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Aloha, Luau!

Annette Steffke of Canton, and Darcy Beagan of Westland are hosting a "Hawaiian Luau" fund-raiser at the VFW Hall in Westland 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 26.

Ticket price is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Price includes pizza and refreshments, DJ Alex, raffles, games, prizes and a silent auction. Proceeds from the fund-raiser go to the Susan G. Komen 3Day/60 mile walk they are doing in August.

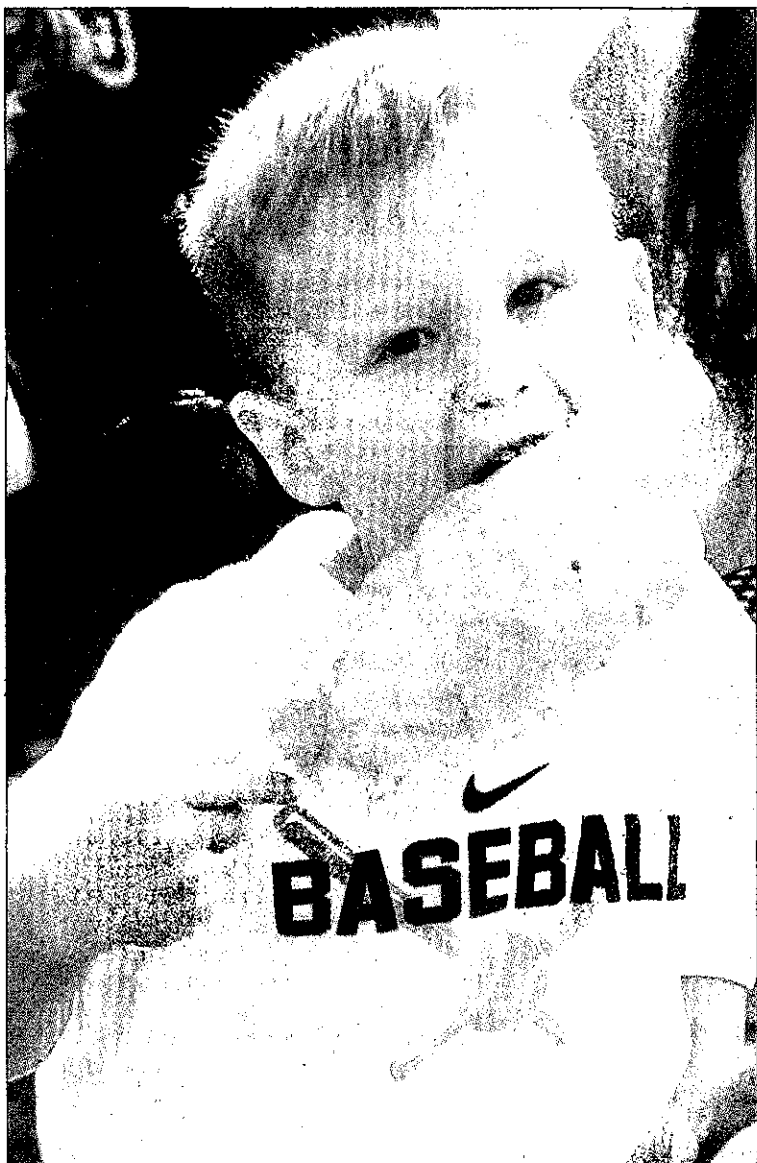
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Cars for a cure

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill hosts a classic car show and silent auction 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 26, to raise money and awareness in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. The senior community will host approximately 25 classic cars provided by Americas Most Wanted Car Club as well as a silent auction with items donated from local businesses. All proceeds from the event will be given to the Alzheimer's Association's Greater Michigan Chapter to provide education, training and support services for individuals with Alzheimer's and their families in the local community. For more information, call Christian Mimler, (248) 865-2717.

No wet blanket

Rainy weather conditions can't dampen Liberty Fest spirits



Dylan Jablonski enjoys a treat while watching the parade.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Huge crowds flocked to Canton's 18th annual Liberty Fest, applauding a parade along Ford Road, delighting in a flurry of activities in Heritage Park and watching in awe as an impressive fireworks display capped the three-day event.

Rainy weather dampened Friday evening's events but didn't keep the Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation from selling some 660 spaghetti dinners.

More on Liberty Fest, page A8 Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist, said

Friday evening's weather pretty much shut down the festival around 7 p.m., canceling performances and other events that people had hoped to attend. But she said the rest of weekend was a success.

"I think we can't call it anything but a success," she said. "Every year the crowds get larger. Over the course of the weekend we probably had upwards of 20,000 people — and that number could be higher."

Provenzano acknowledged that it's virtually impossible to estimate the crowd size, but she and others described this year's event as possibly the largest yet.

Although the festival grounds remained damp Saturday morning, it didn't douse the spirits of another charitable group, America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton, which rolled into Heritage Park with some 125 classic cars.

"It was a little wet out there, but everything turned out nice," club President Ben Fontana said. "We had a good time, and there were a lot of



Liberty Fest Parade Princess Harshita Jalluri enjoys the pancake breakfast before the parade.

people."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy on Monday still was hearing from festival goers who complimented Liberty Fest.

"They all seemed to be extremely happy," he said. "I think it went great. I'm just excited and very proud of the efforts of all the township folks who worked so hard to make it happen."

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Ann Donawick of the Canton Garden Club enjoys the parade.

Annual awards get a 'Rize' out of officers

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Celebrating his 51st birthday Monday, Kevin Rize received the gift of a lifetime as he was named Canton Township Police Officer of the Year.

A 24-year veteran of Canton's 87-member police force, Rize humbly described himself as "surprised" he was singled out by his peers for one of the department's highest honors.

Rize and dozens of officers took the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to receive a wide array of awards and commendations during the department's 23rd annual ceremony.

"This is not a good police department. This is a great police department," Public Safety Director John Santomauro told a crowd of 150 family members and supporters that attended the event.

The ceremony came one week



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Township Police Officer of the Year Kevin Rize.

after the Canton Fire Department honored its best.

A statement by Santomauro honored Rize — a patrol officer and

department trainer — for having "a strong work ethic, an excellent attitude and the highest degree of professionalism."

Rize, nominated for his award by Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden, developed the Canton department's defensive tactics program, and he has taken that training to police forces as far away as England and Saudi Arabia. He has served as Canton's leading firearms instructor and also trained his peers in the areas of felony traffic stops, Taser use and emergency vehicle operations.

Praised as a natural leader in his department, Rize received a standing ovation as he accepted his award Monday. His wife, Sherry, and daughters Amanda, 22, and Caitlyn, 17, looked on.

"I'm very proud of him," Sherry Rize said later. "I really feel that he deserves it. He's a good family man, and he has a good work ethic."

On a large screen above the stage Monday, images of the Canton

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Probation deal angers women's advocate group

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A suspended Detroit police officer who had been charged with firing shots and trying to kill his ex-girlfriend inside her Canton home has been placed on probation for one year — a move that has angered at least one women's advocacy group.

Gary Allen Steele, 42, was sentenced Tuesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin after earlier pleading no contest to a misdemeanor charge of reckless discharge of a firearm.

Steele, off duty when he was accused of attacking Kimberly Ann Golematis in March 2008, could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had been convicted of original charges including torture,



Steele

Prosecutor Maria Miller said, but the victim had said during an earlier preliminary hearing that Steele was "a good person who made a really bad choice."

Nonetheless, a network calling itself the Michigan Officer Involved Domestic Violence Corp. has criticized what it considers a two-tiered system that favors law-enforcement officers charged with such crimes.

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assault with intent to murder and other felony counts.

Golematis didn't appear for Tuesday's sentencing, Assistant

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but the victim had said during an earlier preliminary hearing that Steele was "a good person who made a really bad choice."

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"It is an outrage," the group's director, Renee Harrington,

said. "I can't believe this man was looking at charges carrying life in prison and got probation. What is the message that this has given other victims and police officers?"

Harrington said the advocacy group had contacted state legislators and other officials to try to intervene before Tuesday's sentencing — but she said no response was received.

Steele, who earlier spent months in jail before he was able to post bond, could have faced 90 days in jail when he was sentenced Tuesday. He was ordered by Boykin not to contact the victim.

Miller said Boykin accepted the no contest plea because there's still potential for civil action against Steele.

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"The plea was offered by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in the best interests of justice," Miller said.

Steele remains suspended and still could face other disciplinary actions, according to the Detroit Police Department.

Golematis testified during an earlier preliminary hearing that Steele choked her,

straddled her when she fell to the ground and fired shots near the left side of her head. The incident happened when Steele went to her home to get the last of his belongings after their relationship dissolved.

Golematis earlier testified that Steele appeared to "snap" back to reality after she told him that he was hurting her. She said he told her that he loved her and "would do anything for us."

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CORRECTION

Two pictures of Canton firefighters in Sunday's *Observer* were inadvertently transposed. The top picture was of Matthew Long, who won the department's Ironman Award during a recent awards ceremony. The bottom picture was of Firefighter of the Year Kevin Henderson. The men appeared with Public Safety Director John Santomauro and Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.



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Pompon picks

Auditions for the Canton High School Chieftettes were conducted recently and the squad has been formalized for next year. The new Varsity Chieftettes include (back row, from left) Abby Rice, Allie Stephens, Megan Young, Kara Bureau, Maggie Kokoszka, Ashley Polydoros, Renee Janisse, Julia Beydoun, Sarah Mabie, Ashley Garvin, Tori Parrelly, Sarah Lindlbauer, Samantha Juback, Melissa Webster, Nicole Webster; (front row) Eva Debeliso, Melissa Krug, Lexie MacDiarmid, Kirsten Holland, Kayla Channell, Emily Bouse, Courney Simpson, Alex Brekke and Lindsey Mason.

Preschool open house

The Goddard School will host an Open House on Friday June 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The school provides educational programs year round for children 6 weeks old through kindergarten. It is located at 6697 North Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren Roads.

Registration is now open for summer and fall programs. For more information contact Jennifer, Ashleigh or Carl at (734) 454-4737, or on-line at www.goddardschool.com/Schools/Canton-MI/Schools.gsp

Classic car show

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The show is located at 42600 Cherry Hill in Canton from 5-8 p.m.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

Gypsy jazz

On Saturday June 27, Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble will perform their "Gypsy Jazz" at The Village Theatre in Canton.

They are on tour promoting their self titled release "Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble" on Hot String Swing Records. The Village Theatre located at 50400 Cherry Hill. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Caravan G.S.E. is an instrumental acoustic jazz group based out of Madison, Wisconsin. They are primarily influenced by the legendary Gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt. The ensemble also pulls influences from jazz, swing, European folk, traditional Latin, Parisian waltz, and other vintage-jazz sources. Expect a range of tunes from the "Hot Swing" repertoire, originals and standards done in uniquely arranged styles.

Spotlight auditions

The Spotlight Players are getting ready to present *Oliver*, written by Lionel Bart and directed by Barbara Bloom.

Auditions take place Sunday, July 12 (for youth up to age 16). Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Auditions for

all adult roles (age 16 and over) are Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, registration each night begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are September 18-20, 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 504300 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlight-playersmi.org.

Rock opera

8th Wonder Theatre at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents a new work, *Video Games: A Rock Opera*, July 10-12 and July 16-18.

Local musician, R. Mackenzie Lewis wrote the music and directs Video Games. The book is by Stu Rase and it is choreographed by Brian Carbine. The play, according to Lewis, is "about two brothers, Tony and Anthony, who venture into a video game world via a portal in their living room to follow a near-sighted ninja who captured Anthony's love interest."

Performances are 8 p.m. July 10; 2 and 8 p.m. July 11; 2 p.m. July 12; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. July 16; 8 p.m. July 17; and 2 and 8 p.m. July 18.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill (at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads) in Canton.

Tickets can be purchased at The Summit at The Park or by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or at the door. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth.

Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville
- 1-2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road
- 3-4 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., in Plymouth
- 6-8 p.m. at 129 W. Liberty St. in Plymouth

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft

their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/art-craft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Hazardous waste day

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Northville Public Works, located at 650 Doheny Drive, north of Seven Mile and east of South Main Street. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include; commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first-graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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Lt. Debra Newsome received the Director's Recognition Award.

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department's uniform patch and a U.S. flag could alternately be seen. Two police motorcycles had been positioned on stage, and two police vehicles were parked in front of the theater.

Early on, Salem High School student Melissa Bowling per-

formed the national anthem, and student Mark Widak later played *Taps* following a moment of silence for fallen officers. As always, the department remembered its own officer, Gordon "Lew" Stevens, who was killed in the line of duty July 23, 2003. He had stopped to investigate an abandoned car when his own vehicle was struck.

On Monday, officers received awards for their work last year on cases ranging from

robberies to home invasions to the gruesome beheading of 26-year-old Daniel Sorsensen in a Canton garage.

Santomauro remarked that heroes are perceived in many forms, but he urged the crowd to "look in your own community" to realize that public safety officers, as much as anyone, are routinely performing heroic jobs.

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Officer Jacob Krogmeier, PSSO Kathleen Gazie and Officer Sara Boritzki, were among several groups to receive a Lifesaving award.

Doctor: Orlewicz 'operated in fear'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Defense attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contends the testimony of Birmingham psychiatrist Gerald Shiener would have been enough for a Wayne County jury to find her client, Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz, not guilty in his first-degree murder trial last year.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jeffrey Caminsky obviously doubts it, painting Shiener's testimony as nothing more than a regurgitation of the things Orlewicz told him during a series of interviews following Orlewicz's arrest November 2007 arrest.

The two lawyers waded through more than four hours of Shiener's testimony Friday in a hearing on Jacobs' request for a new trial.

Her client, Orlewicz, was convicted last year of killing and beheading 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. Orlewicz claimed self-defense at trial, but the jury didn't buy it and convicted him on charges of first-degree murder and felony murder. Orlewicz is serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

The judge in the original trial, Annette Berry, refused to allow Shiener's testimony. Jacobs said in court Friday her client would have been acquitted had the doctor been allowed to testify.

"If (Shiener) had been allowed to testify, I believe the jury would have come back with a verdict of not guilty due to self-defense," Jacobs said.

Shiener's report, which he said was based on an examination of police reports and interviews with Orlewicz, concluded the teen was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he lured



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A psychiatrist testified Friday convicted killer J.P. Orlewicz was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he killed Daniel Sorensen in November 2007.

Sorensen to his grandfather's garage in Canton, stabbed him multiple times, then beheaded him and dumped his body in a Northville field and set it on fire.

The fear, the doctor testified, grew from Orlewicz's belief Sorensen was involved with organized crime. The doctor said Orlewicz also told him Sorensen threatened his girlfriend and family.

Caminsky doesn't believe the doctor's testimony would have

changed anything.

"The defense has to show (Shiener's) testimony would have made a difference," Caminsky said. "I don't believe that's true."

The hearing will continue before Judge Bruce Morrow. It was moved from Berry's docket because of strong statements she made about Orlewicz while sentencing him following the original trial.

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Seeking help

The University of Michigan Department of Public Safety is asking for help identifying this man, who is one of two suspects accused of using a stolen bank card to buy merchandise at places including the Canton Meijer store. It was stolen during a larceny from an auto on June 10. The suspects were driving what was described as an older model, possibly a Ford Taurus, dark in color, possibly blue. Anyone who has information is asked to call the U-M public safety tip line at (800) 863-1355.

Canton joins state's drunken driving patrol

Canton police will join law enforcement agencies across Michigan for beefed-up patrols against drunken driving June 26 through July 5. The special enforcement, dubbed Over the Limit, Under Arrest, includes the Fourth of July holiday weekend when some people tend to drink too much during parties, picnics and celebrations. Last year, 14 motorists died in Michigan over the holiday weekend, with five deaths involving alcohol and three linked to motorists

not using seat belts. "We want people to enjoy themselves and be responsible," Canton police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said. "By stepping up enforcement during the holiday season, we can keep motorists safe by removing drunk drivers from the roadways." In Michigan, a driver can be arrested with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. A drunken driving conviction can be costly and comes with assorted penalties including

finer, legal fees, driver responsibility fees, court costs and higher insurance rates. "Not driving drunk is so much easier than getting behind the wheel after drinking too much," Hilden said. "Penalties can be avoided by designating a sober driver, taking a cab or spending the night at a friend's house." Extra police patrols during the special enforcement are funded by federal grants from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Police help pet pig find its way home

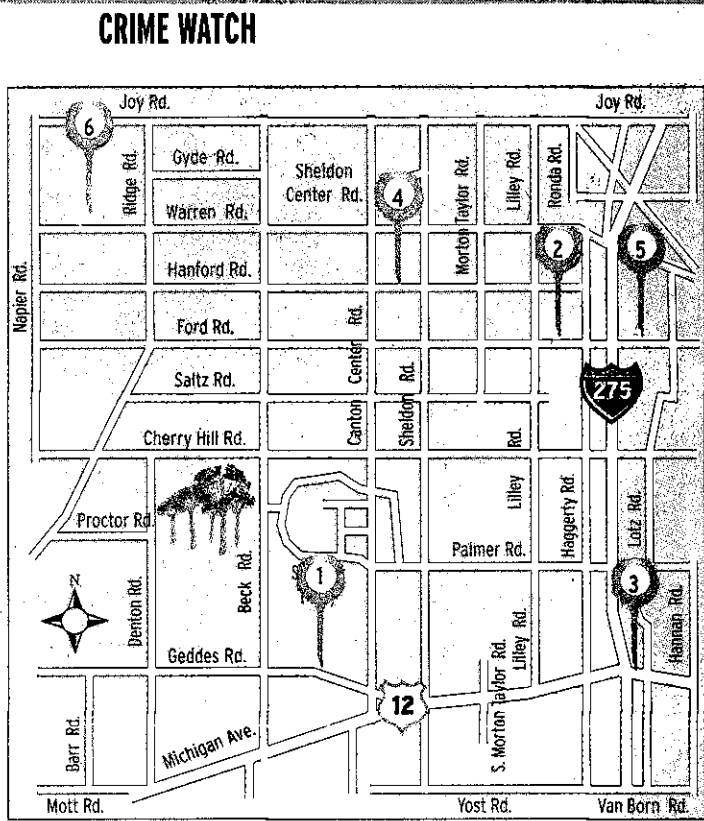
This little piggy went to market. Actually, it went into someone's back yard for a second time on Geddes west of Canton Center Road. A man who lives at the house called police around 6:20 p.m. Saturday to report that the pig, called Bacon Bits, was loose again in his yard. An officer just happened to know where the pet pig resided and contacted the owner, who apologized for Bacon Bits' behavior and took him home. It was reported by police that "this little piggy went wee, wee, wee all the way home."

Party store break-in

Police were investigating a break-in that happened between 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday at Party Land, a store on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty. A man from the store told police that someone broke into the store through a ceiling, pried open a cash register and took \$250. Some ceiling tiles had caved in during the incident, and police also said the intruder tried unsuccessfully to break through a wall to another business next door.

Gas drive-off

Canton police were called to the Shell gas station on Michigan Avenue east of I-275 after a motorist drove off without paying for fuel around 2:15 p.m. Saturday. The driver had pumped \$32.46 in gas into what was described as a red Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The car was last seen heading in the direction of I-275 north. Another customer told police that the thief narrowly missed hitting his vehicle while driving off.



Broken windows

A custodian reported that vandals broke out three windows at Discovery Middle School, on Hanford between Canton Center and Sheldon, sometime between 5:45 p.m. Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Nothing was reported taken.

Retail fraud

Police issued tickets to two suspects accused of a retail fraud around 12:01 a.m. Monday at the Wal-Mart store on Ford Road, east of I-275.

An employee saw the suspects enter the store, choose a DVD and go into a bathroom. One suspect is accused of concealing the item in his pants while the other kept watch. The employee approached the suspects outside the store, and they voluntarily returned and waited until police arrived.

Home invasion

A resident on Thornwood, north of

Warren between Napier and Ridge, reported that someone entered his home through a garage door that had been unlocked between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. last Friday. Items missing included a 42-inch LCD television, a woman's wedding band, an engagement ring and two other rings.

Property destroyed

A man told police that someone broke into his mobile home on Old Michigan Avenue, south of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and I-275, sometime between 9:30 p.m. June 18 and 9 a.m. June 19. Police said entry was gained through a rear window. The intruder or intruders broke a window, used golf clubs to smash holes in a bedroom wall and break cabinets, and splashed paint around the residence, according to police.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from reports filed with the Canton Police Department.

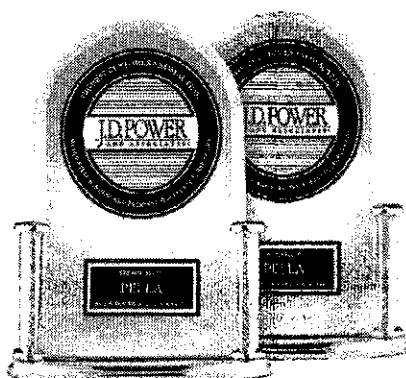
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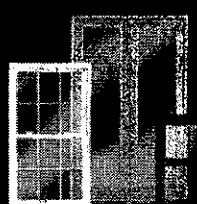
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NEWS BRIEFS

Museum gets 'Whimsical' for youngsters

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author.

"Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday" starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history about the city of Plymouth.

The schedule:

- On July 1, Plymouth Historical Museum's Education Coordinator Anna Lopez reads *Footsteps in History*, a short historical story about Plymouth and how our community changed and grew to become the great area it is today.

- On July 8, Peggy Price Heiney reads her book about a teddy bear experiencing his own adventures after his companion Elizabeth forgets to take him back home with her to Seattle following a vacation at her Grandpa's house in northern Michigan. Heiney's book, *Lonely Teddy*, is available on Amazon.com.

- On July 15, first-time children's book author Beth Conway shares Rachel's story in her book *Rachel and the Magic Beads*. While on vacation with a dear friend and her family, the idea to write a book about Rachel, her friend's child with Down syndrome, was born. While Rachel's brother Johnny watched as his sister danced around with her beads, the author and he decided they wanted to capture her fun in this little book. Twenty percent of the proceeds of the sale of the book go to an organization called the "Belle Center" in Chicago, which mainstreams children with disabilities.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of



Artists wishing to exhibit in the Fine Arts Exhibition at Village Theater at Cherry Hill are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration.

admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit. For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

Fine Arts exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton will once again host the annual Fine Arts Exhibition featuring works by some of the most interesting established and emerging talents in the area. Now in its 17th year, the annual Fine Arts Exhibit is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Artists wishing to exhibit are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration. Entry forms are now available online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or artists may request an application form by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at (734) 394-5300, Ext. 8.

All media is accepted. Slides and digital image files will be accepted for review.

Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet wide or 6 feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet x 5 feet x 6 feet and 200 pounds in weight. These original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. Entry fees are \$15 for each submitted piece. All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21 to be eligible for consideration.

This year the competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: Best of Show - \$750; Second Place - \$500; Third Place - \$300; 2 Honorable Mentions of \$100 each, and 4 Merit Awards of \$50 each.

"This will be a great opportunity to view works by many popular artists in one location," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator. "We are delighted to offer our gallery for this special exhibition that will help introduce our community to the wonderful work of these talented artists."

For more information, please call 734/394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater.

Funeral planning can ease strain on loved ones

A few weeks ago, I was talking to a client who unexpectedly had to bury a spouse. In the process of arranging the funeral he said he was in a very vulnerable situation and felt some people used that for their benefit. He asked for my advice in pre-planning a funeral.

Although it is a topic that most of us avoid having to talk about, the reality is that we are all going to leave this great earth some day. Since we generally do not know the timing of our demise, it is a good idea to plan ahead. After all, during our lifetime we try to do the best we can for our loved ones. Why not make our passing as easy as possible on them?

One issue people run into when making funeral arrangements immediately after a death is that they do not want to appear cheap. Whether it is deciding on the type of casket or other amenities associated with a funeral, the prices add up. One of the great benefits of pre-planning a funeral is it gives one the opportunity to be cost-sensitive. Funerals can be expensive but pre-planning can help mitigate the cost.

If you are thinking about



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

pre-planning your funeral, there are a few issues to consider. The first is the type of funeral arrangements that you want. Do you want your remains cremated or do you want to be buried? In addition, you need to decide on the funeral home and the type of service that you desire. Many people are no longer choosing a traditional service at a funeral home instead opting for a graveside service. If you decide on burial, another important issue is the casket. In the past, the only way to purchase a casket was through the funeral home. Caskets from a funeral home are a high-profit margin item and it is not unusual for caskets to be marked up 500-700 percent.

When I talk about pre-planning a funeral, I'm not necessarily referring to pre-paying. If you are considering pre-paying your funeral there are some things that you must consider. First, in today's world where people are constantly on the

move, what happens if you no longer live in your community? If you have prepaid through one funeral home can that money be refunded or transferred to another? In addition, determine what happens if the funeral home goes out of business. Do you have the right at any point in time to cancel your contract and get a refund? If you do decide to prepay your funeral you need to do some homework. Check with the Better Business Bureau and the Michigan attorney general's office.

Death, dying and funerals are subjects that no one likes to discuss, however, they are a fact of life. There is one reason we do estate planning and that is because we love our family. The same thing can be said with regards to pre-planning your funeral. We all know that the worst time to think about a funeral is after you've lost a loved one. Therefore, as difficult as it may be, it makes sense to pre-plan.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

W-W board says goodbye to Turner, Becher

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be two new faces at the table when the Wayne-Westland school board meets for its organizational meeting on July 14.

Joining the board will be Carol Middel of Canton who was elected to a four-year term and John Goci of Westland who will serve out the remaining two years of term that had been held by Frederick Weaver.

But as the board prepares for the change, school officials and trustees took time at this month's meeting to honor departing members Steve Becher and Ed Turner, and they, in turn expressed their thanks. Both men lost in their bid for re-election in the May school election.

"It's been a pleasure to serve on this school board, this district is amazing," said Turner.

Turner has served on the board for 12 years. He pointed out that he never missed a day of school, both elementary and high school, and never missed a school board meeting.

"I'm proud of my record, I served to the best of my ability," he said. "I always said I put students first, parents second and the administration and teachers third."

"I'm thankful that the residents allowed me to serve the



Becher



Turner

last five years," said Becher. "I've enjoyed my tenure on the board. It has done an excellent job in providing an education for our students with no major layoffs or program cuts."

Becher expressed confidence that the district will endure the economic crisis and become the "lighthouse in the state." He also thanked school officials for "putting up with me every year I proposed single sex physical education classes."

"Great futures do begin right here," he added. "Thank you for allowing me to serve."

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger noted that the two men devoted themselves to the district and that they "surely will be missed by the board."

"I'm truly thankful for your years of service," she said. "By your willingness and dedication, you have enriched the lives of our students."

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield noted that Turner "set the standard for attending events in the schools and it

still stands."

"People don't realize that besides the events, Ed provided scholarships to our students. He gave more than people realize," she said. "He set a good example for us."

She added that while she wasn't sure what to expect when Becher, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, joined the board, she came to realize he had "expertise on issues we didn't understand because you had been in the classroom."

Board Vice President Skip Monit told the two men he will miss their "devotion to what we do as a board" and said their service was exemplary.

"You both contributed a great dynamic to the board," he said. "Ed, you were devoted to the kids and that never changed. Steve, I will miss your ability to speak frankly, your knowledge and your friendship."

The newest member of the board, Shawna Walker, said the two men "were right there" when she joined the board last August.



"Mr. Turner, you went to every event and that made me want to do that, Steve Becher showed me a lot in a short period of time," she said. "I'm going to miss you both. You will be truly missed."

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OUR VIEWS

Liberty Fest was a job well done

While thousands of people were attending Canton's annual Liberty Fest over the weekend, and with a number of their people manning the festival themselves, the Canton Fire Department still handled some 20 service calls, including a pair of fires.

The folks at Canton Leisure Services organized an excellent festival. The Canton Police Department helped keep the peace, and handled the exodus from Heritage Park and surrounding neighborhoods flawlessly following Saturday's fireworks show. The various people, too numerous to mention, responsible for putting the festival together should be applauded.

It was a microcosm, a snapshot of how things went the entire weekend, as the organizers of the annual festival once again turned in a stellar festival with very few bumps and a lot of great rides.

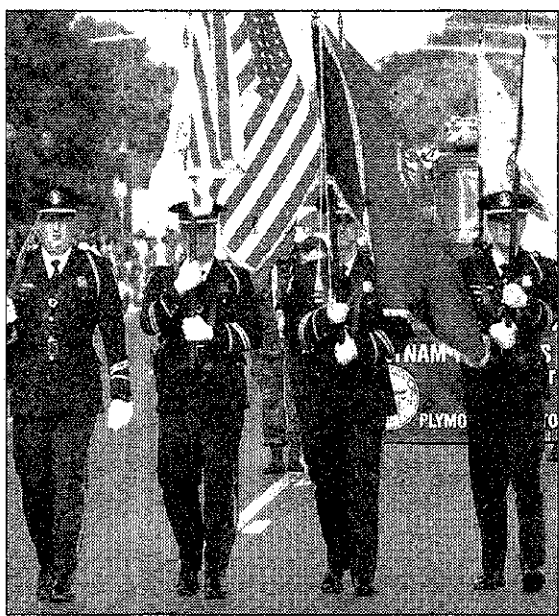
It started with preview night Thursday and continued its successful run all the way through the outstanding fireworks display Saturday night. The Family Zone provided a variety of activities and family fun, the entertainment was varied and excellent, the parade went off without a hitch and the festival, as it always does, had a little something

for everyone.

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Not enough can be said for the various civic organizations who helped raise money for charitable works. The car show, the pancake breakfast, the spaghetti dinner — these are all run by folks who care enough to make sure others are taken care of. No figure was available at press time, but the money raised through these events will do a great amount of good.

We're sure planning and organization for next year's Liberty Festival is already under way. We just wanted to make sure those responsible for it take the time to relish what we believe was a job very well done this year.

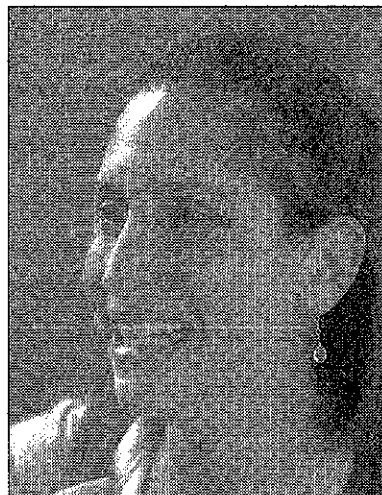


Canton's Liberty Festival, which included the annual parade Saturday morning, was an example of a job well done.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite Canton area restaurant and why?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Antonio's. They have good food, good service and great bread."

Lori Langenderfer
Canton



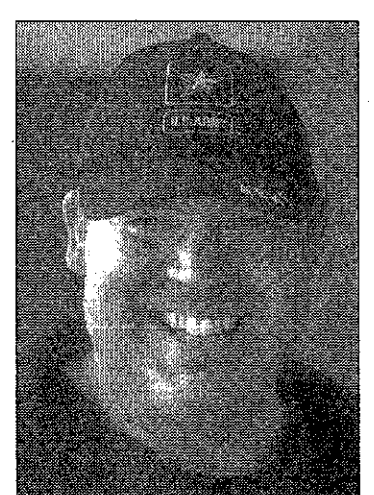
"I don't go out to eat much because I love my own cooking."

Donna Glover
Canton



"Antonio's. I think their food is delicious."

Pooja Kodali
Canton



"Formerly it was Cici's Pizza but it's no longer at Canton Center and Ford Road."

Glenn Moon
Livonia

LETTERS

Multicultural lens

The Plymouth-Canton Diversity Initiative is moving forward and the efforts of the history working group bring a multicultural lens to reviewing the past in these communities.

They are discovering many things, some of which are surprising. While Plymouth has long been known as a stop on the Underground Railroad, the group has found hints of a long tradition of efforts to create justice.

During the abolitionist movement, anti-slavery sentiments were strong in the area. The group is currently exploring the case of William Dean, who may have been among the first African Americans to successfully sue for the right to vote as early as 1850. It also appears Plymouth may have been the site where three African American men joined the forces of the Union Army.

The group has also been exploring the Native American heritage in the area. To the surprise of many lifelong residents, Richard Reaume uncovered a local historical marker describing the death of Chief Tonquish.

The group hopes to provide a more complete history than those currently captured in publications by bringing to light the lives of people who were frequently overlooked in official stories.

At the town meeting May 28, Cathy Webster gave a progress report inviting people to contact the group with any information they had to share. This week, the group will be making recommendations to the soon to be formed strategic planning committee to encourage processes for reclaiming a more complete view of our past. Group members include Christine Peele, Lori Manoojian, Miguel Lopez, Pat Fisher, Phyllis Redfern and Richard Reaume. Dr. Karen Miller, chair of the Department of History at Oakland University, is consulting with them.

The next meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative will be held at 7 p.m., June 25, 2009, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Stacey Stevens at (313) 870-1500 or sstevens@miroundtable.org, or to Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org. This is an effort supported by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Shea Howell
Michigan Roundtable for
Diversity and Inclusion

Protection from tyranny

There is no doubt times are changing. Many honest, hardworking citizens wonder "what has become of the individual freedom to choose our own path through life, in search of the happiness guaranteed under our Constitution?" To this question, one must answer, when was the last time you actually read the Constitution?

The U.S. Constitution was written and adopted under the principle of "positive grant." What this means is quite simple. The federal government is authorized to exercise only those powers which are "positively granted" to it by the Constitution. If a power is specifically listed in the Constitution, the federal government can do it — if not specifically listed, the federal government has no power. This principle was so important to the founding fathers

What do you think?

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that they codified it in law as the 10th Amendment.

The language of the 10th is clear and concise: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, the federal government's powers are limited to a specific set of activities — the rest is to be handled by the state government, or locally, by the people themselves.

Each of the sovereign states has, through its own legislature, adopted a State Constitution and set of regulations, based upon issues important to its own citizens. It has always been the right of the people to decide under which set of rules they wish to be governed, simply by choosing which state in which to live. Those searching for certain employment may migrate to states with "right to work" laws. Entrepreneurs look for states with the lowest business tax burden. Parents seek states providing the best educational opportunities for their children. Gun owners choose states with strong Second Amendment protections. The sovereignty of each state to govern itself has, in turn, provided this diversity of choice.

The federal government's attempt to impose legislative mandates meant to override State Constitutions and statutes is clearly unconstitutional, and has been ruled such by the U.S. Supreme Court in New York vs. United States, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), "... Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states."

When the federal government oversteps the powers "positively granted" to it by the sovereign States and We the People, the possibility for tyranny grows. It becomes incumbent upon the States, and the people, to rein in their servant government.

The State of Michigan, through its legislators in Lansing, is attempting to do just that. Rep. Paul Opsommer has introduced legislation in the Michigan House (HCR 004) which will serve to remind our federal government of the meaning of the 10th Amendment. Similar legislation (SCR 004) has been introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Bruce Patterson. Both Concurrent Resolutions have been referred to committee, where they will be agreed to and sent to the floor for debate and adoption by the whole body, or simply die of inaction.

Now is the time for the people of the sovereign state of Michigan to raise their voices and be heard all the way to Washington. Please call, write or visit your state representative and senator, urging them to co-sponsor and support these concurrent resolutions. The last protection from tyranny rests with the People. The time to act is NOW.

Melanie Collinsworth
Canton

Bruscato good choice

I'd like to congratulate the City of Plymouth and Plymouth DDA for the outstanding choice of Tony Bruscato of Canton as the DDA's next director.

Tony's knowledge and commitment will be an asset to the Plymouth community, and the region. As one who has been interviewed numerous times by Tony in his previous role with the *Observer*, I know he will bring fairness, objectivity, and attention to detail to this important position, and will build upon the progress that has been made in downtown Plymouth.

I wish Tony well in his new role as a public servant.

Kurt L. Heise
Plymouth Township

Health care reform needed

In less than five months, President Obama and his administration have already achieved an impressive list of domestic and foreign policy accomplishments for the near term as well as long-term benefit of America's people. However, the president's remarkable successes thus far are merely a prelude of what is still to come. Topping the administration's current agenda is the most important and difficult issue of all, that of health care reform.

The obstacles to real reform are many, most notably the entrenched and arrogant health insurance industry, perhaps the only American industry that is actually sleazier than Wall Street bankers, big oil, defense contractors and credit card companies. Notably, and unsurprisingly, each of the preceding considers the Republican Party as a wholly owned subsidiary. Thus, it is equally unsurprising that obstruction to health care reform, especially the absolute necessity of a public option, is led by the troglodytes of the GOP as well as the right-wing media noise machine. Unfortunately, even a few cowardly Democrats have been unwilling to break free of the filthy campaign money of the insurance industry.

However, unlike the past when conservative and corporate slime campaigns derailed health care reform, the hundreds of millions of dollars of dirty money being poured into efforts to sabotage the Obama administration's reforms will this time be for naught. All the endless right-wing cheerleading against the common good of America's citizens cannot stop the inevitable progress of our nation toward ensuring that the fundamental right of affordable health care is available to every citizen. A public option is the only way of ensuring this as a reality.

The insurance industry is outright terrified of competition, especially competition that significantly lowers medical costs for all Americans while ensuring that everyone has equal access to high quality and affordable care. How ironic that the self-anointed Republican defenders of free and competitive enterprise are so obsessed with shielding their pet industries from actual competition!

It is time for our nation to break free from a health care system which is rigged to screw over American families. Never again should any citizen of our nation be refused coverage or have to declare bankruptcy because of health care bills. The arrogant conservative mindset of greed and selfishness blithely considers affordable health care as a "privilege." It is not. Rather, it is an inalienable right, directly derived from our intrinsic rights of life and liberty. Most of all, it is a right which America's citizens are about to reclaim once and for all.

Joe Golonka
Westland

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Book sale

The League of Women voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold a used book sale Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28 at Westland Mall, located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. Admission to the sale preview from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, is \$3. Free admission 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The League will sell books of interest to adults, children and youth; hard cover and soft cover books, cookbooks, fiction and books in many categories, some special books and some audio and video tapes. Most magazines and books are priced at \$1 or less. CDs, DVDs and videos are individually priced. Bag sale — \$6 per bag or \$11 for two bags — is Sunday.

This fund-raiser allows the League to honor a local political science student with a scholarship each year.

Comerica Cityfest

Two local merchants will set up shop at the LISC Street Market during the Comerica Cityfest, July 1-5, in the New Center area, on West Grand Boulevard, between Woodward and the Lodge Freeway. The street market will be located on Second Avenue within the festival boundaries. The local merchants are:

■ Middle Kingdom of Plymouth with Asian-inspired treasures, including beautiful pearls, and silk items

■ Vaidehi Design of Westland with henna body decoration.

Comerica Cityfest hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4 and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, July 5.

Trade electronics

RadioShack at Westland Mall will appraise your used electronics — MP3 players, GPS receivers, digital cameras, mobile phones, games and gaming systems, and camcorders — and give you their value in the form of a RadioShack gift card on trade-in. The program runs through December. Westland Mall is located at 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. (734) 421-0291

Wall the mall

Too hot or wet to hit the pavement outdoors? Head to Laurel Park Place Mall where the doors open to walkers at 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. You'll log more than a half mile for every completed trip through the mall, including hallways. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh, in Livonia.

Inline skating

Summit Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two loops.

The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26, Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Midwest talent, locals, celebrities perform at comedy festival

Need a few laughs?

Head to Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia where the summer comedy festival continues through July 11.

Bill Bushard, festival organizer and a stand-up comedian, says the festival focuses on Michigan comedians from throughout the state.

"We have a variety of shows planned." Each show offers something different:

■ Thursday, June 25 — The Freaks & Geeks Show! featuring Mike Bobbitt (Detroit International Comedy Festival, DC Comedy Fest). The stand-up fringe hits the stage with smart edgy comedy.

■ Friday-Saturday, June 26-27 — "The20Midwest Comedy Showcase!" featuring Dave Landau (*Comedy Central: Live at Gotham*, NBC's *Last Comic Standing*) this weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

■ Monday, June 29 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 2!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's newest comedy talents compete for cash and prizes.

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■ Friday, July 3 — "Joey's Comedy Club All Stars!" A line-up of the best comedians in the Detroit area.

■ Monday July 6 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 3!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's youngest talents compete for cash and prizes.

■ Tuesday, July 7 — "The Roche Show!" featuring Frank Roche (Boston Comedy Festival, clubs and colleges across the US.)

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■ Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 — "The Midwest Comedy Showcase!" The weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

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Crowds storm Liberty Fest

Bob and Andrea Brown watched the Canton Liberty Festival fireworks Saturday night with twin sons Darryl and Donnie from seats along Canton Center Road.

"The thing I like about it is it feels like you're watching the fireworks with thousands of your best friends," Bob Brown said. "Everyone is so nice, and they're all just focused on having a good time. It's a very neighborly thing to watch. It was fun."

The Browns' sentiment was apparently echoed from a mass of people, as Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Monday he was still hearing from people how much they enjoyed it.

Canton firefighters and the department's popular clown team had a busy Saturday, joining their police counterparts, colorful floats, dance and cheer teams, and others in the festival parade that included Dodson Elementary second-grader Ryan Berger and Tonda fifth-grader Natasha Pietruschka riding on a fire truck after winning an earlier fire-prevention poster contest.

Firefighter paramedics gave minor assistance to a few festival goers, but no serious medical incidents were reported on the main grounds. Township police Sgt. Mark Gajeski also reported no major police incidents during what officials described as a peaceful, family-friendly event.

Firefighters did douse a mobile home fire that occurred shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday on Mott, officials said. The occupants and two family dogs safely escaped, but officials said several exotic pets including birds and snakes died in the blaze. The home was believed to be a total loss, and the Red Cross was on-site to help the victims.

Firefighters also had other calls including a boat fire, but no injuries were reported as the owner was able to move the boat away from a home



Mrs. Michigan Jeannette Greco-Pawloski waves to the cheering throng lining Ford Road for the Liberty Fest parade.

that sustained minor damage. Officials said the owner was preparing the boat for the summer season when a fuel leak caused a fire.

On-duty firefighters at times received assistance from some of their counterparts who were working Liberty Fest.

Police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said a traffic accident on Beck at Saltz slightly hampered some efforts to steer traffic out of the fireworks, and it took some festival goers a little over an hour to get away from the festival grounds.

None of that dimmed the opinion of Teri Logan, attending the festival for the first time with her husband, Jack.

"It's our first time attending the festival and I was amazed by the variety of things they have here," she said. "The parade was great, and we spent the whole day out here. It's a very family-oriented event, and we liked that."

- Compiled by staff writers Darrell Clem and Brad Kadrich



Twins Dennis and Alexander Ye ride one of the many carnival rides dotting the Family Zone at Liberty Fest.



Shrine Clowns provided some parade entertainment Saturday morning.



Nicole Lambourg dances with the group Dance Connection.



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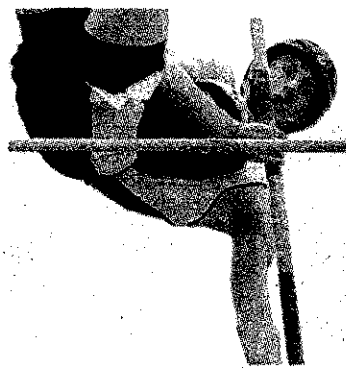
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New Spree pole vault to attract competitors of all ages, B4

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HOMETOWN LIFE



PHOTOS BY ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Participants at the 30th annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run try to get a jump on the competition as the 5K Run begins in downtown Plymouth. More than 2,000 people came out to compete in a number of running and walking events.

DASHING WITH DAD

Families enjoy holiday at Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Father's Day tradition in Plymouth keeps getting bigger and better.

Sunday's 30th annual Plymouth Family YMCA Father's Day Run provided families with a unique and hearty way to celebrate the holiday as more than 2,000 runners of all ages came out on "a beautiful day," YMCA spokeswoman Cindy Morency said.

"It was our most successful event to date," Morency said, estimating that overall registration was up about 500 from 2008.

There was something for everybody, whether seasoned race veterans from Michigan, other states and Canada or local families out to help raise money for the Plymouth YMCA Strong Kids Campaign (to benefit summer day camp programs).

One such "daddy daughter" tandem was Plymouth's Michael Sytniak and his 8-year-old daughter Francesco, who competed in the mile run. In the 5K Run was Canton's Rob Shaver and his 14-year-old daughter Shannon. Many others ran with their dads more for the cherished memory than for the sheer competition of the event.

"It's a family tradition," Morency said about why the event

'It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Day.'

CINDY MORENCY, Plymouth YMCA

continues to grow. "It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Day."

Participants of different ages, experience and physical capabilities had plenty of choices. At 8 a.m., Gault Race Management simultaneously started the mile run and walk from downtown Plymouth, near Ann Arbor Trail and Union.

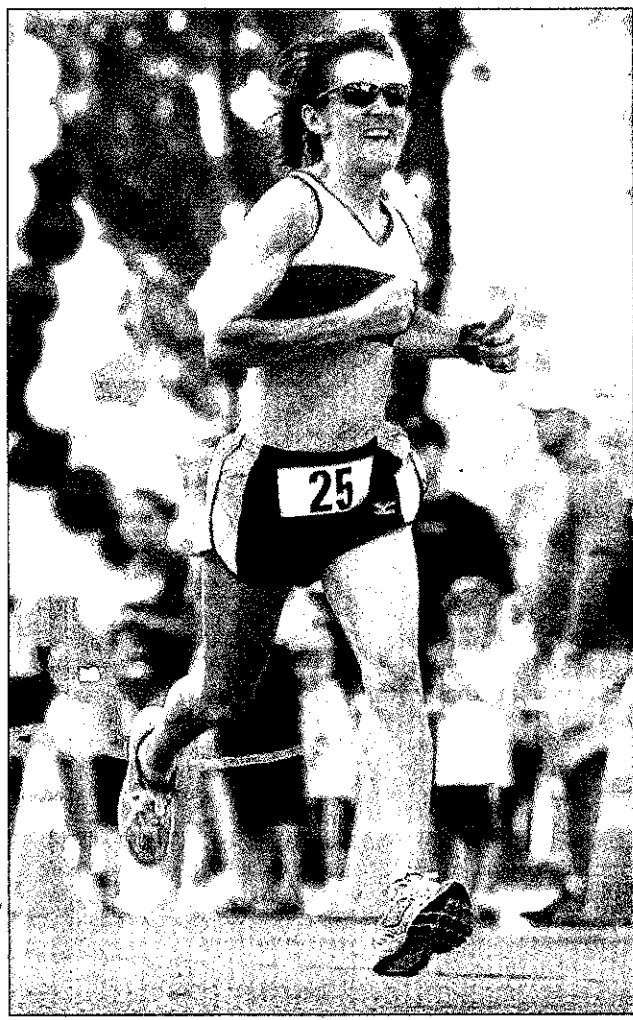
Fifteen minutes later opened the 5K run/walk, while the 10K run/walk started at 8:45 a.m. Some also raced in the MDG Triple — simultaneously competing in all three runs for a total of 10.3 miles, with all runners and walkers finishing up near the historic Penn Theatre.

Meanwhile, there were events for infants, toddlers and children. Those included the Diaper Dash (ages 0-1), Wee Walkers (ages 1-2), Kids Trot (ages 3-4) and Kids Jog (ages 5-7).

TRIPLE WINNER

The big winner of the day was Fenton's Lisa Veneziano, who

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Motoring toward a triple victory Sunday is Lisa Veneziano of Fenton. She took first in the 10K, 5K and mile runs.



Carl Rundall, of Birmingham, sets the winning pace in the 10K run on Father's Day in Plymouth.

Diesels avenge defeat

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

It's all about redemption for the Detroit Diesels this year.

After avenging last year's first-round playoff loss to the Southwest Michigan Punishers last week with a 28-14 victory, the engines were really cranked for their bitter Great Lakes Football League Eastern Division rival, the Michigan Vipers.

And last Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School, that dish of revenge was served, as Western Wayne County's

FOOTBALL

minor-league football team rattled the Vipers, 24-0.

The Diesels opened the scoring with a 6-yard quarterback keeper by Matt McCullough (Livonia Franklin) early in the first quarter. JaKendall Brown caught the two-point conversion pass.

The Diesels would strike again on their next possession, as McCullough would fire a 26-yard scoring toss to Jon Craven (Farmington). Venzal Russell caught another two-point pass.

The majority of the second quarter was give-and-take, as a fumble recovery put Detroit on their own 14-yard line. A turn of events caused the Diesels to get to the Vipers' 23, where Andrew Crushshon (Wayne Memorial) busted loose on a draw play for a 22-0 lead before halftime.

The Diesels sat on the lead for the second half, except for one play, as Jeff White crushed the Viper ball carrier in the end zone for a safety and a 24-0 lead.

McCullough finished 11-of-16 passing for 189 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed for 15 yards on three carries of his own, including the TD.

Craven, Brown, and Russell each had three receptions. Craven's 99 led the way. Crushshon gained 122 yards on the ground for the Diesels.

Defensively, Earl Blanchette led the charge for the Diesels with three sacks. Lamarr Miller, Brian Aneed, Rob Love, and White were also defensive standouts.

The Detroit Diesels, 3-1 overall and 2-0 GLFL's Eastern Division, will travel Saturday to Ada, Ohio, to take on the Dark Knights.



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All-Area baseball team

Farmington Harrison senior third baseman Steve Pelletier connects for one of his school-record 56 hits during the recent baseball season. Pelletier, who will continue playing at Madonna University, is one of 15 players selected for the All-Observer first team. The area includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Farmington. Eleven schools are represented on the first team. See B2 for the story.

Bushart blazing trail in two sports

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Julie Bushart, summer vacation seems more like a continuation of the recently completed school year.

Take away classroom activities and there seems to be little difference as the Redford native is engaging in some sort of athletic competition pretty much every night of the week. A two-sport athlete who just completed her junior year at Livonia Ladywood High School, Bushart is virtually taking no time off between school years as she continues to hone her skills involving the sports she loves so much — softball and hockey.

Two nights a week, the starting right fielder on the Blazers softball team that earlier this month advanced all the way to the Division 2 title game, can be found competing for the Blazers summer softball team. Three to four nights a week, she is lacing up the skates and working out with the girls ice hockey squad at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

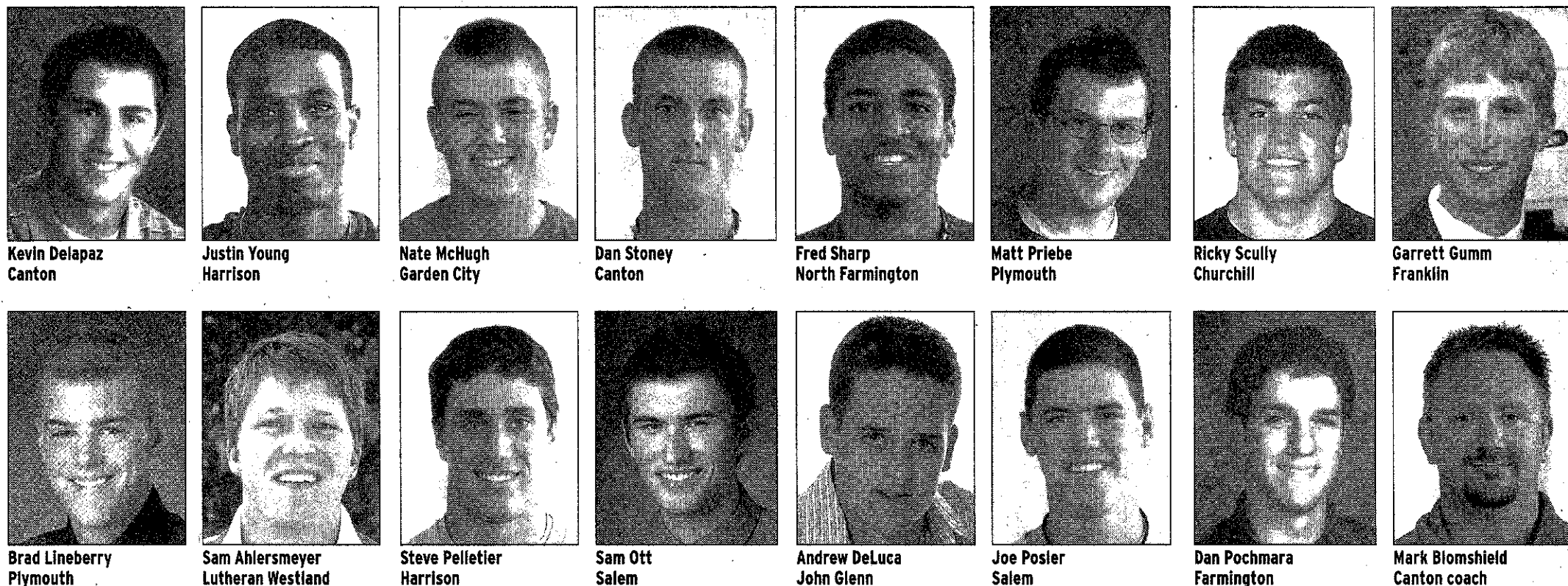
"I try to be a normal teenager, but this is keeping me real busy," Bushart said of her commitment to the two sports. "Most people wouldn't think a girl would be playing hockey, but it's something different and I really enjoy being around my teammates."

There were plenty of smiles expressed by teammates last spring on the softball diamond as the

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Redford native Julie Bushart, a two-sport athlete at Livonia Ladywood, played a key role in the Blazers' run to the Division 2 title game in girls softball.



Baseball season peppered with team, individual success

FIRST TEAM
Kevin Delapaz, Jr. P, Canton: What a sensational season the lefthanded Delapaz had for the Chiefs, going 10-0 with a 1.22 ERA while fanning 79 batters in 59 innings.
 Icing on the cake was a victory over Detroit-Novu Catholic Central in the regional semifinal, allowing just one run in six innings. That followed a no-hitter in a predistrict game against Livonia Stevenson. He also helped out offensively, with a .315 average and 12 stolen bases.
 "Kevin was a major component in leading the Chiefs to the second best record (25-12) in school history and back-to-back district and regional runner-up teams," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield.
 Delapaz earned selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams.
Justin Young, Sr. P, F.H. Harrison: The senior left-hander was a quality pitcher, even in games his team lost, and recorded some impressive numbers. Young struck out 93 batters in 67 innings while walking just 24. His ERA was a solid 1.25. He threw a no-hitter and a pair of one-hitters, and he is third all-time at Harrison with 168 career strikeouts.
 Young's 5-4 record (with two saves) is not an accurate indication of his ability, according to coach Pete Lamerato. His losses were to 22-win Farmington, state champion

DeLaSalle, John Glenn and OAA White champion Seaholm.
 "He pitched against every big team we played," Lamerato said. "He was our No. 1 all three years. I never saved him. He pitched in every game we had to have. More times than not, he came through."
 "Every time I gave him the ball, I knew I was going to get 100 percent. He's all effort all the time. He never took a pitch off. He didn't care about his record. He wanted to go out there and pitch against the best teams, period."
 "He lived for game day. He was focused on the game from 7 o'clock in the morning. I don't think I've coached a better all-around pitcher, someone who knew when to turn it on, how to hit the corners, how to drop in the curveball."
Nate McHugh, Jr. P, Garden City: This Cougar junior emerged onto the varsity scene in sterling fashion as he helped his teammates to 14 wins on the season and a berth in Division I state regional competition. The crafty left-hander posted a 6-4 mark with a 3.09 ERA in 54 1/3 innings of work. He struck out 47 batters and walked only 19. McHugh's contributions weren't limited to just the mound as he clubbed opposing pitchers at a .385 clip, scored 16 runs and drove in 24 more from the clean-up spot in the order.
 "He's a ballplayer," Cougars coach

Steve Herman said of McHugh, who also excelled in the field at first base. "He didn't start out really strong because his stamina wasn't there, but near the end of the year, he proved his mettle. He's a placement pitcher who can hit his spot. He can throw his breaking ball anytime for a strike and keep hitters off stride."
Dan Stoney, Sr. C, Canton: A glimpse into the all-around player Stoney is came at regionals, where he homered against Catholic Central and also made a defensive gem in the regional final against Birmingham Brother Rice to save a scoreless tie.
 But he was a stalwart all season, batting .414 for the Chiefs, belting six homers (two against South Lyon) and driving in 36 runs. In addition to being a solid catcher, Stoney helped out Blomshield by playing other positions when needed.
 For his efforts, he was named to the All-KLAA Division and Conference teams and was selected to the All-District squad a second consecutive year.
Fred Sharp, Sr. C, N. Farmington: The senior catcher had a solid season for the Raiders, hitting .381 with seven doubles, four triples and six home runs. Sharp, who was voted team MVP, also walked 10 times, stole 11 bases, knocked in 28 runs and scored 26 runs. Sharp had 37 hits in 97 at-bats. Behind the plate,

he posted a .966 fielding percentage with 118 putouts, 24 assists and just five errors. He was durable and dependable, catching every game but two. Sharp will be a walk-on player at Bowling Green.
 "If you take one person over the last three years, he might be the most improved," coach Kevin Kansman said. "I think he still has potential to develop and play at a higher level. He's athletic, he has a good arm and he has speed. Those are all things colleges are looking at. My hope for him is he continues to improve and finds a spot at Bowling Green."
Matt Priebe, Jr. 1B, Plymouth: The junior first baseman was a cog for the Wildcats on offense and defense, batting .455 with 13 doubles, four homers, 26 RBI and registering a .979 fielding percentage.
 Priebe was selected to the All-KLAA and All-District teams in recognition of his consistency.
 "Matt has anchored the middle of our lineup since his freshman year," said Plymouth head coach Chuck Adams. "He's a power hitter that uses the entire field. He also has a very good glove at first base."
Ricky Scully, Sr. 1B, Liv. Churchill: The senior first baseman and third sacker was Churchill's most productive offensive player hitting .418 (41-for-98) with 11 doubles, one homer and 33 RBI.
 The All-KLAA South Division selection also slugged at a .561 clip and sported an on-base average of .504. He also scored 27 runs and only struck out 13 times.
 "Ricky was our most consistent hitter at the three- and four-spot," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He got a lot of big hit throughout the year. He hit the ball hard whether he was on-base or out."
Garrett Gumm, Sr. SS, Liv. Franklin: The repeat first-team performer batted .469 (45-for-96) with 11 doubles, two triples, two homers and 39 RBI.
 The senior shortstop also had a slugging percentage of .668 and an on-base percentage of .510.
 Gumm, an All-KLAA South selection, also sparked on the mound with a 7-1 record and a 2.77 earned run average. In 55.2 innings he struck out 45 and walked only 19.
 "Garrett had another fantastic season for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He has a very smart baseball mind. For three years he

anchored our infield at shortstop and our batting lineup in the three-spot.
 "This season he also elevated his season on the mound. He loved coming to the ballfield and will be tough for us to replace."
Brad Lineberry, Sr. SS, Plymouth: The senior shortstop, headed to Madonna University, was All-KLAA, All-District and All-State along with team MVP after batting .400 with seven homers and 40 RBI for the Wildcats.
 Lineberry, a slick fielder, joined Salem's Sam Ott in the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.
 "Brad is just a flat out excellent baseball player," Adams said. "He comes to the park each day ready to go. I look forward to seeing him continue to improve at the next level."
Sam Ahlersmeyer, Sr. 3B, Luth. Westland: The Division 4 All-Stater (second-team) and All-Metro Conference pick led the Warriors in just about every statistical category this season including batting average (.508), doubles (12), homers (6), RBI (37) and runs (38).
 Ahlersmeyer also finished with career records for hits (113), doubles (31), triples (9), homers (9) and RBI (90). He is the single-season school record holder for homers (6), hits (53), RBI (47) and slugging percentage (1.013).
 "Sam is an exceptional athlete and has helped bring Lutheran Westland to a new level," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "As a junior he was instrumental in leading us to a state finals appearance, the first in school history. Sam is a great kid who will be truly missed."
Steve Pelletier, Sr. 3B, F.H. Harrison: The senior third baseman is the all-time hits leader at Harrison with 152, and his career batting average after four years as a varsity starter is .447. Pelletier broke Drew Stanton's single-season record (.560) with a .566 average this year.
 His school-record 56 hits included eight doubles, a record 10 triples and five home runs. He had 39 stolen bases, 34 runs and 39 RBI. He was 3-3 as a pitcher with 34 strikeouts in 36.1 innings. Pelletier is the first player to receive a full ride to Madonna University.
 "When you talk about an overall player, Steve is the whole package," coach Pete Lamerato said. "He hits with power, runs with speed, makes great contact and can bunt. He can

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do it all on the field.
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 "He's just a great kid, so easy to coach. You tell him to do one thing, and he's doing it as hard as he can in practice. He's dedicated and loves playing the game. He's as complete a ballplayer as you'll find."
Sam Ott, Sr. OF, Salem: The senior outfielder capped off an outstanding career with a base hit, run and inning pitched at the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.
 Ott batted .486 for the Rocks, with 15 doubles, four homers and 40 RBI and was team MVP. Other honors included selection to the All-KLAA squad and All-State teams.
 "Sam Ott has become arguably Please see **ALL-AREA, B3**

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ALL-AREA

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one of the top five players in the long and storied history of Salem baseball," said Rocks head coach Dale Rumberger. "He holds eight individual hitting records, the Salem Hitting Award is now named after him (and) he is All-State. But above and beyond all that Sam has become a better person than a player."

Andrew DeLuca, Sr. OF, Westland Glenn: The three-year varsity starter, bound for Adrian College in the fall, now holds offensive records in five different categories.

The senior center fielder hit .451 (46-for-102) with 12 doubles, four triples and four homers. He scored 32 runs and had 16 RBI. He struck out only two times all season. The All-KLAA South pick had a slugging percentage of .765 and an on-base average of .556.

"His love the for game and work ethic will be tough to replace," Glenn coach Tom Wakefield said. "His career at Glenn proved to be a successful one."

Joe Posler, Sr. At-Large, Salem: Posler did it all for the Rocks. On the mound, he was splendid, again earning the Salem Pitcher of the Year Award with a 6-1 record and 2.55 ERA.

At the plate, the All-KLAA selection contributed 45 hits (second to Ott) a .405 average, .541 slugging percentage and 26 RBI.

"Joe Posler is an outstanding young man with a true love of the game," Rumberger said. "He truly plays every day to have fun, and if we win its frosting on the cake."

Dan Pochmara, Jr. At-Large, Farmington: The multi-talented junior was Farmington's No. 1 pitcher and shortstop when he wasn't on the mound. Pochmara batted .392 with 40 hits, which included six doubles, three triples and two home runs. He drove in 28 runs and scored 36. He was hit by a pitch eight times and was 7-for-7 stealing bases. Though his record was 3-5, the team MVP pitched in a lot of big games and threw an 8-0 shutout against Grosse Pointe South. Two of his losses were to OAA White champ Seaholm, 2-1, and Brother Rice. Pochmara, one of eight guys to pitch 16 or more innings for the Falcons (22-13), worked 46 innings

and had a 3.80 ERA.

Pochmara's selection as the MVP of the Clarkston Tournament was "an example of what he is to our team — so many things," coach Pete Finn said. "He competes every day. That's the best thing you can say about a ballplayer. He hits for power, hits for average — all the things a good baseball player does."

"He impressed us most with his growth in terms of his emotional resiliency, especially as a pitcher, and that definitely helped a lot and contributed to his success."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Blomshield, Canton: The second-year coach continued his run of success with the Chiefs. The team went 24-12 and went on to postseason success, highlighted by the second Division 1 district title in a row (only the second back-to-back in school history) and a victory over Detroit-Novu Catholic Central in the regionals. The Chiefs battled Birmingham Brother Rice in the regional final before falling short.

"The kids fought extremely hard to the end and took a 1-0 lead into the sixth before giving way (to the Warriors)," Blomshield said.

Canton combined hitting, pitching and defense to mow down oppo-

nents, jumping out to a 17-4 start. After a slump, the Chiefs revved it up again for the postseason, out-scoring teams in the districts by a 43-2 tally.

Posting 20-plus victories and winning the districts for a second year in a row, noted Blomshield, shows that the Chiefs are on the right track toward building a perennial winner. Canton also defeated three of four ranked opponents, only coming up short against Brother Rice.

"Our coaching and support staff continues to build a winning culture and competitive attitude," Blomshield said. "It seems even more enjoyable from the coaching box than it did as a player being able to teach baseball to a great group of young men and see them improve every day and be as successful as they have been over the past two seasons."

A pitcher at Western Michigan University during the 1990s, Blomshield earned his physical education degree and then began teaching in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in 1999.

Blomshield then coached Salem in 2001 and the Canton junior varsity in 2002-07 before taking over the Chiefs' varsity job in 2008.

Metro firefighters 2nd

MOTOR CITY CLASSIC

The Detroit Metro/Belfor players are Tim Prokop and Dan Cipolla (Dearborn), John McCoy (Shelby), Keith Lamphear (Birmingham), Mike Albo (Southfield), Pat O'Dowd, Pat Wilson, Pat Harrison, Randy Gibson, Russ Schaller, Jimmy Nadolski, Russ Zarras and Eddie Nadolski (Detroit) and Ray DeWalt (Hazel Park).

The city references indicate the fire departments where the men work. Zarras is a CYO basketball coach at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

The all-firefighter softball tournament also attracted teams from Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Prince Georges County, Md. Many teams from Michigan also competed in the three-day event to raise money for various charitable causes.

The 2008 Open Division national champions from Louisville (Ky.) won the 29th Annual Motor City Firefighters Softball Classic for the second year was in a row June 5-7 at Power Park in Novi.

The Kentuckians defeated the defending over-40 Masters Division national champion, Detroit Metro/Belfor, which is managed by Farmington Hills firefighter Denny Hughes.

With one loss going into the final round, the "old boys" needed to knock off the "young guns" from Kentucky twice to claim the crown in the double-elimination format.

The metro Detroit team surprised many in attendance with a convincing, 14-2 victory in the first game.

It needed to come up big again in the next game to take the title, but Louisville rebounded for a 12-2 win to retain its Motor City championship.

TEETIME

Your local golf guide

Congratulations to Lucas Glover of Greenville, S.C., winner of this year's U.S. Open Championship.

Our readers predicted the outcome in an online poll throughout the last five weeks. Check out how the results compared:

Tiger Woods 52%	Phil Mickelson 24%	Patrick Harrington 0%	Sergio Garcia 4%
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Best amateur golfers in Michigan

By David Graham
GAM Executive Director

Since 1919, the Golf Association of Michigan has been hosting the best tournaments for the best golfers in the state. In that first year, we were known as the Detroit District Golf Association, and the first golf events conducted included Four Man Teams. The District Championship played at the Detroit Golf Club. T. Worden Hunter from the Country Club of Detroit won that first championship.

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The participants earned GAM honor roll points for finishing strongly in these events. In addition, they earn points playing and doing well in prestigious tournaments around the

country. At the end of the season, we summarize the results and determine a GAM Honor Roll by gender and age. The top point earner in each category is the player of the year and rightfully recognized as the "best amateur golfer in Michigan" in their category. Listed below are those GAM Champions from 2008.

Jimmy Chestnut of Grand Blanc, GAM 2008 Men's Player of the Year.

Jimmy won the Michigan Amateur and the GAM Championship. He was also a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Mid-Amateur. He attended the University of Michigan prior to transferring to Michigan State University and was an Academic All-Big Ten player in 2004 and 2005. Jimmy also was the club champion at Warwick Hills Country Club in 2007 and 2008.

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll of Haslett, GAM 2008 Women's Player of the Year.

Stacy was the GAM Women's Mid-

Am Champion, for the fourth successive year and played well in the Michigan Women's Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Am, Michigan Women's Open and GAM Women's Championship. She has won the Michigan Women's Amateur in '96 and '98, won the GAM Women's Championship in '98 and earned Women's Player of the year in '96, '98 and '07. She is coach of the Michigan State University Women's Golf team and was selected as Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

Bill Zylstra of Plymouth, GAM 2008 Senior Men's Player of the Year.

Bill won the GAM Senior Championship and played very well in a range of other tournaments in Michigan and beyond. He played so well that he was ranked the No. 1 Senior Amateur in the country by the Titleist National Rankings and was the 2008 Golf Week Senior Player of the Year. Bill has also been GAM Senior Player of the Year in '06 and '07. He

also holds the record for the lowest round (65) ever recorded in the USGA Senior Amateur Championship (2007).

Joan Garety of Ada, GAM 2008 Senior Women's Player of the Year.

Joan was the medalist at the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur and a semifinalist in the match play segment. She also tied for 3rd at both the GAM Women's Senior Championship and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship. She is a two-time Michigan Women's State Amateur Champion in '82 and '97, GAM Women's Champion in '96m GAM Mid-Am Champion in '04, GAM Senior Champ in '06 and two-time Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Champion in '06 and '07. She was GAM Woman Player of the Year in '97 and '99, and GAM Senior Women Player of the Year in '06 and '07. Joan was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.

Joey Garber of Petoskey, GAM 2008 Junior Boy's Player of the Year.

Joey won the Michigan Junior Amateur Stroke Play Championship

and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship in 2008. He was very active in the AJGA tour. As a high school freshman, he finished second at the MHSAA State Championship and was selected to the first team All State.

Elizabeth Ecker of Niles, GAM 2008 Junior Girl's Player of the Year.

Elizabeth won the stroke play segment of the Michigan Girl's Junior Championship and finished in the top 20 at the GAM Women's Championship. During the fall season at Oakland University as a freshman, she competed in all five-fall events and finished with the third best stroke average on the team.

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Spree Pole Vault to be unveiled

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Spree '59' week-long celebration will feature more than carnival rides, racing pigs, the circus, pie eating contests, battle of the bands and the Sunday night fireworks.

Saturday features a unique event that crosses all generations as the inaugural 2009 Spree Pole Vault competition will be unveiled at Ford Field.

The event is the brainchild of Livonia Churchill High multi-events coach Vern Williams, who will bring his own custom built 130-foot portable wooden runway to be placed on Ball Diamond No. 2.

"I've been trying to do it for years, and finally I was able to find the right person, who happened to be connected with the Spree run," said Williams. "The runway is 10 inches off the ground. We'll have the normal planting box with Churchill's pads (and standards)."

The USATF-sanctioned event begins with Session 1 beginning at 10 a.m. with the starting height at 6 feet. Session 2 follows at 1 p.m. with bar being set at 10 feet.

This pole vault event is unique because it will attract competitors of all ages including 72-year-old Jim

Roth of Pinckney and 65-year-old Canton multi-events coach Matti Kilpelainen, both listed in the Masters category.

"Matti coached me when I was at Churchill," Williams said. "He just cleared 12 feet the other day."

Williams said vaulters from both the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University are expected to compete, along with some of the state's top high school vaulters including Churchill's own Derik Peterman, a Division 1 state runner-up who placed third recently in the prestigious Midwest Meet of Champions.

Peterman, headed to Michigan State in the fall, cleared a personal best 15-8 as a prep. He will be joined by Fowlerville's Max Babits, who went 15-9 this spring and is part of the infamous Redford Union High family vaulting tree which also includes his father Bob, who will compete in the Masters age category.

On the girls side, Northville High's Amy Reynolds, who placed fourth in the Division 1 state finals, will be joined by Division 2 state champion Tori Wesley of Marine City.

Williams said he has 30 competitors already registered and hopes the event

will continue grow.

The entry fee is \$27. All competitors will receive a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to: Skyshark Athletics.

For more information, visit www.livoniaspreevault.com; or call Williams at (734) 732-0840.

Spree Freedom Run

The Livonia Spree Freedom 10- and 5-kilometer runs, along with the 1-mile run-walk, will start at 7 a.m. Sunday in front of the Livonia Family YMCA, located at 14225 Stark Road.

The event is sponsored by State Farm Insurance (Ken Wagner Agency).

The registration fee (before June 26) is \$20 for adults and \$15 for student and seniors. Registration fees are \$25 and \$20, respectively (after June 26).

Included in the cost is a race T-shirt (while supplies last) and all-you-can eat pancake breakfast at nearby Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon.

Trophies will go to the top three male and female finishers (including Masters age group).

For more information, visit www.justsayrun.com; or call Chris Ogden at (734) 891-1639; or e-mail chrisogden@justsayrun.com.

BUSHART

FROM PAGE B1

Blazers came within one victory of claiming their first softball state title. And Bushart was a big part of the team's success as her clutch hitting, solid fielding and a work ethic second to none helped provide the ingredients that saw the Blazers come out on top in 38 of 45 games played.

"She is one of the favorite people on the team," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said of Bushart. "She just has a great attitude, works very hard to get better and I love the fact she plays hockey, too, because it helps with hand-eye coordination and she just comes in physically fit and ready to play when it's softball season."

A part-time starter as a sophomore, Bushart made the most of her opportunity to contribute in a starting role last season as a junior. She took over duties in right field and managed to handle those responsibilities like a veteran. At the plate, she became the team's RBI leader hitting from the No. 5 slot in the order.

"When she first came up, Julie was someone who was raw, but someone who wanted to be a softball player," Combs said. "I knew she could be a very good one with a little work."

"She always had that pop in her bat, but what we had to do was work with her and get her to cut her swing down a little," Combs went on. "When she was able to do that, she became one

of the constants in the lineup and a very clutch player overall."

Bushart, whose achievements in the classroom include Honor Roll and the Ladywood National Honor Society, believes her experiences as a defenseman with the ice hockey team have contributed greatly to her success on the softball field. The competition factor has been the main component and the compassion and chemistry among teammates a close second as both squads continue to strive for excellence.

"We're just great friends and we just go out there and push each other so hard," said Bushart, whose postseason accolades in softball included all-league, all-district and all-region. "From day one, our coaches told us we had so much potential and we just went out there and ran with it. It was awesome being in Battle Creek playing for the championship. What more could you ask for?"

A state title, maybe, next time?

No need to worry. That is why Bushart, who will be a co-captain next season, and her teammates are spending much of their summer vacation working on the little things that make the difference in crowning champions.

"We want it," Bushart said. "We want it bad. Just getting that taste of being there, we know we have the potential to get back. We have the confidence and we're going to work hard to get better."

Michigan Rams earn split with Concealed

The Michigan Rams corrected the error of their ways Saturday at Ford Field by earning a split of a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header against Concealed Security in a battle of 20-and-under teams.

Craig Sacha went 2-for-2 and drove home John Potts with the game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to give Concealed a 6-5 triumph in the opener.

Cory Amble and Billy Hardin each knocked in two runs for Concealed.

John Ponte was the winning pitcher in relief going three scoreless innings. He did not allow a hit and walked only two after coming on in the fifth inning for starter Ryan Schario.

Kyle Vesey went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI to lead the Rams. Aaron Cieslak and Dan Augustine also knocked in runs.

The Rams used three pitchers with middle reliever Taylor Robson, who went two innings after replacing starter Tom Whiting, taking the loss.

Three Rams errors, including two in the second inning when Concealed scored four times, proved costly.

In the nightcap, the Rams improved to 8-4 in the LCBL with a 4-3 win as Joe Barnes doubled home Alex Trojan with the game-winning run in the top of the sixth inning. Justin Forster went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace the Rams' nine-hit attack.

Barnes was 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Trojan doubled twice and scored two runs. Tom Hansen also knocked in a run.

Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder went the first five innings, allowing three runs on five hits and a walk. Ryan Abraham pitched two scoreless innings of relief to earn the save as the Rams played an error-free game.

Drew Ordakowski belted a solo homer for Concealed (4-10), while Amble and Hardin each collected an RBI. Casey Haggerty, the losing pitcher, gave up four runs on seven hits and two walks in five innings of work. Reliever Andrew Klinkman finished up, allowing no runs on two hits in two innings.

Solstice Run has new start point

Northville Downs is known as a famous harness racing venue.

But on Saturday, June 27, it's the start for the annual Solstice Run, a five- and 10-kilometer event presented by the Foresters.

The new starting spot features a half-mile loop around the horse track with the finish at nearby Ford Field. The hilly course winds through the neighborhoods and streets of Northville.

The 10K run begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by the 5K run-walk to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at 8:45 a.m.

There will be \$700 in cash awards for the overall male and

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female winners in the 10K and 5K runs. Classic medals will also to the top 500 finishers in the 10K.

The Solstice features timing mats at the start and finish. Runners will be scored with disposable Champion Chip (attached to the shoe).

Entertainment, including

live music by three bands, will follow at the course's finish line area at Ford Field.

Registration fees (before June 27) are \$30 for the 10K run and \$25 for the 5K run-walk. Kids can run for \$12. Race day fees are \$35, \$30 and \$15, respectively. (Shirts are guaranteed if registered by June 23.)

On site packet pick-up and registration will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday June 26; and 6:45-8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 27, both at the Northville Square Mall, located at 133 W. Main Street (near Center Street), in downtown Northville.

To register online, visit www.solsticerun.org.

YMCA RUN

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took first place in the Female Division in the 10K (38:47), 5K (18:28) and mile run (5:27.5).

For the men on Father's Day, taking first in the 10K was Birmingham's Carl Rundall (33:23), edging out Peter Hogg of Livonia (35:42.5).

Rundall placed second in the 5K with his mark of 16:09 trailing Pinckney's Nick Katselas, who took the top spot with a time of just under 16-minutes flat.

Plymouth's Warren Buzzard nearly won in the mile run. He finished in 4:47, two seconds behind Jerome Recker of Lansing.

The mile walk also proved very competitive. Earning the

victory was 8-year-old Jace Barackman of Northville, with a time of 8:36.7. Taking spots 2-5 in that event were Canton's Amanda Albin (12:59.8), Plymouth's Barry Wallman (13:29), Westland's Joan Evans (13:29.8) and Plymouth's Carol Wallman (13:55.4).

Morency added that something special was done for the 30th anniversary run.

"To celebrate our 30th year, we had a video done by *Michigan Runner*," Morency said. "It can be found on their Web site," with photographs from past races included.

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Great Garage Sale. 23521 Arden Park S of 11 Mile, W of Inkster, 11th house from 11 Mile. Fri-Sat, 10-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS BIG GARAGE SALE - 28156 and 28072 Thorny Brae, Farmington Hills. Fri/Sat, 10am-4pm. Household items, antiques, comics, furniture, toys, crib, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS MOVING Everything Must Go! 22381 Tuck Rd., N of Shiloh, W of 9 Mile. Sat, June 27, 8am-5pm. Furniture, small appliances, dishware & misc. No clothing or children items.

FARMINGTON HILLS Ramblewood Sub Annual Sub Sale - June 25-27, 10am-4pm. Enter on Tanglewood (Southside of 14 Mile, between Drake and Halstead).

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Garage Sales **7110**

HOWELL Huge 3 Family Garage Sale - 2074 Crooked Lake Rd., off Chilson or D-19. June 25-27th, 9am-5pm. Something for everyone!

LIVONIA - Multi Family Sub Garage Sale. Sat June 27, 9-4pm. Windridge Village, S of 8 Mile, W of Farmington.

LIVONIA 18376 Mayfield, E of Farmington, N of 6 Mile. Roll top desk, Computer Desk, Jenny Lynn bed, hand saw with mounting table and much more. June 25-26, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA 32659 Greenlawn Ct., off Hubbard, btwn 5 & 6 Mile. June 26-28th, 10am-6pm. EVERYTHING MUST GO!

LIVONIA 36645 6 Mile, btwn Newburg & Levan. Fri. & Sat, June 26-27, 9am-4pm. Furniture, clothes & misc.

LIVONIA BIG SALE! 29606 Mark Lane, 7 Mile/Middlebelt. Thur-Sat, June 25-27, 9-5. Indian jewelry-Squash Blossoms, microwave, tables, etc.

LIVONIA Fri-Sun, 9am-3pm. 32351 Oakley, 1 blk W of Lyndon, S of 5. Collectibles, misc. HUGE!

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE - June 25-27, 8-5pm. 9805 Roseland, Farmington & Plymouth. Furniture, Books, Video Games, Home Decor, etc.

LIVONIA Garage Sale - Wed-Sat, 6/24-6/27, 9am-5pm. 9924 Norman, Livonia 48150. Lots of misc.

Garage Sales **7110**

LIVONIA The One Sale You Don't Want To Miss! Brand New never opened items. 27530 Bentley, Schoolcraft/Inkster. June 25-27th, 9-5pm.

MILFORD 1680 Cooley Lake. June 25, 26, 9:30am-5pm; June 27, 9:30am-3pm. Lots of glass and crystal, hobbies, tools, Ping Pong table. Sorry, no clothes!

MILFORD GARAGE SALE! 2801 W. Buno, Milford. Furniture, dishes, household items, toys, strollers, Milford Rd., to Huron Valley Pkwy, inside Kensington Metro Park, just past Park Office. Thurs, 6/25 & Fri., 6/26 9am-4pm.

MILFORD Multi-Family Sale Heritage Hill Sub - Thurs-Sat, 6/25-27, 9am-4pm. Furniture, lawn mower, home decor, sports, clothes, bike, toys & much more!

NORTHVILLE Huge Sale Indoors & Outdoors - 41763 Ladywood, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, off Winchester. Sat, 6/27, 8-4pm. Furniture, china, tools, seasonal, kitchen & more!

NORTHVILLE Multi-Family Garage Sale - 53229 8 Mile, btwn Currie & Chubb Rd. Thurs-Sat, 9am-5pm. Men's tools, misc. household items. No Early Birds!

PLYMOUTH Multi-Family Garage Sale - June 25-27, 8am-6pm. 40300 Schoolcraft, btwn Eckles & Haggerty. Household & misc. electric material, furniture, girl's brand name clothes & women's, books, shoes, toys, lots more!

Garage Sales **7110**

PLYMOUTH Woodlore South Neighborhood Garage Sale - June 26-27, 9am-3pm. Corner of Beck & Joy. Furniture, clothing, kids' items, misc.

REDFORD - Everything Must Go! 9010 Kinloch, Joy & Becht. 6-27 & 6-28, 9-5pm. Tools, pool table, furniture, clothing, audio video & more!

REDFORD June 25th-27th, 9am-5pm. Clothes, stove/oven, hot tub, rubber stamps, books, small furniture etc. \$189 Columbia, between West Chicago and Joy, just east of Inkster Rd.

ROYAL OAK 934 E Third, 2 bks S of 11, E of Main. See Craigslist ad: key words "Royal Oak Third". Fri/Sat, 9-4

SOUTH LYON - HUGE SALE 28909 Johns Rd. Street is off 10 Mile. Sat-Mon, 9-6pm. Computers, game systems, electronics, tools.

SOUTH LYON Garage Sale-6/25-6/27, 9am-3pm. 12803 Woodgrove, 10 Mile Rd., E of Rushton. Teacher's books, exercise equipment, games, other items.

WESTLAND - CAROLAN'S CONDO WIDE GARAGE SALE S of Ford Road, E of Hix. Sat June 27, 9-4pm. Huge variety of items!

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Moving Sales **7130**

LIVONIA MOVING SOON. Lots of furniture! 35558 Orangelawn, between Levan and Wayne Rd. June 26-27, 8:30-4:30pm

SOUTH LYON HUGE SALE - Furniture, appliances, tools, baby, much more. Fri/Sat, 9am-3pm. 27545 Henry, at 12 Mile and Milford.

Miscellaneous For Sale **7500**

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Food and drink abound at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl, scheduled this year for 6-10 p.m. July 21. See more in Chamber Chat below.

Sam's Club donation

United Home Health Services, a home care company in Canton, has received a \$1,000 donation from Sam's Club in Canton for their Patient Support Fund. "We are so very grateful to Sam's Club for their generosity and support of United. We see so many patients in need on a daily basis - their donation will help us to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment to patients who cannot afford these items," said President Penny Rhein. "With the struggling economy, we are also providing more home care services to individuals who do not have health insurance, so this donation is very timely." Sam's Club has also been providing fresh flowers occasionally for United Home Health Services' patients. "The flowers really brighten our patients' day. They get such a big smile on their face when I walk into their home with a big bouquet!" said nurse Kathy Pastoria. Another United nurse, Jennifer Boze, notes that the flowers

are the best medicine in the world for her patients when they just come home from the hospital. Physical therapist Birgit Gersdorff said that the flower donations have really cheered up many of her patients, especially during the winter.

Hospice hire

Hospice of Michigan welcomed Sheila Hay of Canton as the new corporate director of service operations for the southeast Michigan region, including Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Hay will be responsible for overall leadership and management of clinical services for the southeast Michigan area. "We are very pleased to welcome Sheila to the Hospice of Michigan staff," said Patrick Miller, senior vice president of operations and chief operating officer. "Sheila brings a wealth of experience, and knowledge of the delivery and management of hospice care to Hospice of Michigan." Hay earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna University and her master's degree in health care

education from University of Phoenix. Hay is certified in hospice and palliative care and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau - the National Honor Society of Nursing, and is a member of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

"I am pleased to join the Hospice of Michigan team," said Hay. "I have always held a high regard for the quality of care provided by the staff of Hospice of Michigan and also have a great deal of respect and admiration for the innovative accomplishments the organization has achieved over the years."

Hay joins Hospice of Michigan with more than 13 years of experience in the field of hospice care. Previously, she worked at Arbor Hospice as director of clinical services. Hay and husband Thom have lived in Canton for 15 years.

Hospital fund-raiser

Botsford Hospital is focusing on one of Michigan's great treasures, the Botsford Inn and offering a special holi-

day discount to those who wish to join the celebration of the Inn. Families and friends celebrated special days at the Botsford Inn on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. Built in Michigan's pioneer days of 1836, the Inn has been witness to more than 170 years of Michigan history. Its current owner, Botsford Hospital, has restored the Inn's exterior to its 1925 Henry Ford era appearance.

The Botsford Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Botsford Hospital, is inviting people to purchase a commemorative brick in the plaza directly outside the Inn honoring a special event, person or memory. A purchase of a brick will help to write a new chapter in the history of the Inn by supporting the renovation and restoration of its interior. Bricks include a personalized inscription. 4" x 8" bricks are \$250 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$400. To celebrate America's 233rd birthday, Botsford is offering a \$50 discount on these prices through Friday, July 31. Information, call (248) 442-5065 or visit www.botsford.org.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

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

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the needs of the seniors in the community and provide excellent rehab & skilled care for our residents.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the local community?
Hope Health Care: Greater need.



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A few of the staffers at Hope Health Care Center are Jennifer Wilcox, Kirsten Galka, Pam Johnson, Lianne Miller, Deborah Johnson and Elizabeth Digby.

CHAMBER CHAT

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Website at www.cantonchamber.com

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all... just go to www.cantonchamber.com

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Grub Crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's 8th Annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Participating restaurants in this year's event include: 4 Friends Restaurant, Applebees, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Max & Erma's, Rose's Grill & Bar, Shark Club, Shish Kabob Café, T.C. Gator's Sports Page, and T.G.I. Friday's.

"The Grub Crawl is an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity," said Dianne Cojei, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Cojei, last year almost 600 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early. If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Major Sponsors for this event are National City Bank, Approved Mortgages, Waltonwoods of Canton.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Golf outing

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Golf Outing. This year the classic will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

Golf for Four Package, \$550- Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more!

Golf for Four Sponsorship Package, \$650- Includes golf for four with cart and a Tee or Green Sponsorship, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner, and a plaque.

Individual Golf, \$150- Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more!

Dinner Only, \$35. Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

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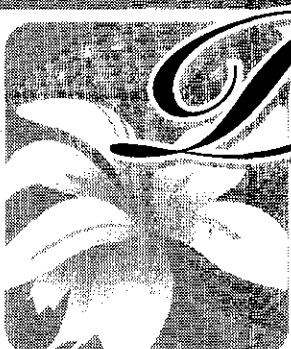
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HELEN M. AUBERLIN

Age 95, of Farmington Hills, June 21, 2009. Cherished wife of the late Marvin (2002); devoted mother of Beverly (Dan); beloved grandmother of Jason and Christopher (Amy); dear great-grandmother of Mathias, Solana, Olivia and Addison. Mrs. Auberlin is also survived by her sister Jenny Tompor and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her siblings Frank, Walter, Edmund Hardy and Stella Kondracki. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements entrusted to Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200. heene-sundquist.com

ERNEST W. JOHNSON

Age 79 of Westland. Loving husband of Jo. Dear father of Donna (John) Swanson, Jan (Bill) Mackenroth, Vicki (Michael) Webster, Laura (Rick) Hazen and the late Mike. Brother of Dorothy Briggs. Grandfather of Angela (Andrew) Hathikhanavala, Amanda Webster, Katie Webster & the late Kris Mackenroth. Funeral Wednesday 10 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Mon. 4-9 pm & Tues. 3-9 pm. Donations to Westland Historic Village Park appreciated. Please visit & leave a note of condolence at: www.uhtfh.com.

MARY E. BRIGHT

Age 92, of Garden City, MI. Loving and devoted mother of Ernest, Arthur and Eugene (Michelle). Grandmother of Misty. Stepsister of Robert Phillips. Former wife & lifelong friend of Dutch Eichenberg. Passed away peacefully. Mary will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

WALTER B. GENTILE

Age 86, of Westland, June 21, 2009. Beloved husband of Eitel. Loving father of Loretta (Ken) Clary, Walter (Jackie) Gentile Jr., Linda Sampson and Catherine (Joe) Clairmont. Dearest grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of 11. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Bertha Gentile, Barbara Ann Gentile, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

CORDIA "Corky" (Pursell) NIPPER

Age 75, Prudenville formerly of Livonia and Plymouth died June 22, 2009. Services 6:00 pm Friday, June 26, 2009, Christ Lutheran Church, Oakley, MI. Please visit Corky's webpage at www.lifestorynet.com.

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Church offers job-hunting resources in challenging times

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will kick off a series of job workshops Monday.

"We have a team of members starting a workshop to help people who are looking for work find jobs," said the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt.

"Our team has been through that experience — they have quite a few resources — you can check our church Web site for some of this info. The site address is www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

The church's upcoming Monday night workshops are:

- **June 29, 5:30-7 p.m.:** Julie Pugginni from Schoolcraft College will talk about setting goals and motivation.
- **July 13, 7-8:30 p.m.:** The topic will be communication — using the right words in the right way. Your "elevator speech" says it all. Business cards, too.
- **July 27, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Interviews — on the phone and in person. Practical tips on preparation and presentation.
- **Aug. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Retraining Resources — when it's right for you and how. There also will be a presentation on "No Worker Left Behind."
- **Aug. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Family Finances — The topic addresses the importance of having a plan and making sure everyone is "on board."

Sept. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.: Discovery — What's the Market Like Now

Eckhardt said Pugginni, the first speaker in the series, "comes to us with excellent recommendations as a counselor who understands what people need to hear and do as they face unemployment and start looking for the next job."

The workshops are designed to help people in employment transition put together a useful job-hunter's tool box. They include a presentation and small group discussion.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church is located at 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

JUNE 25-JULY 1

Bethany Suburban West
A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining, between Sibley and West, New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Food pantry
Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

Garage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. (313) 538-1142

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers a Bible study series, 9 a.m.-noon on four Tuesday mornings - June 30, July 7, and 28, and Aug. 4, at the church, 11441 Hubbard. Based on Jeff Cavin's "Quick Journey Through the Bible," the study offers a survey of salvation history, using a combination of individual reading, group discussion, and lecture commentary. Cost is \$19.95 for the study guide and materials. A Children's Ministry is available at \$2 per child per session. For additional information and registration, see www.livoniastmichael.org or call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Armenian Folk singer
Armenian-Canadian vocalist Mariam Matossian and the world music group, Free Planet Radio, will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$50 for priority seating. Reserve tickets by calling (248) 357-2234.

Mom's retreat
A series of four summer retreat days starts July 1 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia, 11441 Hubbard. A children's ministry will be offered for the little ones while Mom enjoys Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms. The discussions will introduce the Doctors of the Church and the steps of spiritual development, based on noted Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin's newest book, "The Fulfillment of All Desire." Sessions run 8:30-11 a.m. July 15, 29 and Aug. 12. Cost is \$8 per meeting. Register at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail to swilliams@livonistmichael.org.

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Northville Art in the Sun: Downtown Northville. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Juried artists, music, food, kids' activities. Musical guests Sheila Landis, Roy Scoutz, Ken Majors. Presented by Northville Art House. (248)344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
Midsummer Nights in Midtown: Thursday through Saturday in June. Free. Eclectic music mix, street painting, street theatre, children and family activities. Midtown Detroit's University Cultural Center District. www.midsummer-nightsinmidtown.com
Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26. Artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition. Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake. (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.
Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

COMEDY

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursdays, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. seating and live music. Live orchestra, stand up comedy, improv, mime, break dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing. \$5. 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com.
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

CONCERTS

Callahan's Music Hall: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. June 26: Paul Warren/ Josh Boyd and the VIP Band; June 27: The Hell Drivers: Roomful of Blues, July 12: Tinsley Ellis, July 24, 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills. www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508.
Clutch Cargo: Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
Comerica Park: Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
Detroit Symphony Orchestra: 8:30 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. David Alan Miller conducts; guest artist is soprano Kisma Jordan; music celebrates the sounds of Broadway, America and film. Fireworks cap each performance. Tickets range from \$12-\$27. VIP passes are \$50 and offer priority parking and seating. Call (313) 982-6001 for tickets.
DTE Energy Music Theatre: New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Heart, June 30; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with 38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15. 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston (248) 377-0100.
Fox Theatre: Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Heritage Park: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights. Night Moves, June 25. Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center. www.fhgov.com, (248)473-1857.
Magic Bag: The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
Magic Stick: The Gernies, June 25; Thunderheist!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Mosh Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.
Majestic Theatre: The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16. 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills. Ticketmaster.



The Catfish Mafia will perform at Riley Park in downtown Farmington on June 26.

(248) 377-0100
Northville Friday Night Concerts: 7-9 p.m., Town Square. Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17, Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.
Riley Park: Rhythmz in Riley Park, 7 p.m. Fridays, downtown Farmington, June 26, Catfish Mafia, with roots in bluegrass. Free. Rain location: First United Methodist Church. www.DowntownFarmington.org
Trinity House Theatre: Chrome Folk BBQ, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardevents.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, 2 p.m. Sundays, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
Marquis Theatre: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.
Maybury Farm: Inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.
Northville Tunes on Tuesday: Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14; Guy Louis and the Chautauque Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org.
Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live", Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

FILM

AMC Summer MovieCamp: \$1 select movies, Wednesday's. AMC Forum 30 with IMAX; AMC Star Gratiot 21; AMC Star Great Lakes 25; AMC Livonia 20, July 1, Madagascar Escape 2 (PG); July 8, Tale of Despereaux (G); July 15, Horton Hears a Who (G); July 22, The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG); July 29, Nim's Island (PG); Aug. 5, Star Wars The Clone Wars (PG).
Benefits Variety - The Children's Charity and The Will Rogers Institute. www.amccentertainment.com/smc.
Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.
Penn Theatre: Summer family movie series, June 25, "The Music Man," July 2, "Fly Away Home," July 16, "An American Tail," July 23, "The Shaggy Dog," (original 1959 version), July 30, "Annie," Aug. 6, "In Search of the Castaways," Aug. 13, "Babe," Aug. 20, "Apple Dumpling Gang," Aug. 27, "The Muppets Take Manhattan," 1, 7 p.m., \$3/seat, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Redford Theatre: "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. www.redfordtheatre.com.

HIP HOP

Rock The Bells 2009 Festival Series: hip-hop festival, 1 p.m. June 28. Nas & Damian Marley, The Roots, Busta Rhymes and Big Boi. 25 acts on two stages; vendor village, surprise performances. DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets at Palacenet.com, The Palace, DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices. Ticketmaster locations. Charge at 1-800-745-3000.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.
Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.
Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Guskay," through July 12, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900.
Detroit Science Center: "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.
Greenfield Village: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org.
Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families. (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Historical Society: Weekly "Behind the Scenes" tours. \$20 society members, \$30 for guests. (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistorical.org.
Penn Grill & Bar: Karaoke Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-3570.

THEATER - COMMUNITY, COLLEGE

Henry Ford Community College: One-Act Festival. "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," June 25-28, "A Way with Words," "Identity Crisis." Dearborn Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. 36 (313) 00845-9817.

THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Fisher Theatre: "Grease," to June 28, with Taylor Hicks, American Idol winner, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com.

Concert series returns to zoo

The Detroit Zoo is about to get even wilder with its annual Wild Summer Nights concert series on Wednesday nights during July and August. The concerts take place in the Zoo's Main Picnic Grove from 6:30-8 p.m. July 1 through Aug. 26 and are free with regular Zoo admission.

Wild Summer Nights features a variety of live music from local bands, including children's, pop, folk and blues. Concert-goers are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. In addition, food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase from Zoo concessions.

The Zoo will remain open until 8 p.m. and Dinosauria until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays during the concert series.

Here's the concert schedule:

- Children's concerts are Gemini on July 1, James Coffey on July 8, Palamazo on July 22, Candy Band on Aug. 5, and Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers on Aug. 19.
- Classic Americana music by Grievous Angel on July 15
- Folk music by Jill Jack on July 29
- Rock/pop music by the Gia Warner Band on Aug. 12
- Rhythm and Blues by the Sun Messengers

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Park. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of Ten Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) — with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August — and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.



Visitors to the Detroit Zoological Park enjoy a concert during last year's Wild Summer Nights series.

Interactive, nonprofit reality series launched

Benevolence TV, the first nonprofit Internet reality television series, launches its first three shows on July 4.

Viewers will see the lives of a single mother living at PATH Women's Shelter, whose dream is to join the military and serve her country while providing for her children; a GM worker on the brink of foreclosure due to back injury; and Steve Upshur, founder of Peacemakers International Ministries, helping the homeless and drug addicted in the city of Detroit.

Founded by a team of humanitarians, producers and business leaders Benevolence TV does more than entertain, it changes lives.

Benevolence TV provides immediate help through financial assistance to each participant depending on their needs. During each show, a panel of experts from various professions including counselors, medical doctors, financial planners, motivational speakers, law enforcement agents,

attorneys, clergy and others direct all resources provided by Benevolence TV and its viewers. This creates not a temporary fix but a continuous growth pattern. The result ensures healing for participants and viewers alike.

"Benevolence TV is our way of giving back to the community, and the world," says Clifford Wallace III, founder of Benevolence TV. "Our goal is to take people beyond survival, because we all deserve to succeed."

The community is invited to get involved with Benevolence TV by giving people the tools they need, such as financial support, food and clothing donations, or mental and sociological advice. Benevolence will continue to follow participants for six months after each show, allowing viewers and members to see results and continue offering assistance to those in need. Find out more at www.benevolencetv.com

Improv theater adds sign language interpreters

Go Comedy! Improv Theater will offer two nights of American Sign Language interpretation of the Go Comedy! All Star Showdown Friday June 26 and Saturday, July 24.

The ASL interpreted performances further Go Comedy's mission to make improvisational comedy accessible to everyone.

In the All Star Showdown, two teams of Detroit's best improvisers go head to head in an improv competition tailored to challenge their abilities, think on their feet, and give audiences a roaring good time. The cast also plays for audience members who take home prizes when their team wins. The 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. performances will be interpreted by ASL interpreters Helen Jones of Ypsilanti and Katie Fitzpatrick of Hazel Park. Tickets cost \$15 and are available by calling (248) 327-0575 and in person beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday at the Go Comedy! box office.

Go Comedy! Improv Theater is located at 261 East Nine Mile in Ferndale. (248) 327-0575; or visit www.gocomedy.net.

Down and out, but on TV

The Agency, a local business that connects Michigan talent, producers, directors and production crews with the state's growing film industry, will audition downsized and underemployed workers for a reality show on Tuesday, June 30 at Motor City Movie House in the Russell Industrial Center, 1604 Clay, Building 1, 5th Floor, Detroit.

The Agency is producing the reality show, called *Rollin' On*, about the transformation of Detroit workers into film and television crews. Auditions will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Producers will screen candidates on camera in the first phase of auditions. Those selected for the second phase will be auditioned on camera by a panel of judges.

The producers will look for enthusiasm and authenticity. Candidates should be willing to share their story, learn a new craft and work within groups.

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Urban robots

League of Electronic Musical Urban Robots will perform at 8:45 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward. They'll perform with human beatboxer and vocal performance artist, Adam Matta, in an inter-active installation controlled by the audience. Part of Midsummer Nights in Midtown. Installation: 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Dine al fresco

Fresh air comes with every meal on a restaurant patio or deck

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

An outside patio at Compari's in Plymouth on a balmy spring afternoon was like a magnet to two sisters when they needed a break from shopping.

Sitting comfortably at a table facing Kellogg Park with all its greenery and charm, they talked about how much they enjoy restaurants that allow patrons to dine in the fresh air.

"People gravitate to patios," said Susan Clark of Lansing, who was visiting her sister, Mary Khoshnegah of Hamburg Township.

A few tables away, Catherine and Todd Mueller enjoyed lunch with their daughter, Anna, 6.

"We live downtown and enjoy being able to walk downtown, sit outside and enjoy a great meal," Catherine Mueller said.

Restaurant patios are good for business and seem to be a trend that will last well into the future, according to Nichole Jacobs, manager of Leo's Coney Island in Plymouth.

"More and more restaurants are adding patios," and if they're new construction, outdoor seating is built into the plans.

Like many cities with a downtown area, Plymouth is teeming with restaurants offering dining outside even where space is limited. The Sweet Afton Tea Room and Simple Sandwich face each other on Forest Avenue in Plymouth. Each business has only a small patch of sidewalk, but it's enough for a couple of tables and chairs.

"The Porch" was added last year at the longtime dining establishment, Ginopolis of Farmington Hills, which is owned by brothers, John and Peter Ginopolis.

It's been good for business, said John Ginopolis.

"The nice weather is so short in this state people really enjoy sitting out there having lunch, dinner or cocktails," he explained. "They take advantage of it. They will specifically come here just to sit outside."

Across town, C.J.'s Brewery, a res-



Lisa Benages and her daughter Carolyn Benages are almost ready to order lunch at Compari's in downtown Plymouth.

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taurant attached to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, also recently opened a patio.

"If you go to any downtown you see more diners outside than you do inside," said David Doyle, Compuware Arena food and beverage director.

"We thought we would try it in our setting to draw people up to our restaurant and so far so good," Doyle said.

Front lot patios are the key feature of a block-long stretch of restaurants on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Mitchell's Fish Market and Bravo Cucina Italiana sit side by side with ample outdoor seating.

The Livonia block looks like a scene from a small town in Europe, and with the various ethnic groups represented, it's up to you to pretend which country you're visiting.

Jason King, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub, thinks most people are relieved to be outdoors after spending harsh Michigan winters inside buildings. Fresh flowers and a full power gas fire pit are extra features on the patio that lure diners.

Luciano Del Signore, owner and chef of BACCO Ristorante in Southfield, invites customers to "come, relax, sip some wine, treat yourself to a savory dessert, and share the joys of summer with friends and family."

"In Michigan people are cooped up for so long, to go outside is a bonus," DelSignore said. "On perfect summer days, our patio tables are the first ones reserved. We have actual furniture with table cloths outside. We keep it very much the same as inside."

At Penn Grille & Bar in Plymouth, the atmosphere is much more casual.

Marykay Marocco, day manager, said, "As soon as the patio opens we do twice the business. We also have a television facing outside and you can watch sporting events even if you're out on the patio."

Outdoor seating was added this year at Michnos Café, in Redford.

"We opened up on a Friday during the Wing's game and it was a blast," said Anthony Michnos, who is the son of the restaurant owner, Ron Michnos.

"People tend to want to relax and talk outside," he added.

Mike Lucaj, manager of Grand Tavern in Farmington Hills, says patios "put people in a better mood."

And that is definitely the case with the sisters visiting Plymouth at Compari's.

"It's great to be able to sit outside, have the action of the city and people walking by," Khoshnegah said. "And we can people watch."

Local eateries with outdoor dining

Here's a sampling of restaurants with outdoor seating:

Athenian Coney Island

43324 W. 11 Mile, Novi; (248) 305-9700
Seating capacity outdoors: 40

BACCO Ristorante

29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 356-6600
Seating capacity outdoors: 50

Bravo Cucina Italiana

17700 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 591-5600
Seating capacity outdoors: 65

CJ's Brewery in Compuware Arena

14900 N. Beck, Plymouth; (734) 453-4455
Seating capacity outdoors: 70

Compari's on the Park

350 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-0100
Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Fiamma Grille

380 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-9340
Seating capacity outdoors: 60

Ginopolis

27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-8222
Seating capacity outdoors: 60

Grand Tavern

35450 Grand River Ave., Farmington; (248) 476-5700
Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Hermann's Olde Town Grille

195 W. Liberty, Plymouth; (734) 451-1213
Seating capacity outdoors: 30

Leo's Coney Island

41496 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-8200
Seating capacity outdoors: 40

Michno's Café

25524 Five Mile, Redford Township; (313) 532-9212
Seating capacity outdoors: 36

Mitchell's Fish Market

17600 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 464-3684
Seating capacity outdoors: 60

Penn Grille & Bar

820 Penniman, Plymouth; (734) 453-3570
Seating capacity outdoors: 40

PI of Southfield

28847 Franklin, Southfield; (248) 358-3355
Seating capacity outdoors: 50

Sandy's by the Beach

25853 Five Mile, Redford; (313) 534-0333
Seating capacity outdoors: 34

Stone House Coffee & Tea

16923 Ridge Road, Northville; (248) 449-2669
Seating capacity outdoors: 16

Tanglewood Golf Course

53503 W. 10 Mile, South Lyon; (248) 486-6217
Seating capacity outdoors: 112

The Claddagh Pub of College Park

17800 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-8141
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Belleek, Buddy L. & toys, Tools, clock & watch parts, Barrister Bookcases, Brunswick pool table, Lazy-boy sofa. 6541 Rosemary, off Charleworth at Warren, W of Telegraph.	Garage Sales 7110 Dearborn Historic Springwell Park Annual Garage Sale - Huge! Over 50 home! Fri., June 26th, Sat., June 27th, 9am-5pm, Sun, June 28th, 10am-2pm. Located at corner of Rotunda & Greenfield DETROIT ESTATE SALE Historic Rosedale Park 15945 Warway, Detroit Fri-Sun., 10am - 5pm Quality furniture: Century, Baker, Drexel, Hekman, Weidman Warren Lutz, fine china, Wedgwood, Coalport, Crystal: St. Louis, Waterford, Franciscan, Dessert Rose, Baldwin baby grand, ladies clothing 2X, iron lawn furniture, tons of books, Opera CD's, TVs, 2002 Ford T-Bird, house is loaded! See estate-sales.net for photos. FARMINGTON HILLS - 23104 Glenmoor Heights, Middlebelt & 9 Mile. Sat. June 27, 9-4. Christmas, bike rack, kid's bike seats & household. FARMINGTON HILLS BIG GARAGE SALE - 28156 and 28072 Thorny Brae, Farmington Hills. Fri/Sat., 10am-4pm. Household items, antiques, comics, furniture, toys, crito, etc. FARMINGTON HILLS - Big Multi Family Sale. Fri-Sat, 9-5pm. Tools, furniture & household items. 30227 South Stockton Dr, W of Middlebelt, N of Shawwassee Rd. FARMINGTON HILLS - Great Garage Sale. 25521 Arden Park, S of 11th Mile, 1 blk W of Inkster, 11th house from 11 Mile. Fri-Sat, 10-5pm.	Garage Sales 7110 FARMINGTON HILLS MOVING Everything Must Go! 22981 Tuck Rd., N of Shawwassee, W of 9 Mile. Sat., June 27, 8am-5pm. Furniture, small appliances, dishware & misc. No clothing or children items. FARMINGTON HILLS Moving Sale: A little bit of everything for everyone. Rain/Shine Sale in Garage! June 27th, 11am-4pm. 25716 Power Rd., Farmington, btwn 10 and 11 Mile. FARMINGTON HILLS - Sub Sale, Hunter's Point Colony, 6/25-6/27, 9-5. Stanhurst Rd, W/ Drake, N/ 13. Designer & kid's clothes, household, misc. FARMINGTON HILLS Timbercrest Subdivision Community Garage Sale. Fri-Sun, 9-8. 12 Mile & Middlebelt. FRANKLIN - Huge Fundraising Garage Sale. Too many items to list. June 25-27, 9-4pm. 32875 Colony Hill Drive. GARDEN CITY 1st EVER O.B.O. GARAGE SALE! We have EVERYTHING! Bicycles, clothes, electronics, tools, toys, and MUCH, MUCH, MORE! This weekend: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday; 9am-5pm. 31335 Marquette, Garden City, MI 48135. GARDEN CITY Garage Sale - 28912 Cambridge, S of Warren, E of Middlebelt. Furniture, misc items. June 25-27, 8am-4pm. 734-427-1905 HIGHLAND - Community Sale June 25-27, 9-4pm. Hickory Shores Sub, located on N Hickory Ridge Rd, entry to sub is Hickory Point Dr.	Garage Sales 7110 HOWELL Huge 3 Family Garage Sale - 2074 Crooked Lake Rd., off Chilson or D-19. June 25-27th, 9am-5pm. Something for everyone! LATHRUP VILLAGE Thurs-Sat, 9am-8pm. 18411 Santa Ann, 1 blk. N. of Lincoln, W. of Southfield. Household, clothes, fishing & hand tools. LIVONIA: 14679 Park Ave. S of 5, E. of Levan. Thurs-Mon June 25-29, 9-4. Collectibles, comics, coins, cards, household goods, clothes. LIVONIA 18376 Mayfield, E of Farmington, 6 miles. Roll top desk, Computer Desk, Jenny Lynn bed, hand saw with mounting table and much more. June 25-26, 9am-4pm. LIVONIA 3 Family Garage Sale 35259 Leon St., W. of Wayne Rd, S. of Plymouth. June 26-27, 8:30am-4:30pm. Clothing, furniture & household items. LIVONIA- 3 family sale! 19657 Melvin (Street behind Old Livonia Mall), 6/26 & 6/27, 9-5pm. Household items, fishing equip. & tools. LIVONIA 32659 Greenland Ct. off Hubbard, btwn 5 & 6 Mile. June 26-28th, 10am-6pm. EVERYTHING MUST GO! LIVONIA- Antiques, furniture, exercise equip, clocks, Hot-wheels, action figures, lawn equip, powerwasher, electronics, books, & household. 6/25-6/27, 9-5pm. 15612 Apline, W/Farmington, N/5 Mile. LIVONIA BIG SALE! 29608 Mark Lane, 7 Mile/Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat. June 25-27, 9-5. Indian jewelry-Squash Blossoms, microwave, tables, etc.	Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA- Clothing for all ages & much, much more! 35129 Orangelawn, btwn Ann Arbor Rd & Ann Arbor Trl. June 25-27th, 9-6pm. LIVONIA Fri-Sun., 9am-3pm. 32351 Oakley, 1 blk N of Lyndon, S of 5. Collectibles, misc. HUGE! LIVONIA- Garage/Estate Sale. 36543 Bobrich, 6 Mile & Levan. June 25-27, 10-4pm. Everything must go! LIVONIA GARAGE SALE - June 25-27, 8-5pm. 9805 Roseland, Farmington & Plymouth. Furniture, Books, Video Games, Home Decor, etc. LIVONIA Garage Sale - Wed-Sat., 6/24-6/27, 9am-5pm. 9924 Norman, Livonia 48150, Lots of misc. LIVONIA-MULTI FAMILY SALE 15427 Alpine, off 5 Mile btwn Farmington & Levan. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10-7 LIVONIA - Multi-family sale! Something for all! 31570 Vargo, N. of 6 Mile and W. of Merriman. 6/25-6/28; 9-5pm. LIVONIA - Multi Family Sub Garage Sale. Sat. June 27, 9-4pm. Windridge Village, S of 8 Mile, W of Farmington. LIVONIA PARKVIEW SUB (Roselinda Rd.), located off Plymouth, just W of Newburg. Fri. & Sat., 9am-7 Children's toys, furniture, lots of misc. items. LIVONIA The One Sale You Don't Want To Miss! Brand New never opened items. 27530 Bentley, Schoolcraft/Inkster. June 25-27th, 9-5pm.	Garage Sales 7110 MILFORD - 2705 Zenith Dr, W Buno & Hickory Oak Ln. June 25-27, 9-5pm. Collectibles, Barbies, Precious Moments, clothes, appli and books. MILFORD GARAGE SALE! 2601 W. Buno, Milford. Furniture, dishes, household items, toys, strollers. Milford Rd., to Huron Valley Pkwy, inside Kensington Metro Park, just past Park Office. Thurs., 6/25 & Fri., 6/26 9am-4pm. MILFORD Multi-Family Sale Heritage Hill Sub Thurs-Sat., 6/25-27, 9am-4pm. Furniture, lawn mower, home decor, sports, clothes, bike, toys & much more! MILFORD - Thurs-Sat, June 25-27, 10-4pm. 510 Rowe Rd, off Milford Rd, 1 Mile S of Milford High. Collectibles, household goods & misc. NORTHVILLE - Huge Sale! Indoors & Outdoors - 41763 Ladywood, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, off Winchester. Sat., 6/27, 8-4pm. Furniture, china, tools, seasonal, kitchen & more! NORTHVILLE - Multi-Family Garage Sale - 53229 8 Mile, btwn Currie & Chubb Rds. Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm. Men's tools, misc. household items. No Early Birds! NORTHVILLE - Multi Family Sale. Stonewater Sub, 6 Mile btwn Beck & Ridge Rd, follow signs. Thurs-Sat, June 25-27, 9-4pm. Everything like new. NORTHVILLE SUB Garage Sale June 27th, 8am-3pm. Lakes of Northville, 6 Mile/Winchester, 1 1/4 miles W. of Haggerty.	Garage Sales 7110 NOVI - 22473 Kensington, Beckenham Sub, 9 & Beck. Thurs-Sat, 9-2pm. Multi Family, tons of great stuff! NOVI-HUGE FUND RAISING SALE! For mission trip to Africa. Fri., 9-6pm & Sat. 9-3pm. 47825 W. 10 Mile Rd, W of Beck. Hundreds of jrs & Mrs fashions, books, media, crafts, girl's stuff, etc. PLYMOUTH ANNUAL SALE 8800 Corinne, Joy & Main. June 25-26, 9-5. Perennials (200+), boys 18M-3, girls 4-6 good clothes, tools, plus more. PLYMOUTH Woodlore South Neighborhood Garage Sale - June 26-27, 9am-3pm. Corner of Beck & Joy. Furniture, clothing, kids' items, misc. REDFORD-15949 DENBY, N of 5 Mile, E of Inkster. Antique dealer overstock! Vintage items, many smalls, glass, porcelain, costume jewelry, household - & more. Dealers, e-bayers & all are welcome. New stuff daily! Don't miss this one! 6/25-6/27, 9-4pm. REDFORD - 3 family yard sale! June 27 & 28th, 9-2. Baby items, movies, books, small appliances, collectible Barbies & more! 19701 Poinciana. REDFORD Everything Must Go! 9010 Kinloch, Joy & Beech. 6-27 & 6-28, 9-5pm. Tools, pool table, furniture, clothing, audio video & more! REDFORD: Multi-Family Sale. 26397 Ivanhoe, S. of 5 Mile, E. of Beech. June 26 & 27, 9-4pm. Lots of misc.	Garage Sales 7110 REDFORD- Multi family sale! Kid's, housewares, holiday & more. Too much to list! 19150 Wakenden, N of 7, W of Beech. 6/25 & 6/26; 9-5pm. ROYAL OAK 934 E Third, 2 bks S of 11, E of Main. See Craigslist ad: key words "Royal Oak Third". Fri/Sat, 9-4 SALEM TWP-YARD SALE 5836 Dutch Hill, turn S from N. Territorial Rd. 1 blk E of Pontiac Trl. Household items, books, furniture. Everything must go! 6/27 & 6/28; 9-3pm SOUTH LYON Garage Sale-6/25-6/27, 9am-3pm. 12803 Woodway, 10 Mile Rd., E of Rushton. Teacher's books, exercise equipment, games, other items. SOUTH LYON-HUGE SALE 26909 Johns Rd, Street is off 10 Mile. Sat-Mon, 9-6pm. Computers, game systems, electronics, tools. WEST BLOOMFIELD- High- end sale! Furniture, kid's designer clothes, kids'electric motorized vehicles, grills, fridge, & much, much more! 6/25-6/27, 9-5pm. 4379 Strathdale Ct., E. Orchard Lk, W. Middlebelt on the N side. WEST BLOOMFIELD Moving Sale - 6412 Summer Court, N of 15, W of Orchard Lake. Thurs-Sat, June 25-27th, 9am-5pm. Artwork, kid's items & clothes & household items. WESTLAND - CAROLAN'S CONDO WIDE GARAGE SALE S of Ford Road, E of Hix. Sat, June 27, 9-4pm. Huge variety of items!	Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND GARAGE SALE 37721 Marquette, West of Newburgh, South of Ford. Thurs-Fri, 9-7 if it rain, Sat, 9-7. Tons of misc! WESTLAND - Variety of clothing, toys & more! 1351 Sharon Dr., W. of Henry Ruff, N. of Palmer. 6/26-6/28; 9-4pm WESTLAND VERY NICE GARAGE SALE! Sat, 6-17 & Sun, 6-28. Open 9:00am. 2517 Berry in Westland, Off Palmer, btwn Wayne & Newburgh 734-673-4487 WIXOM- Huge sale! Too many things to list! Lots of holiday decor & yard/garden supplies, and home goods. 2063 Devonshire, W of Wixom Rd off Charms. Fri & Sat 8-5pm.
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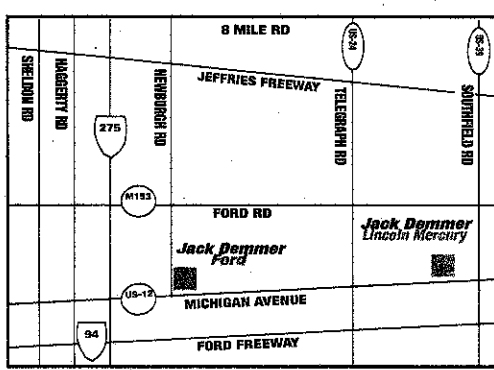
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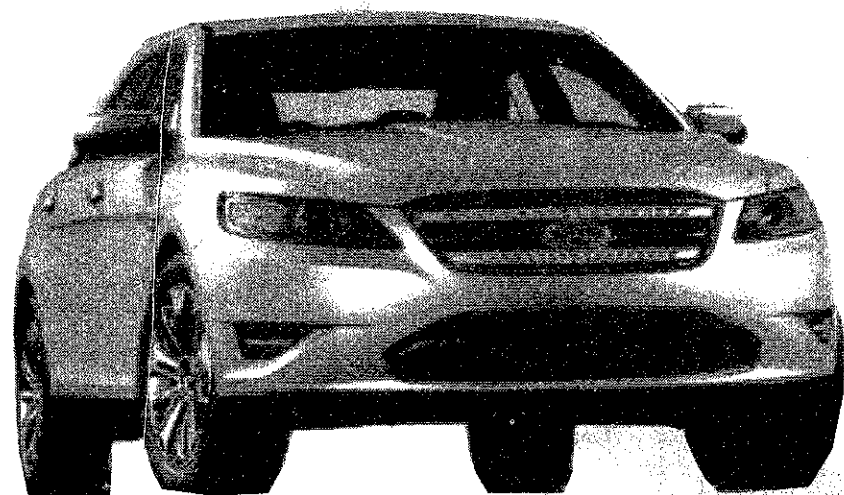
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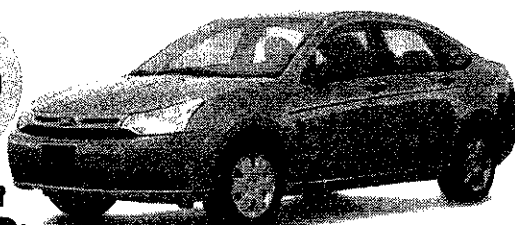
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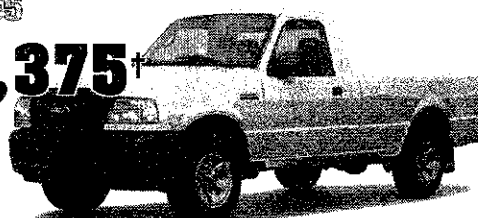
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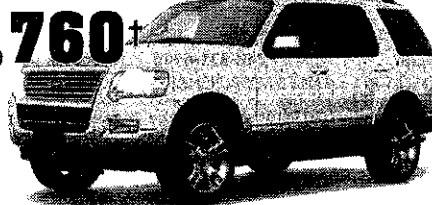


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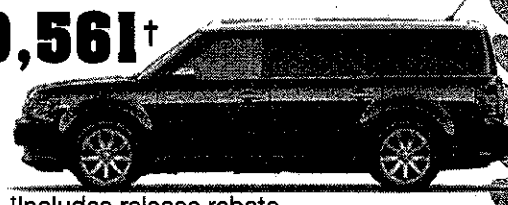


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BANK OWNED BEAUTY 2 bedrooms plus loft. Lower level walkout could be used as 3rd bedroom. Backs to open area with a pond. Fireplace. Hardwood flrs. Corian counters. Needs paint. (29077855) \$124,900



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KENDALLWOOD'S FINEST! UPDATED 3 BR. FLA RM Updates throughout. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Finished basement, Florida room, great hardwoods. Outstanding lot, brick pavers. Outstanding Farmington schools. (29053749) \$180,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
Immaculate Colonial Updated Kitchen, roof, windows, paint, HWH, stainless appls. 2 1/2 car garage, open floor plan, big yard. Close to schools (Stevenson High School), Freeway. Make an offer! (29076029) \$193,500



Northville 248-723-0055
NICE PRICE FOR NORTHVILLE Three bedroom, 1.5 bath Condo. Dining rm, central air, fin basement, common pool, tennis court. Bank owned sold as is. (29065853) \$49,900



Shelby Twp 248-652-6500
Move In Ready! 3 BR/2 BA Ranch w/2 car extended mechanics garage. Updated KIT w/granite/hdwd flrs under carpet/new windows/fin bsmt/extensive landscaping/city water & sewer. (28076781) \$214,900



Birmingham 248-548-9100
BIRMINGHAM 1928 FIVE BR TUDOR Most classic features still intact. Wrought iron bannisters, ornate crown molding, new 'slate' roof w/copper gutters & downspouts. Pewabic tile, 4 frplcs, 621 (29012125) \$1,199,000



Canton Twp 248-851-4100
PRIVATE END UNIT BRICK RANCH CONDO In Canton. Premium lot w/basement carved from remodeled clubhouse & pool. All appl. included. Newer windows, roof, sump pump, dishwasher. Close to shopping/hwy. (29071480) \$60,000



Garden City 734-591-9200
Newer hme built 2001. Move In Ready. Needs no work. Well Maintained in excell cond. Every new on 2001. Spac kit w/opr flr plan. Hdwd flrs, newer crpt, excell stor, neut decor. Lg MBR w/BA (29004146) \$99,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Very desirable loc. Move right into this well carved for spac bkr rch with semi prvy backyd, drive/wy on dead end st, newer furn & CA, newer roof & electrical, vinyl wind. Large bsmt w/storage. FR & lg breezwy (29068585) \$180,000



Novi 248-348-6430
A True Gem! Beautiful 4 BDRM 4.1 bath colonial on 1 acre. 2 story great room with views of the garden, chef's dream kitchen with upscale appliances, finished lower level. (28151022) \$625,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lake Front Ranch This chain of lakes is a well kept secret. Beautiful tranquil area close to everything. 3 BR, 2 BA, updated kitchen. Move in condition. Estate Sale. (28094869) \$249,900



Bloomfield Hills 248-208-2900
Adorable Condo! Move right into this private entry, end unit condo. 2 bdrms w/private baths. Private deck. (29011164) \$115,900



Dearborn 734-284-5400
LOVELY AND READY FOR A BUYER 3 Bedroom brick ranch. Natural oak flrs. Natural Fireplace. Finished basement w/ a bar. 2.5 car garage w/ remote. Custom deck & playscape. Lots of storage. (29063338) \$105,000



Garden City 734-591-9200
VERY CLEAN BUNGALOW. MOVE RIGHT IN 3 bdrms, Ffrof the lg eat in kit New fl in kit. BA remodeled, hwf refinished, new windows, dishwasher, & hot water tank. Completely repainted. Large double lot (29057623) \$135,000



Livonia 248-851-4100
HOST POOL PARTIES FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS! Beautiful 40x20 inground pool, meticulously landscaped in large fenced yard. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen has 2 pantries. Fin bsmt. Lots of updates. (29065540) \$175,000



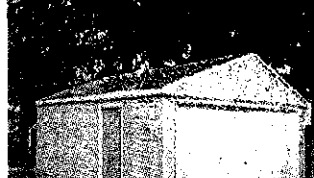
Pinckney 810-227-5005
Stately colonial on spectacular hilltop setting. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths & 3 car garage. Finished walkout w/wet bar, great room & full ceramic bath. Paver patio, electric fence, pond & wooded back yard. (28201320) \$230,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Brick Detached Condo. Interesting artistic flair w/tasteful decor; and a sleek look. Hardwood floors in kitchen, dining, great rm, master bedroom & 1st floor den. Move in condition. (29074779) \$149,900



Bloomfield Twp 248-548-9100
SPACIOUS RANCH Large ranch with 4 BR's, 3 1/2 baths. Features open & airy floor plan with a terrific family room. Open kitchen with breakfast room. Parklike feeling lot. 603 (29000026) \$439,000



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430
Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new 2 car garage. Crestwood schools, fenced yard & a large shed! New construction will be built unless lot is sold. (27193396) \$38,000



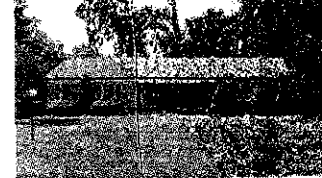
Garden City 734-555-7000
GARDEN CITY RANCH! 3 bedrms; 1-1/2 baths; well-maintained ranch. Beautiful neighborhood. Fenced yard. Garage. (29069023) \$118,500



Livonia 734-455-7000
PARK-LIKE LOT IN A CITY SPOT! 3BR/1.5BA, updated. Newer roof, H2O, vinyl windows, hardwood floors, finished basement. Very clean. Maintained in wonderful neighborhood. (29057764) \$164,900



Plymouth 248-851-4100
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! UPDATED HOME Open flr plan. Clean & move-in condition. Great rm/dining rm combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kitchen & bath, HWF, crown molding, recessed lights, newer furnace, C/A (29041893) \$175,000



Southfield 248-723-0055
SPRAWLING RANCH Four bedrooms, 2.2 baths in desirable Twyckingham sub. Over 2700 ft. Newer roof, furnace, plumbing. Dining rm, FF, fin bsmt, att garage (28137392) \$215,000



Bloomfield Hills 248-723-0055
SPACIOUS BLOOMFIELD BEAUTY Four BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Dining rm, family rm, partial fin bsmt. 2 car att garage. Bank owned home approved for home path mortgage. (29035318) \$169,900



Detroit 248-348-6430
Classic Historical 3 Story 4 Bed Brick Colonial with new 2008 features: roof, windows, attached deck, siding, glass block win in BSMT. All appliances stay. Updated kitchen & gleaming hardwood floors. (28167996) \$70,000



Garden City 248-851-4100
PRE-FORECLOSURE POSSIBLE INVESTMENT 3 bedroom home features newer furnace & roof. Fenced backyard w/pool. (29067157) \$65,000



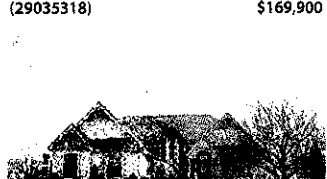
Livonia 248-851-1900
NEW CONSTRUCTION. GREAT KITCHEN Master suite w/master bath, large living room & dining room w/doorwall. 1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car garage. Livonia schools. (29041139) \$139,900



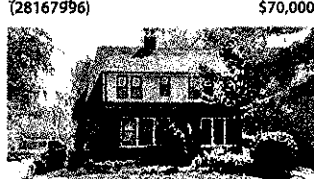
Plymouth 248-851-4100
SHARP END UNIT TOWNHOME Affordable living w/open floor plan & neutral decor. 2 BR, 2.1 bath, great room & family room. Private entry & 2 car attached garage w/direct access. Pool & tennis. (29062852) \$150,000



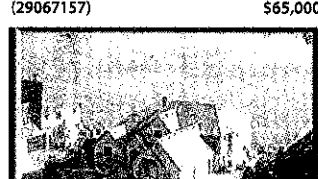
Southfield 248-208-2900
Extra large lot! Nice 4 bdrm, 1.5 bath home. 1 car attached garage. Located on one of the largest lots in the area. (28190364) \$59,900



Brighton 248-437-3800
Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan. GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt. (28181801) \$239,500



Detroit 248-723-0055
ROSEDALE PARK WCOMES YOU Four bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial. Dining room, library, hardwood floors, fin bsmt, 2 car garage, heated greenhouse, gated backyard. (29023176) \$59,000



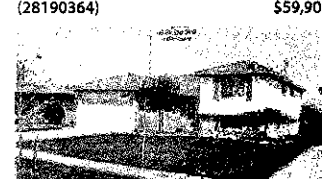
Green Oak 248-437-3800
Waterfront Luxury Living! In prestigious Hidden lake. Unbelievable opportunity to buy a custom, quality, pristine home w/100' lakefront. Circular drive paves the way to an impressive hm. (29059560) \$899,000



Livonia 248-851-4100
NEWER RANCH STYLE CONDO Beautiful 2004 built 2 BR 2 BA upper level condo. Choice Livonia location. Open flr plan, high ceilings, WIC. End unit w/private entry, private garage. Fully furnished (29075043) \$115,000



Redford 248-348-6430
Custom 2006 Home Priced To Sell Living room with fireplace. Dining area overlooks large backyard. Outstanding master & BA w/Jacuzzi & sep. shower & WIC. First floor LAV & laundry, 2+ garage. (29004547) \$164,900



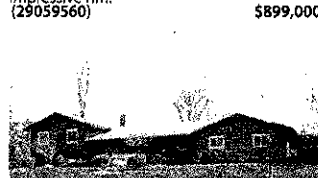
Sterling Heights 248-813-4900
You'll love this totally remodeled hm. 4bdrm, 2car attached garage. Bedrm w/fireplace w/wlk-in closet. New kit & bath, HW tank. Fin bsmt w/bar, tons of storage. Fenced yrd, sprinklers Hm warranty. (30683566) \$194,900



Canton 248-851-1900
GOURMET GRANITE KITCHEN. WONDERFUL HOME Kitchen w/island & stainless steel appliances. Vaulted master suite w/WIC & luxury tub. 2 story foyer. 2nd floor laundry. Finished bsmt w/granite wet bar. 2605 SF. (29045522) \$265,000



Detroit 248-723-0055
WELCOME TO THE EASTSIDE Three bedroom brick Bungalow. dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors thru-out, huge master suite, partial fin basement, garage. (29017389) \$19,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Is It Summer Yet? Enjoy the beautiful 20'x40' inground gunite pool. Lrg open flr plan, well maintained hm in popular Oakwood Meadows Sub. Enjoy walking trails, tennis & ponds. (29036746) \$239,900



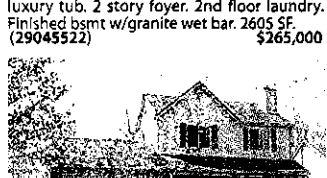
Livonia 734-455-7000
AS GOOD AS IT GETS Absolutely meticulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary condo with upgrades throughout. Vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets, deck & attached garage. (27179311) \$115,000



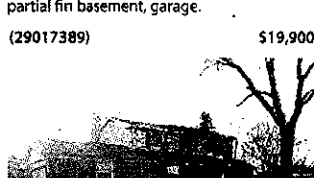
Redford 248-684-1065
Move in condition! 30x21 full fin. bsmt. HDWD flrs, all appl. included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/ workbench. Home warranty offered. (28170969) \$112,000



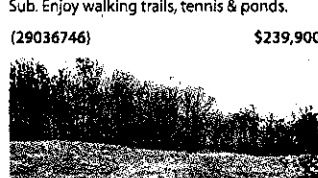
Westland 734-455-7000
WESTLAND DOLL HOUSE! - MOVE-IN SHAPE! Like brand new inside & out! 2 bedrm ranch, living rm and fireplace! Att 2 car garage! Larger 90' lot! Livonia schools! (29051934) \$58,500



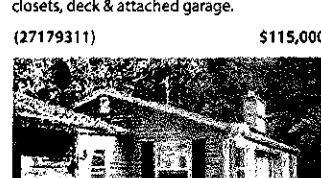
Canton 248-851-1900
3 BR 2.1-BA HOME W/LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/master bath & large WIC. (29067155) \$189,900



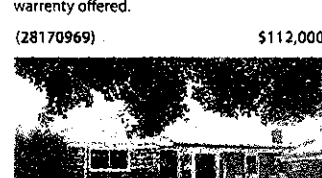
Farmington 248-813-4900
Beautiful Home on private 1/2 acre lot setting. Custom kitch w/sub zero frig, dacor gas range, Asko dish, sunken stainless sink, rec. lights & much more. Beautiful hrdwd flrs. (29016211) \$279,900



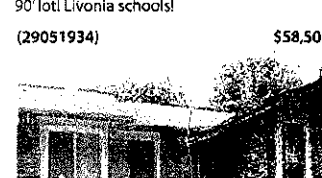
Iosco 248-684-1065
2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land contract option. (29007265) \$49,900



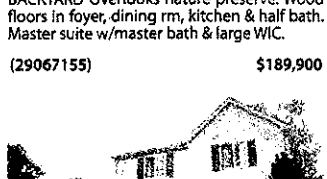
Milford 248-437-3800
Up North Living! Minutes from downtown Milford. Home is set on over 2 acres, w/beautiful rolling hills & mature trees. Many updates. Newer horse barn, large back yard. (29074913) \$189,000



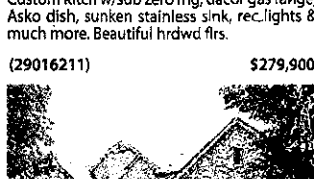
Redford 248-348-6430
Redford Cream Puff! Brick Ranch, 10+1 New windows, HWH, roof, furnace, A/C & kit w/oak. Redone hdwd flrs, bath w/Jacuzzi tub, cer flrs. Open flr plan. Rec room in fin bsmt. Above grd pool. Move in! (29080100) \$104,900



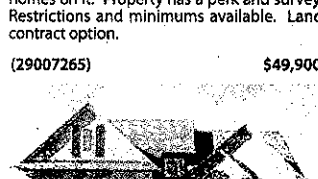
Westland 734-455-7000
GREAT BUY! Desirable location in a fabulous complex. Clean and neat! Full basement. Private entrance and patio. Carport. All appliances! (29080331) \$50,000



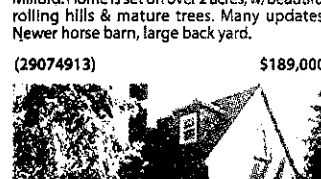
Canton 734-591-9200
Loc on a low traff cul-de-sac street, freshly painted, new light fixtures, window curtains and hardware, new carpet, neutral decor, 1st flr lib, cherry hdwd flrs (29068018) \$169,000



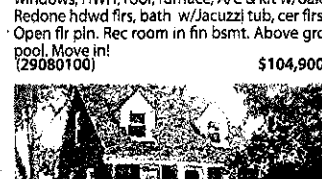
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
STUNNING SOFT CONTEMP W/NEW CUSTOM KIT. 4 BR 3.1 BA. Soaring ceilings, 3 FP, open stairs to finished w/o LL, w/wet bar, BR & bath, rec rm. Huge MBR w/jetted tub, sep. shower & WIC. Newer roof, deck, brick patio. (29075619) \$390,000



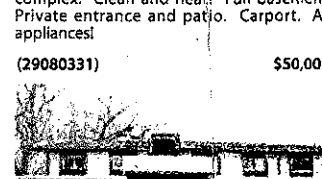
Livonia 248-851-4100
OPEN FRI-SUN 1-5. 8 MILE & NEWBURGH AREA New, spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen, 1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maintenance. (28181534) \$279,900



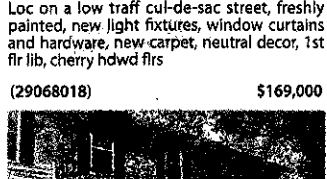
Monroe 248-208-2900
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc. (28192562) \$104,900



Redford 734-455-7000
"CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl., like new. Awesome! (29070531) \$102,500



Westland 734-284-5400
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! Incl: microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall. (28205988) \$45,500



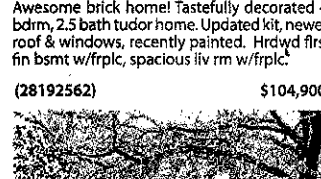
Canton 734-591-9200
Three Bedroom 1 Full & 1 Half Bath-Hardwood Foyer-Pergo in Kitchen, Nice Floor Plan-Move Right In-Brick Paver Fmt Porch-Ply-Canton Schools-Don't miss out. (29065245) \$55,000



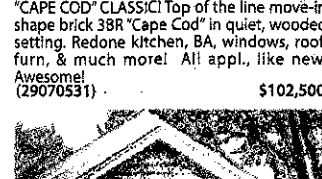
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED. BACKS WOODS. STREAM Move-in ready New In 2008: roof, gutters, driveway, windows, sliding doors, upgraded plumbing. Entry level in-law suite w/kitchenette. 2 FP's. Gorgeous .66 acre yard. (29060849) \$249,900



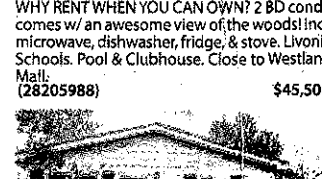
Livonia 734-591-9200
Colonial listed in Mayflower Estates. Grt curb appl & shows like a model hme. New hdwd flrs in LR & DR. Updtd granite BA's kit. Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt, lg grt room w/gas frplce. Bklyd w/bk patio. Mstr BA w/skylght. (29019433) \$249,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Beautiful Architects House Built in 1963 2 FP, lots of light, wood floors, master suite w/Jacuzzi. 2.5 garage w/lots of storage. Beautifully landscaped. Deck, sandstone patio. Walk to town & schools. (29058193) \$179,900



Redford 248-851-4100
ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWE, formal DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom & large kitchen. Updated electrical & bath. 1 year home warranty. (29006079) \$80,000



White Lake 248-684-1065
Adorable ranch with great curb appeal & many updates: paint, septic, kitchen & bath. Extra deep garage. Fenced yard w/ shed. Home Warranty. Or \$950/Mo. Rent. (29063412) \$122,500

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