swimmers in the country even make it as far as the Trials," he said. "Then, once you get there, you have to perform at your peak on the day of your race. If you're not at your best, you don't get to try again for four more years."

"The odds against doing what she's done may not be astronomical, but they're pretty darn close."

Focused on success

Schmitt's times in the freestyle events continued to plummet under the tutelage of the Ann Arbor Swim Club's Dan Olm, who coached her during her freshman and sophomore years of high school.

Olm attributed Schmitt's ascension to the national spotlight to her unrelenting ability to focus.

"Swimming fast is not the

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Sidelines



Plymouth Reigns

The Plymouth Reign '95, an under-14 boys soccer team, qualified for the 3-vs.-3 KickIt World Championships by finishing with a 4-1 record last weekend in the regionals held in Buffalo, N.Y.

The quintet of Derek Heitman, Mario Gruszczynski, Ryan Liguori, Daniel Oversea and Sean Yanik will advance to the World Championships, Jan. 17-19, in Orlando, Fla.

To help raise funds for the trip, Glenn and Tiffany Liguori are opening their Books Are Fun book and gift warehouse to the general public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9.

The warehouse is located at 7458 Kingsbridge Road, off Warren and Lilley, in Canton.

Books Are Fun is a division of Reader's Digest and offers books and gifts for all ages and family members of at reduced prices.

Fifteen percent of all sales will be donated to the players' fund-raising efforts.

For more information, call Glenn Liguori at (734) 354-0054.

Pummill wins title

Garden City's Ron Pummill recently took first place in the age 15-16 division of the Willow Metropark Golf Tournament with an 18-hole score of 77.

He also finished third at the Kensington Metropark tourney, completing his round with a score of 78 strokes.

Hole-in-one club

■ On Aug. 1, Phillip Miskulin, 14, of Garden City, used a 5-iron to record his first ace on the 155-yard, No. 7 hole at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

■ On July 11, Canton's Paul Drechnowicz, using a 6-iron, registered his first ace on the 165-yard, No. 12 hole at the Grande Golf Club in Jackson.

Bus driver wanted

The Livonia Ladywood High Athletic Department needs a bus driver for after-school sports events starting with the 2008 fall season with most events starting between 2 and 3 p.m.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

PGA pros keep it simple, straight

BY JIM TOTH
OGE STAFF WRITER

PGA professionals have spoken and the consensus states the greatest mistake an average golfer can make is out-think the golf swing.

Too many times too many amateurs get away from the basics of making a smooth and flowing motion, and instead insert a bevy of jumps and jerks that resemble the swinging occurring more on the dance floor than on the golf course.

"I hardly ever get an amateur — that's not a really good player — that's set up perfectly, that aims good, has the proper knee bend or the proper grip and I

think those things are easy to get wrong in the beginning," explained former PGA champion Davis Love III during a golf clinic Tuesday held at the PGA Learning Center inside Oakland Hills Country Club. "I try to remind people when I do a clinic that if you just do these things you will get better and that you have to have a foundation before you can build a really good golf game."

Love, who was crowned PGA Champion back in 1997 at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, offered up a 60-minute clinic — presented by American Express — on the ingredients that go onto producing a fluid golf swing and ultimately experiencing a more

enjoyable game overall. Often, it appears unfair how effortlessly and predictable the results are from the professionals, but Love promises it doesn't happen by chance.

"People think that we have some secret, you know, like Titleist gives us some special golf ball, teachers have something they're telling us they're not telling the general public, but in reality, every time I see my teachers, it's the same stuff over and over and over and it's still fundamentals," Love said. "We still work on our fundamentals. It's the things we get away from because we're trying too hard to get better. Hopefully, the fans understand the fundamentals are still the

most important thing as we still work hard at them."

Tami Bealert, PGA professional at Carl's Golf and in Plymouth, agrees.

Bealert, along with a number of PGA professionals, have been on hand all week at the Learning Center to serve up instructions to needy duffers seeking improvement. The 10-minute sessions provide a video analysis and computerized breakdown of such areas as weight shift, shoulder turns and muscle tensions. Participants usually depart feeling better about their prospects next time out.

"Ten minutes isn't a long

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LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former PGA Champion Davis Love III offered up an hour-long session Tuesday at Oakland Hills Country Club on the making of a good golf swing. Local PGA professionals have also been busy during the week providing instruction to golfers looking to improve their game.



Westland's Jared Williams has won numerous awards in taekwondo, including two gold medals at the recent AAU Junior Olympics held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Martial artist

Westland teen makes his mark in taekwondo at AAU Junior Olympics

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jared Williams has a slew of awards and trophies stacked in and around his bedroom.

But what he'll cherish more than anything right now and put on a special display is pair of gold medals the 17-year-old from Westland captured last Friday in taekwondo competition at the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Seven years of hard work came to fruition as Williams captured first place in traditional forms for Boys 16-17 in second degree dan and up (for black belts). He also won his weight class (135-165) in points sparring, which consists of a pair of two-minute

rounds, posting a 12-5 mercy victory in the finals.

For Williams, an honor student at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School, it's a seven-day a week sport in the Korean martial art.

"I usually train three to four hours per day, then cut back maybe one or two on Sundays," Williams said. "It's mostly done in my back yard, but when is cold or rainy I usually go inside to the School (of Martial Arts USA in Dearborn Heights)."

Williams, who proudly wears his pair of gold medals, was urged on by "my biggest cheerleader at all my tournaments," his sister, Courtney Walker, a recent graduate of Michigan State.

Williams also received encouragement from Master

Alex Enriquez, an instructor who was once an AAU National Team alternate (2001) and AAU National gold medalist (1999). Williams also receives instruction from three other masters from the Dearborn Heights studio — Marcus and Nick Imsande, along with Steven Yu.

"I felt really good and the reason why I went to the (National) Junior Olympics was that it was in Michigan," said Williams, referring to Detroit as the host city. "I went in there to try and win. I train as hard as I could, and it turned out well for me."

Williams bested five other competitors in traditional forms, which consists of an individual demonstration of a required series of hand techniques, strikes and kicks.

In traditional forms, he received an opening-round bye into the finals before facing his opponent from Colorado.

"I saw him in his previous match and I envisioned in my head what I'd be like," Williams said of his match. "The second round I kicked him in the head twice (good for two points each) and got a huge lead and was able to finish him off."

What the 6-foot-1, 165-pound Williams enjoys most about taekwondo is the individual pursuit.

"It's not a team sport, when you go to a tourney it's one-on-one," he said. "It's about yourself and all the work you put in. You have that sense of determination and you want it more than someone else."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Car dealer, RU team up

Holiday Automotive Group is teaming up with Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis in a unique fundraising opportunity for the football program.

Under an arrangement similar to one in place for Livonia Public Schools,

Holiday Automotive will take \$200 from each vehicle sale or lease and funnel the money into a non-profit fund (501(c)) to benefit the RU football team. (Holiday Automotive has three locations: Livonia Chrysler Jeep on Plymouth Road, Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River in Farmington Hills and Century Dodge on Telegraph Road in Taylor.)

Money would be used mostly to buy non-essential equipment and uniform needs, although Tomasaitis said he would like to buy a new water-supply system for the upcoming season.

Customers must bring the coupon when buying or leasing a vehicle in order for the donation to be completed.

For more information, go to www.welove-holiday.com; contact Dave McDonald at Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734-525-5000); or contact Colleen McDonald (248-474-0500) regarding Holiday Chevrolet or Century Dodge.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage tryout evaluations for the following age groups (determined as of May 1, 2009) at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, on Diamond No. 8:

10-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 9-and-under, 3-5 p.m.; 12-and-under, 5-7 p.m. - all Saturday, Aug. 16;

11-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 13-and-under, 3-5 p.m.; 14-and-under (for players who have not entered high school yet), 5-7 p.m. - all Sunday, Aug. 17.

Managers and coaches are also needed. If interested, call travel director Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

The 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will be holding final tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 9, from noon-2 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 trying out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

The Canton Cardinals 12U travel baseball team will hold tryouts Wednesday, Aug. 13. The team competes in the KVBSA, USSSA and Sylvania tournament. The Cardinals are also set to play in two fall tournaments this year.

For the first time ever, out-of-district exemptions are allowed. For more information, contact head coach Jim Hejka at James_Hejka@jeffersonwells.com or (734) 658-2446.

Two 14-and-under Plymouth/Canton travel baseball teams - the Grizzlies and

the Vipers - will stage tryouts for the 2009 season from 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Players must be 14 or younger on April 30, 2009.

To pre-register or for more information, call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

Tryouts for the 2009 Livonia-based, 11-and-under Michigan Bulldogs travel baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 16; and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

For more information, e-mail head coach Scott Linser at coachscott@michiganbulldog-baseball.com; or visit www.michbulldogs.com.

Hockey clinics

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will be hosting several pre-season hockey clinics the week of Monday, Aug. 18 through Thursday, Aug. 21.

Sessions include the following: "Deking & Dangling," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 for ages 9 and up; "Shoot to Score," 2-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 for ages 6 and up; "Backward Skating," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 for ages 9 and up; "Quick & Fast," 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 for ages 6 and up; "Playmaker," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 for ages 9 and up; "Outside Edges," 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 for ages 6 and up; "Learn to Check," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 for ages 11 and up; "Defense Clinic," 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 for ages 9 and up.

Players will be grouped by skill and experience level in each class. Full hockey equipment is required. For more information, call (248) 478-1600 or go to www.suburbanhockey.com.

NASCAR tickets

3M Car Care will provide Detroit area drivers who deal with high gas prices with a Gas N' Go giveaway event and NASCAR tickets to the 3M Performance 400, presented by Bondo, Sunday, Aug. 17, at Michigan International Speedway.

From 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 at NAPA Auto Parts, located at 20340 Farmington Road, Livonia (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), the first 100 Detroit drivers will who stop by the Gas N' Go Giveaway and present any gas receipt higher than \$50 will receive a pair of tickets, along with a fuel efficiency improvement solution from 3M Car Care.

High Velocity family fun

High Velocity Sports will be offering "Family Fun Nights" from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 15 and 22, in Canton.

The event is for families, friends and/or coworkers who would like to experience an inexpensive, safe, athletic environment.

Participants will be able to play soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball. The facility's "Carnival of Inflatables" will also be open. The cost is \$5 per person. Children under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Tracy Thelen at (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvpsports.com.

O&E Women's Tourney

"Drive" time is fast approaching for all women golfers looking to claim the title of 2008 Observer & Eccentric Women's Open champion.

The one-day, 18-hole tournament is set to tee off Saturday, Aug. 16, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

All entrants will be trying to dethrone defending champion Susan Macinkowicz, who earned medalist honors by carding an impressive round of 78.

Participants must have a current United States Golf Association index to play in the annual O&E Open.

Registration forms can be picked up at Whispering Willows Golf Course, which is located at 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia; at Fox Creek Golf Course, which is located at 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Registration forms can also be found at www.golflivonia.com.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$50, which does not include a cart. For pairings and starting times, participants are encouraged to call (248) 476-4493 after noon on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The O&E men's tournament is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21 at both Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses. The men's event is a 36-hole tourney.

Free junior tourney

Wolverine Sports will sponsor an 18-hole free junior golf tournament for boys and girls ages 9-17 on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by stroke play with foursomes at 12:30 p.m. (Free hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided at the turn.)

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

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 Claud Johnston, Sandy Felan and Bill Hawley, along with last year's winner Zach McCurley of Belleville.

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

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

Salem lacrosse outing

The 2nd Annual Salem Boys Lacrosse Golf outing will be Sept. 14 at St. John's Golf and Banquet Center, which is located at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Plymouth.

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with a shotgun start slated for 1:30 p.m. A scramble format will be used.

The cost is \$110 per golfer and \$440 per foursome if they register after Aug. 16. All those who register prior to Aug. 16 will receive a \$10 break.

The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch at the turn, a rib dinner following the outing, a 50/50 raffle and many contests.

To reserve a foursome, contact Lynn Kerchen at (734) 844-7336 or lynn.kerchen@comcast.net; or Eric Bielecki at (248) 351-3824 or (734) 891-3590.

The cost for dinner only is \$50.

Boys Junior Golf Tourney

The 36th Michigan State Junior Boys Golf Championship (ages 13-18) will be Thursday, Aug. 21 at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

The 36-hole tournament is open to those with a handicap index of 5.5 or lower. Special exemptions will be allowed for players who have made the 2008 All-State in each of the four divisions, along with regional qualifiers, the low 12 finishers in the 2007 Championship, the Junior Golf Honor Roll and other junior majors.

Entries close 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

For more information, call Dick Loring at skillplay@aol.com; or call (517) 918-2625.

Fox Hills Family Night

Fox Hills' Golf Course, located at 8768 N. Territorial Road, near Plymouth, will stage a Family Night Out beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Strategic Fox.

The cost is \$20 per person (includes golf, hot dog or hamburger, chips and pop on the patio).

For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

North Brothers outing

The 19th annual North Brothers

Ford charity golf outing will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Proceeds go to: Wayne County Family Center, Westland Youth Assistance, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and Royal Oak Salvation Army.

For more information, call Jackie Marcaccini at (734) 524-1243; or e-mail info@northbrothers.com.

Junior boys fall series

The Michigan PGA Junior Tour, sponsored by Carl's Golf and Nike Golf, will launch its 2008 Fall Series for boys and girls ages 13-16 with mid-morning tee times the first four Saturdays in September and the first two Saturdays in October.

There is no members fee for the Fall Series for Michigan PGA Junior Tour members. For juniors that are not regular season members, the fee is \$50. The cost for each event is \$50.

The Fall Series is award Player of the Year awards for Boys 13-15 and 16-18.

The schedule includes: Sept. 6, Washtenaw Country Club; Sept. 13, in Ypsilanti; Grand Valley State's The Meadows, Sept. 20, in Allendale; Sept. 20, Sunnybrook C.C., Grandville; Sept. 27, Country Club of Jackson; Oct. 4, Detroit Golf Club; Oct. 11, MSU's Forest Akers (West Course), East Lansing.

Registration begins Aug. 6 at www.michigan.pga.com.

For more information, call Justin Phillips at (517) 641-7421; or e-mail jphillips@michiganpga.com.

Disc Golf Guide

Disc Golf Michigan! A Comprehensive Guide to Disc Golf Courses of Michigan, is available for \$19.95 from Planetary Eagle Publishing through the book's web site: www.discgolfmichigan.com; or by calling (269) 342-4929.

The web site also list more than 30 retailers.

The guide book, authored by Stephanai Myers, includes 175 pages of up-to-date information on the 90 courses in Michigan. It includes regional maps, color photos, course and park information, detailed course descriptions, hole lengths, directions, relevant web sites, contacts and where to find maps and scorecards.

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Canton's Allison Schmitt (sixth from left) is pictured at a U.S. swimming team event earlier this summer. Standing to Schmitt's right is Michael Phelps, who is considered the world's best swimmer.

SCHMITT

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most comfortable thing in the world to do," said Olm. "A lot of swimmers think about how they're going to feel when their race is over and it affects their performance. Two-and-a-half-hour practices can seem like an eternity.

"Great swimmers like Allison are able to live in the moment — they don't think about how much they're going to hurt or how much longer they have to go."

Olm remembered a 1,650-meter event Schmitt raced in a few years ago that typified her world-class competitiveness.

"She went out way too fast the first three or four minutes," the highly respected coach recalled. "She was real close to her personal bests over the first 200 and 500 meters, so she had a pretty good lead, but I'm thinking, 'She's not going to have enough at the end to finish.'

"Well, toward the end of the race, another one of our swimmers — who was in the lane next to Allison — was getting close to catching her. But Allison saw her out of the corner of her eye and refused to let herself get passed — even though she was very, very tired. She ended up winning the race, which was pretty amazing considering how fast she went out."

Olm forecasted great things

from Schmitt — not just over the next three weeks, but for the next several years.

"I don't want to put any pressure on Allison, but with her talent and work ethic, I think she's going to be a world-record holder someday," he predicted. "I could see her going 1:53 or 1:54 in the 200 and doing great things in the 400, too.

"And I don't think her ability has caught up to her body yet. Once it does, she could be doing things similar to what Michael Phelps is doing on the men's side."

Which means those basic swimming lessons she took 12 years ago have more than paid off.

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WILLIAMS

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"Most of the time it's mental more than physical. It where you get it inside their head and it makes them more scared than you."

Williams earned a trip to the AAU Nationals with a first-place showing in forms and a runner-up overtime loss in sparring during the state AAU Junior Olympics held May 10 in Mount Pleasant.

Williams' taekwondo season is far from over as he'll continue to compete in NASKA tour-

naments and the Michigan Sport Karate Circuit (where he finished second last year in the points standings before going down with a groin injury).

Williams embarks on his senior year at CC carrying a 3.6 grade point average. He also is a member of the Gabriel Richard Club and the National Honor Society. He is considering attending either Michigan State or the University of Michigan where he'd like to study nuclear medicine with an interest in X-ray technology.

Williams wrestled his first two years at CC and has

also dabbled in boxing. He lives only a block away from Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club where he occasionally trains.

He recently fought in an exhibition match and has been actively recruited by Dynamic trainer Paul Soucy to change sports.

"I'm friends with Paul and he tells me that if I give up karate for boxing that I'd be good," Williams said.

But Williams' first love remains taekwondo — where he is plenty good.

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time so just trying to make sure they have their posture correct and explain to them how to stay in balance in the swing is the priority," said Bealert, who lives in Canton. "I would draw the line for the swing plane, and there's

a shooting area, and so they would have a better understanding of why they're out of balance. If they're out of balance, the club's getting out of balance, and those are the key things I focus on.

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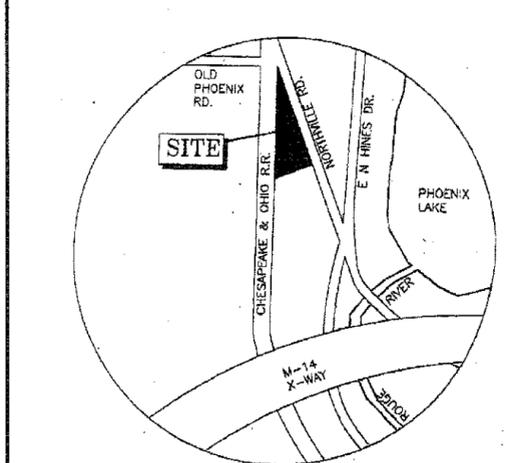
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a request from Dhake Industries, 15169 Northville Road, was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth requesting that an Industrial Development District be established, under Public Act 198, 1974, as amended. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments, submitted prior to the August 19, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Municipal Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.



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Marilyn Massengill, CMC
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth hockey news

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be holding its house elevation and draft skate later this month for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 17. The two elevation skates will be held Aug. 14 and 19, while the draft skate will take place Saturday, Aug. 23.

The CAHA also offers a "Learn to Play Hockey" program for kids between the ages of 4 and 9.

The season runs Sept. 2 through March 31. All practices and home games will be held at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

Youths between the ages of 4 and 8 who want to play hockey will be able to use free equipment for the season.

To learn more about the CAHA, call (734) 544-4460 or (734) 487-7777.

Middle school girls LAX

Middle school-aged girls who are interested in learning to play lacrosse are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the PDC room of the Summitt on the Park in Canton.

Practices will be held twice a week beginning Sept. 8. Games will be played in Ann Arbor on Sundays starting Sept. 21. The season will last anywhere from six to eight weeks.

For more information, call (734) 927-9619 or (734) 927-4490.

GCYBSA tryouts

Following is tryout information for several Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association travel teams:

- Sunday, Aug. 10: 11U — 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at Heritage Park; 9U — 4-5:30 p.m. at Heritage Park; 14U — 6:30-9 p.m. at Heritage Park.
- Wednesday, Aug. 13: 12U — 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park.
- Sunday, Aug. 17: 11U — noon at Plymouth Township Park; 10U — 3:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park.
- Saturday, Aug. 23: 13U — 6-8 p.m. at Heritage Park.



Bronx Bombers

The 12U Yankees captured the 2008 GCYBSA title June 30 when they recorded a 9-3 triumph in the championship game. Pictured (front row from left) are Josh Kramer, Henry Kramer (batboy), Andy Carr, Adam Powlus, Nick Danis, Mitch Langell, (second row from left) Billy Adams, Joe Zylka, Rodrigo Lopez, Evan Thomas, Alec Winfrey, Justin Sydlowski, (third row from left) assistant coach Mark Winfrey, head coach Matt Adams and assistant coach Joel Sydlowski. Not pictured is Charlie Anderson.



Pride-ful performance

On Aug. 2, the PC Pride 14U Stars ended a very successful 2008 campaign by taking third place in the USSSA Fast Pitch World Series held in Orlando Fla. Competing against 53 teams from across the country, the girls withstood the heat, humidity and injuries to several players to finish the World Series with a record of 7-2. Briana Lee, Kelli Janiczek and Heidi Schmidt were awarded 'All Tournament Team' trophies by the umpires and USSSA officials for their level of play in the tournament. The Pride team was also awarded the "USSSA Sportsmanship" trophy. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Marissa Blassic, Kylie Lewis, Allison Raylean, Heidi Schmidt, Lizzy Mazorowicz, (middle row from left) Briana Lee, Alexis Powell, Andria Gietl, Abby Jewel, Kelli Janiczek, Julia Salata, Ayanna Martin, (top row from left) assistant coach Bob Lee, manager Rhonda Raylean, head coach Jim Gietl and assistant coach Rick Schmidt.

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Marshals enjoy time at Oakland Hills Country Club

BY MARTY BUDNER
OSE STAFF WRITER

Paul Zimmerman and Len Tosto are marshals this week on hole No. 8 at Oakland Hills Country Club for the 90th PGA Championship. It's a job they anxiously anticipated.

Security at that hole is the responsibility of Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville where Zimmerman was a two-term president and seven-year board member.

Zimmerman is captain of the eighth hole and responsible for securing the long and challenging 491-yard, par-4 layout. His job is to oversee the 70-some volunteer marshals and deal with any other problems that happen to arise during the weeklong tournament that began with Monday's practice rounds and concludes with Sunday's championship final.

While it is a tough task, the 62-year-old Northville resident is an experienced attendant as he served in that same capacity for the 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills.

"On days like this it's more relaxing and fun, but when you get to Saturday and Sunday it's like you're so busy it's hard to relax and enjoy what's taking place," said Zimmerman, who was dressed



Former Meadowbrook Country Club president Paul Zimmerman (left) is serving as a marshal captain on the eighth hole at Oakland Hills Country Club for this week's 90th PGA Championship.

appropriately in a red shirt and PGA hat on Monday.

"There are times when some very interesting things take place. I can remember one of the European players — Colin Montgomerie — let a spectator come out and putt during a practice round on the seventh

green, and he actually made a pretty good putt. The crowd really enjoyed it.

"It was just interesting how there was a lot more inter-play between the spectators and the Europeans than there was with the Americans and the crowd at the Ryder Cup," he

said. "It was almost like the Europeans won the American spectators over. As the day went on they were talking to the crowds, while for the Americans it seemed like it was all business."

Zimmerman, whose son, Jeff, was a captain on the Orchard Lake St. Mary's golf team and whose daughter, Julie, was a captain of the Mercy High School tennis team, figures to enjoy the PGA as much as he liked the Ryder Cup.

"Another major event like the PGA and being this close to home and at Oakland Hills, I figured why not come out and partake one more time?" he said. "Both myself and Mike Wick, who is the other hole captain, we share responsibility. We both did it for the Ryder Cup so we decided let's work together again and do this one and it should be easier since we were fairly well-trained at it and we knew what we were doing."

"Basically we have over 70 marshals who are assigned three different shifts and we have to coordinate their activities between shifts," he said. "And we move them around the course so they get exposure to all parts of the course and we have to track their hours so that we can relieve them when they need relief. Basically we coordinate all their activity."

Meanwhile, Tosto, a Bloomfield Hills resident who is working for Zimmerman, is making his marshal debut. The 44-year-old Forest Lake Country Club member said on

Monday that he decided to put in his 15 hours at the beginning of the week.

"Obviously it's a chance to get a lot closer to the pros and stand within feet of where they are at and watch their swing and watch what they do," said Tosto, who lives just three miles from the internationally renowned course. "I had hoped to see Tiger, but that's not going to happen."

"My job is to just rotate from spot to spot, and most of it is crowd control to see that the people stay outside of the ropes," he said. "And if the ball is outside the ropes we have to make sure there is enough room around the player and make sure he has enough space to swing."

What does he plan to do the rest of the week? He hopes to take some of that knowledge he gained from watching the pros Up North where he and a few friends will gather for some golf of their own.

"I chose the practice rounds because every year I have seven buddies who I do a golf trip with and this was the week," he said. "But this is a neat experience. It's not an extremely difficult job, especially for these early rounds, but it will pick up by the weekend and it will be fun. It's interesting to study the pros."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Titan Tune-Up

The fourth annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The women's cross country race begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's cross country race at 7:15 p.m.

The long course will consist of one college loop and one high school loop approximately 5,600 meters. The short course will be a college loop of 3,300 meters.

Individual rants are \$5 per entrant; \$25 (6-14 athletes); and \$50 (15 or more).

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy cross country coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murraygr@udmercy.edu.

Patriot volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Franklin volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (varsity), 12:30-2:30 p.m. (JV) and 4:30-7 p.m. (freshman) on Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school fieldhouse.

All players must bring a current physical exam form.

For more information, e-mail coach Linda Jimenez at ljimenez@livonia.k12.mi.us.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

Thurston v'ball tryouts

Redford Thurston's volleyball teams will hold tryouts Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the school's auxiliary gym.

Ninth graders will try out for the freshman team from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday; 10th and 11th graders can qualify for the junior varsity or varsity teams while seniors may only try out for varsity. JV and varsity tryouts will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Coach Natalie Wasio may move players up to a higher caliber team. All students interested in trying out must have a current physical, dated

after April 15, 2008, to be turned in prior to or on the tryout date. For more information, contact coach Wasio at (313) 806-0493.

RU v'ball tryouts

Redford Union varsity volleyball coach Rachel Clor will hold tryouts next week for players interested in playing at the freshman, junior varsity or varsity levels.

Tryouts for the freshman and JV teams will be 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Redford Union.

Varsity tryouts will follow each day, from 7-8:30 p.m. Players should have their physicals completed and arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of tryouts to sign up. For more information, call Clor at (248) 515-0568.

Get ready for soccer

Boys interested in trying out for the Redford Thurston soccer team can attend physical conditioning from 6 to 8 p.m. daily this week at Thurston's stadium field. The physical conditioning will prepare students for tryouts, which are scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 11.

All students interested in trying out must have a physical dated after April 15, 2008. For information, contact coaches Chris Riffenburg at criff@earthlink.net or (313) 952-2158 or Peter Van Well at (313) 937-0856.

WYAA football sign-up

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

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AUGUST

Vacation Bible school
Rainforest Adventure for children entering preschool through sixth grade, continues 9 a.m. to noon through Friday, Aug. 8, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Activities include worship, crafts, games, science, music, Bible stories and more. Registration \$20 for first child in family, \$15 for second child, \$12 each additional child. Each family receives a VBS music CD. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 for registration information.

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

Reunion
For current and former members of Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Several former ministers will be in attendance, and there will be a potluck dinner and plenty of reminiscing. A church service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, as part of the reunion. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Tent revival
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., south of 8 Mile. Health screenings offered. No charge. Call (313) 372-4902 for details.

Community Baptist revival
11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 11-13, at Community Baptist Church, 28237 Warren Rd., between Inkster and Middlebelt, Garden City. Speaker:

J. Curtis Goldman, World War II Glider Pilot, Author of Silent Warrior. For information, call Pastor Jonathan Allen (734) 522-3710.

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

Vacation Bible school
Bird Tales, adventures in the forests and jungles of the world, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Aug. 11-16, for ages 4-10, crafts, music and refreshments, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Please pre-register at (734) 524-0880.

Vacation Bible school
5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 11-15, at Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church, 20915 Evergreen, Southfield. Come join us for food, teaching, arts and crafts. To register, call (248) 353-4368. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible school
The Anglican Church of Livonia holds 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 Sun! For information, call (248) 442-0422.

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, \$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 Leverage, 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 lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Greek festival
Enjoy the culture, homemade food and pastries, music and dance, and shop the Marketplace with Greek artifacts and jewelry noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores. Admission \$2, children age 12 and under free. Proceeds benefit church programs and renovation projects. Call (586) 779-6111 or visit www.assumptionfestival.com.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details please feel free to call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Crop walk
Kick-off planning meeting for the Walk Against Hunger Saturday, Aug. 16. All recruits are invited to share breakfast and learn what is new for 2008 and pick up their walk materials and pledge sheets for the walk on Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

Concert
Karen Peck & New River, 2007 Grammy Award Nominee, perform 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the sanctuary at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy Rd. at Newburgh, Westland. Admission free, but seating limited. Doors open at 5 p.m. For information, call (734) 425-0466.

Carillon concert series
10 a.m. and noon Sunday, Aug. 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.

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.

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

Bethany Suburban West
Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Aug. 30, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (this is the I-96 service drive east of Inkster Rd. on south side in Redford 48239). Limited to first 450 paid admissions only. Please wear proper attire. Admission \$12. For more information, call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Summer day camp
Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades one-six, continues to Aug. 24. Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended care available at extra cost. Campers participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes 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.

Bethany Suburban West
Free concert featuring Air Margaritaville 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, during Lincoln Park Days, 3525 Dix Rd., Lincoln Park MI 48146. Bring a comfortable chair, your favorite drink and a laid back mood. Call Kathy M. for details, (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Health program
U-Count Empowered to Get Health Family Edition is an eight-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 siediell@dw.org.

Outdoor worship
10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. A picnic will follow. Call (734) 464-0211.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pastors show how injustices in the Bible are played out today and why God gave you a passion for justice, during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in August at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through south double doors next to play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdc@aol.com.

Water works park
For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with hours from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Cost is \$115, requires pre-registration. Details at wardchurch.org.

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West
Deadline is Sept. 1 for head count for Detroit Princess Riverboat cruise featuring Air Margaritaville 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$54.50 and includes cruise, meal, tax and gratuity. For details or reservations, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

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.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Picnic
All-church and neighborhood picnic follows festival worship and communion 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Meet new people and visit with long-time friends, get information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ, food, music, games, fellowship, moon walk, face painting. Call (734) 422-0149.

Dorje Chang is living in America
Presentation focusing on reincarnation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will lead the congregation in Detroit.

Tent sale
Begoms at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household items, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details please feel free to call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Celebration
This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, live entertainment by Ben Opengem, door prizes and an auction. Tickets \$90 per person, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For more information, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Bethany hay ride
Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

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 \$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.

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.

ONGOING

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 Prayer 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.livoniafaith.org.s

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. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

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/rsiwrship/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 e-mail 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 pre-paid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

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.

The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

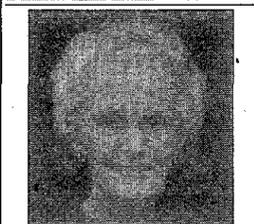
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Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts

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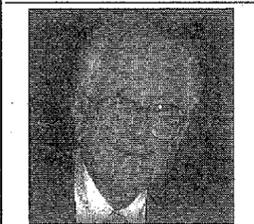
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J. WHITFIELD "Whit" JONES

August 3, 2008, age 82, of Franklin. Longtime executive for Michigan Bell. Beloved husband of Anne for 50 years. Dear father of Carrie Jones and Nancy O'Connor (Michael). Loving grandfather of Benjamin O'Connor. Cousin of Sally Rice, Nita Lancaster and Joseph Lancaster. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Visitation begins 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Birmingham, MI 48009 or the Franklin Historical Society, P.O. Box 250007, Franklin, MI 48025. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

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JULIUS A. MADOLINE

August 3, 2008. Age 87. Beloved husband of Theresa. Loving father of Joyce (Hans) Hansen of Canton, MI and Elaine (Robert) Christmas of Genoa, OH. Dearest brother of Vincenzo Paris and Sue Mandoline both of Youngstown, OH. Proud grandfather of Charina Hansen of Canton, MI and Chris (Emily) Hansen of Batavia, OH. Julius was born September 22, 1920 to Joseph and Nancy Mandoline in Youngstown, Ohio. He joined the US Army in 1942 and fought in WWII. He was in the 11th Airborne Infantry Division, Pacific Theater as a Parachuter/Rifleman. On June 21, 1948 he married Theresa Frazzini at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Youngstown, Ohio. They have been married for just over 61 years. After moving to MI, he maintained his membership at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church but also joined St. Thomas a' Becket Parish in Canton, MI. There he was a member of the STASO Club. A memorial service will be held at St. Thomas a' Becket Parish, Canton, MI on Tuesday August 19, 2008 at 10:30am. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

LOUISE A. BAILEY - NEDERVELD

Of Goodrich. Formerly of Birmingham. Died August 3, 2008, Age 60. Mother of Lauri Alarie of Chesterfield Twp., Todd (Rose) Hall of Algonac, Tammy (Brian) Price of Ohio and Dante Nederveld of Clio. Grandmother of Brandon, Gabrielle, Michael, Bailey and Addison. She was preceded in death by her parents, Manley and Winifred Bailey and her brother, Kim. Louise had worked with her parents at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home. Funeral Services 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, 10011 Lewis in Clio, Michigan. Interment will be with her parents at the Southfield Cemetery.

WILLIAM "Bill" NIPP

Age 89, August 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Virginia for 64 years. Dear father of Judy (Ron) Blome and Kerry (Vickie). Grandfather of Tony (Carrie) and Harlyn (Walker). Great-grandfather of Rocco Walker, Vincent, Gabriel and Autumn. Brother of Maggie (Bob) Eddlemon. Deacon and teacher at First Baptist Church of Garden City. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly. Services were held Wednesday. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

MICHAEL ANTHONY REMONDINO

Age 97, of Spring Lake, MI, died peacefully on August 2, 2008. Michael was born in Wakefield, MI, on February 16, 1911 to Louis and Catherine (Chiambretti) Remondino (having both just arrived in Wakefield, MI, from Fiano, Italy). Mike left Wakefield for Detroit to attend the University of Detroit, earning a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While working for Ethyl Corporation in San Bernardino, CA, he met and married Margaret Solt in 1939. They later moved to Birmingham, MI, where they raised their family. Margaret preceded him in death on December 11, 1999. Mike had been a 50-year active member of a Detroit area Lion's Club. He enjoyed fly fishing - making both his own rods and lures, photography, and sporting events. Mike is survived by his daughter, Nancy Hilgers of Bad Axe; three sons: Michael (Patty) of Crestview Hills, KY, Neil of Walhalla, MI, Paul (Patty) of Spring Lake; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Theresa Billie of Wakefield; a brother, Ferdinand Remondino of Roseville, MI; and several nieces and nephews. Mike was also preceded in death by his brothers Anton and Anthony Louis. Mike's family would like to thank all his caregivers at Simarron where he resided the last nine years. A funeral mass for Mike will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2008, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven with Rev. William Langlois as celebrant. Friends may meet the family Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. Memorials to his favorite charity, Leader Dogs for the Blind, are appreciated. Arrangements by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven, MI. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at: www.vbkfuneralhome.com

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Revival to inspire Christians of all denominations

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B6

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pastor Jonathan Allen likes to compare the browning of the grass at this time of year to waning spiritualism in the church and community. The good news is that like dormant lawns which only look dead, Christian faith can be revived — although it takes more than water to restore enthusiasm for the Lord.

For four days, Aug. 10-13, Allen is holding inspirational Revival services at Community Baptist Church in Garden City complete with evangelist speaker J. Curtis Goldman and a praise band.

Allen began attending revivals long before he became pastor of the church in 1980. His father James B. Allen regularly held revivals from the time he became pastor of the church in 1945.

"We pray and ask the Lord to renew our spiritual life," said Allen, who leads the congregation of about 100 members. "It's a concentrated time to bring that renewal of spiritual life. The purpose is to try to send that refreshing rain of spiritual revival to the church and reach out to the community. We're praying for

a real revival of God's spirit and a demonstration of his power and presence."

Years ago Allen said many revivals started as prayer meetings. Rev. George Whitefield, an English evangelist, is credited with bringing preaching to the masses outdoors in the American colonies in 1740. He was part of the second wave of religious revival known as the Great Awakening that took place from 1730 to 1745 and extended from Maine to Georgia.

Community Baptist Church's special services will be held indoors, last about 1 1/2 hours and are open to the public. Allen says real revival isn't denominational but affects everyone in a city.

"We heard stories about the early part of our nation when churches were on dirt floors, few people attended," said Allen. "Whenever God worked and moved spirituality blossomed. That's when a whole city could be changed. The Great Awakening Revival, which was one of the first ones, church attendance went up. There were less crimes. Teens quit using foul language. I think revival changes people."

"Revival was pretty com-

mon in the South. When an evangelist came to town, everyone went. Revivals stir up that spirit of getting to know Jesus Christ as your savior, to encourage growth and live a Christian life."

The goal, says Allen, is to concentrate people's attention for four days and hope the inspiration builds.

"We try to get a revival of our members and others to come too. We encourage people to come all four days," said Allen. "Anyone who wants to come is welcome. People get blessed and express themselves. Baptists have been known to say a few Amens and Hallelujahs."

Goldman is making a return appearance at Community Baptist Church. He first preached there in the 1950s. Goldman and Allen's father went to Bible college together. The younger Allen renewed the friendship when he saw Goldman at a fellowship meeting in Texas.

Goldman established Temple Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1953. He retired as pastor in 2003. A World War II Glider Pilot, the 85-year-old Goldman has written a book, *Silent Warrior*.

"I wrote to him two weeks ago and he's been on



J. Curtis Goldman is the speaker for the Community Baptist Church revival in Garden City. A World War II Glider Pilot, the 85-year-old retired pastor has written a book, *'Silent Warrior.'*

his 3-wheel bike racing a little boy on his block," said Allen.

"He was winning when the boy's bike nudged his back tire and he went tumbling over but never broke a

bone so you can imagine the kind of stories this guy can tell."

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Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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Rams sweep Sharkey's in Johnstown tuneup

In their final tuneup before heading to the AAABA Nationals, the 20-and-under Michigan Rams improved to 28-10 overall by sweeping an exhibition double-header Sunday from host Sharkey's

of Flint at Mott Community College.

Three pitchers - Derek Mosher, Colin O'Connell and Tom Whiting - combined on a four-hit shutout in the opener, a 5-0 triumph over the unlim-

ited-age National Amateur Baseball Federation district champion.

Mosher, the starter, hurled three hitless innings, allowing just a pair of walks while fanning four.

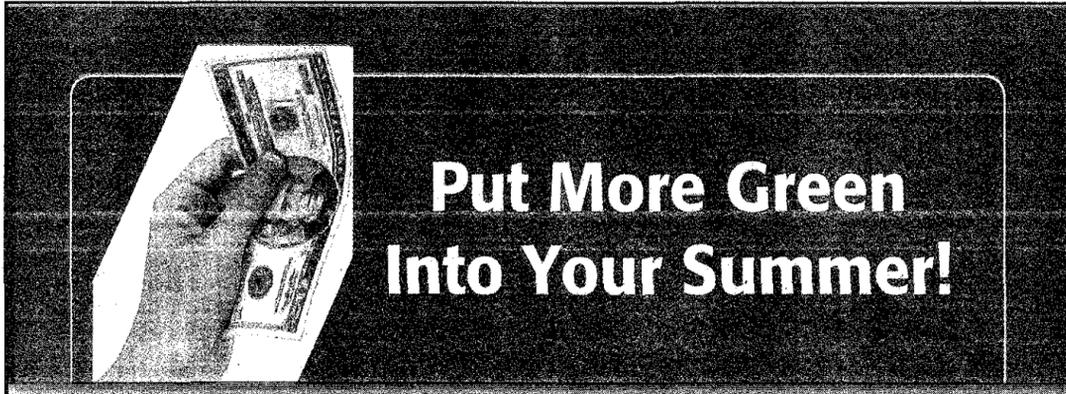
O'Connell came on and kept Sharkey's off the board during the next three innings to pick up the victory. He gave up two hits, struck out five and did not allow a walk before Whiting came on in the seventh to pre-

serve the shutout, allowing two hits while fanning two.

Offensively, Josh Kirsten paced the Rams going 3-for-4, including a triple and two RBI. Aaron Wick also added a pair of hits, while Mosher, Tim Cross and Matt Tuttle (Livonia Stevenson/Adrian College) each knocked in a run.

Luke Davis, the losing pitcher, gave up two runs on eight hits and two walks in five innings. Reliever Erik House allowed three runs on three hits and a walk.

In the nightcap, Kirsten went 3-for-3 with two RBI and three runs scored in the Rams' 6-4 triumph.



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Near perfect

The 11U Canton Red Sox captured the 2008 GCYBSA title earlier this summer when they defeated the Brewers, 12-1, in the championship game. The Red Sox finished 14-1 overall. Pictured (front row from left) Matt Cade, Alex Zoltowski, Noah Lindbauer, Lucas Albrect, Pete Carravallah, Mitchell King, (second row from left) Lawrence Cook, Joe Kenzie, Tyler Brooks, Ryan Watson, Ty Robinson, Jakob Lenders, Adam Cousineau, (back row from left) coaches Rob Brooks and Pat Watson. Not pictured is Kyle Bauer.

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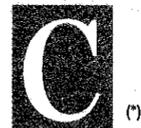
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Everybody needs neighbors: Study shows surroundings aid kids in staying on right path

BY JULIE BROWN
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New research shows that urban middle school students who felt safe in their neighborhoods were better able to resist instant gratification, and in turn engaged in fewer violent and other risky behaviors.

In a study, researchers from the University of Michigan School of Public Health surveyed students in two Flint middle schools. Researchers assessed positive and negative neighborhood experiences, time perspective, and tendencies for violence and property crimes.

Those who work locally with at-risk youth agree with the study's findings.

"It's really true," said Dale Yagiela, executive director of Plymouth-based Growth Works, which focuses on such areas as court intervention and substance abuse among young people. Yagiela cited other research on the "Community That Cares" approach out of the University of Washington which looks at risk and resiliency factors.

"One of the factors they look at is stability in a neighborhood," said Yagiela, a Novi resident. For about 30 years in juvenile justice the "control bond theory" has indicated that if kids have a connection to conventional social values, and involvement in things that matter like school and family, it helps keep them on track.

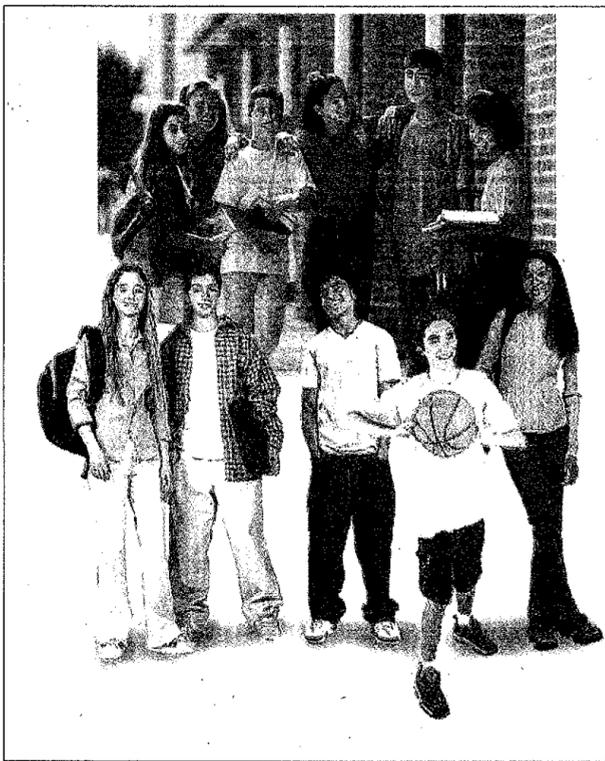
"When you provide those things for kids they do pretty well," Yagiela said. "The more stable a community, the higher probability kids will be successful."

He's concerned about less state shared revenue funding to cities to address juvenile justice.

"I really think it's put a tremendous burden on local governments," Yagiela did a presentation to the Conference of Western Wayne earlier this year, and noted: "Even during these difficult times, there's a lot going on" to help kids.

"It's consistent with what all the other data supports," Yagiela said of the recent U-M research. The Hawkins/Catalano studies from the University of Washington emphasize attachment, commitment, involvement and belief. "It's about the morality of law, that there's right and wrong," Yagiela said of belief.

Attachment is "really being connected to family and school." The Washington researchers' youth survey is used in Michigan to obtain federal money for delinquency prevention. It helps figure out where to put social investments "so you can strengthen the community," Yagiela said, adding safe, secure



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communities are important to kids' well-being.

Agreeing is Natalie Marchione, a licensed master social worker with Oakland Family Services, a private human service agency serving Oakland County and southeastern Michigan. "It makes absolute sense," the Royal Oak resident said of the U-M research. "Certainly, it matches with all the prevention research."

She and colleague Kathleen Lynd, also a licensed master social worker and vice president of planning and communications for OFS, cited protective and risk factors. "Children do respond in positive ways," said Marchione.

There are developmental assets across boundaries, said West Bloomfield resident Lynd, including neighbors taking responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.

Marchione cited such factors for the individual as early aggressive behavior vs. better impulse control; for the family, lack of parental

supervision is an issue. With peers, there are issues of drug use and availability vs. academic competence. The community weighs in, too, with poverty factors and others.

"It holds true for preventing pretty much any kind of at-risk behavior," said Marchione of those factors related to substance abuse. Having neighbors you know and trust and a safe place to go matter. "The after-school time is the highest risk factor" for middle school, she said.

"In the safer neighborhoods, you're going to get more adult interest," Lynd added. Marchione noted the factor of parents being a home, an issue with workplace demands. Kids can learn "to say no but also working on social competencies like accepting diversity and learning to get along with peers."

The ability to delay gratification is thought to have a large impact on an individual's life, including psychological health and economic success, the U-M researchers noted. This study showed that youth who felt safe and experienced fewer negative neighborhood events were less likely to engage in violent and destructive behavior. This relationship hinged, however, on the sense that good things come to those who are patient and make an effort even if they do not benefit right away.

"It is not just that people imitate the environment around them,"

said Daniel Kruger, research scientist in the U-M School of Public Health and lead author of the study. "Neighborhood social experiences actually change one's psychology, and this influences their behavioral patterns." If youths feel that their environment is too unsafe to expect their efforts to pay off far in the future, they will look for instant gratification.

Neighborhood interventions that provide a greater feeling of safety and stability could reduce risky and destructive behaviors and lead to a sustainable healthy environment.

The researchers measured whether youths felt safe in their neighborhood, whether they saw the people in their neighborhood being helpful with each other or fighting with each other, whether they had been threatened or harassed, or had been the victim of a theft. The youths also reported whether they had been involved in fights or carried a weapon, and whether they had perpetrated a theft, trespassing, arson, or purposeful damage of school property.

Kids who delayed gratification were 40 percent less likely to be in a fight. Those who were focused more on short-term rewards were three times as likely to carry a weapon and six times as likely to commit arson and intentionally damage school property.

The study appears in a recent issue of the *Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*. Co-authors are Thomas Reischl and Marc A. Zimmerman, both of the U-M School of Public Health.

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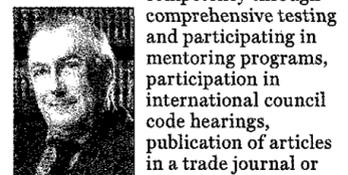
The U-M School of Public Health Web site contributed to this report.

Licensed builders must prove skills

Q: I understand that there is a new law in Michigan with respect to licensing of builders.

A: Simply stated, licensed builders and maintenance and alteration contractors are now required to show evidence of "continuing competency" in order to maintain their license. Continuing competency is different from continuing education. While taking approved courses or participating in distance learning are two ways of showing continuing competency, that will not be the only way.

Licenses can also show continuing competency through comprehensive testing and participating in mentoring programs, participation in international council code hearings, publication of articles in a trade journal or regional magazine, and serving as a lecturer or discussion leader in an approved educational course.



Robert Meisner

The Department of Labor and Economic Growth will also be approving other activities licensees can use to fulfill their continuing competency requirements. There are also requirements for additional education for a period of years. Also, an employee of a licensed residential builder or contractor that earns a salary, wage, fee, or percentage, or commission, and who as part of their regular job solicits sales, must be licensed as a builder or salesperson. This requirement also applies to staff and home centers that sell product and contract for its installation. A salesperson may be licensed and an employee of only one residential builder, or maintenance or alteration contractor, and an application for a salesperson's license must be submitted by the employing residential builder or residential maintenance or alteration contractor, not the individual seeking licensing. Further information can be obtained from the Licensing Bureau in Michigan at (866) 630-6608.

Q: We have a declaration that gives the board authority to govern common areas and to suspend a member's golf privileges even though there is no explicit reference to the golf course in the declaration. Do we have a basis to do so?

A: It depends on your documents, but in a similar case, an appellate court found that the association had broad authority to properly enforce rules and regulations covering the use and enjoyment of the common areas. The court took judicial notice of the fact that the co-owner in question's conduct was inherently dangerous and could have subjected the association to liability if a third person were hurt by a golfer's actions, which include a list of bad conduct. The court found that it depends on the documents and in your situation I would suggest that you consult with a community association attorney to review your documents.

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

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 21-25, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

47382 Fairlawn Ct	\$260,000	22130 River Ridge Trl	\$194,000	24276 Kings Pointe	\$224,000
46913 Larchmont Dr	\$320,000	38461 Saratoga Cir	\$168,000	42736 Lancelot Ct	\$285,000
1619 McLaine St	\$380,000	30703 Shilawasse Rd	\$83,000	44659 Midway Dr	\$260,000
7239 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$125,000	31671 Staman Cir	\$150,000	120 N Haven St	\$105,000
8464 Orhan St	\$171,000	Garden City	\$100,000	24328 Pinecrest St	\$165,000
2139 Preserve Cir E	\$160,000		\$112,000	21739 Sunflower Rd	\$4,242,000
470 Robert Ct	\$280,000	Livonia	\$200,000	29306 Weston Dr	\$195,000
6665 Woonsocket St	\$260,000		\$115,000	Plymouth	\$400,000
43673 Yorkville Ct	\$121,000		\$110,000		\$410,000
Canton					\$177,000
22661 Brookdale St	\$130,000	30428 Bonnydale St	\$200,000	48449 Beaver Creek Dr	\$103,000
24171 Elizabeth Ct	\$178,000	9605 Ingram St	\$115,000	13540 Canterbury Ct	\$126,000
Farmington		20687 Sarah Rd	\$435,000	650 Pacific St	
Farmington Hills		Millford	\$750,000	Redford	
37513 Burton Ct	\$196,000		\$1,271,000		\$103,000
		2643 General Motors Rd	\$1,271,000	19357 Indian	\$126,000
		3854 S Shoreline Dr	\$471,000	18477 Negaunee	
		4212 W Buno Rd	\$471,000	South Lyon	\$247,000
		Northville	\$115,000		
			\$110,000	59891 Mulberry Cir	
		Novi	\$283,000	Westland	\$60,000
			\$145,000		\$145,000
		41768 Broquet Dr	\$115,000		\$92,000
		48554 Stoneridge Dr	\$110,000	2504 Bannister St	
		22190 Antler Dr	\$283,000	31604 Conway Dr	
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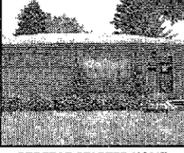
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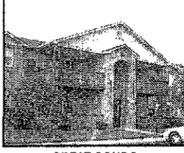
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
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PERFECT STARTER HOME
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PERFECT CAPE COD
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FANTASTIC PRICE
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GREAT BUY
3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in prime area of Dearborn. Walk to almost everything. Wood burning stove, 1136 sq ft, & priced to sell. \$119,900 (P-611PE)



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Great home on 1+ acre lot in Putnam. Cntry Kit w/dwnl to stamped concrete patio, overlooks private yard. LR w/French doors, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/cath cell & bath, 3 car Garage, & more. \$245,000 (P-777PO)



CANTON COLONIAL
Open floor plan that is great for entertaining from the Kit, Dr, Fam Rm, & to the large Deck. Rec Rm in bsmt, over 2000 sq ft of living space, appl's stay, 2.5 car Garage, & nice corner lot. \$184,900 (C-210PR)



SERENE SETTING
Stunning cape cod situated on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st fl Mast w/bath & WIC, Kit w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, walkout bsmt, & on a private road. \$1,399,900 (P-610PR)



REDFORD RANCH
Perfect starter home on a quiet dead-end street. Updates galore, finished bsmt w/rec room & bar, Pergo Flooring, all newer appl's stay, Patio in fenced yard, & storage shed. \$124,900 (P-083SE)



GORGEOUS COLONIAL
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/large island Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl & wet bar, oversized Deck, fin bsmt, 1st fl laun, 2 car Gar, Master w/private bath, newer furnace & C/A, & more. \$314,900 (P-612TE)



VACANT LAND
Fabulous sites in Washtenaw Cnty & Salem Twp. Wooded walkouts w/ravines & stream, gated comm's, priv roads, underground utilities, & more. Building Plans avail or bring your own. Call for prices. (C-000VA)



BEAUTIFUL RANCH
Outstanding home in great sub in Farm Hills. Great Rm w/frpl, formal DR, French doors to Patio w/private setting, fin bsmt w/frpl, hwd flrs, & close to everything. \$172,900 (C-441WA)



GREAT LOCATION
Nice updated 2 bd home in move in condition. Great double lot w/2 car Garage, Livonia Schools, & so much more. \$69,900 (C-483BE) 8483 Beatrice



BRICK RANCH W/FLORIDA ROOM
Sweet little ranch needs help to make it special. Already has 3 bds, bsmt is ready to be finished, gar, hwd floors, & large Flor Rm. Just bring some ideas & make it yours. \$70,000 (P-136BR)



LARGE WESTLAND RANCH
Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Rm, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. \$69,000 (C-900CA)



PEACEFUL & SERENE SETTING
Priced below market for quick sale! 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/vaulted ceilings, updated carpet, oak Kit w/all appl's, triple drvl to 12x8 Deck, 1 car Garage, & 1 yr home warranty. \$99,500 (C-737CA)



AWESOME RAISED RANCH
This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 baths, master suite w/WIC, located by a golf course, & has an area pool & clubhouse. \$158,600 (C-980CE)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Insist on a tour of this bright & spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun, Den, must see Master Suite, private fenced lot, & too much more to list. \$225,400 (P-790EL)



MOVE IN AND RELAX!
Perfectly staged & updated 3 bd brick ranch w/finished bsmt, newer bath, updated Kit, newer floors t/o, all appl's, fresh paint, newer roof & windows, 2.5 car Garage, & more. \$149,900 (P-588FR)



CHARMING RANCH
3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod Kit, freshly painted, new furnace & C/A, updated windows, new door & roof on Garage, newer roof on house, & more. \$89,900 (C-676GE)



TONS OF UPDATES
Great bungalow w/updated Kit, bath, refin hwd flrs, appl's stay, new counters, lot of natural light, partially fin bsmt, & very motivated seller! \$100,000 (C-168GI)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, & partially finished bsmt. \$235,000 (P-656GL)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Gleaming colonial w/huge lot & in-ground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kit, great location, & a 1 yr home warranty. \$330,000 (P-415HA)



MOVE IN CONDITION
Immaculate brick home in Dearborn's Levagood Park. 3 bd, 2.5 car Garage, finished bsmt, private backyard, & so much more. \$148,000 (P-141HI)



OUTSTANDING HOME
Beautiful cape cod in popular golf community, 4 bd, 4.5 ba, island Kit w/pantry. Open floor plan, prof decor, custom window treatments, landscaping w/waterfall, Patio, Deck, & area pool. \$695,000 (P-304IN)



NEW COLONIAL
Transfer forces sale of home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kit w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers. You can't build a new home here for less than this price. \$139,900 (C-486LA)



MRS CLEAN LIVES HERE!
3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch offers a stunning finished bsmt w/2nd Kit & bath. Dream backyard, thermal windows, C/A, 2.5 car Garage, great occupancy, & home warranty. \$149,900 (P-111LU)



GREAT PLACE
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/frpl trees, & a home warranty. \$124,900 (C-207MA)



EVERYTHING YOU NEED
Great Westland home offers 3 bd, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/frpl, 1.5 baths, huge Garage, immed occupancy, sprinklers, C/A, & home warranty. \$119,900 (C-321MI)



TERRIFIC BUY
1219 sq ft ranch w/3 bds, updated roof, hwd, furnace, C/A, court location w/a large lot. \$59,900 (C-441MU)



LOVELY LIVONIA COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 ba colonial backs to open common-like area, oak Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, 1st fl laun, new furnace & C/A, fin bsmt, & oversized Garage. \$227,900 (C-480NO)



SOUTH REDFORD BUNGALOW
Updated & move in ready! Gorgeous 3 bd home w/newer roof, large fenced yard, copper plumbing, home warranty, & located on a quiet tree lined street. \$114,900 (P-123SA)



WELCOMING BRICK RANCH
Open floor plan in this spacious ranch w/formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook & all appl's, spacious Fam rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, & partially fin bsmt. \$199,50 (P-901SI)



WONDERFUL RANCH
Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgemoor Sub. Updated t/o inc: siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & elec. Bsmt w/glass block, updated Kit, & nice yard. \$129,900 (P-851TE)



GREAT PLACE TO START
Strategically located 2 bd condo w/Ann Arbor Schools. Fine features inc: bay window, finished bsmt, good parking, appl's stay, Garage, 1st fl laundry, & close to everything. \$146,000 (P-121VI)



A LOT TO OFFER
2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwd, immediate occupancy, & convenient location. \$34,900 (C-518BA)



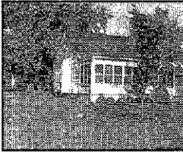
BEST LOCATION IN SUB
Awesome location backing to woods. Grnt Kit w/corner, butlers pantry, In-ground heated pool, paver Patio, custom Kit, 1st fl laun, 3+ car Garage, & more. \$384,900 (P-215BA)



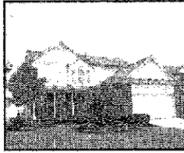
48, AWESOME CANTON BUY
Open floor plan w/large rooms. Open Kit w/dwnl to large Deck. Master w/bath & drvl to balcony. Huge 2.5 car Garage, 40x25 4 car Garage & on 1.9 acres. \$385,900 (C-681CH)



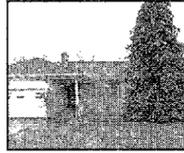
OUTSTANDING CONDO
2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo located in Westland's Deerhurst community. Master Bdrm w/private bath, awesome Kit w/granite, Great Rm w/frpl, bsmt, Deck, & more. \$144,600 (C-981DE)



HUGE YARD!!
Lovely updated home on almost 1/2 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows w/warranty, & 2 car garage. \$115,000 (C-721HA)



GREAT FIND
Don't wait to build, you could have this better than new Carrington model instead! Tastefully decorated, large island Kit, 1st fl laun, sunny Master Suite, & oversized Deck. \$229,900 (C-898HI)



MECHANIC'S DREAM
Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pt & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Patio. \$130,000 (C-025JO)



BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO
2 bd, 3 bath condo w/a huge Master w/2 wc's & bath, 1st fl laun, soaring ceilings, Library w/built-ins, finished bsmt w/bath, excellent location, & close to everything. \$215,500 (C-491KI)



BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW
When only the best will do, spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/bath, coved ceilings, LR w/frpl, updated bath, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, & more. \$69,900 (C-421PI)



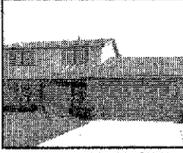
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Great 2 bd condo w/fresh paint, vaulted ceilings & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm, Dining Area, small animals welcome, & unbeatable location. \$116,500 (C-331PI)



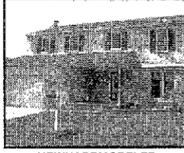
CUL DE SAC LOCATION
Beautiful Canton home w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, lattice covered Patio. Recent updates inc: baths, cherry Kit, roof, furnace, C/A, Master w/jetted tub, & Rec Rm. \$220,000 (C-017PO)



CHARMING
Traditional floor plan w/formal LR/DR, large Kit w/all appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, loft area could be playroom or Den, freshly painted, & good location. \$199,999 (C-519RI)



PITTSFIELD TWP COLONIAL
Well maintained home on .5 acre lot. Open floor plan, spacious Kit, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, huge Deck, finished bsmt, Saltine Schools, & more. \$197,000 (C-323RO)



NEWLY REMODELED
Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see! \$200,000 (C-110RO)



COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY
Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & western boundary, great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground. \$29,900 (C-574VA)



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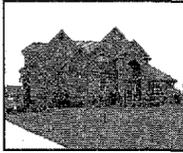
QUIET LOCATION
Nice 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2397 sq ft, Kit w/pantry, drvl in Nook to paver Patio, Flex Room, finished bsmt w/huge rec room & built-ins. A must see! \$265,000 (P-417BA)



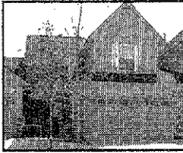
STUNNING COLONIAL
Relax & enjoy your free time in this stunning 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/Livonia Schools. In-ground heated pool, paver Patio, custom Kit, 1st fl laun, 3+ car Garage, & more. \$275,000 (P-342BU)



ALL BRICK HOME
Stately elevation, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, large LR, formal DR, updated Kit, bsmt, nice sized yard, & seller is very motivated. \$100,000 (C-511CO)



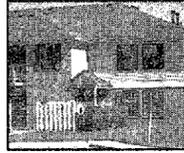
CUSTOM THROUGHOUT
Features in this home are not found in million \$\$ homes! Triple pan recessed lights, culinary Kit w/granite, brazilian cherry floors, built-in water filter system, 44x19 patio, & 1 acre lot. \$595,000 (C-875CO)



CAPE COD CONDO
Buy this 2 bd, 2.5 bath home & enjoy maint free living! 2 Master Suites, fin bsmt, 2 car att Garage, private Den, & great floor plan. \$145,500 (C-123DA)



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL
Centrally located in Novi w/Northville Schools, neutral decor, huge open lot, Trex Deck, upgraded Kit w/all appl's, hwd floors, upgraded carpet, & quiet court location. \$314,900 (P-894DU)



GREAT CONDO
Neutral decor t/o, large spacious rooms, new roof, open floor plan w/lots of light, soaring ceil in Great Rm & Dining Rm. Don't miss seeing this one. \$109,900 (P-181GR)



ROSEDALE GARDEN RANCH
Great home w/newer Kit, newer windows & roof full bsmt, 2 car Garage, huge lot, stamped concrete Patio, open floor plan, move in condition, & close to everything. \$159,900 (P-013HE)



NEW HOME IN CANTON
Like new home w/park-like sub. Ply-Can schools, spotless move in condition. Open floor plan, 3200 sq ft, bay window, crown mldg, luxury Master, gourmet Kit, & 2 tier Deck. \$425,000 (P-796KI)



GREAT LOCATION
2 bd condo w/Livonia Schools. Step right out to the community pool, paver Patio, custom Kit, 1st fl laun, 3+ car Garage, & more. \$78,000 (P-494MA)



MODERN RANCH
Great Oak Park location on this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/many updates, 1 acre corner lot, prime location, move-in condition, & close to everything. \$120,000 (P-021MA)



PRIVATE WOODED SETTING
Immaculate 4 bd colonial on wooded lot. Neutral decor, newer carpet & hwd, newer roof, windows, furnace, C/A, 2 level Deck, Patio overlooking woods, daylight bsmt, & more. \$388,000 (P-472ME)



ALL BRICK BUNGALOW
Nice Garden City home in move in condition. All major updates done: roof, windows, furnace, C/A, LR w/oversized Garage, w/workshop, fin bsmt, & so much more. \$124,900 (P-821ME)



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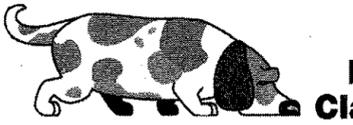
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Investors

Learn about mobile home investing (buy,

sell, where) from Jeff Bennett Thursday, Aug. 14. Presented by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

Mortgage market

North Star Home Lending will present a seminar series, "Everything you always wanted to know about today's mortgage market, but were too afraid to ask." In a free 10-part seminar series, North Star Home Lending will present industry leaders to address topics such as: how to qualify for a mortgage; where are home values going; how to lower your property taxes; getting the most out of your home; specialized financing including renovation, investment, and second home purchases.

Each seminar will feature a 60-minute presentation by an industry expert on the highlighted subject with a 30-minute question and answer period following. Refreshments will be available.

The seminar series kicks off on Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Bingham Farms location with "How To Qualify for a Mortgage" at 7 p.m. and at the Taylor location on Thursday, Aug. 14, with "The Benefits of Government Lending" also at 7 p.m.

The seminar series will continue on the first and second Thursday of each month with a new topic. For additional information and or to RSVP, contact either (248) 594-9300 or (313) 827-0990. North Star Home Lending may also be contacted by e-mail at info@northstarhomelending.com.

Birmingham Showcase

Weir Manuel associate broker Rebecca Meisner has been chosen by Wellington Chase Homes to list the Birmingham Showcase, a new home of exceptional architecture and design. Proceeds from the sale of the home will go to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute. Wellington Chase Homes

and Swanson Meads Architecture collaborated to create this special Birmingham residence. It is one of the most distinctive homes ever offered in its price range (\$1,395,000). This concept features a family-centered floor plan emphasizing "quality" — rather than "quantity" — of space, and reflects a woman's perspective. For example, there is a multi-purpose room adjacent to the kitchen that can be a children's study for homework in the afternoon and be converted to a large staging area for dinner parties during the evening. There are also special rooms for his and her quiet time.

"We are pleased to be involved with the marketing and sale of this special home," said Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel. "Everyone involved in this project has gone above and beyond to make this endeavor a huge success for Karmanos. The new owner will be getting a wonderful home that could not be duplicated at this price."

This environmentally friendly home contains all of the quality appointments for which Wellington Chase has become known. The Michigan Design Center used a neutral palette, which emphasizes architectural features such as soaring ten-foot coffered ceilings, substantial crown moldings and detailed millwork.

This home offers many features and amenities normally found in much more expensive properties. A charity preview event is scheduled for Sept. 12 and will be open to the public during the following week.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes "real-time" live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

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.

Registration is \$35 for BIA members. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

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 Preclicensure 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.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on Aug. 15 and run through Sept. 14. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see first-hand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

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National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	6.125	1.875	5.75	1.875	J/A
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Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	6.125	2	5.75	2	J/A/V/F

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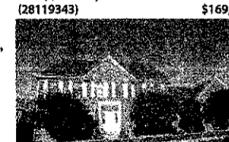
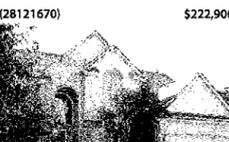
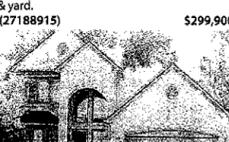
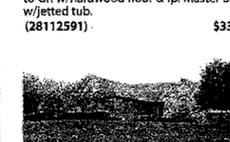
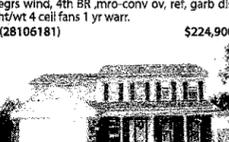
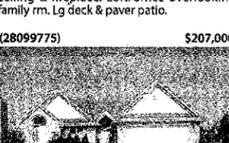
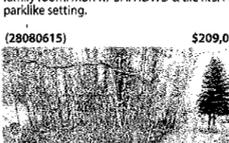


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 <p>Auburn Hills 248-437-3800 Priced To Sell Quick Top of the line updates in this end unit ranch style condo. Hrdwd flrs, marble FP, ceramic tile. Lots of storage. Minutes from freeway & Great Lakes Crossing. (28105233) \$150,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH! Many updates in this much-sought-after ranch. Great location near park and close to everything you need. Huge basement, private patio and extra deep fenced lot. (28124479) \$165,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 BETTER THAN NEW CONDITION 2005 built 3 bedroom colonial features a large yard, second garage workshop, granite, ceramic, marble and upgrades. (28094393) \$234,500</p>	 <p>Northville 248-851-4100 AMAZING HOME. 5500+ FINISHED SQ.FT. 5 BR each w/its own or Jack/Jill bath. Backing to woods. Kitchen w/cherry cabs, granite counters, HWFS. Soaring ceilings. Finished w/LL w/in-law suite incl kitchen. (28123829) \$685,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-591-9200 Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek; Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit & BFT rm/all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP&D/W o ig deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt. (28124655) \$399,900</p>	 <p>Waterford 248-348-6430 Hard To Find Ranch in Lake Shores Subl Well maintained home nestled in wooded lot. Soac KIT w/illum skylight & LG eating area. 1st FLR laundry, 3rd BDRM used as den (no Closet) hardwood FLR; Dec. (28119638) \$225,000</p>
 <p>Berkley 248-348-6430 Super Clean and Tons of Storage Clean Ranch with tin lower level. Home features HWD floors, new kitchen & bath. 2 car garage with attic storage. Huge yard. (28124530) \$155,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool. (28110431) \$138,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 TOTALLY REMODELED ON ALMOST HALF ACRE Walk to Churchill. Parklike backyard. Kitchen w/cherry cabs, ceramic fir, new countertops, newer appl. New ceramic bath w/jacuzzi, pedestal sink. 3 BR w/Pergo. Fin. bsmt. (28124718) \$169,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Great Deal On Detached Ranch Condo. Fin. bsmt, att. 2 car gar. Move in Cond. w/brand new carpet, fresh paint. Fin LL with 19x21 FR. 3rd BR plus office. All appls, jetted tub, gas FP. (28058707) \$180,000</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 4 Bedrms & Study, Fam Rm w/FRplc 2-Car 80x127.4 BRs, 2 BAs, Fam Rm w/FRplc, Freshly painted. New Carpet. Remodeled Kit w/maple cabinets, Updated bath. Double lot 2 3/4 Car. 5th Bedroom or Study. (28109695) \$149,700</p>	 <p>West Bloomfield 248-684-1065 Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view. (28024651) \$185,000</p>
 <p>Birmingham 248-348-6430 Well Maintained 2 BDRM condo in Birmingham just minutes from the park, gallery kitchen w/white appliances, back door leads to patio, beautiful front courtyard. (28124934) \$99,900</p>	 <p>Commerce 248-684-1065 Overlooking golf course w/scenic view. Move in condition. Ceiling/window upgrades, wood floors, custom cabs, granite counters, granite counters, window seats. (27153401) \$329,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Sharp solid brick ranch; spacious flr plan; full fin bsmt/ig kit w/formal DR, lg LR; hwdw fir, tiled BAs, Mstr w/full BA, C/A, newer roof, wins, patio, sec alarm. (28125787) \$119,900</p>	 <p>Northville 734-455-7000 ONE ACRE COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY! Updated home with 2nd 2 car garage. Attached 2 car garage has 14x15 heated workshop with a half bath. Well-supplied sprinkler system. (28085388) \$289,000</p>	 <p>Redford 734-455-7000 PICTURE PERFECT & PRISTINE! Cute ranch! Numerous updates: roof, kitchen, C/A, windows, bath, back porch, carpet & paint. Partially fin bsmt. Mstr BR currently used as family rm. New Price! (28106431) \$112,500</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 YOU'LL ENJOY THIS RANCH HOME! Beautiful acre lot offers a park-like setting that is sure to please! Pride of ownership shines throughout! Updates incl: windows, siding, gutters, & much more! (28023147) \$184,900</p>
 <p>Brighton 248-437-3800 Stately Cap Cod! This open style home offers a 1st floor spacious master suite w/private deck and walk-in closets. Great room with fireplace and vaulted ceiling. Much more! (28030905) \$329,000</p>	 <p>Commerce 248-684-1065 Oak Brook Village condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open flr plan. Vaulted ceilings. Warm/inviting great room w/FP & skylights. Neutral colors. (28091076) \$159,900</p>	 <p>Lyon Township 248-348-6430 Lovely Country Estate on 5 acres! Large garage, hay barn with loft, horse barn for 4, house has been remodeled from top to bottom, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen. (28119437) \$399,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Great Investment. Take Action! 3 BD, 2 BA, HDWD floors, W/O FIN BSMT, with 4th BD or office FR, FP, all appls, located in the historical district. Walk to town. Don't miss this opportunity. (28119343) \$169,000</p>	 <p>Redford 248-348-6430 Absolutely Gorgeous Inside! HDWD FLRs, all appointments included, newer windows, fenced yard, 16x14 sitting RM upstairs, 4 ceiling fans, 2 car, FF Indry. Plenty of cupboards in KIT. (28123238) \$110,000</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 SUPER CLEAN WESTLAND RANCH! Largest lot in sub. Huge 3 car garage. Beautifully landscaped corner lot. 4 bedrooms, 1.1 baths. Appliances stay. Super clean! (28125102) \$139,900</p>
 <p>Brighton 248-437-3800 Fabulous Home With Style! This well maintained home is a designers delight. Open floor plan, great rm w/fireplace. 1st flr den w/French doors, and convenient 1st flr laundry rm. Fin LL. (28121670) \$222,900</p>	 <p>Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200 Freshly painted and clean clean. 3 bd brk 1.5 baths. Finished bsmt c/a auto garage opener. Move in ready! (28125483) \$129,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Beautiful condo in desirable area. High ceilings, granite surfaces, HDWD Flrs. Lots of natural light. Hilltop setting w' great views. All appl. stay. (28054045) \$339,754</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Stately Brick Colonial Cul-de-sac setting on .93 acre lot. 4,000sqft +2,000 in fin'd W/O LL. 9 ceilings 1st FLR. Gour KIT w/new gran counters. LR, FR, Den, 3 car heated gar, ingr pool. (28122171) \$600,000</p>	 <p>Salem 248-437-3800 Wooded 2 Acres! Abounds w/wildlife. Brick cape w/4 car garage, paver driveway, 1000 SF of decking. Spectacular views. Private deck off 1st flr mstr, jetted tub. Custom built. (28115013) \$625,000</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 Well Maintained Home With Premium Schools. Features: Inground pool, privacy fence to make you're perfect. Move in from the summer heat! Updated KIT & BA. Att deck, new w/in furnace & the pool table stays. (28122220) \$120,000</p>
 <p>Canton 248-851-4100 WELCOME HOME! 4 BR, 2.1 bath brick contemporary features 2 story foyer, French doors to library, large granite island kitchen w/breakfast rm, & great rm. Fantastic deck & yard. (27188915) \$299,900</p>	 <p>Farmington 248-348-6430 Beautification Award Winner Has It All! Totally rebuilt in 98. 2BDs/2BAs, HDWD FLs, maple cabinets w/Corian counters in KIT & BAs. MSTR Ste has BA w/spa tub & glass block walk-in shower. Walk to DWTN. (28122111) \$250,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec. Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft, pole barn. (28110328) \$324,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 FANTASTIC HOME 4 BR, LR, FR, den, FLA RM, +pool, spa fenced yard. Move-in cond, new furnace '07, roof, windows, wood laminate flrs, & main BA updated. FF Indry & hshd BSMT. (28107915) \$299,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious kitchen, great rm w/soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement. (28120576) \$359,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-591-9200 PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar; motion lites frnt & side. 4 Cing Fans; Newer Roof & driveways. HW Htr; 07 (28077414) \$95,000</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 UPDATED COLONIAL ON PRIVATE WOODED LOT! 2 story brick, premium elevation. 2 story foyer, family rm, formal liv rm w/bay window. Newer marble fir in kitchen, new roof, newer 2nd flr carpet. Home warr. (28107820) \$240,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Sharp and Spacious Colonial. This turn key home is ready for your family offering: fin bsmt, lrg GR rm addition, family dining rm, open kit w/great counter space, giant mstr suite, & more. (28127940) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Timber blt cedar planked on 3 wooded acres. Greenhouse: Soaring timber ceilings, stone granite hearth, hickory flrs, oak flrs in BDRMs, and much more! (28104544) \$320,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Gorgeous Novi Road! Walk to Novi High, library, city hall & parks. Beautifully updated MSTR BA! Novi schools! Newer roof, C/A, dryer, furnace! Huge GR w/vaulted ceiling, wet bar, FP! (28106638) \$249,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious kitchen, great rm w/soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement. (28120576) \$359,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-284-5400 JUST REDUCED! Like new private entrance Condo. Prof. painted. New carpet thru-out. New Flooring in kitchen & entry. 2 bdrm, 2 baths, full bsmt, Private deck. Well cared for. (28116624) \$91,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 Beau hm on Cul-De-Sac. Priv backyard backin to tree frn 32x18 cdr drk. Fr/pted, hi cells in foy, LR, MstrBR, FR, Skylgts, nw carpet, fin bsmt w/BA & mstr wind, 4th BR mro-conv ov, ref, garb dis, h'wvt 4 cell fans 1 yr warr. (28106181) \$224,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Colonial on 4.5 acres of wooded parcel w/ perennial gardens and privacy! New windows, roof & more. Kit w/ cherry cabs, granite counters. HDWD t/o. (28124666) \$425,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Move in ranch condo. Large eat-in kit opens to GR w/ vaulted ceiling. Large MBR. Lib. w/ doors & closet (poss 4th BR). Large deck w/ private backyard. (28079246) \$169,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-851-4100 GORGEOUS NOVI CONDO. MEADOWBROOK & 13 MI Newer upgraded, model-perfect, 3 BR 2.1 bath 2 story unit. Hardwood floors, 2 story great room, master bath + a full basement & attached 2 car garage. Wow! (28037466) \$218,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Spectacular Family Home Open floor plan, great room w/soaring ceilings, stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center. Beautiful corner lot! A must see! (28004027) \$239,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-284-5400 WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! Incl: microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall. (28059467) \$64,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 BRIGHT & INVITING! Nice curb appeal; quiet cul-de-sac. Eat-in kitchen. Family rm w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Loft/office overlooking family rm. Lg deck & paver patio. (28099775) \$207,000</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Walk to Duck Lake & prvt. boat launch. Updated w/ Bosch appl. & office kit. Finished family room, MBR w/BA. HDWD & tile flrs. Prvt. parklike setting. (28080615) \$209,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Rare find! Ranch brick condo near the village of Milford. Great Room inc. dining area. Pergo flrs, new carpet. Also available for lease at \$1,100/Mo. (28051659) \$149,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 THE CLASSIC. YOU'LL FIND FOR THIS PRICE! Designer KIT W/granite, maple cabinets w/ cherry finish. Huge MSTR on main FLR w/BA & LG BR on LL w/BA. Walk to shops, restaurants, & Novi night life. (28117775) \$200,000</p>	 <p>Southfield 248-348-6430 Amazing Value, Complete Renovation 2 story home, 3 bed, 1.5 bath, on 3 lots. Jacuzzi bath, neutral decor. Large covered deck, off FR. Fence, 2 car garage. Affordable family home. (28120558) \$159,900</p>	 <p>Wixom 248-684-1065 Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite/2 showers. (28100518) \$185,000</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 WELL-MAINTAINED & UPDATED BRICK RANCH! Newer roof w/25yr warr, new SS appls, new carpet in BRs, new HWT. Lg foyer w/ceram tile. Great rm w/FP. Kit w/Island & brkfst nook. Prof. landscaped yd w/sprink. (28107728) \$199,999</p>	 <p>Houghton Lake 248-348-6430 Scenic Lot On A Canal w/Access To Lake Houghton-Michigans largest inland lake. Lot has electric, natural gas & city sewer at street. Over 80ft on canal depth of 12-15ft & width of 35-40ft. (28081345) \$60,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Walk to downtown Milford 1870 Sq Ft historic Village home-5 BR, 3 BA, 1st flr MBR, Many updates, fenced back yard. Lease opt. at \$1,500/Mo. (27219626) \$179,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-437-3800 End Unit Ranch Doorwall to private patio. Complex has pool, tennis courts & clubhouse. Close to x-way & shopping. Pets allowed. Exterior to be painted by Assoc. this fall. (28126731) \$99,900</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Open flr plan, LR w/ elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell. (28069207) \$129,900</p>	 <p>Ypsilanti 248-437-3800 Has Everything You're Searching For! Located on a private wooded protected wetland lot. Offering family kit w/ tons of counter space, open GR rm, formal dining rm, spacious mstr suite, prof. fin. LL. (28123233) \$219,900</p>