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## Oakwood project moves closer to reality with nod

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After nearly two hours of discussion Monday night, the Canton Planning Commission unanimously approved Oakwood's final planned development district (PDD) request for its proposed medical campus on the west side of Beck Road, just north of Michigan Avenue.

"We have worked effectively to (resolve) all the issues raised previously," said Douglas D. Welday, Oakwood executive vice president and chief financial officer. "We have worked to satisfy all of the parties."

Well, not everyone. A group of homeowners that live in the subdivisions near the 144-acre

site continued to express reservations about the project.

Arlene Ladell, a Chatterton Square resident and president of its homeowner association, said "massive traffic, noise and dust" will accompany the development of the multi-year, multi-phase campus.

"This won't be done in '09," she said. "This will go on forever."

Another Chatterton Square resident simply offered, "We don't want it."

Oakwood has not submitted any site plans at this point, and Welday said he isn't exactly sure what the project will ultimately look like. It will be determined by the "market."

However, the project is expected to include a mix of medical offices,

senior housing, and a hospital complex that could include a six-story tower — something Oakwood will need to get approved by the state.

The PDD agreement is for 12 years, though Oakwood could request extensions and modifications at any time, according to Jeff Goulet, the township's planner.

In addition to traffic issues and safety concerns, many residents spoke in favor of having as large of a buffer as possible between the site and adjacent homes. The Canton Township Board of Trustees previously agreed to allow variances with the setbacks from 50 feet to 120 feet.

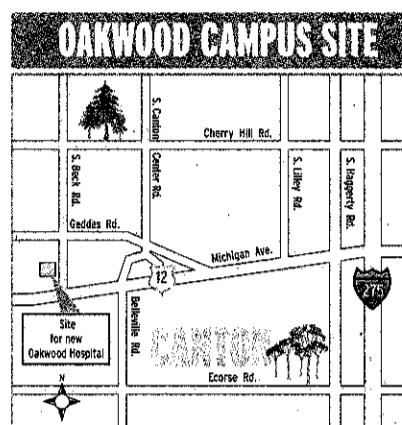
Oakwood, which began its quest to build at the site in February, has

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agreed to create an advisory council that includes township homeowners. In addition, Welday said Oakwood will invite neighboring homeowners to join some development discussions.

"This has been a relatively long process," Welday said, while noting



that the medical provider believes the final outcome will be "fruitful."

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### Time to start hitting

Plymouth High Wildcat senior Connor Martin hits the sled on the third day of football practice for the 2008 season. High school football teams across the state kicked off practice on Monday, a sure sign that the start of school is around the corner. Teams will play their first game on Aug. 28. Plymouth plays Salem, and Canton visits Brighton.

## Students lining up for Mandarin

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mandarin Chinese, one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, will be taught as a fourth language option at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this fall.



Aksman

And, with heightened awareness of the Chinese, in general, because of the Summer Olympics and China's growing status as a world economic power, nearly 130 Plymouth-Canton high school students are set to take the challenge.

"I took Spanish for two years and was bored with it," said Mirissa Alfera, 16, of Canton Township, who will be a junior at Plymouth High School this year. "It was either French or Chinese, and I wanted to take something that would look good on my college applications. And, if I want to go into business, Chinese and Spanish will look good and help me."

"I've heard from a lot of people it will be hard," she added. "But I like a challenge."

Alfera and the four classes of students who have signed up for Mandarin Chinese might not find it as difficult as previously thought. At least, that's the goal of the newly hired teacher, Stacey Aksman of Ypsilanti.

"There are definite challenges to learning Chinese," said Aksman, 38. "There's no phonetic alphabet and learning the characters is a challenge. But I think I can break the language down and make it accessible to the kids."

"Being a native English speaker, I can appreciate the struggles and hurdles in learning the Chinese language," she added. "You don't have to be a language genius to learn Chinese."

Aksman, who has taught elementary school and worked in the organic food industry, has an undergraduate degree in Chinese from the University of Michigan and spent a year studying in Taiwan.

"To live in the culture and get a sense of the language in an authentic situation was invaluable," Aksman said. "Taiwan and other parts of China are fairly westernized, but eastern Asian countries are radically different cultures. There's no substitute for

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## 'Dream' contest

### Magazine seeks young writers to cover cruise

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jay Sprout wants to bring a bit of Michigan Avenue to Palmetto, Florida.

Sprout, a former Canton resident, now lives in the Sunshine State and is the production manager of Cruisin' Style Magazine.

The magazine, a national publication for hot rod, classic, cruising and muscle car fans, will be accepting entries for its first-ever Woodward Dream Cruise Design Contest after the end of Saturday's 14th annual Cruise.

"The Dream Cruise is one of the biggest chances to see thousands of auto enthusiasts in one place," said Sprout, who came up with the idea of the contest.

Targeted at high school and college students but open to anyone, participants can work individually or in a group to take photographs, write an accompanying story and design a two-page spread on the Cruise.

The winning entry will be featured in an upcoming issue of Cruisin' Style.

"We are looking for something different," Sprout said, adding that the participants don't have to be car lovers. "People who have never read a car magazine have as good of a chance at winning. We want something out of the box."

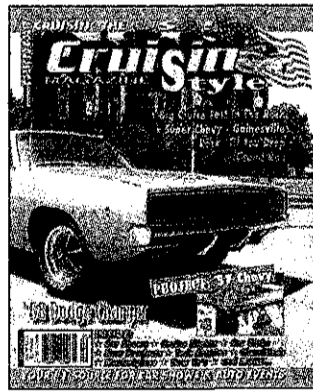
In addition to the grand prize winner, the magazine will honor those entries with the best

story and the best photography.

The Dream Cruise, touted as the world's largest one-day automotive event, draws 1.5 million people and 40,000 classic cars to Woodward Avenue each year.

Participants must attend Saturday's Dream Cruise and design a two-page spread with photographs and a story

For contest rules, visit <http://www.cruisin-style.com/content/contest/dreamdesign.htm>.



Cruisin' Style Magazine is hoping to get some unique perspectives of this weekend's Dream Cruise.

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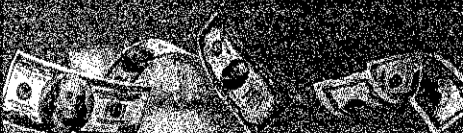
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**Battle of the badges**

Canton Township is sponsoring the annual Battle of the Badges Red Cross blood drive next Tuesday, August 19th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road (lower level rooms B and C).

The Battle of the Badges pits the Fire Department vs. Police Department and their supporters to provide blood needed in the Detroit metro area. The Red Cross blood needs are higher in the summer because more organ transplants are done in summer months.

Appointments are available in 15 minute increments. Please contact John Spencer at [jspencer@canton-mi.org](mailto:jspencer@canton-mi.org) or (734) 394-5246 to make an appointment.

**End of summer bash**

Childtime Learning Center of Canton, located at 49810 Cherry Hill Road, is hosting an end of summer bash from 9-11:30 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. The family-oriented event will include a Sponge Bob Square Pants bounce house, bubble machine, candy making contest and more.

"This is a great opportunity to families to celebrate the end of the summer season together," said Cassie Simpson, center director. "We really hope

the community comes out to celebrate with us and join in all the fun."

Parents will also have the opportunity to learn about the programs available for their child at Childtime and learn about the company's proprietary Empowered Child™ curriculum. Enrollment incentives will also be available for new families.

There is no cost to attend. For more information, call (734) 495-1500.

**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.

**Kindermusik demonstration**

Evola Music of Canton invites the public to view a free Kindermusik demonstration class or visit a free Kindermusik story time. Fall classes start Sept. 11 - registration



**Honoring top public servants**

At its Aug. 11 meeting, the Canton Rotary Club honored Chad Baugh (Canton's Police Officer of the Year) and David Holloway, Jr. (Firefighter of the Year). The Rotary Club annually recognizes Canton's top firefighter and police officer. A plaque was presented to each honoree and a cash donation will be given to each of their favorite charities. Pictured, from left, are Public Safety Director John Santomauro, Baugh, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, Holloway, and Deputy Police Chief Patrick Nemecek.

tion began Aug. 11. Visit the Web site [www.kindermusik-evola.com](http://www.kindermusik-evola.com) for class schedule information. Register in person at Evola Music at 7170 N. Haggerty between Joy and Warren in Canton or by mail.

Evola will host a Kindermusik Demo Day — a free 30-minute class. Call (734) 455-4677 to register. The class will take place Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Free Kindermusik Story Times (for ages 0 and up) - no registration required - will take place Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth - (734) 454-0178; and Aug. 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Maggie Moo's Treatery, 47325 Five Mile Road, Plymouth - (734) 207-1858.

**Jazz concert series**

Canton's free jazz concert series continues Friday at 7 p.m. when Duane Parham performs in the parking lot of J.C. Penney on Ford Road. The concert series is a partnership with Smooth Jazz 98.7 WVMV, the Canton DDA, and Canton Leisure Services.

These Friday evening concerts take place in the parking lots of various shopping districts along Ford Road. Bring your lawn chairs, but beer, wine and alcohol are not permitted at these outdoor concerts.

On Friday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m., Orquestra Sensational will perform at Lowe's.

**Chiefettes fund-raiser**

The Canton High School varsity Chiefettes pompon team is holding a car wash fund-raiser from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Fast Lane Quick Oil Change, 5881 N. Canton Center Road (just north of Ford Road). Donations would be appreciated.

**Hospice volunteers sought**

Compassionate Care Hospice, a community-based organization that provides hospice care for patients and their families, is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor or clerical volunteer. Training is provided, and will be held at the organization's office at 5820 Lilley Road, Suite 1, in Canton. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050.

**Chiefettes clinic**

The Canton Varsity Chiefettes are holding a

kids pom pon clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Canton High School gym. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the Chiefettes Web site at [www.cantonchiefettes.com](http://www.cantonchiefettes.com) or contact Chiefette parent, Sarena Bouse, at [microbouse1@comcast.net](mailto:microbouse1@comcast.net).

Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic. All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Chiefettes Variety Show on Saturday, Sept. 20, and at a Canton Varsity football game. Pre-registered participants should arrive between 8:30-9 a.m. Same day registration is also available at 8:30 a.m. but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

**St. Michael enrollment**

St. Michael Christian School is enrolling children for the 2008-2009 school year. There are openings in 3 and 4 year old preschool classes, as well as young fives through fourth grades. For more information, contact the school at (734) 459-9720 or just stop in. The school is located 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton inside St. Michael Lutheran Church.

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# Officials get into debate about purchasing assault rifles

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If it were a nightstick instead of a patrol rifle, Todd Caccamo probably would have went along with the purchase recommended by the Public Safety Department.

But given the Canton trustee's military background, he voiced concern at Tuesday's meeting over the proposed purchase of 10 Bushmaster rifles.

"A stick is a stick," Caccamo said. "But a rifle is highly technical."

The debate came about after Public Safety had requested the purchase of 10 new AR-15 rifles, which are semi-automatic rifles patterned after the fully automatic M16 rifle or M4 carbine.

While the bid for the Bushmaster rifles was the lowest at \$13,239, Caccamo said he did some research and felt the bid for Stag rifles, which

totalled \$14,335, was the better option because they are of higher quality and are built to military specifications.

"I don't want (Canton officers) to have second best," he said, adding that it was a bonus that a Canton company (Center Mass, Inc.) submitted the bid to provide the Stag rifles.

Supervisor Tom Yack said the debate over quality was valid but noted that the township doesn't have a policy in

regards to purchasing from local companies and traditionally goes with the lowest qualified bidder.

Trustee Todd LaJoy agreed and said he didn't support moving away from a bid-accepting process that "has worked for so long." He also said the board has traditionally accepted staff recommendations, and staff recommended the lowest bid.

When addressing the concerns of board members,

Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said the Stag rifles were a better product and that the barrels on the Bushmaster rifles would have to be replaced after a certain amount of usage.

Caccamo said he believes the barrel replacement cost would be more than the price difference between the Bushmasters and the Stags.

When the matter was put to a vote, only Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter voted in favor of

accepting the Bushmaster bid.

Gajeski said the department will now solicit bids for Stag rifles.

Trustee Karl Zarbo said he was pleased with the outcome since it meshes the concerns of following the township's past practices and getting the superior product.

"Everybody comes out on top with this option," he said.

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# Sheldon Road project nears completion in the township

The Sheldon Road repair and resurfacing project, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, is nearly complete. The road, which was closed during construction, was expected to reopen to traffic on Monday.

Canton Township funded the Sheldon Road project as part of its 2008 Local Road Maintenance Program. State law specifies that cities, villages, counties, and the Michigan Department of Transportation are responsible for constructing and maintaining the public roads that fall under their

jurisdiction. However, limited funding by the county and state prompted Canton into looking for alternative ways to fund projects in order to improve the safety of community roads.

Last year, the Canton Board of Trustees approved an increase to the general fund by .25 mills for 2008 to generate additional funds for future road improvements. This is expected to generate approximately \$1 million annually for road improvements. The board also approved decreasing the Public Safety millage by .25

mills, so there was no increase to the overall millage rate for Canton taxpayers.

Canton plans to use the money on the rehabilitation of existing pavements that are not fully deteriorated. To obtain a complete list of roads scheduled from improvement this year as part of the 2008 Local Road Maintenance program visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

Here's an update of other road construction projects in Canton:

■ Construction of the Lilley/Hanford intersection

began Monday. The project is a part of Canton's Intersection Action Committee (IAC) program, which provides safety improvements at various intersections in Canton.

Canton is working in cooperation with Wayne County to add dedicated right-turn lanes for north and southbound Lilley Road. In addition, a small portion at the southwest corner of Hanford will be widened for traffic turning southbound onto Lilley Road. Traffic signals and decorative mast arms with illuminated street signs

will also be installed at the intersection. The project is expected to be completed by late September.

■ Construction to cold mill and resurface 2.8 miles of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Lotz Roads with hot mix asphalt is scheduled to begin Friday, Aug. 15. All shoulders and crossovers will also receive ramp upgrades as part of the construction project.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes during construction and expect delays during construction,

especially for eastbound Michigan Avenue. Although construction is anticipated to last until mid-October, no work will occur during Labor Day weekend. Construction will resume after Labor Day to complete the outside lanes and then move to the inside lanes of Michigan Avenue. Motorists are advised to follow all posted detour routes.

For more information on road projects going on in Canton visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call the Public Works department at (734) 394-5150.

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Featured will be the AmpTeam Spartans, sponsored by Wright & Filippis, and the Saints, sponsored by the COCC. The game will be at Livonia

Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman in Livonia. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. Halftime activities will include a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.

The Spartans team is made up of amputees coached by Brad Shebib, a physical therapist at Wright & Filippis and a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia.

The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches coached by Nisreen Fakhouri who played three years at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and overseas. COCC church members interested in playing for the team can contact her at (313) 770-3733 or by e-mail at [fakhourn@cooley.edu](mailto:fakhourn@cooley.edu).

Tickets can be purchased at the

door for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children ages 11-18. Children age 10 and under are free. For advance tickets or further information, contact Richard Shebib of the COCC at (734) 422-0278 or by e-mail at [paschabooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paschabooks@sbcglobal.net), or Brad Shebib of Wright & Filippis at (248) 829-8327 or by e-mail at [bshebib@wright-filippis.com](mailto:bshebib@wright-filippis.com).

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## MANDARIN

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living and experiencing it firsthand." Aksman said while there are hundreds of different dialects spoken in China, Mandarin is the universal dialect used by the government, schools, public institutions and the media. Canton High School Assistant Principal Erin MacGregor was instrumental in developing the fourth language to be taught at P-CEP. "I knew that with almost 6,000 kids at the Park, it was very important we expand our world language offerings," MacGregor said. "We put together a committee and researched it for six months, and all indications came back it should be Mandarin. "With the impact they're

having in the U.S., it's a very logical choice," he added. MacGregor said offering Arabic was also discussed, and could be added in the future. Aksman said she's hopeful the Mandarin Chinese program at P-CEP will evolve into one where students will eventually study abroad to complete the experience. "The Internet is a huge factor in making us a smaller world, and kids are more sophisticated today in knowing other cultures," Aksman said. "Learning Chinese will go a long way toward a global relationship... a powerful message that we're willing to learn their language and culture. "Diplomatically and strategically, those are good moves on a larger scale," she added.

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## Board grants tax abatement for new Marimba facility

On Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a 12-year, 50-percent tax abatement for Marimba Auto LLC for real and personal property that will be located in the Marimba industrial development district.

The company, currently located in a leased facility in Belleville, is building a 130,000-square-foot facility on Van Born Road, just east of Haggerty.

Marimba, which had been considering a move to Tennessee, is a global supplier and manufacturer of tubular products. The company is expected to bring 40 employees to Canton as well as hire an additional 39 workers.

Also at Tuesday's Board meeting, the Board formalized the donation of the pole barn, which sits on the Bartlett-Travis house site, from the Canton Historical Society.

Supervisor Tom Yack said the township has been maintaining and insuring the structure, but didn't have ownership.

Rick Eva, Finance and Budget director, said it's possible that the township already owned the barn but that the paperwork had not surfaced.

The barn is used by the Historical Society to display historical farm implements and related artifacts. Canton has a similar arrangement with the Society regarding the Historical Museum.

By Tiffany L. Parks

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  - Brush Hog - Woods 5' R105
- Lincoln Arc Welder Model SA-200-F163
- Dixie Chopper Lawnmower X2000 Quad Loop
- Land Pride 6' PTO Mowing Attachment Flat Deck Model
- 1136 Gallon Plastic Water Tank
- Land Pride PTO Spreader Attachment FS700

All equipment are being sold "AS IS" with no warranty either expressed or implied.

Equipment may be inspected at the City of Plymouth Municipal Services Department, 1231 Goldsmith, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Please call (734) 453-1234 x273 to schedule an inspection. Proposal forms are available at the City Manager's Office, 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI during regular office hour or on the City website at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

Photos of the equipment are also available online at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

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

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING REGULATIONS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS**

**Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:**  
Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

**Section 2 Modify Definition ARC District Section 78-169**  
(27) **Political sign:** A temporary sign, relating to the election of a person or persons to public office, or relating to a political party, or relating to a matter to be voted upon in a local, state or national election or referendum. Means a temporary sign, whose message relates to a candidate for political office, to a political party, to a political issue, or an ideological opinion.

**Section 3 Modify Regulations for Political Signs ARC District Section 78-169(e)**  
(11) Political signs. Political signs subject to the following:  
a. ~~Political signs shall be removed within ten days following that election or event.~~  
b. ~~Said signs shall not be placed closer than 100 feet from any polling place entrance and shall obtain permission from the owner of the property upon which the sign is to be located.~~  
c. ~~No political sign is to exceed eight square feet in area, and in the case of a ground-mounted political sign, the height may not exceed four and one-half feet.~~  
d. ~~Political signs are permitted in any use district provided they do not exceed four square feet in area per side or four feet in height.~~

**Section 4 Modify Definition Section 78-221**  
Sec. 78-221 **Definitions.**  
Political sign means a temporary sign, whose message relates to a candidate for political office, to a political party, to a political issue, or an ideological opinion.

**Section 5 Modify Section 78-225 as follows:**  
Sec. 78-225 **Required conditions in any use district.**  
(9) Temporary signs for special civic events may be permitted by the city manager. Such signs shall not exceed ~~32~~ **four (4)** square feet in area ~~per side or four (4) feet in height~~ and shall not be illuminated. Permission cannot be granted for a temporary sign for a commercial, industrial or private use.  
(13) Political signs are permitted in any use district provided they do not exceed four square feet in area per side or four feet in height. ~~Such signs must be removed with 14 days after the election.~~

**Section 6 Rights and Duties.**  
Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

**Section 7 Validity**  
Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

**Section 8 Ordinances Repealed.**  
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

**Section 9 Effective Date.**  
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.  
Introduced: July 21, 2008  
Enacted: August 4, 2008  
Effective: November 5, 2008

PHIL PURSELL, Mayor  
LINDA LANGMESSER, City Clerk

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**Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 8/29/08 at 11:30 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
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3047 - Carin Malley - Entertainment Center, Mattress, 5 Boxes  
4015 - Chad Cummins - Golf Clubs, Freezer, Mountain Bike  
4031 - Charisse Dansby - Coffee Table, 10 Boxes, 1 Tote  
4263 - Shantae Matthews - TV, 2 Suitcases, 2 Totes  
4270 - Lisa Young - 8 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items  
5201 - Michele Robbins - 5 Boxes, Endtable, Misc Items  
5202 - Nyeema Pinkston - Dresser, Mirror, Misc Items  
5280 - Andre Johnson - Pool Table, Chair, Misc Items  
6243 - Marchelle Moore - 10 Boxes, Sofa, Tote  
9016 - Robert Garry - Chair, Skateboard, 2 Boxes

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# Park path a win-win for city, Rotary

Linda Rupp, who lives near Toledo, Ohio, was visiting family in Westland Thursday, Aug. 7.

"I'm baby-sitting for my grandchildren this week," she said, keeping an eye on grandson Noah, 2. She was impressed with the new walking path at Rotary Park, at Florence and Christine in the Wayne Road-Cherry Hill area.

"It's great," Rupp said of the path, the formal dedication of which was held at lunchtime last Thursday with Westland city officials, Westland Chamber of Commerce representatives and Rotarians.

Rupp noticed the park was much cleaner than in previous visits.

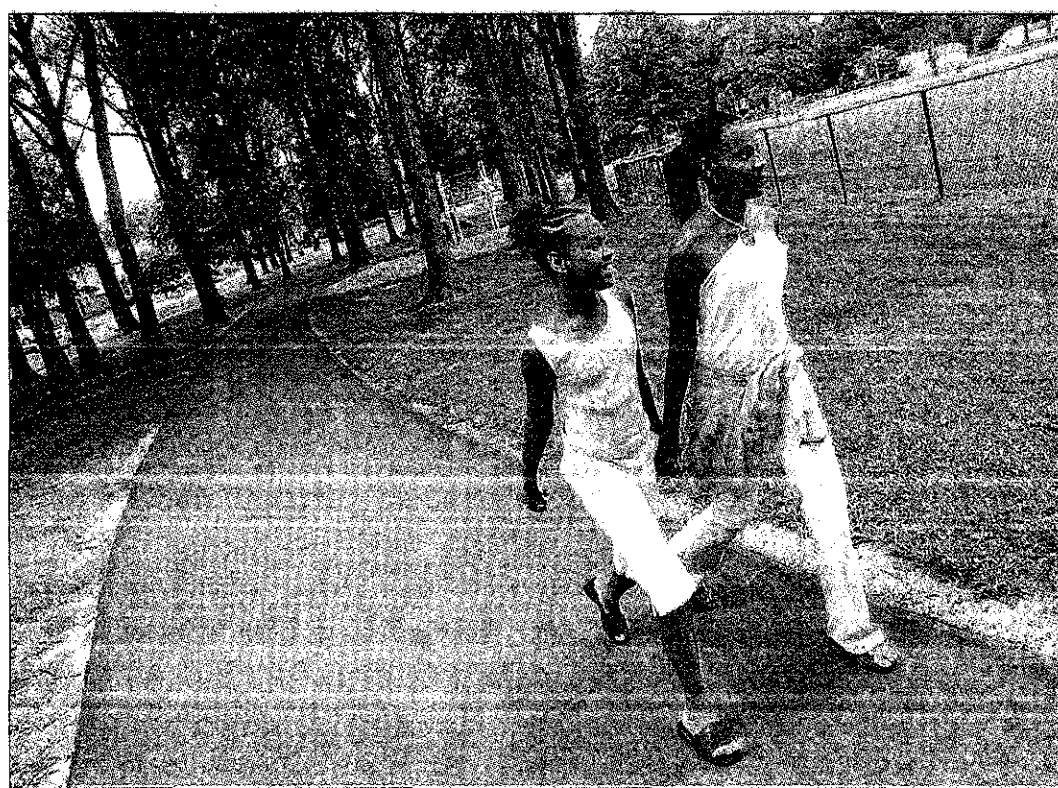
"Much better," she said, telling Noah, "You go climb on the slide."

Noah likes the park's playground equipment, and soon tried out the swings with grandma's help.

Mayor William Wild likes the city's 17 neighborhood parks (in addition to the closed Central City Park). He also appreciates the civic and service groups that contribute to the parks.

"I think they're very important, probably even more so now with the closure of Central City Park (for environmental reasons)," Wild said.

People look at parks when deciding where to live, he added.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sisters Shanijy Reed-Ginyard, 9, and DaiJa Reed, 11, take a walk on the new City of Westland walking path at Rotary Park. Westland Rotary recently gave \$13,000 to the City of Westland for the walking path at Rotary Park which was dedicated last Thursday afternoon.

"I think that's one of the draws to our community," the mayor said.

The city spends from its coffers to maintain the neighborhood parks, so donations from service clubs and other organizations are a big help.

"It doesn't leave much money

to do improvements," said Wild. "We just appreciate all that Rotary does for the city of Westland."

Holding fund-raisers over several years, the Westland Rotarians were able to donate \$13,000 for the walking path, which circles the perimeter

of the tree-filled park. The club held its meeting at the park Thursday, joining for lunch with city and chamber representatives following the official ribbon-cutting for the path.

- By Julie Brown

## ARAB-CHALDEAN FEST IS AUG. 23

The Detroit Zoo will celebrate Metro Detroit's Arab-Chaldean community and culture at the Arab-Chaldean Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is part of Summer Festivals at the Detroit Zoo ... Like Nowhere Else, presented by

Comcast. Activities will take place in the plaza east of the Ford Education Center and are free with the cost of zoo admission.

Comcast subscribers who show their bill at the ticket booth receive \$2 off one adult admission.

The Arab-Chaldean Festival will feature live entertainment, including music by Ara Topouzian and dance performances by Troupe Taammulat. There will also be food available for purchase from local Middle Eastern restaurants, calligraphy demonstrations,

henna art, and enrichment activities with animals from Middle Eastern countries.

Also supported by Comerica Charitable Foundation, the Summer Festivals at the Detroit Zoo celebrate the cultural diversity of the metro Detroit community.

## Following 'hot' tip might leave you in the cold

Whenever people find out what I do for a living, the first question they ask me is should they invest in what is hot. My standard answer is a question: "Should I take a heavy jacket on my next vacation?"

Of course, after the initial confusion their answer is, "Well it all depends on where you're going." I then tell them it's the same about investing. It has nothing to do with what is hot today, but

rather where you want to go with your money.

Too many people are stuck in a rut when it comes to investing. They remember the old days, when a stockbroker recommend buy or sell based on the investment du jour. From an investor's standpoint, that model has proven to be a failure. Few people today refer to themselves as stockbrokers — they call themselves financial advisers or financial counselors. However, no matter what the title, if it is a strategy that encourages constant buying and selling, the

strategy will fail today just as it failed in the past.

Investors need to learn from the past or be destined to make the same mistakes. Before investing even one dollar, you must have an overall long-term strategy. That said, there are some common mistakes investors continue to make which erodes return.

Americans are preoccupied with taxes. If you want to fool an American about an investment, simply say you have an investment that will lower their taxes.

I've said many times "taxes" are not the issue. Your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to increase net worth. Lowering taxes does not automatically increase net worth. In fact, in many situations, when you lower your taxes, you are lowering your net worth.

Another common mistake is relying on tips. The best tip I can give is to avoid "hot tips" at all costs. My experience with investors who buy stocks on a hot tip is they end up losing money. When you invest based on a tip, you are gambling — and the majority of gamblers lose.

One other mistake investors make is falling in love with their investments. Your investments do not love you

and you should not love them.

The reason we invest is to make money and we should not be afraid to sell an investment that has done well in the past, but is no longer performing. That doesn't mean if the investment has a bad year, you sell. However, if the investment is underperforming other investments in the same category for a number of years, sell. I cannot tell you how many people in our area refused to sell Kmart even though the stock had many years of miserable performance. Many people in our area continued to hold Kmart stock out of loyalty. Loyalty is fine, but not in the investment world.

Even great investors who follow all the rules occasionally lose money. That is the nature of investing. However, the better investors minimize their losses and maximize their gains by reducing mistakes.

One last note and that is never beat yourself up over a mistake. Learn from it and become a better investor.

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OUR VIEWS

## Test scores good way to start year

Dr. Craig Fiegel's first year as the superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Schools appears to be getting off to an auspicious beginning.

First came word last week Gov. Jennifer Granholm is increasing state funding, somewhere between \$56-\$112 depending on where the district falls in the formula the state uses. (OK, so the total increase to Plymouth-Canton's budget would be miniscule, but ANY funding increase is better than none.)

The better news, especially in a district that prides itself on the academic prowess of its students, is those students' performance on the Michigan Merit Exam, where Plymouth-Canton students — as they did a year ago, in the first year of the test — scored much higher than the stage average on tests on reading, writing, English-Language arts, math, science and social studies.

Plymouth-Canton juniors improved their scores in five of the six test areas, dropping only in their social studies scores. And even there, they dropped by a lower margin (a 1-percent fall) than the statewide average (which fell 3 percent).

Students at all four high schools — Plymouth, Canton, Salem and Starkweather — recorded improvements, a testament to the job teachers are doing getting them ready, but largely — as administrators noted — also an indication students are taking the test seriously. It does, after all, provide them an ACT score (the district's composite ACT score climbed to 21.7 from 21.4, while the state's score remained at 18.8).

District officials acknowledge they still need to get better to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, but have no doubt they'll be able to meet the act's 2014 deadline.

In the meantime, in a district starting over with a new superintendent, and a stretched budget, the MME results were a good starting point.

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## High school, kindergarten programs promising ideas

Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the state school aid bill assuring school districts that they would be receiving \$56 to \$112 more per pupil for the 2008-09 school year, a meager 2-percent increase over last fiscal year.

But the bill does include support for two Granholm proposals that offer some promise of improving education on both ends of the K-12 continuum.

The \$13.4 billion school aid fund will include \$15 million for a pilot project to create smaller high schools. The small school concept is aimed at reducing Michigan's high dropout rate, particularly in the city of Detroit.

Educators argue that large, impersonal high schools are a hindrance to good education. In smaller schools, with smaller class sizes, students are able to get more individual attention from teachers and have closer interaction with their classmates.

The program would provide districts grants of up to \$3 million. Districts with graduation rates of less than 70 percent would be eligible for the grants and would be required to return half of the grant money if they aren't graduating at least 80 percent of their students by the third year of the program.

Granholm had asked for a plan to raise up to \$300 million over several years by borrowing against future school aid revenue, but legislators rejected that idea over concerns about adding to the state debt.

It will be interesting to see how successful this program is in reversing a troubling trend at a time when post-secondary education is so important.

The funding bill also provides a combined \$10 million for early childhood education and school readiness programs. The aid package also will cut funding for half-day and alternate-day kindergarten and fully fund all-day kindergarten. This will be phased in over several years.

The governor has advocated for all-day kindergartens and this plan gives state support for the idea without mandating it for all districts or children.



LETTERS

### Thanks for support

Dear fellow residents of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville community:

Thank you for the overwhelming support you showed me during Tuesday's primary election. I worked very hard to earn your 7,380 votes, not only during the campaign, but also during my past 13 years as a district court prosecutor, assistant city attorney, civil litigator and criminal defense attorney.

Thank you also to the thousands of people who patiently gave me their time while I knocked on your doors to introduce myself to you. I look forward to continuing to earn your trust and support during the days leading up to the Nov. 4 general election.

With my sincere appreciation,  
**Jim Plakas**  
 candidate, 35th District Court

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**Dan Janusis**  
 Canton

### McCotter wrong again

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, you are wrong! We are receiving "robot telephone calls" from McCotter. He is stating that the Dems took a vacation instead of voting on perks for his oil buddies. McCotter was one of the congressmen who griped when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi instituted a five-day work week, instead of their current three-day work week. But now that McCotter's oil buddies need to benefit from an offshore drilling vote, he wants to stay and vote. He wants us to vote to give the oil company more of our resources.

Let's look at the facts: 1) In 2008, oil lobbyists to date have contributed \$18,374,942 to campaigns — 75 percent of that to Republicans. (<http://www.opensecrets.org/industries/indus.php?Ind=E01>). Republicans only serve to benefit from helping oil companies; 2) The oil companies currently have 43 million acres of untapped land, but they want more. They do not want to drill what they have. We, the American people, should not give them more land when they are not drilling what they do have; 3) Any land drilled starting today, will not produce oil until 2015, and will not show profits until 2020; 4) Oil companies today, have not shared their profits with the American public — what makes anyone think they will share profits in the future? They are making record profits for themselves and their shareholders, not the American public; 5) Oil companies currently get \$2.8 billion in tax subsidies from the pockets of the American public. They have not shared their tax breaks with us at the gas pumps. McCotter's "robo calls" state that if we tax their profits, they will raise prices at the pump. Why are we giving them subsidies when they are getting such huge tax breaks and not passing on their profits? 6) McCotter wants free capital marketization — we should not be giving tax breaks to oil companies (or others for that matter) who do not want regulation, but want a handout from the American public at the gas pump.

McCotter is in bed with his oil buddies — say no to helping McCotter and oil companies get more profits and raise our gas prices.

**H. Hudak**  
 Canton

### Election thanks

On behalf of the Committee To Retain Karl Zarbo for Canton Township trustee, we thank Canton residents for their support in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 5.

My approach is to work everyday to position Canton to attract new residents and businesses while retaining the existing ones. When we combine fiscal responsibility, \$130 million in commercial investment, thousands of jobs and growth management, the tax burden is lessened for residents.

The support of others is not to be

taken lightly. I will continue to work to earn the trust and respect of all residents.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to answer questions and work to resolve issues of concern. Please feel free to call me at (734) 981-0486, e-mail me at [kzarbo@canton-mi.org](mailto:kzarbo@canton-mi.org), or seek me out at an upcoming community event.

**Karl Zarbo**  
 Canton

### Band deserves credit

You have seen them march down Main Street in Plymouth and Ford Road in Canton, but now it is showtime.

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These dedicated students are being coached and taught by a phenomenal staff utilizing their own musical knowledge and background and infusing it into the members.

Before the school year begins Sept. 2, the band and its staff will have put in more than 160 hours of practice during "summer vacation." When the school year begins, it is practice everyday after school for approximately three hours. Saturdays are reserved for either practice or competition. On these days, students will dedicate some 10-plus hours toward their craft.

Pit, color guard, and band — three separate units united into one body. Each group practicing, training, and honing their own specific discipline; then combining to create the 2008 show.

Opportunities exist throughout the year to show your support for the band. Attend one of the band's performances. If you know or notice a band member, inquire about the season and wish them luck. A word of encouragement goes a long way.

Visit the band Web site at [www.pcmh.net](http://www.pcmh.net) and see what the band is about. Listen to past shows and experience how these students bring music to life. The "season" begins Sept. 13 at Novi High School, culminating with the Grand Nationals in Indianapolis the weekend of Nov. 13-15.

Their dedication, effort and determination deserve our utmost support!

**Carl Kataflasz**  
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**"We attribute the improved scores to the effort of students and the skills they demonstrate, a great job in the classroom by our teachers and support from the community."**

— Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, discussing the recent results of the Michigan Merit Exam, and the fact the district's 11th-graders had improved scores over last year and performed much better than the state average

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## Creative, bipartisan leadership needed for regional issues

I attended the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Policy Conference on Mackinac Island in the week following Memorial Day. This was the third year in a row I represented the City of Farmington Hills at the Mackinac Conference.

The Mackinac Conference is billed as a retreat where business and political leaders from southeastern Michigan come together to discuss common issues, finding solutions. However, after attending for three years, I have yet to hear or see any issues upon which there is cooperation or agreement.

The legislators appear to talk at each other, not to each other. Each one intent on advancing their own agenda, which, of course, includes getting re-elected. The so-called big four — the Oakland County executive, the Wayne County executive, the chairman of the Macomb County commissioners, and the Detroit mayor — while all professing the need and desire to cooperate, spend most of their time bickering with each other.

The governor, again, gave a wonderful speech, asking for bipartisan support on three issues she believes are necessary to move Michigan forward. However, if past performance is any indication of future action, the governor's words fell on deaf ears and she will not exhibit the leadership skills necessary to get the bipartisan support she needs to get the job done.

If I seem skeptical that our state and regional leaders will put aside their political differences and find a common basis for solutions, it is because I am skeptical. Our state legislature is totally dysfunctional, and the leadership in the City of Detroit is too busy trying to stay out of jail to resolve city or regional problems.

For three years at the Mackinac Conference I have heard that Cobo Hall must be expanded, we need a regional transit system, and we have to retain our college graduates in the state if we are to grow our economy. None of these issues require rocket science for solutions; they do, however, require a little imagination and bipartisan cooperation from our state and regional leadership.

I have given some thought to these issues and would suggest the following as a basis to jump start the discussion to finding solutions.

■ First, I am advised that Cobo Hall must be expanded to retain the International Auto Show, which I am told creates 16,000 jobs and brings \$500 million of economic benefits to southeastern Michigan each year. The expansion may cost up to \$500 million. Cobo Hall is presently paid for by taxes on alcoholic beverages in restaurants and bars and by a hotel tax on rooms in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This tax structure is so that visitors to the region pay a substantial portion of the taxes to support Cobo Hall.

I would suggest that the state legislature set

up a Cobo Hall Authority, with two representatives from each of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and three representatives from the City of Detroit. This nine member authority would be charged with the job of (a) seeing that the bar and hotel tax was extended as necessary to raise the funds required for the expansion of Cobo Hall; (b) holding the City of Detroit harmless on the existing debt on Cobo Hall; and (c) building and maintaining the expanded Cobo Hall. I would also suggest (although this will never happen) that all the members of the authority be apolitical.

■ Second, everyone seems to be in agreement that future economic growth in this region depends, in part, on installing a regional transit system in at least Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Currently, DDOT operates buses in Detroit, and SMART operates buses in all of Macomb and parts of Wayne and Oakland counties. There are a number of people currently advocating a light rail system, costing billions of dollars, as the panacea for a regional transit system.

Again, I would suggest that the state legislature take action to establish a Southeastern Michigan Regional Transportation Authority with two representatives from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and three representatives from the City of Detroit.

This nine member authority would have the responsibility of taking over and merging the DDOT and SMART operations; extending bus service throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties; and extending the current SMART millage throughout the service area.

Once having accomplished all of the foregoing, then look at expanding into light rail service.

■ Lastly, I would suggest that there is a way to encourage our young adults who are graduating from our Michigan colleges and universities to stay, work and live in Michigan. We can do this by giving them an incentive to stay.

If we reduce by \$2,500 per student, per year, the state provides to its colleges and universities, and allow the state colleges and universities to raise their tuition by \$2,500 per student, per year, and then loan each student, who so requests, the sum of \$2,500 per year.

At the end of four years, the students will each owe the state \$10,000. Then, if the college graduate stays and works in the state, their state income tax would be applied to reduce their student loan until it is paid in full. If the graduate stays and works in Michigan for four years, the loan will have cost them nothing. If they leave after graduation, they will be obligated to repay the loan, and will not have taken our tax dollars elsewhere.

I believe with a little bipartisan and regional cooperation, Michigan can accomplish all of the foregoing and more.

Jerry Ellis is mayor of Farmington Hills.



Jerry Ellis

## AARP card arrival proves again what goes around, comes around

They found me.

Six months before I'm chronologically ready for them, they found me.

Heck, I didn't even know they were looking for me and they found me anyway.

And, as they say, what goes around, comes around. Many years ago, I sat at my brother's house, chuckling heartily because my stepfather had just received his application to join what was then called the American Association of Retired Persons. It came in the mail smack-dab on his 50th birthday, and I (along with my brothers and sister) thought it was funny at the time.



Brad Kadrich

I'm sure wherever he is (he died a couple of years ago) he was laughing out loud last week when my own application to join AARP (it's now known simply by the acronym) arrived in the mail.

When I opened it, my only thought was, "\$%@\$!"

OK, it wasn't my *only* thought, but it was my first thought. After that, I wondered this: "When did this happen? When did I get old?"

(Note to those approaching 50 and those already past it: Before you write to complain, I know it's not old. I'm just sayin' ...)

I remember when I was 12 and baby-sitting for the older couple across the street. They were probably in their late 20s, maybe early 30s, but I still thought of them as "this older couple across the street."

When I was 25, I didn't want to turn 30 because it meant I was getting older. When I hit 35, I didn't want to see my 40th, for the same reason. Guess what I thought when I hit 45? If you guessed, "I don't want to turn 50 because I'll be old," you're pretty close.

I tossed the application aside, vowing not to give it another thought. Which is better than our all-world photographer, Bill Bresler, did when he got his a few years ago. Bill sent it back (and actually still remains deep in denial).

Age is only a number, although it seems to me I only hear people my age or older say that. It's becoming more so as life goes on, with life expectancies creeping past 80 for women, beyond 75 for men. It's one of the reasons, I think, when you hear someone "died at the age of 58," you hear so many people say, "Wow, that's young!" I heard that a lot when Tim Russert died.

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But even after I tossed the application aside, I was thinking about it. When I came to work, there was a copy of AARP - the Magazine, which claims in its masthead to be the world's largest-circulation magazine. On the cover was Jack Nicholson, who's always been one of my favorite actors. It was a good story about Jack cleaning up his act. I paged through the magazine and found out Holly Hunter, also one of my favorites (loved her opposite Richard Dreyfuss in 'Always'), is the same age. So are Patricia Heaton ('Everybody Loves Raymond') and Andie McDowell ('Four Weddings and a Funeral.')

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I also found all kinds of advertising, stories that show what older folks are doing with their lives, and even a crossword puzzle (which I couldn't finish).

Go to its Web site ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)) and you find a ton more stuff, on money, leisure and health, all designed to help you not only survive into your Golden Years, but to thrive in them.

Unfortunately, even though I know age is only a number, although I'm sure there are people older than me who are in better shape physically, mentally and every other which way, and even though I know aging is a natural part of life, there's still one thing the AARP hasn't helped teach me about turning 50.

How to avoid it.

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# Not just in China: Seniors going for gold at Olympics here



Charles Hutchinson (right) tosses a frisbee through a ring during last year's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics at Summit on the Park in Canton. This year's Senior Olympics will get under way with opening ceremonies on Aug. 18.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beijing isn't the only place to earn an Olympic medal this summer.

In all, 566 senior citizens are preparing to compete in the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, with opening ceremonies set for the morning of Monday, Aug. 18, in the Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park in Westland.

The five-day event will feature a 10-mile bicycle race, a football toss, a soccer-ball kick, tennis matches, a swimming competition, volleyball, golf, horseshoes and less physical contests in baking, photography and Pinochle, among other events.

Westland will serve as this year's official host, but competitions will be scattered among other communities, too.

"We've really been trying to market this not only to get the involvement up, but also to show that any activity is better than no activity," Westland senior Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum said.

Seniors from Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Sumpter Township and

Van Buren Township plan to compete in four age categories: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and over.

Seniors will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.

"I think it's a wonderful program for seniors," Garden City senior Director Cheryl Stepanian said. "It stresses fitness and staying active and healthy."

In its fourth year, the Senior Olympics event has steadily grown, and 566 participants beat a July 31 deadline to enter this year's contests. Westland has the most seniors involved, with 130 this year.

On Aug. 18, seniors will gather in Hines Park for a morning run, breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and opening day ceremonies, including a veterans honor guard, the singing of the national anthem and a parade of cities in which representatives of participating communities will display their local flags. Westland Mayor William Wild will welcome the crowd, and an Olympics torch will be lighted.

The games will end with a celebration and awards banquet on Aug. 22 at Westland's senior Friendship Center.

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for 35th District Court Judge

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**Thank you, Joe Barone**

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## Two-a-days launched

Livonia Churchill varsity football coach John Filiatraut looks to make a throw to his receivers during practice Tuesday afternoon. Teams from around the area and across the state began official practice under comfortable temperatures and dry climate.

## Weather cooperates for gridgers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first days of high school football practice in recent years have been like doing laps inside a sauna.

But on Monday and Tuesday, teams in Redford, Garden City and everywhere else in Observerland enjoyed relatively cool, comfortable temperatures and low humidity as they geared up with two-a-days.

"The weather's been wonderful," noted Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis, watching some passing drills at Tuesday evening's practice. "We haven't had as many concerns about weight loss (due to dehydration)."

Tomasaitis said the team continues doing conditioning and other weight room work in morning sessions before going out onto the field for calisthenics and various drills.

On Thursday evening, players will don the full gear for the first time.

Although the weather provided a nice change of pace for the second week of August, the veteran Panthers' coach wouldn't mind it heating up a bit before the start of the season (Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood).

"They can work a lot harder (with bearable temps)," Tomasaitis said. "But my only concern and my only fear at this point in time is (that on) the 28th of August, it will be 85 at 7 p.m. and the humidity will be 65 percent."

He said that with a knowing chuckle. "That's just the way it seems to work out."

Over at Garden City, seniors Robert Snyder and Zack Griwicki were bouncing back onto the field after taking a short break.

They had been working hard, but there wasn't much perspiration to be found.

"It (weather) is not that bad," Snyder said. "But we are working hard."

Snyder added that, with the cooler weather, players will be able to keep pushing right to the end of the day.

"With it being cooler, we can work harder and not be as worried about passing out or anything," Griwicki said. "As long as we're well hydrated we can go out there."

While Snyder, Griwicki and other teammates began the next segment of practice with laps, Cougars' head coach Mike Salter concurred that the weather should prove beneficial in the area of players maintaining their energy level.

Salter, like Tomasaitis, did see one potential pitfall.

"It makes it a little easier on the kids," Salter explained. "But if it gets hot again next week or the first week of the season it might hurt us a little bit."

Garden City opens the season Thursday, Aug. 28, at Taylor Kennedy.

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## Touched out

Olympian Schmitt denied in 200 free

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt's quest to win an individual medal in the 2008 Summer Olympics fell short by the smallest of margins Monday morning at the Water Cube in Beijing, China, when she failed to reach the finals in the 200-meter freestyle by one-hundredth of a second.

Schmitt's semi-final clocking of 1:58.01 was good enough for ninth place. France's Ophelie-Cyrielle Etienne placed eighth, nipping Schmitt after touching in 1:58.00.

Only the top eight semifinalists from the two heats qualified for Tuesday's finals as Italy's Federico Pellegrini, who set a world record a night earlier in 1:55.45 in the first prelim, captured the semifinal in 1:57.23.

Slovenia's Sara Isakovic posted the top semifinal time: 1:56.50, while Schmitt's U.S. teammate Katie Hoff, advanced with a second in 1:57.01.

The 18-year-old recent graduate of Canton High School was seeded seventh going into the semifinals following Sunday night's first preliminary heat where she was finished second and was clocked in 1:57.38.

But Schmitt, who swims for Michael Phelps' coach Bob Bowman, was well off of her Olympic Trials performance last month in Omaha, Neb., where she posted a personal best of 1:55.92 (finishing runner-up to Hoff).

Schmitt, headed this fall to the University of Georgia, can still capture an Olympic medal as she is expected to be a member of the U.S. 4 x 200 freestyle relay contingent that will compete for a medal on Wednesday.

The U.S. has captured the gold medal in the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay every year it's been an Olympic event.



Schmitt

## Sidelines

### MU adds cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry added his third recruit for the 2008-09 season with the signing Wednesday of Kirtland Community College's 6-foot-8 forward Leroy Allen (Detroit/Dearborn Henry Ford Academy).

During his sophomore year, Allen averaged 9.5 points and 9.4 rebounds for Kirtland under coach Ty McGregor. He joins Jon Jaciuk and Kevin Henry in Henry's latest recruiting class.

"Leroy brings experience to our roster after two years at Kirtland," Henry said. "He has proven he can play on the college level and will help us in our quest to capture at WHAC championship and advance in the national tournament."

### White signs SS

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing Wednesday of Monroe High School shortstop Katie Cooley to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

As a junior Cooley made first-team All-Mega Conference Red Division for the Trojans, who captured Division 1 district and regional titles. She was also a prep teammate of fellow MU recruit Amanda Straub and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year Jess Irwin, who just finished her freshman year at MU.

Cooley, who plans to major in Sports Management, graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a member of the honor roll and National Honor Society while at Monroe.

"Our staff was very pleased to signee Katie this late in the game," White said. "She's going to be a nice addition to our club for next season. The program Coach (Vince) Rossi has built at Monroe produces great kids and even better people. We're glad to have another one of his players to go along with Jess and Amanda."

### Charity hoops

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches and Wright & Filippis will stage charity basketball game to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School, located at 31000 Joy Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads).

The game will feature the Amputee Spartans against the Saints.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children (ages 11-8).

For advance tickets, call Richard Shebib of the COCC at (734) 422-0278; or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net; or Brad Shebib at (248) 829-8327; or e-mail bshebib@wright-filippis.com.

## Crusaders thrive on competition

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talented teams that work harder than others usually win.

Madonna University's 2008 women's volleyball team qualifies on both accounts even though the first regular season match isn't until Aug. 20 against Spring Arbor (The annual game against the alums is 7 p.m. Friday).

To illustrate, both senior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova and junior defensive specialist Brynn Kerr (Churchill/Schoolcraft) walked around the athletic

### VOLLEYBALL

complex following a double practice late last week

with sheets of shrink-wrapped plastic holding ice packs in place on their shoulders and backs.

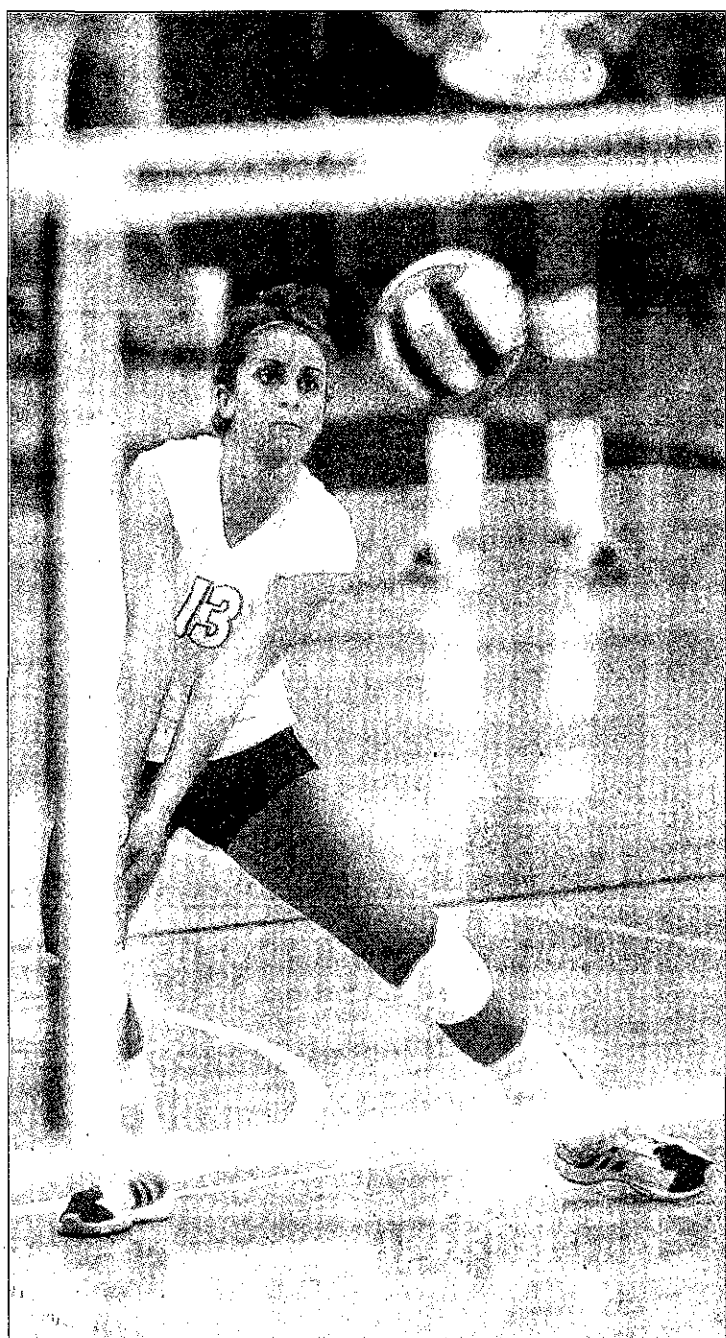
"We have 15 players, all talented," noted 22nd-year head coach Jerry Abraham. "From Day 1 that's been our whole sort of theme is (that) the competition is fierce, extremely fierce."

Both Tihomirova, the All-American outside hitter from Latvia, and Livonia's Kerr were part of the 2007 Crusaders team that finished 35-12 and won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference — not to mention advancing to the NAIA National Tournament.

Yet both players are working so hard at practice they can barely move afterward because they want to finish the job this time around. They already sense this can also be a special year. All but recent Madonna graduates Jacqui Gatt (Churchill) and Amy Szymanski (Redford/Ladywood) are back, too.

"There's always a place for improvement, no matter how hard you work," said Tihomirova, 22, who lived with a Redford family during her first season at Madonna. "With this team, we're pushing really hard and we go further every day in practice. I see improvement every day."

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B3



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Strong work ethic and defensive ability make Livonia Churchill alum Brynn Kerr an important player for Madonna's volleyball team.

## Dynamic boxer, 69, wins Ringside belt

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Paul Soucy continues to prove you're never too old to step into the ring.

The 69-year-old trainer and boxer, who took a 10-member contingent from Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club to last week's Ringside World Championships, came away with the 165-pound title for men ages 65-70 with pair of victories at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Soucy garnered his third Ringside World Championship belt in four years by rallying in the final round after taking a standing eight-count in the second, avenging a loss last year to 70-year-old Ron Guidry of Baton Rouge, La.

Soucy also won his first match with a unanimous decision of Michael Tarnaw of Madison, Wis.

The tournament featured 1,500 participants from around the world, including competitors from as far away as China and just over the border from Canada.

"They have six rings going at once, two sessions per day, it's just an awesome tournament," Soucy said.

Also coming away with a title for Dynamic was 16-year-old super-heavyweight Dan Smith of Garden City, the USA Junior Olympic national champion, who finished 2-0 in the Boys 16-17 age division.

Smith defeated a pair of local boxers from Kansas City, Brandon Carmack and Chris Walker, en route to the title.

Also turning in an impressive performance for Dynamic was Wyandotte's Gabriel Garza, who fell to Indiana's Anthony Sims Jr. in the Boys 13-14 final.

The 13-year-old Garza, who finished 4-1 during the five-day tournament which started on Wednesday, lost a close decision in the final to the nation's top-ranked boxer.

"All of Gabriel's fights were tough," Soucy said. "A lot of people there thought he won that match."

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# Expectations rise for Lady Ocelot spikers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Shortly after Schoolcraft met Madonna University in Tuesday's volleyball scrimmage, Lady Ocelots' head coach Rich Lamb thought his team gained valuable experience that will help it during the soon-to-begin Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"I think it is" a confidence-booster, said Lamb about the four-team scrimmage that also included the host Crusaders, Owens and Kalamazoo Valley community colleges. "Jerry (Abraham, Madonna head coach) has a great program here and for us to even be close and play well against them is really good for us."

Lamb, beginning his second season at the helm, and a roster featuring five solid sophomore returnees and several promising freshmen will begin finding out just how valuable the preseason test will be.

Schoolcraft (29-17 overall and 14-2 in the conference, good for second place) opens the season Friday, Aug. 22 at Delta College with matches against the host Pioneers and Alpena Community College.

Another test will be seeing how well several talented freshmen step in to help fill the void created by the graduation of standouts Carly DeClerq (first-team All-Eastern Conference) and second-teamers Stacy Urbats, Amanda Ballnik and Lauren Braun.

### FASTER, QUICKER

Schoolcraft, the coach emphasized, will attempt to mix things up this season, too.

"We're trying to play faster than we did last year," Lamb said. "That was one issue. At times (in 2007) we seemed a little slow and a little predictable."

"So we're trying to design some things that will make us less predictable, such as making our middles more active."

Starting at middle blocker will be sophomore Whitney Clay, who the coach said is a strong performer as well as floor leader. "She's very knowledgeable, she seems to understand everything on the floor and that's a real asset."

Clay also is breaking in promising freshmen middle blockers Emily Bronkema and Jennifer Brunik, both from McBain High School near Cadillac, Mich.

Also expected to make their presence felt in the front row will be 6-0 sophomore outside hitter Virginia Butler (Canton/Westland John Glenn) and sophomore right-side hitter and Livonia Churchill alum Sarah Button.

Lamb said Butler (about 500 kills in 2007) was an All-Region 12 player and could very well be "a candidate for player of the year" this season if she continues her upward path.

Button, meanwhile is the squad's best blocker but is improving in the passing and serve-reception areas. She also can hit. "We may use her as an outside hitter as well and move her around."

### BEGINNING TO GEL

Rounding out the handful of sophomores are defensive specialists Marissa Daron (Howell) and Hillary Colomina. Daron's versatility should make her a valuable player again this season while Lamb said Colomina so far in practice is opening some eyes.

"She (Colomina) has been a surprising back row player for us so far in practice," Lamb said.

Both Butler and Button said they think the team is meshing quickly, which they partly attribute to players and the coaches being familiar with each other from last season.

"Now that it's coach's second year it's easier going into the flow and I think we're going to have a

great team," Butler stressed. "... We started out a lot stronger the first week of practice than we did last year."

"We just seem to flow better, everybody plays good together." Butler said Schoolcraft will be working toward the team goal of winning the regionals and Button agrees that the Lady Ocelots could make a lot of noise.

"We have a good foundation of sophomores and returning with the same coaching I think it will be a real good transition from last year to this year," Button said. "And helping getting the freshmen getting settled in. We have some real good recruits."

Among the promising newcomers is Churchill grad and libero candidate Jordan Kerr. "She's incredibly quick and can read a block really well," Lamb said. "She can read a hitter very well."

Because Kerr excelled as a softball player in high school, she also has the arm strength to be a power server.

### UP TO SPEED

Other freshmen who will definitely see plenty of playing time are setters Brittany Denter and Katie Williams (South Lyon), both vying for the starting role.

Denter led Kingsley in assists and kills her senior year while Williams helped set up three players who Lamb said are bound for Division-1 colleges.

"They're both on a pretty steep learning curve right now," Lamb said. "That's typical of a freshman setter. We're asking them to do things they're not really used to and it's just going to take some time. They're just struggling with the speed of the game right now."

Also looking to make an early impact is 6-0 outside hitter Kaitlyn Litteral (Wyandotte Roosevelt), who excelled as a middle blocker in the Mega Conference.

"She can play defense pretty well and she's learning a new position," said Lamb.

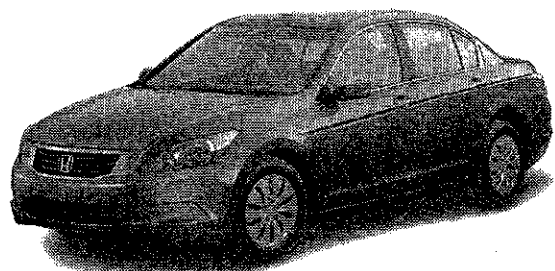
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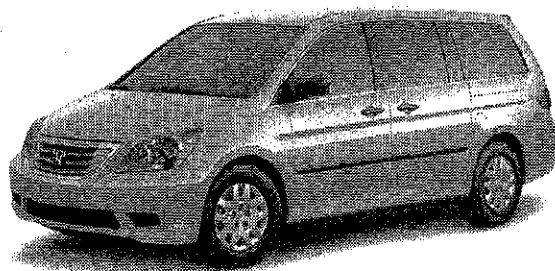
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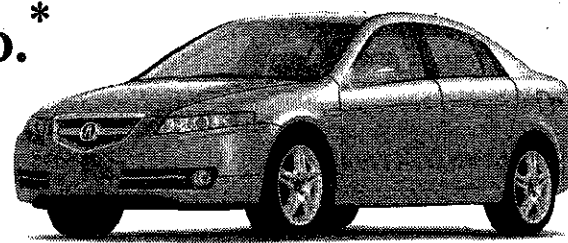
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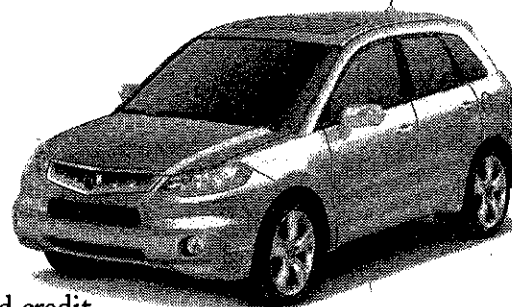
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## IT'S CONTAGIOUS

According to Kerr, 20, her strong work ethic is something she wants teammates to pick up on.

"I work hard and I push people with the way I play," she explained. "So hopefully, that will make everybody else around me better. Everybody is working real hard."

Abraham likes the work ethic, but doesn't mind having a deep, talented roster, either.

"We have great depth on both sides of the ball, defense and offense," Abraham said. "And other players are ready to take other players' positions on a daily basis so it should make everybody better."

"We have freshmen coming in that have the ability to make an impact immediately as a starting player. Really, the combo of veterans and freshmen make it really exciting right now."

Leading the charge are Madonna's three senior co-captains, including Tihomirova (967 kills), 5-10 middle/right-side hitter Whitney Fuelling (459 kills) and 6-3 middle hitter Stephanie Parslow (264 kills).

Abraham said the offense should continue to be strong led by front-row power hitting from Fuelling and Tihomirova.

"Whitney is probably the best overall athlete on the team, very fast," Abraham said. "She has a great vertical leap and attacks from the outside and middle and actually hits from antenna-to-antenna."

Tihomirova, the WHAC player of the year last season, should continue dominating "at the net, both as a hitter on the outside and in the middle. She'll be a go-to player for us, just like Whitney," the coach said.

Augmenting that duo is Parslow, described as a "dominant blocker" up front who can take the steam out of other teams' scoring attempts. Parslow "makes it very tough for opponents to hit because she's so strong and has a nice reach."

## LEADERS AROUND

Abraham said the tri-captains this season provide a different element because they are such strong players.

"We've always had great captains on our team," he said. "But to have three seniors who are major contributors, who are all All-American potential kind of players who are great leaders and great students in the classroom, ... they're really going to be extensions of the coaches on the floor."

Add to that list of leaders junior setter *Inta Grinvalds* (2171 assists), another all-conference returnee who orchestrated the high-powered Madonna offense in 2007.

"Inta is more confident, stronger, she's a junior ready to start her third season as a starting setter," Abraham said. "You know, the setter is the one that runs the show and we just have a nice attack."

Abraham said Grinvalds brings floor savvy as well as pinpoint passing and setting abilities to the table.

Also expected to provide firepower is junior outside hitter *Mary McGinnis* (610 kills), who peaked down the stretch a season ago.

"It took last year (for McGinnis) to get used to us and get comfortable with our system," he said. "By the middle or the end of last year she turned it on and looks better than ever this year. We're so excited about her."

With McGinnis "hitting the ball with so much confidence" during pre-season workouts, her offensive talents coupled with Tihomirova could lead to a "real strong one-two punch on the outside."

Scoring points shouldn't be a problem, and neither should containing other teams.

Helping in the latter department will be junior defensive specialist *Abby Long*, and liberos *Kerr* and *Amanda Koszela* (a red-shirted freshman in '07).

Long will provide "great speed, great range in the back row," and could have a breakout year in her third season with the Crusaders.

Both Kerr (who played her freshman year at Schoolcraft) and Koszela should be in the defensive lineup somewhere, although both are now vying for the all-important libero position.

"Both are excellent liberos

and both are excellent all-around defensive players," Abraham said. "I would say we're going to be a two-libero team and we'll see which one wins the position."

Add to the mix versatile sophomore and Livonia Franklin alum *Liz Dempsey* and sophomore *Anna Gatt* (Churchill), who will provide important contributions off the bench.

Dempsey will gain playing time both at outside hitter and defensive specialist while Gatt is another defensive specialist who "is fast, quick to the ball

— much like her sister (Jacqui Gatt). Just like Jacqui she has a defensive nose for the ball."

Other key returning reserves include sophomore outside hitters *Martie Mazur* and *Amanda Lenart*, who Abraham said will benefit from chipping in during last year's WHAC championship and march to the nationals.

## FRESH PHENOMS

Almost providing icing on the cake for the 2008 squad will be three freshmen who the coach has great expectations for. Those are Canton alum

Marie Martin (middle hitter), Wyandotte Roosevelt grad *Megan Fricke* (outside hitter) and *Allen Park Cabrini's* *Karie Altman*, who can play anywhere up front.

Martin already brings a net presence with her 6-1 frame and ability to thwart offensive attempts from the other side.

"The upside for Marie is, ... her ability to get better and (that) is already showing," Abraham said. "She's going to be a great player for us. She'll just have to, like all the freshmen, adjust to the speed of the (college) game."

Fricke, although just 5-9, "has a great vertical jump and a real terminating attack. She gets up and hits over the block."

The coach also likes the potential of Altman, who was all-Catholic League first team player as a senior.

"She's extremely athletic and has great range at the net," Abraham said. "...She'll be competing for one of the starting middle hitter positions and she has the ability to come right in and contribute."

With such blue-chip first-year players, it is no wonder

even veterans like Tihomirova and Kerr are working themselves to the bone to stay at the top of the depth chart.

"We truly have a great group of kids (who) are more determined than ever to continue to have a great regular season and be tops in our conference," Abraham added.

If Madonna does, it will skip right into the national tournament because the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has phased out the regionals.

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## Colt champions

The Seawolves of the Livonia Baseball-Softball Association captured the North Oakland-Wayne Inter City Colt championship with an 8-6 victory, Aug. 2, at Ford Field. Members of the Seawolves include: Nate Belyk, Troy Bogenschutz, Drew Carlson, Tad Evans, Stephen Foster, David Harris, Trey Jardine, Adam Lane, Christian Leathley, Drew Macorkindale, Cody McGaw, Sean Servalish, Chris Vincentini and Matt Windle, all from Livonia Churchill High School; and Jake Blach, Redford Union H.S.

# Reliever Bertakis keeps Rams alive in Johnstown tournament

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Reliever James Bertakis provided a Roloids moment to keep the Michigan Rams alive Tuesday in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association double-elimination tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The right-hander from Edgewood (Wis.) College allowed just one run on five hits in six innings to pick up the win to give the 20-and-under Rams, now 29-11 overall, an 11-4 triumph over Cortland (N.Y.) in a game played in nearby Portage, Pa.

Bertakis struck out six and walked only three after replacing starter Aaron Wick in the third inning after West Chester County squad jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

The Rams came back with two runs in the third, three more in the fourth and four in the fifth to take a commanding 9-3 lead.

Madonna University's Shawn Little (Canton) and Brett Mazmanian were the hitting heroes, each going 4-for-5 to pace the Rams' 16-hit attack. Little had a double and two RBI, while Mazmanian scored twice and knocked in a run.

Dan Augustine contributed two hits and two RBI, while Concordia University's Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) and Brad Herman each added two RBI for the Rams.

Frank Persichino also scored three runs and knocked in a run along with Tim Cross.

Losing pitcher Mike O'Hanlon went 3-for-4 with two runs scored to lead Cortland's 10-hit attack. P.J. Rigand added two hits and two RBI, while Tom Gillette went 2-for-4.

"Wick came in with some control trouble, he walked a bunch early and they (Cortland) got some timely hits and we were down 3-0," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "Bertakis came in and did a great job. His slider and cutter were working. He rolled his ankle coming off the mound in the fifth inning and had trouble throwing his fastball, but was able to keep the other team off-balance."

On Wednesday, the Rams were scheduled to play Brooklyn. Both teams are 1-1 with the winner remain-

ing alive and the loser going home.

"We used only two pitchers today," Berryman said. "And that's good thing because and we needed some fresh pitchers going into the next game."

## Rams drop opener, 7-1

It was a tough draw and even a tougher opener for the Michigan Rams in the AAABA Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

On Monday, the Rams drew five-team defending champion Youse's Maryland Orioles of Baltimore and suffered a 7-1 setback at Revloc Field.

Winning pitcher Scott Swinson limited the Rams, the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League's third-place finisher and 20-and-under representative, to just one run on four hits and one walk in seven innings. Swinson struck out six before giving way to reliever Kevin Jacob, who pitched two scoreless innings to close out the victory.

Rams starter Derek Mosher, who had trouble locating his pitches for strikes, went the first 4.1 innings, allowing four runs on six hits and five walks in taking the loss. He fanned four before being lifted in favor of Colin O'Connell, who allowed two runs on four hits and a walk during his 1.2-inning stint.

Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson) worked the final three innings, allowing one run on one hit and a walk.

The Orioles scored three times in the third inning and added three more in the sixth before adding one more in the eighth to put the game away.

"Drew (Mosher) wasn't himself like he was his last four starts," Berryman said. "He too many early walks (three in the first inning) and they (Baltimore) got some timely hits. They're a good hitting team and they hit some good pitches."

"And their pitcher (Swinson) did a good job staying in (strike) zone and he limited us to four hits."

John Hicks paced the Orioles' 11-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Leon Landry added two hits and two RBI, while Reed Gagnini went 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Ryan Abraham went 2-for-3 and scored the Rams' lone run in the sixth inning on a single by Josh Kirsten.

# Michigan Bucks to overhaul 2009 roster

BY DAN STICKRADD  
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Whether onlookers view the Michigan Bucks as a success or failure this 2008 season, given their talent level and expectations, the Premier Development League team should have a different look next season.

Of the 30 or so players that suited up for at least one game with the Bucks this summer, or were on the roster but injured, many likely won't be back when the team begins the next season in May 2009.

"It will be a new team, that's for sure," predicted Dan Fitzgerald, the Bucks' head coach the past three seasons.

With many of the team's top players set to enter their senior years of college eligibility, many of them will likely opt for new avenues: attempt to play semi-pro ball in the United Soccer League's First Division or Second Division, a step of above the PDL; possibly get drafted by a Major League Soccer team and play pro ball stateside; go overseas and attempt to play on a foreign club; or take their college degrees and enter the general workforce.

"I look at our roster and I see a lot of these guys moving on," added Fitzgerald. "Most of our top 15 guys or so likely won't be back."

Sweeper Michael Holody (University of Michigan), midfielder Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College, Ky.) and goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University), all three-year starters for the Bucks and All-PDL Central Conference First-Team picks this season, are seniors and will be the toughest to replace if they opt to depart.

All three have already trained with MLS teams during the past three years.

Additionally, midfielder Ty Shipalane (Lindsey Wilson), forward Doug DeMartin (Michigan State), midfielder Billy Weaver (Indiana), forward Jake Stacy (Michigan), midfielder Alex Morriset (Michigan), midfielder Piotr Nowak (Oakland), defenseman Ian Daniel (Troy Athens/Oakland), defenseman Kyle Russell (Coastal Carolina), midfielder Zac Scaffidi (Michigan State) and defenseman Dave Hertel (Michigan State) are also entering their senior seasons of college soccer and may not return.

Defenseman Adam Brent, who has used up his eligibility at Oakland and will graduate in December, may also be lost. Most of the players in the 67-team PDL are current college players.

"We'll be talking to the coaches at Michigan, Michigan State, Oakland, Lindsey Wilson, wherever we can find top-level (college) players, about bringing in

some new guys next year," said Fitzgerald. "We'll have a lot of new young guys. But there's a lot of good, young, talented players out there. We'll see what we need."

Fitzgerald said that some of Michigan's class of 2008 high school players, who are starting their freshman seasons of college ball, will be targeted to play with the Bucks in the future.

The Bucks finished the 2008 season with a 13-3-2 overall record, 13-2-2 against PDL teams, which was the league's top record. Michigan's only PDL losses were to the Toronto Lynx (1-0) in the regular season and to the Kalamazoo Outrage (3-1, overtime) in the Round of 16 of the PDL national tournament.

The team was also the 2006 national champion, finished as the national runner-up in 2007 and has advanced to the PDL national tournament in 12 of the past 13 seasons.

As for potential returning players, Mauro Fuzetti (U-M), Bret Mellon (Tulane), Nosa Iyoha (MSU), Fabien Lewis (Western Massachusetts), Stefan St. Louis (Oakland), Besmir Bega (Drake), Nik Djokic (Livonia Stevenson/Lindsey Wilson), Machel James (Oakland) and Fred Braun (Rochester/Louisville) could all return, but collectively they saw little playing time with the Bucks. Braun missed the year with an injury and Mellon played in just one game as Clark's backup.

Spencer Thompson (MSU), Luke Norman (Rochester Stoney Creek/Wake Forest) and Colin Givens (Troy/Virginia) were all on the preseason roster this year, but left earlier in the season for various reasons.

The Bucks' eldest player, 28-year-old Kenny Uzoigwe, a three-time All-PDL Central pick, currently works for the Bucks organization and may also return. College players interested in trying out for the Bucks in 2009 can obtain information on the Bucks' web site at [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

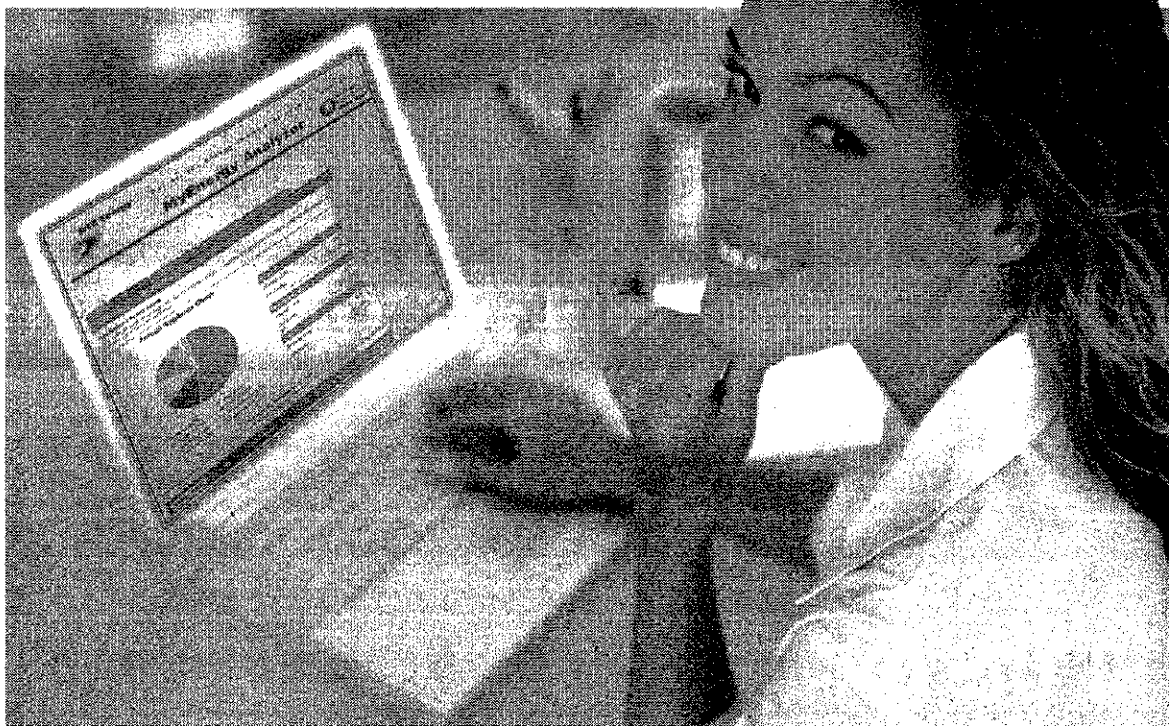
## Bucks land 2 on PDL team

Although the Michigan Bucks did not reach their destination of their third straight national finals appearance of the United Soccer League-Premier Development League, two of the Bucks' stars garnered the highest honor of the 67-franchise PDL.

Attacking midfielder Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College, Ky.) and sweeper Mike Holody (Clarkston/University of Michigan) were named to the PDL Dream Team. They were chosen out of more than 1,600 players from around the U.S. and Canada, mostly collegiate players who play in the league during the summer months.

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# Golf's generation gap?

## Junior McCurley edges senior Johnston for title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If 71-year-old Claud Johnston is any inspiration, 18-year-old Zach McCurley has many good years ahead of himself in the game of golf.

McCurley, the former Belleville High standout and Canton native, repeated as individual medalist last weekend at the City Golf Championships & Challenge held at Fellows Creek G.C. in Canton.

McCurley carded a 76 on Saturday and followed up with a 74 on Sunday for a 150 total to win the tournament over Johnston by two strokes.

Westland golfers, meanwhile, captured the City Challenge portion with a five-player total of 787 led by Johnston's 152. Wayne and Canton were a distant second and third with 863 and 915, respectively.

An errant tee shot on the final hole cost Johnston, who is a well-known in the Michigan Publix and Golf of Michigan Association senior player circles.

"Claud played pretty well," tournament organizer Bill Hawley said. "He's a guy who went to Wayne High and did not play golf in high school - he played baseball."

"He told me he's won city tournaments in the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s, but he wanted to win one in the 2000s. He's a quality player and a real gentleman."

McCurley, who took his first tournament title of the summer after a runner-up and a third, has never been paired with Johnston.

"I heard he's a good golfer, but I've never seen him or played with him," McCurley said of Johnston.

Thunderstorms and rain called the golfers off the course twice during the two-day tournament, which attracted 30 entrants.

"The first day the weather was pretty bad, you saw what happened at the PGA (at Oakland Hills)," said McCurley, who has been busy during the summer playing close to 20 events, mostly of the junior variety. "A lot of putts were not falling. It was not as bad the second day. I just clicked a lot better. I've been working on my irons this summer, but I've been struggling. I finally got some putts to go down (the second day)."

McCurley, who qualified for last June's Division 1 state boys golf finals, would like to continue his golf career at Grand Valley State University. He'll play one more tournament at his club - Pine View C.C. in Ypsilanti - before heading off to school on Aug. 21.

"I haven't gotten a yes or a no from the coach yet about a tryout," he said. "McCurley said. "But that's the plan."

Westland's individual winners included Johnston (championship flight), Tom Kalinowski (first flight) and Bob Decker (senior flight).

Zach McCurley took the championship flight in



Canton's Zach McCurley, a recent Belleville High grad, was the overall medalist at the City Golf Championship & Challenge Tournament with a two-day total of 76-74-150 held last weekend at Fellows Creek G.C.

Canton, while his father Tim McCurley ruled the first flight.

Wayne winners included Ted Salvatori (championship flight) and Doug Tompkins (senior flight).

Sandy Felan (Westland) shot a 173 to repeat as the women's championship flight division, while Darlene Hawley (Wayne) took the women's senior flight.

In the Open Division, Livonian Matt Molnar was first with a two-day total of 167.

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### AREA GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS

#### CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHALLENGE

Aug. 9-10 at Fellows Creek G.C.  
MEN'S DIVISION RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland, 787; 2. Wayne, 863; 3. Canton, 915.

#### TOP WESTLAND FINISHERS

Championship flight: 1. Claud Johnston, 152; 2. Brian Gabbear, 154; 3. Brian Hernos, 155; 4. Don Mullett, 158.  
First flight: 1. (tie) Tom Kalinowski and John Fargo, 169 each; 3. Ray Lanczi, 172.  
Senior flight: 1. Bob Decker, 192; 2. Brian Piarski, 213.

#### TOP WAYNE FINISHERS

Championship flight: 1. Ted Salvatori, 160; 2. Bill Hawley, 162; 3. Mike Lorenz, 181.  
Senior flight: 1. Doug Tompkins, 176; 2. Rick Stoner, 184; 3. Buddy Stover, 191.

#### TOP CANTON FINISHERS

Championship flight: 1. Zach McCurley, 150 (medalist); Bob Selberg, 155; 3. Mike Thompson, 160.  
First flight: 1. Tim McCurley, 164; 2. Ken Eck, 164.

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. Sandy Felan (Westland), 173.  
Senior flight: 1. Darlene Hawley (Wayne), 212; 3. Virgo Sexton (Westland), 216; 3. Linde Grandfield (Canton), 221.

#### OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

MEN: 1. Matt Molnar (Livonia), 167; 2. Greg Gilha, 176; 3. Jerry Maynor, 201.

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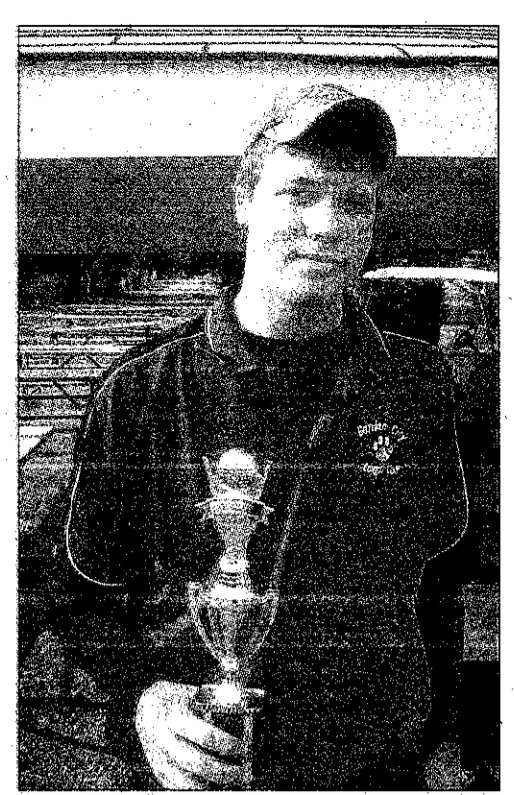
Aug. 10 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

#### BOYS AGE-GROUP RESULTS

17-and-under: 1. Jared Cusmano (Garden City), 77; 2. Cooper Christie (Livonia), 79; 3. Jimmy Vavis (Livonia), 80; 4. Zeb Hancock, 82; 5. Karl Allen, 83; 6. Tyler Jarosz, 85; 7. Thomas Firavich, 87; 8. Josh Perrin, 88; 9. (tie) John Marlow and Drake Herrmann, 90 each; 11. John Selinski, 91; 12. (tie) Jeremy Stover, Jeff Meek, Paul Scott and Jake Allen, 92 each; 16. (tie) Jeff Barton and Dan Wilk, 94 each; 18. (tie) Aaron Nichols, Patrick Stephenson and Josh DiDiminico, 95 each; 21. John Meek, 96; 22. Matt Wilson, 97; 23. Justin Chantres, 101; 24. Jack Chinavare, 104; 25. Scott Bunzeluk, 105; 26. Andrew Seton, 112; 27. Paul Cheerewick, 113; 28. Stephen Kios, 122; 29. Jake Anderson, 132.  
14-and-under: 1. (tie) Sam Studnicka (Northville Township) and Ben Proben (Livonia), 83 each; 3. Nick Proben (Livonia), 85; 4. (tie) Joey Hanba and Andrew Newman, 91 each; 6. Justin Mead and Matt Nanuzkowsky, 97 each; 8. Jacob Whitlow, 98; 9. Max Humitz, 104; 10. Zack Kubiak, 105; 11. Kevin Darcy, 109; 12. (tie) Adam Findlay and Brian Tulpa, 110 each; 14. Erick Anderson, 111; 15. Kaine Marnon, 137.  
12-and-under: 1. Glen Piot (Canton), 88; 2. Danny Vavis (Livonia), 92; 3. Billy Bonanno (Livonia), 103; 4. Justin Bradford, 104; 5. Zack Giampola, 111; 6. Jordan Atienza, 114; 7. Nolan Bradford, 117; 8. Jake Kubiak, 122.  
10-and-under: 1. Kyle Walter (Canton), 81; 2. James Piot (Canton), 90; 3. Mitchell Kubiak (Northville), 118; 4. Ian Knopp, 125; 5. Christian Nabozny, 125; 6. Chase Herrmann, 129; 7. Nathan Atienza, 146.

#### GIRLS AGE-GROUP RESULTS

17-and-under: 1. Marissa Brien (Livonia), 92.  
14-and-under: 1. Christine Bonanno (Livonia), 121; 2. Megan Dwyer, 126; 3. Christine Brien, 127; 4. Katie Gubachy, 128.



### Overall medalist

Garden City's Jared Cusmano came away as the overall individual medalist and the Boys 17-and-under age group champion by carding a 77 on Sunday in the first annual Wolverine Sports & Conservation Junior Tournament held at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course. The free event attracted 70 golfers. See results.

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### AREA GOLF DIVOTS

#### Hole-in-one club

Chuck Meagher, of Livonia, used a 5-wood to ace the 187-yard, No. 8 hole, Aug. 12, at Idyla Golf Course.

For Meagher, who shot a 44, it was his first hole-in-one in 36 years.

#### 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.

#### 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 Maracocini 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 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.

Call Justin Phillips at (517) 641-7421; or e-mail jphillips@michigan.pga.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 lists more than 30 retailers.

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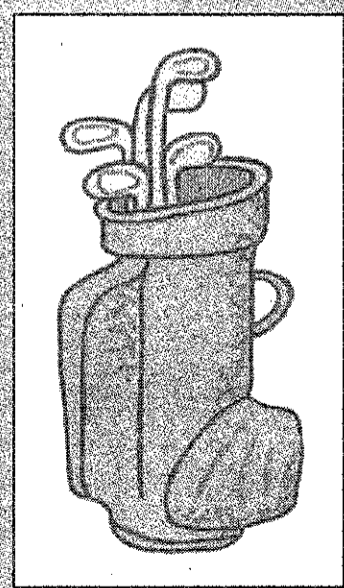
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# Pastor eager to begin new career

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Steven Newton wanted to be sure it wasn't just a mid life crisis when he decided to go into the ministry so he and his wife Sharon prayed about the decision that would take them far away from the Detroit area where they grew up.

Nearly five years later the couple and their children returned home and couldn't be happier. On Sunday, July 27, the 51-year-old Newton was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton.

Newton knew something was missing from his life even though he had landed a good job after graduating from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. For 22 years he worked as a transmission design engineer at General Motors in Ypsilanti.

"I grew up as a Christian but was not strongly committed. The peer pressure was too great. At age 18 I changed and since then always wanted to do what God wanted me to do," said Newton who first began

thinking about the seminary around age 36, while living in Ann Arbor with his wife Sharon who he married 21 years ago.

"I had a young family, was making money at GM and was an elder at my church and saw closer what the pastor had to do to love and serve God. By 42 or 43 I began to take it more seriously."

Before long Sharon, Newton and their sons Aaron and Charlie were moving to St. Louis, Mo. where he studied at Concordia Theological Seminary for three years. The family then moved to Grand Island, Neb. where Newton served his one year as a vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church. On April 22 he accepted the Divine Call to become Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church but had to finish the internship a Trinity Lutheran first. They returned to the Detroit area July 16, and just last week bought a house in Canton where Newton is looking forward to serving as pastor of the church with 120 members.

"First and foremost I want to get to know the brothers and sisters here and build a



Pastor Steven Newton was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton on Sunday, July 27. He is pictured here with his wife Sharon and their sons Aaron, 18 (left), and Charlie, 15.

relationship between them and me," said Newton. "We know the Bible but want to understand it more and how we can impact and interact with the community and serve the community."

While Newton isn't planning any drastic changes at the church, he would like to start a Bible class for adults on Wednesdays come September. Catechism classes for 7th and 8th grade students also begin in the fall.

Newton describes Grace Lutheran as more of a contemporary church with Sunday morning services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. He is currently looking for a guitar player for the contemporary worship team for the 10:30 a.m. service to accompany the drummer,

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Sunday School for children, teens and adults takes place at 9:15 a.m. Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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**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 mbrr1218@aol.com.  
 ■ Tryouts for the Westland Warthogs, a 13-and-under travel baseball team will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23; Wednesday, Aug. 27; Friday, Sept. 5; and Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Wayne-Ford Civic League baseball fields, located at Wayne Road, just south of Ford.

For more information, call Keith Kiesznowski at (734) 846-3513.  
 ■ Tryouts will be staged the next few weeks for the 2009 WaCo Wolves, a 14-and-under team which will play in the 15-and-under division of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association, along with regional events.

The Wolves will start play in early April and end in late July with close to an 80-game schedule which includes the Omaha (Neb.) Slump Buster held during the College World Series.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820.

■ 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@michiganbulldogbaseball.com; or visit www.michbulldogs.com.

**Girls fastpitch tryouts**

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Storm girls fastball softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (10-and 12-and-under) and from 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under), Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 16-17, at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10).

Tryouts for all ages will also be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Bicentennial.

Additional information is posted on www.livoniastorm.com; or e-mail Ken Jewell at kjewell@livoniastorm.com.

For more information, call Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or (313) 350-5183.

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Wild girls fastpitch softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 23, at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Wild will field travel teams for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under levels.

For more information, e-mail Paul Seewald at info@ljal.com.

■ The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold tryouts for 2008-09 on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 16-17; and Saturday, Aug. 23 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10-and-under); 10 a.m. (11- and 12-and-under); 11 a.m. (13- and 14-and-under); and noon (16- and 18-and-under).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based non-profit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8-19.

For more information, contact Ray Barnes at (734) 927-4739; or e-mail Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

**Elks Soccer Shoot**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage

its annual soccer shoot beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which is free.

Age divisions for boys and girls include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

**Punt, Pass & Kick**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage the 2008 Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which is free.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

**Inline hockey tryouts**

Tryouts for the Wayne-Westland combined JV inline hockey team will be from 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at Skateland West, located at Newburgh and Cherry Hills Roads.

You must attend Wayne-Westland Schools and be entering grades 8-11 in Sept. 2008 to be eligible.

For more information, e-mail wwinlinehockey@hotmail.com.

**Adult women's hockey**

An adult women's hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. 3 through Sept. 12) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

Beginners are welcome. No experience necessary.

The registration fee, due by Sept. 12, is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

To register online, visit www.macrh.com.

**Churchill Pompon clinic**

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom-pon team will be offering a pom clinic (ages 6-14) from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Aug. 23, at high school.

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will be performing a routine at a Churchill varsity soccer game.

To register, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

**Baseball Academy**

The Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be conducting showcase sessions for high school players as well as skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

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For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

**Need flag football coach**

A coach is needed for the Garden City Parks & Recreation After-School Program's boys and girls flag football team, which includes fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Games are played 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10 and 11 a.m. Saturdays at Henry Ruff Elementary School with practices after school Mondays and Fridays.

Tryouts for the season will be held the week of Sept. 8. Practices begin in mid-September and the season extends through mid-November.

Those interested in the job should contact Dan Plamondon, recreation supervisor for Garden City Parks & Recreation. He can be reached at (734) 793-1886 or via e-mail at dplamondon@gardencitymi.org.

**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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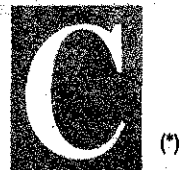
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# Real Estate



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## Troy Holiday Inn proud to have 'gone green'

Holiday Inn-Troy has earned Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) Partner certification from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG).

Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) encourages hotels, resorts, motels, and bed & breakfast facilities to implement environmental initiatives and cost-saving "green" practices to conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality, reduce waste, and participate in environmentally preferred purchasing.

"This accreditation is the mark of environmental responsibility of hoteliers who are committed to 'green' business practices that make environmental and economic goals their top priority," said DLEG Director Keith W. Cooley. "Green Lodging Michigan is also helping to ensure the viability of our lodging facilities and the thousands of jobs related to Michigan's hospitality industry."

Holiday Inn-Troy implemented several environmental initiatives such as installing low flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets. The facility uses safe paints, detergents, and cleaning products and has a comprehensive recycling program which includes specifying the purchase of post consumer recycled content paper supplies. Recently, the hotel completed an energy audit that will help identify other ways to cost effectively reduce energy consumption.

"We are proud to be a part of a growing list of hospitality professionals in Michigan that are 'green,'" said Brett Leiteritz, food and beverage director of the Holiday Inn-Troy, on Rochester Court. "One of the most rewarding aspects of our hotel going 'green' is the opportunity we have to make our guests aware of the ways they can help



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the environment when they travel. Our facility's environmental program also unites our staff, guests, and suppliers with the common goal of creating a culture of environmental awareness."

Green Lodging Michigan is a joint effort between DLEG and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to encourage the lodging industry to conserve and protect the state's natural resources while increasing marketability and lowering utility costs.

"Green Lodging Michigan has been an effective way of including hoteliers in the effort to help Michigan continue as the leader in environ-

mental beauty and abundant natural resources," said Steven E. Chester, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Green Lodging Michigan is a voluntary and non-regulatory certification program offered through the Michigan Energy Office in DLEG to hoteliers at no charge. The Michigan Energy Office and the DEQ provide technical assistance to those who are interested in implementing "green" strategies and earning certification. The GLM program certifies facilities based on environmental initiatives such as air quality, energy efficiency, solid waste reduction, toxic waste management,

water conservation, purchasing and communication. There are three levels of certification: Partner, Steward, and Leader, which can be earned by completing a self-assessment checklist and achieving a minimum number of requirements and points.

The Michigan Energy Office promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy resource development to Michigan's residents, businesses, and public institutions. For more information about the Green Lodging Michigan program and to download the GLM application packet and self-assessment checklist, visit the Web site at [www.michigan.gov/greenlodging](http://www.michigan.gov/greenlodging).

## Avoid fair housing violation on dog

**Q:** We have a dog in our community who is being used for the "support" of the co-owner and we are concerned about the ramifications of the Fair Housing Act. Do you have any comments?

**A:** You certainly should be concerned about precluding a homeowner from keeping a support animal in their



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townhouse even though your community is subject to a restriction prohibiting dogs. You may well have violated the Federal Fair Housing

Amendment Act if in fact the person is disabled. In a recent Florida case, the person was disabled by diabetes and depression and the court granted an injunction requiring that the association allow the dog, assert certain limitations on the use of the dog in the premises, as well as making the homeowner accept responsibility for any damage to the common areas the dog caused.

**Q:** We have a condominium association that has a prohibition on "for sale" signs in the window. Our real estate agent put it in. Do we have a basis to stop the association from interfering with us?

**A:** Probably not, based upon a recent case from the State of Georgia. In that case, a homeowner claimed that the prohibition against signs did not apply to a real estate agent's right to erect a "for sale" sign on the property. The court rejected her claim stating that the agent may not do any more than his or her principal and that the agent, therefore, lacked the authority to erect the sign on the homeowner's behalf. You certainly should be concerned. The court also rejected the homeowner's argument that the restrictive covenant was an unenforceable restraint on trade. You are likely to get a similar result in Michigan.

**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](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## Housing legislation greeted with praise in industry

Landmark housing legislation signed into law July 30 by President Bush is aimed at ending the current cyclical downturn in the housing industry, helping homebuyers and strapped borrowers and strengthening the housing finance system.

The legislation contains several provisions to get home buyers back into the marketplace, stop the slide in home prices, provide a lifeline to borrowers facing foreclosure, improve mortgage liquidity and bolster confidence in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd, D-Conn., a chief architect of the bill, calls it "the most important piece of housing legislation in a generation."

### TAX CREDIT CENTERPIECE

The centerpiece of the housing bill is a temporary, \$7,500 first-time homebuyer tax credit for the purchase of any home. The tax credit will stimulate home buying, reduce excess supply in housing markets and shore up home prices.

"A similar federal housing tax credit was used in the mid-1970s which stimulated housing purchases and reduced housing inventories by nearly 50 percent, virtually overnight," according to Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), located in Farmington Hills. "Reducing existing inventories helps stimulate new home construction making this new legislation's combination of tax credits and related reforms

a significant benefit for the working families in southeast Michigan."

He went on to note that a large selection of new construction homes is available in every price range, throughout southeastern Michigan. Information on these homes can be found year round at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org), through Aug. 18 at [www.BuyinJulyMichigan.com](http://www.BuyinJulyMichigan.com) and beginning on Aug. 15, at [www.BIAparadeofhomes.com](http://www.BIAparadeofhomes.com).

According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the tax credit can be used for homes purchased between April 9, 2008 and July 1, 2009. It is expected to provide a significant — and temporary — financial incentive for home buyers. To qualify, you must actually close on

the sale of the home during this period.

The \$7,500 tax credit is available for first-time homebuyers only, defined as a buyer who has not owned a home during the past three years. All U.S. citizens who file taxes are eligible to participate in the program.

There are income limits to eligibility for the tax credit. Homebuyers who file as single or head-of-household taxpayers can claim the full \$7,500 credit if their adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than \$75,000. For married couples filing a joint return, the income limit doubles to \$150,000. Single or head-of-household taxpayers who earn between \$75,000 and \$95,000 are eligible to receive a partial first-time home buyer

tax credit. Married couples who earn between \$150,000 and \$170,000 are eligible to receive a partial first-time home buyer tax credit. The credit is not available for single taxpayers whose AGI is greater than \$95,000 and married couples with an AGI that exceeds \$170,000.

### TAX CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE

A refundable credit means that if you pay less than \$7,500 in federal income taxes, then the government will write you a check for the difference. For example, if you owe \$5,000 in federal income taxes, you would pay nothing to the IRS and receive a \$2,500 payment from the government. If you are due

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 14-18, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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4825 Eastbridge Dr	\$221,000
45659 Hanford Rd	\$220,000
1540 Hereford	\$299,000
8410 Holly Dr	\$92,000
8766 Mannington Rd	\$151,000
716 Sorel Dr	\$225,000
41083 Westfield Cir	\$205,000
Farmington	
31930 Lamar Dr	\$148,000
32172 Loomis Dr	\$163,000
33254 Tall Oaks Ct	\$189,000

Farmington Hills	
33114 Biddestone Ln	\$306,000
22278 Cape Cod Way	\$86,000
21618 Colgate St	\$149,000
22343 Inkster Rd	\$130,000
36577 Martel Ct	\$215,000
34383 Oak Forest Dr	\$227,000
31548 Orchard Crk	\$87,000
20863 Orchard Lake Rd	\$36,000
37876 Thames Dr	\$207,000
29272 Wyncham Ct	\$280,000
Livonia	
20157 Angling St	\$140,000
8842 Merriman Rd	\$101,000
29667 Nottingham Cir	\$115,000
35936 Summers St	\$150,000
Milford	
1025 Byron Dr	\$175,000
1161 Marjorie St	\$75,000
4900 McCarthy St	\$470,000
720 Milford Glen Dr	\$255,000
644 Mill St	\$219,000
300 N Hickory Ridge Trl	\$146,000

1933 Scenic Dr	\$423,000
430 Walnut Rdg	\$210,000
953 Winding Way	\$370,000
Northville	
44965 Broadmoor Cir S	\$384,000
17029 Carriage Way	\$358,000
21031 Glen Haven Circle	\$115,000
550 High St	\$600,000
19170 Northridge Dr	\$122,000
48791 Running Trout Ln	\$386,000
1002 Whitegate Dr	\$336,000
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24974 Acorn Trl	\$490,000
50690 Amesburg Dr	\$612,000
30378 Balfour Dr	\$370,000
31247 Barrington Dr	\$208,000
42813 Brookstone Dr	\$309,000
41893 Canterbury Dr	\$150,000
24517 Cavendish Ave E	\$420,000
24093 Elizabeth Ln	\$290,000
43096 Emerson Way	\$260,000
46229 Galway Dr	\$540,000
28930 Hearthstone Dr	\$255,000

42103 Malott	\$345,000
27149 Maxwell Ct	\$295,000
44727 Midway Dr	\$290,000
24957 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$470,000
1620 W Lake Dr	\$140,000
24271 Weatherhervane Ct	\$220,000
Plymouth	
448 N Sheldon Rd	\$360,000
11718 Parkview Dr	\$170,000
849 Penniman Ave	\$119,000
1083 Ross St	\$190,000
Redford	
12093 Columbia	\$80,000
19493 Garfield	\$81,000
17261 Lennane	\$138,000
24476 Schoolcraft	\$75,000
South Lyon	
840 Glen Meadows Dr	\$235,000
26438 Great Plains Dr	\$305,000
23933 Winged Foot Way	\$355,000
Westland	
8023 Donna St	\$144,000



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There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

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 continues at the Taylor location on Thursday, Aug. 14, with "The Benefits of Government Lending" 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.

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 head-

quarters. 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.

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 firsthand 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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To receive a \$1,000 tax refund from the government, your refund would grow to \$8,750 (\$1,000 plus \$7,500 from the homebuyer tax credit).

Buyers can take the tax credit in their 2008 or 2009 tax return. If you purchased the home in 2008, the tax credit is taken on your 2008 tax return. If you buy in 2009, you have the option of taking the credit on your 2008 or 2009 tax returns.

TYPES OF HOMES THAT QUALIFY

All homes, whether single-family, townhomes or condominium apartments will qualify, provided that the home will be used as a principal residence and the buyer has not owned a home in the prior three years. This also includes newly-constructed homes.

PAYBACK PROVISIONS

The tax credit essentially serves as an interest-free loan to be repaid over 15 years. For example, a homebuyer claiming a \$7,500 credit would repay the credit at \$500 per year. However, the buyer doesn't have to start repaying the credit until two years after the tax year in which the credit is claimed.

If the home owner sold the home, then the remaining credit would be due from the profit of the home sale. If there was insufficient profit, then the remaining credit payback would be forgiven.

Other key elements of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, include:

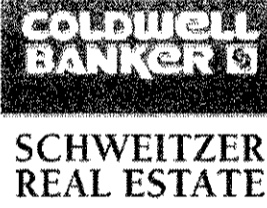
NAHB has launched a new Web site, www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com, which includes a set of comprehensive questions and answers about how the credit works and how consumers can put it to their advantage.

To address the foreclosure crisis, the FHA is given additional authority to insure up to \$300 billion of mortgages to refinance loans headed for foreclosure.

GSE (government-sponsored enterprise) reform. The law reforms the regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and permanently increases the conforming loan limit to help buyers in high-cost markets.

Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. The measure gives states the ability to issue an additional \$11 billion in mortgage revenue bonds, which will help strapped borrowers seeking to refinance their home loans.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Enhancing this program will expand the supply of much-needed affordable rental housing.



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CANTON \$175,000. Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA Home in Great sub. For lease. Spacious open flr plan. New carpet t/o. Hdw'd frs in entry, hall & Dining Rm. Min 1 yr lease. MLS # 28100377

CANTON TOWNSHIP \$240,000. 2 stry foyer, great rm w/vaulted ceiling, hrwd flr, spacious kitchen, 1st flr mstr ste, finished lower level for entertaining, deck, & gazebo. MLS # 28130728

CANTON TWP. \$215,000. 2 Bed/2.1 bath, walk-in closets, loft/study, hwd flr, unfin daylight bsmt w/bath rough-ins, great rm, formal din rm, 2 car att gar, faces courtyard. MLS # 28104053

DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$85,000. 3 Bed, 1 Bath, remodel. Kitchen w/maple cabinets, remodel. bath, newer roof & windows, newer patio & fence, new berber carpet, big backyard & 2 car gar. MLS # 28124247

DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$1,450 MO. 3 Bed/2.1 bath, mstr bath w/jetted tub, great rm w/gas fireplace, kitchen w/hwd floor, c/a, nice deck, 2 car attached garage, pets welcome. MLS # 28117781

DETROIT \$65,000. 3 Br house w/lots of updates including: furnace, water htr, 1st flr win, Kit flr, freshly painted, fin bsmt & more! Home warranty incl. MLS # 28120967

FARMINGTON HILLS \$219,000. 2.33 acres with tons of potential! New roof, all appls stay, frm'l dining area & Living Room, wooded lot & shed for storage. MLS # 28120966

FARMINGTON HILLS \$194,900. Gorgeous condo. Lge Kit w/Laminate, new counters, & dark oak cabs, grt rm w/recd lghts & drwl to patio, lg mstr ste w/dbl dr entry. MLS # 28121130

FARMINGTON HILLS \$1,750/mo. Fantastic spacious 3 bed, 3 bath w/over 2100 sq ft features updated kit, huge deck, fin base, incredible mstr ste in great fam sub. Min 1 yr lease. MLS # 28128784

FARMINGTON HILLS \$1,650/mo. Spacious colonial for lease. 3 beds, 2.5 baths, fam rm w/fire, finished basement, dining room, updated kit w/all appl, deck and patio. Min 1 yr lease. MLS # 28132582

MILFORD TWP. \$300,000. 3 Bed/3.1 bath, on gorgeous wooded over 2 acre parcel, remodel kitchen, w/o w/1,800 sq ft, wet bar, new multi-level deck, pond w/fish, patio w/firepit. MLS # 28126496

NORTHVILLE \$395,000. Kit w/hwd flrs & dble oven, Liv & Din w/crwn mldg, vlt'd Fam Rm w/gas Frpl & 2nd drwl, vlt'd mstr ste w/glam bath, Fin LL. MLS # 28121196

NORTHVILLE \$300,000. 3 Bed/2 bath, newer roof, deck w/awning, central vac., gr. Rm. w/skylights, intercom, fin. LL w/wet bar, bath, rec. rm., office w/closets & 2 car gar. MLS # 28129022

NORTHVILLE \$140,000. 2 Bed/2 bath, backs to woods, great rm. w/cathedral ceiling, kitchen open to great rm. w/maple cabinets, pool & clubhouse in complex. MLS # 28087747

NOVI \$285,000. Pristine inside & out! Freshly painted, new carpet & flooring throughout, great rm w/vaulted ceiling, formal dining rm, deck, gazebo & more! MLS # 28131992

NOVI \$195,000. Stylish Novi condo with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open floor plan. Great room, gas fireplace, custom mantle, crown molding. Finished walkout. Many extras! MLS # 28119972

NOVI \$175,000. 3 Bed/1.1 bath, turnaround driveway, deep lot, upd lighting & baths, newer c/a & furnace, updated kitchen, new storm windows on 1st flr, 2 car gar. MLS # 28128144

PLYMOUTH \$400,000. Dramatic 2 story foyer, gourmet kitchen w/oversized center island, finished lower level, new carpet, new paint, deck w/hot tub & more! MLS # 28125868

REDFORD \$120,000. Updates Galora. Redford beauty. Huge kit w/pergo ceiling, kitchen open to great rm. w/his/her closets, prof fin LL w/ bar, full bath & tons of storage! MLS # 28121014

REDFORD \$114,900. Home has it all. Close to park. Updated Kit w/ all appls, upstairs mstr, hrdwd flrs in bd rms & Liv Rm, Fin LL w/ bar, half Ba & 50" TV incl, 2 car gar. MLS # 28120998

REDFORD \$94,900. Home has it all. Updates incl new carpet, paint, bath & more, huge Fam Rm w/wood burning stove, Liv Rm w/crwn mldg, huge fenced dble lot. MLS # 28120989

SHELBY \$99,900. Vacant land. You will not find a deal like this anywhere!! Build your custom dream home or let our builder design an architectural masterpiece. MLS # 28121221

SOUTH LYON \$269,000. Well maintained 4 BR, 2.1 BA Ranch on .acre. Hwd flrs in foyer & Din Rm, bright Kit flows into brkfst Rm and FR w/gas FP. Open Fin bsmt w/bar. MLS # 28129094

SOUTH LYON \$195,000. Low maintenance triplex easy access to all areas. Stove & fridge in each unit. Parking in front of each unit. Great land contract terms available. MLS # 27214033

WATERFORD \$189,900. PACK YOUR BOXES! This immaculate 4 Bedroom and 2.5 Bath home has a 2 Story Vaulted Great Room, Backs to Woods for Privacy, Call for BONUS! MLS # 28104811







