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Anyone who has a question they'd like to have asked can e-mail the question directly to Canton Observer Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com. Questions will be used during the interview process.

### Pancakes on parade

Whether for someone participating in the Liberty Fest parade Saturday, June 19, or for spectators watching from a chair on Ford Road, the Canton Lions Club can help with one item on that morning's checklist.

'We know it's a hectic morning, said Canton Lions Club pancake breakfast chair John Chew. "We hope the community will leave the cooking to us and visit our famous 'all you care to eat' pancake break-

The \$5 breakfast includes pancakes, a serving of sausage, orange juice, coffee and a bottle of water. Cost for children under age 12 is

fast.

The pancake breakfast will be held in Elite Eyecare's parking lot at 44750 Ford Road near Huntington Bank and served

from 7-11 a.m. The support of this fund-raiser from the community allows us to purchase glasses for those in need, donate to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children and do much more to aid those in Canton who are sight and hearing challenged," Chew said. "We would appreciate residents spreading the word about our pancake breakfast, attending themselves, and then staying to see the talented acts in

the parade.' The club will also have a special drop-off box in Elite Eyecare's parking lot to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for repurposing.

Questions about the pancake breakfast can be directed to John at (734) 612-6731 For more information about the charitable work accomplished by the Canton Lions club, visit www.cantonlions.org.



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Pat Davison uses the bucket of the tractor to drive in a stake held by Joel Judycki. They are building a fence for the Canton Cup soccer tournament.

# Fields of dreams

## Final preparations get Canton ready for Cup

Canton Cup gives teams of all levels chance to enjoy spotlight. Sports, B1

> BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people - Canton Soccer Club volunteers, township parks employees, police traffic officers, tournament referees, crowd-doting vendors and others - mobilized this week amid final preparations to greet 670 Canton Cup teams, their coaches and fans for a three-day competition that starts Friday.

Local motorists, meanwhile, should expect traffic bottlenecks in places such as constructionzone Canton Center Road, between

#### **CUP RUNNETH OVER**

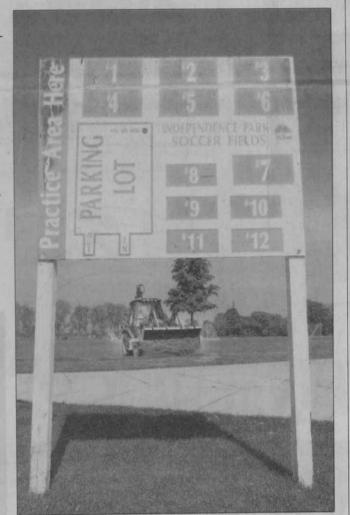
What: 28th annual Canton Cup soccer tournament

When: Friday-Sunday Where: 54 fields at Heritage, Independence, Flodin and Griffin parks

About it: Some 670 teams - up from last year's 577 - in Michigan's largest club-

and the Plymouth-Canton Educational

based soccer tournament Watch out for: Traffic. Teams and fans converging on fields within a three-mile radius of Canton Center and Ford roads, and Canton Center is a construction zone between Cherry Hill and Palmer.



A Canton Township employee spreads mulch at Independence Park in preparation for the Canton Cup soccer tournament. The 12 fields at the park are only a fraction of the number that will be in use this weekend.

# **Board OKs** parks plan consultant

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a split decision, Canton's elected leaders Tuesday voted to hire a consulting firm to help Canton Leisure Services develop a fiveyear blueprint for parks and recreation needs and goals.

Six of seven Canton Township Board of Trustees members agreed to spend \$40,750 to hire Ann Arbor-based Carlisle-Wortman Associates Inc. to develop a new strategic plan and master plan, which must be in place by year's end if Canton wants to potentially quali-

fy for state recreation grants. Trustee Todd Caccamo cast the lone dissenting vote and said he believes much of the work could be accomplished by local employees, even though Canton Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said her department, due to downsizing and a heavy workload, needs

help steering the effort.



Moreover, Conklin and other officials said Canton has a strong chance of recouping the \$40,750 by developing a long-range plan to help the township qualify for state recreation dollars, such as an earlier-approved \$350,000 grant to improve the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

When asked during Tuesday's meeting if she believes Canton could potentially get a return on the money spent to hire Carlisle-Wortman, Conklin said, "I would say yes."

Caccamo didn't budge, saying the master plan could largely be tweaked in-house with fees for "high-paid consultants" slashed in half, even though the township board already had set aside up to \$50,000 for the effort.

"If we have the money in the budget, that's not a blank check," Caccamo said, adding later, "Just because something's budgeted doesn't mean you should spend it."

Amid support from other board members, Conklin said Carlisle-Wortman can enlist community focus groups and involve local officials in evaluating parks and recreation needs, while also assessing any duplication of efforts and ensuring the township is delivering services as efficiently as possible.

Trustee Pat Williams indicated strong support for the effort and described himself as excited about it.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Canton needs an objective analysis as it develops a blueprint for parks and recreation needs. A survey of residents already has been done, which will give Carlisle-Wortman a starting point.

In voting to hire the firm, Williams and McLaughlin were joined by Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Clerk Terry Bennett and Trustees John Anthony and Syed Taj.

Canton has long touted its parks and recreation facilities and programs. Tuesday's debate came just three days before as many as 40,000 youth and teen athletes arrive in town for the Canton Soccer Cup, one of largest tournaments of its kind in the entire Midwest.

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# RESA drops plan for school millage

BY BRAD KADRICH

Officials at Wayne RESA needed school districts representing 51 percent of the county's public school students to ask for a ballot initiative that would have created a countywide 1.9-mill school enhancement millage to help financially struggling school districts. They didn't get it.

Already facing an uphill battle when three of the county's larger districts - Dearborn, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton - decided not to take part, RESA's initiative was killed last week when officials at Detroit Public Schools, the state's largest district, decided not to take part.

That left 17 school districts, representing just 22 percent of the county's students, in favor of the initiative.

"When Detroit backed out, that left them well short," Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel said. "It's really too bad they didn't announce that decision sooner. It would have saved a lot of angst."

Plymouth-Canton school officials were a little bothered by the delay in Detroit's decision, figuring a decision not to participate could have come sooner and saved some headaches.

Without Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton or Dearborn, the largest district on board with the plan was Wayne-Westland.

RESA officials believed the plan, a five-year millage, would have raised some \$92 million, to be divided among the county's districts. In Plymouth-Canton, the millage would have raised about \$11 million, but under the RESA formula, only about \$7 million would have stayed in the district.

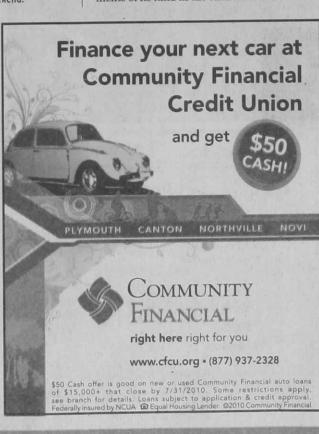
Livonia and Plymouth-Canton officials decided not to support the idea — Livonia school trustees voted against it; the measure died without a vote in Plymouth-Canton — and Dearborn officials were

so set against it they didn't even take it to a vote. Detroit's decision not to support it - despite estimates the state's largest district would get some \$31 million - was the death knell for the proposal.

Plymouth-Canton trustees, who initially seemed supportive of the idea, said they heard no taxpayer

support for the measure.

"A month ago, I said unless the community was willing to support it, we shouldn't do it," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "I didn't hear any support for it.'



#### place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Memorial Day concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave a Memorial Day Concert," at 2:30 p.m. May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Chorale has always had a special affinity for patriotic music and this concert will be one you will never forget. Ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be divided evenly between the Memorial Day Committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Tickets are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or at the door.

#### River Day

Canton's annual River Day event will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. along a portion of the Lower Rouge River located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road. The event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students, and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

This year in an effort to expand its river cleaning efforts, Canton has recruited the following additional host sites: Pilgrim Hills Subdivision, Workman Elementary School and the wetlands at Warren Road and Sheldon Road. Registration booths will be set up at all

River Day sites giving volunteers an option as to where they want to work

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Volunteers should come dressed for the weather; jeans and boots are recommended. Registration at each site will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton's Public Works Division in advance at (734) 394-5150, so the proper number of badges/patches can be ordered. Volunteers will be provided with breakfast, water and a small lunch.

River Day is hosted by Canton's Public Works Division and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, JJR, Wade Trim, OMI, Absopure, ITC, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, DE/ CAL, Dyna Electric, DeMaria, Chet's Rent All, WTUA and Crosswinds Marsh.

For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call 394-5150.

#### Parade volunteers

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to walk in the Liberty Fest Parade Saturday, June 19.

Volunteers are invited to join the chamber, wear company logo shirts and be part of the event.

Volunteers are needed for the Shopping Cart Drill Team, three volunteers to carry the chamber banner, three volunteers to carry the ShopCanton Drill Team Banner, one volunteer to carry the DDA banner, four volunteers to pass out ShopCanton coupon bags and



### **Goodwill greatness**

Lisa Lesz of Canton (center) accepted congratulations from Al Ver (left), Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Board of Directors chairperson and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit President/CEO Lorna G. Utley as Goodwill Industries recognized local people for embracing and supporting the organization's mission to help metro Detroiters earn employment opportunities. Lesz, a displaced automotive engineer who volunteers at Goodwill Industries by tutoring students in math, reading and science, was honored as the organization's Volunteer of the Year.

four to pass out ShopCanton kazoos to youngsters.

Volunteers should plan to arrive at 8 a.m.; the parade starts at Canton Super Bowl and proceeds to Outback Steakhouse.

For more information or to volunteer, call the chamber office, (734) 343-4040.

#### Chiefette fund-raiser

Buffalo Wild Wing's of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon team 59 p.m. June 23. During this time, 20 percent of qualifying purchases will be donated to the squad by BW3 by presenting an event sponsor form.

Forms are available at www.cantonchiefettes.com (no forms will be available at the restaurant). Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 41980 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Center.

#### Going 'Bollywood!'

Join musicians from the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras along with Indian musicians to "Celebrate Bollywood!" featuring music from "Slumdog Millionaire" and much more.

The event takes place Saturday, June 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. A pre-concert program on the history of Bollywood and the film music of India by Narendra Sheth starts at 6:30 p.m.; the concert featuring Indian percussion, soloists, orchestra members and more starts at 7 p.m.

For tickets and information, call (734) 451-2112 or go online to www.plymouthsymphony.org

#### 'Phantom' auditions

8th Wonder Theatre invites ALL actors to attend an open audition for one or both of these musicals: Blackwater Ballad or "Phantom" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton June 14 or June 15, 6-10 p.m., with callbacks on June 16 from 6-9 p.m. There are paid positions available for equity and non-equity actors.

Auditions and performances will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 50400 Cherry Hill (at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge) in Canton.

Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections. These selections should be contemporary and can be either musical the-

atre or pop. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience (including Broadway veterans) and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University.

For more information visit www.8thwondertheatre. com or call Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316, ryan. lewis@8thwondertheatre.com

#### Tiny Tots open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1.

There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.).

Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila Johnson and Tiny Tots assistant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the playbased curriculum. The open houses provide parents the

chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information is also available at the website, www.misalplymouth.org

#### Home buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite you to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Community Financial Credit Union located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free preapprovals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8812. Refreshments will be provided.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena,

Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

#### Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club's foundation is having its annual "dream vacation raffle."

The cost of the ticket is \$10, with a \$3,000, all-inclusive trip to anywhere in the world up for grabs.

All profits will go into the club's foundation for use in community and world programs, including high school scholarships, The Salvation Army, Goodfellows, senior citizens, literacy, fighting polio, clean water and health.

Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the Farmer's Market each Sunday through June 13. Also look for the sign at your local business where a ticket maybe purchased.

For any ticket information, contact Gerry Folk at (734) 455-3344.











## Friday, May 28 in Kellogg Park...The Sound Alternative (alternative)

the Michigan All-State Honors Band.

Since then, John and Kevin have played in various groups together and toured China, Japan, Europe and the Americas. While in college together at Wayne State, John and Kevin were frequently in competition, yet remained friends and respectful of each other's abilities.

Years later, when Kevin was performing as a member of Steve King and The Dittilies, he called upon John and his brother, Don, to "play a few gigs" with the band, in order to add a horn section. These few gigs soon became a decade. Hundreds of gigs later it became clear to John that he wanted to create something new - a band of musicians he had met through the years who impressed him the most.

He went about assembling these great musicians and the band is now known as The Sound Alternative.

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For booking information, contact John Miller at (586) 489-4021 or email at TheSoundAlternative@comcast.net



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Lady Sunshine & the X Band (R&B)

# Salon benefit helps Goodfellow projects

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The new owners of a Canton hair salon have found a unique way to market their business while helping a local charity that buys gifts for needy children at Christmas time.

Carol and Bill Fedak, owners of Studio One on Ford Road east of Sheldon, plan to have stylists at the township's Liberty Fest June 18-19 to cut hair, in return for money donations they will give to the Canton Goodfellows.

'We're going to be right there with our own booth," Carol Fedak said. "Everything we take in will go to Canton Goodfellows."

Their idea drew strong praise from Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer, who said the organization needs all the help it can get to provide gifts to hundreds of children and meet its mission of ensuring that no child is

forgotten at Christmas. Goodfellows volunteers have faced an increasing challenge amid an economic downturn, yet many supporters

don't think to help out during warm-weather months.

'I think this is wonderful," Spencer said. "We know we're going to have another big year (of families needing help).

Studio One, 43717 Ford Road just west of Canton Cinema, also plans during Liberty Fest to give away gifts from Redken, a hairproduct company. In another good deed,

Studio One has started saving all the hair that is cut from its patrons - hair that's used to help fight the oil spill along the Gulf Coast. Certain organizations have started putting hair in mats made of recycled nylons and mesh to soak up the oil.

During Liberty Fest, festival visitors who don't need a haircut still may donate money for Goodfellows, Carol Fedak said. Those who do get a trim can donate whatever amount they want, and Studio One isn't keeping any of the money.

For more information, call Studio One at (734) 844-0040.

# School board approves bus purchase

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education Tuesday approved a plan to purchase some 36 school buses next year to begin replacing an aging fleet.

The unanimous vote means the board signed off the program, the start of a 10-year replacement plan designed to keep the 138-bus fleet modern and cut down on mileage and repair problems.

Under the plan approved Tuesday, the district will spend some \$3.5 million on buses in the 2010-2011 school year. The district will take part in the state bidding process in the fall, and officials said new buses would likely come in the spring of 2011.

Jim Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said the buses would be paid for by selling some \$7.5 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds to finish renovations at Salem High School, which would then free up some \$3.6 million from the 2004 bond issue to be used for buses.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday approved spending some \$3.4 million to buy more than 30 buses in the 2010-2011

Money saved by the district's energy plan would also contribute to the bus purchase, he

"This has been a long road, starting with the bus plan ... presented last year," board president Steven Sneideman said Tuesday. "I'm pleased

we're able to do this."

The plan calls for the initial infusion of 35 new buses next year, and then an annual replacement of 14 buses in most of the next 10 years. It replaces an initial plan that would replace three buses in each of the next three school

"The whole idea of that interjection (of new buses) is to deal with mileage issues, but it doesn't take us out of the woods," said Dean Mileto, the district's transportation director. "I think the (10-year) plan works with the idea that it's consistent and it provides funding for these units.

While district administrators pay close attention to the quality of the bus fleet, mileage issues cropped up in November when Mileto generated a report showing 81.2 percent of the district's fleet would be over 100,000

miles by July 2012; 79 of them already are, and another 15

will be by July 2011. The problem became more urgent when the Michigan State Police completed their annual safety inspection April 30. The fleet finished with a 95.6 percent passing record

 "A real tribute to the garage staff," Mileto pointed out - but left indications the older buses in the current fleet will need "some serious and extensive repairs in the near future."

Trustees see the short-term options as a potential road map to long-range solutions.

This is a challenge we're going to have to face," board treasurer Judy Mardigian said. "The plan gets us through the early years and gives us a chance to set up a bus replacement fund, which we've known we were going to need."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Pranksters pull 'burning bag'

A family that lives on Larchmont, northeast of Ford and Beck roads, reported that a paper bag with feces in it was placed on their porch and set fire around 1 a.m. Sunday

A woman woke up after she heard noise near the front door, and the doorbell also rang. Her husband checked outside and found the burning bag of feces. He stomped on the bag to put out

The family indicated there have been some problems with teens ringing doorbells in the neighborhood.

#### Tinted windows

2A police officer on patrol near Haggerty and Ford arrested a driver after stopping him for having illegally tinted windows, finding marijuana in his car and learning that he had no license on him.

The incident happened about 10:45 p.m. last Thursday.

A police report said the driver admitted his license had been suspended and that he also had warrants for his arrest. He was wanted in various communities on warrants for driving without a license, speeding and other violations.

Canton police arrested him and gave him a court date.

#### Voyager stolen

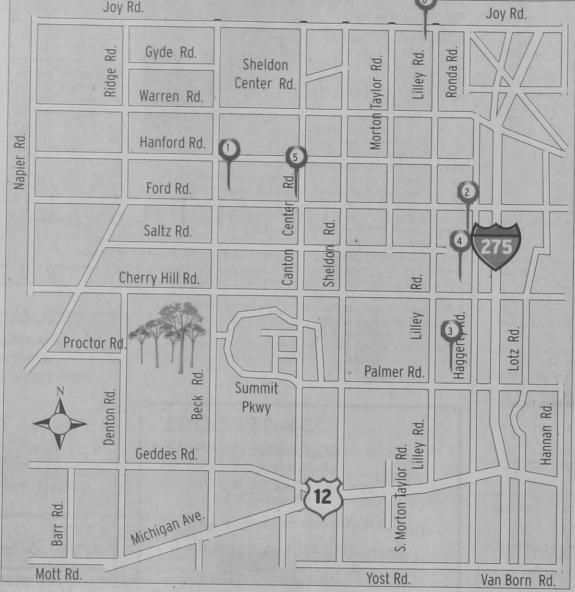
3A man who lives on Dundee, north-east of Lilley and Palmer, reported that his 1999 Plymouth Voyager was stolen while it was parked in front of his house between midnight and 8 a.m. May 18. The man found the vehicle gone and broken glass in his driveway when he went outside in the morning.

#### Car graffiti

A woman who lives in an apartment on East Village Green, off Haggerty north of Cherry Hill, called police after she saw two teen males near her car, which had been vandalized with graffiti. She said they ran toward Meadowwood Townhomes after she spotted them around 9:40 p.m. Saturday.

The woman described one of teens as white, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10, wearing what she described as basketball-type clothes. She said the other teen was black, similar in height and wearing similar

# CRIME WATCH



Meanwhile, police reports indicated vandals painted graffiti, including words and pictures, on several cars parked at Canton Cinema, on Ford Road west of Morton Taylor, between 9:40 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

#### Wheel woes

**5**<sup>A</sup> woman told police someone vandalized her car by puncturing a tire and pulling a fender loose while she was inside a business in the 4100

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block of Canton Center Road between 9 a.m. and 6:20 p.m. last Thursday. Police who went to the scene said it appeared the car had, indeed, been vandalized rather than hit by another vehicle.

#### Gas guzzler

6An employee of the Sunoco station near the southwest corner of Joy and Lilley reported a larceny of gas about 2:05 p.m. Saturday.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

# Police make arrests in car theft attempt

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An incident police believe started as an aborted auto theft in Canton ended in Westland, where authorities stopped a suspect's vehicle and made arrests, township police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The incident started about 7:30 p.m. Friday outside Carrabba's Italian Grill, on Haggerty near Ford Road, when an employee leaving the restaurant apparently stumbled upon the attempted theft of his 1999 Dodge Stratus, Gajeski said.

"A black (Pontiac) G6 was driving slow through the parking lot, and as the employee got close to his car, the driver in the G6 honked his horn," the sergeant said. "A suspect popped up from the side door (of the Dodge Stratus) and took off

The suspects fled, but the alert witness jotted down the license plate number of the Pontiac G6, allowing police to alert area law-enforcement agencies to the

An alert Westland police officer stopped the alleged getaway vehicle near Van Born and Inkster roads on the city's far southeast side, leading to the arrest of four car occupants for various offenses, Gajeski said.

A 9mm handgun and stolen property also was recovered from the vehicle, he

A back-seat passenger was identified as a suspect in the Carrabba's incident and was turned over to Canton police, Gajeski said, adding that charges such as attempted auto theft are expected to be sought through the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

The identity of the four suspects hadn't been revealed, but Gajeski said they were residents of Detroit, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400 or make an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

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Cherry Hill and Palmer, as huge crowds arrive for soccer games on 54 fields at Heritage, Independence, Flodin and Griffin parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Most people know the wave is coming," Abe Vinitski, township parks supervisor, said Monday morning at Independence Park, as he met to discuss 11th-hour preparations with Canton Soccer Club leaders John Vaughn, Greg Jahn and Greg Sanders.

A record 670 teams - a sharp increase from last year's 577 — are certain to draw throngs of soccer fans to fields organizers say are situated within a three-mile radius of Canton Center and Ford roads. To imagine this year's crowds, think of the summer Liberty Fest on fireworks night.

"Soccer is three days of that intensity," Vinitski said, calling it "controlled chaos." Canton Cup - the largest

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club-based soccer tournament in Michigan - has proved successful largely because Vaughn, the tournament director, and numerous volunteers begin preparing nearly a year in advance. They fine-tune details such as parking, T-shirt sales, trophies, team registration, game schedules, field equipment, seating and vendor-

needed generators. With Vaughn saying the tournament should draw as many as 40,000 people, preparation is a serious task

Canton Soccer Club volunteers typically start meeting in July for the next year's Memorial Day weekend tournament. The club works closely with Canton Leisure Services - specifically parks employees - to prepare.

'We've had a great relation-



Vaughn thinks this weekend's tournament could draw as many as 40,000 people.

Canton Cup

tournament

director John

ship," Vaughn said.

Township employees provide well-groomed fields without rental fees - and the soccer club brings in all the goals and other equipment.

Township workers could be seen Monday morning getting the fields ready for play.

"We'll be cutting grass until Friday (just before game times)," Vinitski said. "This is crunch time.

In its 28th year, the Canton Cup has given tournament organizers nearly three decades to tweak their preparations. Vaughn credited township Supervisor Phil LaJoy with initiating the event when LaJoy was a soccer parent, long before his ascent to a political career.

"It's been great to see the growth," LaJoy said. "It's great for the kids, and it's tremendous for the community."

Soccer cup organizers cited a wide array of preparations:

 No-parking signs were being posted in subdivisions near soccer fields, in an effort to keep crowds out of residential neighborhoods. As parking lots overflow, organizers

will allow vehicles on certain grassy areas of parks. All parking is free.

· As usual, Sanders said, small passenger shuttles will be available to help elderly or disabled spectators get safely from their parking spaces to the game sites.

· An emergency response plan is in place, should rescue personnel need to reach anyone in a large crowd, and township police plan to have a presence.

• In a cooperative effort, the soccer club and the township have split the \$80,000 cost of irrigation and electrical upgrades for the parks, making the amenities even

 Though not the most glamorous detail, organizers have arranged for some 70 portable restrooms for tournament sites.

As the Canton Cup nears, both the Canton Soccer Club and township parks officials don't anticipate any significant snags, other than predictable issues such as traffic jams. Before the tournament starts, the work will be done, and the games can begin.

Said Vaughn: "Nothing is more satisfying than when it's all clicking.

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# Wayne-Westland's I-Save program wins state honor

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials knew the district's in-house energy conservation program was good. They only needed to look at the more than \$400,000 savings in utility costs that have occurred thanks to the efforts of staff and students.

That success hasn't gone unnoticed by others.

Monday evening, Mary Reynolds, a member of the MASBO Board of Directors, went before the Wayne-Westland school board to present Nick Thornton, supervisor of energy and facility services, with a Meridian Award of Excellence for the district's I-Save (Individuals Save And Vie for Efficiency) program he oversees.

This is in special recognition of your successful practices in the area of management," said Reynolds, the executive director of business for the Farmington Public Schools. "The award was

MASBO and the only one for energy management.

According to Reynolds, the award recognizes the individual effort that has gone into the highly successful program. The I-Save program has saved the district 11.4 percent in gas and electricity

"This is a real grassroots efforts to get everyone to turn off the lights and turn the thermostat down," said Thornton. "I'm the dark knight in the dark classroom."

Thornton has been in charge of the program and has gotten students involved in I-Save through poster and essay contests. This year, he launched a virtual online I-Save store where teachers can use I-Save coupons to purchase classroom supplies. The I-Save Bucks can be earned for a variety of actions like turning off computer monitor and speakers and powering down staff and student computers at the end of the day.

The coupons can be spent

for items in the classroom, you just need to be caught saving energy to get them," said Thornton.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, Thornton has been recognized internally for his

"It's very flattering to have him recognized outside the district," he said.

"Some districts hired. third parties, our folks took on the challenge and developed this program," added Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This program has been highly successful and innovative. It has save the district a lot of money that we can put back

into the classroom. Reynolds, who told the board she quickly volunteered to come to Wayne-Westland to present the award because she is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, also presented a check for \$1,500 for the district's scholarship

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### Diabetes walk

Students recently took part in the annual 'Walk for Diabetes' between Gallimore and Tonda Elementary schools. The schools had a friendly rivalry to see who could raise the most money for diabetes. Then, on May 19, the entire school switched and walked to each other's school for lunch and recess. During the month of May, the schools shared information about diabetes and wellness on the morning announcements. This year, Tonda raised \$2,635.50 for the American Diabetes Association and Gallimore raised approximately \$3,300.

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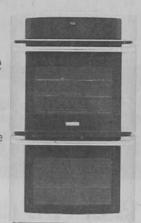
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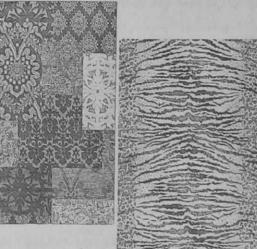
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# Ladywood grads hit \$4 million scholarship mark

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The class of 2010 at Ladywood High School has reached a mile-

stone in more ways than one. The class is the 60th graduating class at Ladywood, but the 96-member class also will receive \$4.1 million in scholarship money for college. Ladywood also continues an ongoing trend with this class in sending 100 percent of its graduates to college.

Ladywood's seniors graduated Sunday at a baccalaureate Mass and ceremony at St. John Neumann in Canton. The covaledictorians were Emily Kempa of Novi and Megan Yanik of Plymouth; the co-salutatorians were Meghan Barnauskas of Livonia and Meredith Houska of Plymouth.

Ladywood alumna Mallory Tomaszewski gave an address along with the co-valedictorians and co-salutatorians. Sister Mary Ann Smith, Ladywood principal, also spoke to the crowd of 1,500.

Smith said school officials were ecstatic when they tallied up the scholarship totals. "The counseling department works diligently with the girls and parents to go after (scholarships) as well as they can," Sister Smith said. That process begins at the end of the students' junior year, she said.

As for the 100 percent rate of sending Ladywood graduates to college, Sister Smith said: "We keep encouraging them, and they keep excelling.

The graduates will attend the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Wayne State University and Grand Valley State, among the local Michigan schools, and the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College in South

The 2010 class motto was, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."



Co-valedictorians Megan Yanik of Plymouth and Emily Kempa of Novi address the graduates. Both were runners-up in the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star program for 2010.



Canice Abro of Canton (left), Kaitlin Gaule of Canton, Val DiMilia of Northville and Dianne Reinel of Plymouth pose for photos after the ceremony. The four graduates have been friends since elementary school.



Shea McParlane, student council president and Livonia resident, Kirsten Salter of Plymouth and Felicia Maura of Dearborn smile after the Mass and

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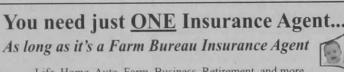
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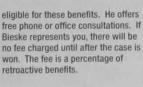


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Jan and Terry Blumberg of Canton, parents of fallen soldier Trevor Blumberg, placed flowers at the Canton Veterans Memorial during last year's Memorial Day ceremony. This year's event is set for 1 p.m. Monday.

# Memorial Day is time to recall sacrifices made

On Monday, America will pause to remember those who have given their lives in the defense of this country. There will be parades, memorial services and flags fluttering on the graves of the servicemen and women who have given their lives so we can live free.

It's the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty shall not perish from the earth.

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm and now in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

Some will take time to observe ceremonies like the one in Canton, which starts at 1 p.m. at the Canton Veterans Memorial. That ceremony will honor, among all fallen service members, Canton Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett, killed in Afghanistan in February.

People will attend similar ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

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given us the right to vote. On this Memorial Day 2010, we urge you to take time to remember what it stand for. Enjoy your barbecues, open the pool, spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. But take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that

We cannot afford to forget, nor should we ever forget why there is a Memorial Day.

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### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### Do you go to Canton's Liberty Fest, and what do you like most about it?

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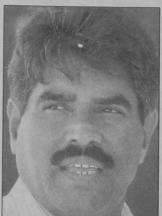
"We went for the first time last year. The kids loved the rides."

**Danielle Pusilo** 



"I haven't been, but I've always wanted to. I'm hoping to go this year (with her family)."

Kadie Ciuffetelli



"Yes, I think it has a very good atmosphere." Muhammad Javeed

"The kids love to go. They love the rides."

Bini Samuel Canton

#### LETTERS

#### Land of the free

In December 2000, Congress passed a resolution titled the National Moment of Remembrance. The objective of the resolution sought to help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day. The resolution asks all Americans to observe a moment of remembrance and respect at 3 p.m. local time. How many of us will find the designated hour passed without pausing to reflect on the significance of Memorial Day?

For many of us, Memorial Day is the kick-off to summer. It is a three-day weekend where we open the pool, clean the cottage or make certain we have enough propane in the gas grill. These tasks are just some of the rewards we have living in a free society. They should not cause us to lose sight of the true significance of Memorial Day.

Admittedly, I have an innate view of the last Monday in May. I am a military brat, born on the Fourth However strong my love or country, Memorial Day is more about remembering and honoring and not Independence Day-lite. Memorial Day is not about things that divide us political party affiliations, race or religion. Its foundation is built on reconciliation and reunification surrounded by reverence and solemnity

Last year, a group of us participated in a local Memorial Day ceremony. As we stood there, between the speeches and songs, we witnessed a number of our more senior veterans struggling with the temperature and duration. Their physical strain found some respite in their need and commitment to honor and remember. These heroes stood in place of those who have fallen. I began wondering - will future generation be as diligent in their commitment to honor and remember the heroes whose names and faces have been lost through time and history?

As for my friends and me, we have started a new tradition this year. We will come together in a concert to remind our friends and ourselves of the true meaning of Memorial Day. Make the last Monday in May 2010 a new beginning for your family and friends. Find a local Memorial Day Ceremony or concert in your local community or in the town you visit. Look into the faces of those brave men and women who have given their all in service to our country then think of those who did not return home to those they loved. Commit those faces to memory. Because of the brave, we live in the land of the free.

Michael Gross artistic director BeckRidge Chorale

#### Wedge issues

In a recent letter, Gerald Wiggins of South Lyon expressed his opposition to amnesty as part of any immigration reform plan. While providing no suggestions that might contribute to the debate, he took the opportunity to take a swipe at the president and the so-

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called mainstream media. First Wiggins claimed a story detailing the murder of a popular Arizona rancher by a suspected illegal alien did not appear in the mainstream media. I certainly do not watch Glenn Beck or any FOXNEWS programming but I managed to hear of the crime on MSNBC, the archenemy of all that is conservative as well as the ABC Evening News. Beck's claim that all

other media outlets were sitting on the

story is simply not true. Wiggins suggested the media is squashing the story to protect the prospect of Obama-backed amnesty legislation Wiggins foresees passing before the November elections. Apparently Mr. Wiggins hasn't been paying much attention to things over the past couple of years. If so he would be aware most major bills are under consideration for months before they are brought to the floor for debate and a potential vote. To suggest that something as contentious as Immigration Reform could be passed and that millions could be enfranchised in time for a November

election, if at all, is sheer demagoguery. The Wiggins letter accused the Obama administration of using unconstitutional tricks to pass the Health Care Bill. I assume he is referring to reconciliation, a tactic used in Senate to block filibusters and allow a simple majority, to pass legislation. Several disastrous Bush-backed tax cuts for the wealthy were passed in this manner.

Wiggins also stated "Obama makes the rules." If that were the case we would have a much stronger Health Care bill and probably be experiencing the initial stages of a much more robust recovery. As in the Health Care Bill, in hopes of bipartisanship, Democrats foolishly mistook their Republican colleagues as honest brokers and conceded on key points (tax cuts) in exchange for votes that didn't come, weakening what could have been much stronger job-producing legisla-

Wiggins' letter promotes the conservative meme that crime perpetrated by illegal aliens is running rampant in southern border states and cities. The facts do not support the claim, that is if crime wasn't a perceived problem during the Bush administration.

According to the DOJ, crime and violent crime have gone down substantially for each of the last three years in all of the U.S.-Mexican border states.

Likewise, the facts do not support the idea that Obama is weaker than his predecessor on dealing with "illegals." Obama set the record for deportation last year and is on pace to obliterate that mark for 2010. The immigration problem is an extremely complex one that needs attention. What are we to do with 15 to 30 million illegal aliens residing in the U.S.?

By the way, Mr. Wiggins, Republicans are not likely to support or initiate any cure here. These "wedge issues" are the "bread and butter" bull that gets them elected while diverting attention from the multitude of challenges we face.

Mitch Smith

Canton

### Backing Whyman

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I fully endorse and support the candidacy of Deb Whyman for 7th District state senator.

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Please join me in supporting Deb Whyman in the Aug. 3 primary, and again this November.

> Jerry Vorva Plymouth

# Veterans should use benefits accorded them

he Memorial Day weekend is here and it is important to remember what it is really

about It is more than just picnics, barbecues and golf. It is a day to remember those who served our country and make the ultimate sacrifice for our free-

doms.



Rick Bloom

Democrat, Republican, independent or other - the one thing all should agree on is that we owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women, past and present, of the United States Armed

Forces. So as we celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday, it is appropriate to remind veterans that there are a wealth of programs and services available to them. Whether it deals with assistance in obtaining an education, prescription drugs or other, many benefits are available to veterans. Unfortunately, many veterans do not take advantage of the opportunities available to them. Many believe that veteran benefits are available only for career military. That is not the

In addition, you don't have to serve in a war zone to be eligible for certain benefits. The fact that you are a veteran qualifies you for a variety of benefits.

The key is the government doesn't do a very good job of informing veterans about available benefits. That is something that veterans unfortunately have to discover on their own.

That is where the Internet has become such a great tool. In addition to the Veterans Administration website www. va.gov, there are a number of other websites that veterans can access to help discover benefits available to them.

It is surprising to me that many veterans do not think that they are entitled to benefits. I had a conversation with a World War II veteran who was hurting financially. One of the main causes of his financial condition dealt with prescription drugs that he had to take, however, he had no insurance coverage. I said he would qualify for a prescription drug plan through the Veterans Administration. His initial reaction was that he was a veteran over 60 years ago and only in the military for a few years. In addition, he felt that for some reason he didn't deserve the benefits.

I encouraged him to contact the Veterans Administration and eventually he did. He qualified for benefits. His monthly savings on prescription drugs is substantial and by qualifying for benefits he has an improved quality of life. Veterans should not hesitate to apply for and collect benefits they deserve. I encourage all veterans to be proactive and look for benefits for which they qualify.

There is a caveat. There are companies that will charge veterans a fee to help with their benefits. Some of these companies are legitimate, others should be avoided. If hiring a company, make sure you investigate them independently such as checking them out through the Better Business Bureau.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the veterans and particularly my father, Mitch Bloom, a World War II Navy veteran, a heartfelt thank you.

Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for protecting the freedoms that we all have in this great country.

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Both in pursuit of a 50/50 ball during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer title game are Canton junior midfielder Liz Ferrill (No. 9) and Northville's Andrea Stark. Ferrill was one of five Chiefs to score a penalty kick

# PK payback for Canton kickers

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once the Northville shooter missed the net, Canton senior Lindsey Winters knew she could clinch the KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer title for her team Monday with one good penalty kick.

"Once I saw Northville miss, I was like, 'If I score, we win," Winters said. "So deep breaths all the way up to the PK spot and then I put it in.

CONFERENCE FINAL her shot to the left

Winters nailed of the Mustangs

goalie in the fifth round of penalty kicks to give No. 5 state-ranked Canton a 1-0 victory. The teams played two 15-minute overtime sessions after regulation, but still needed a shootout to decide

Canton (13-1-3) advanced to Wednesday night's KLAA association title matchup against host Grand Blanc (14-1-3), a top-10 ranked team as are the Chiefs and Mustangs (13-2-2). Go to www.hometownlife.com for results.

It was a happy turnaround for Canton and head coach George Tomasso, whose squad lost in a PK shootout scenario in the 2009 conference finals.

#### **COOL UNDER PRESSURE**

Tomasso praised Winters for her poise in such a do-or-die moment.

"It was a very intense, pressure situation, but she handled it beautifully and she finished when we needed her most," Tomasso said. "It's amazing to see how a high school athlete can handle that type of pressure."

Canton goalkeepers Sam McPartlin and Kayla Bridges (who divided time in the 110-minute shutout) also came up big with the conference title on the line.

Both goalies made huge saves to keep us in it," Tomasso said.

Then, once the teams made it to penalty kicks, Canton answered every time a Northville player scored. Finding the target for the Chiefs during rounds 1-4 were Megan Trapp, Kristi Balewski, Alyssa Cottrell and Liz Ferrill.

Although Winters had a lot of pressure to deal with Monday, she said being part of Canton's recent Final Four girls basketball team continues to have a positive spillover impact.

Other soccer players who joined in

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# The great equalizer

# Massive Canton Cup gives teams of all levels chance to enjoy spotlight

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of soccer players of all ages and abilities are anxious to kick it around Memorial Day Weekend at the 28th annual Canton Cup — a festival-type event that will shine a serious spotlight on the sport throughout the township.

Elite teams from around the globe also will be in Canton to take part in the concurrent Canton Cup and inaugural Celtic Invitational. One such squad is Scotland's Woodwynd

But the bottom line to it all is much closer to home, according to tournament director John Vaughn — noting there will be 11 different brackets for 10-year-old



recreational players at the Canton Soccer Club-hosted tourney (with assistance from Canton Leisure

"That's great to see these little kids walking home, with all these competition levels, walking home with trophies saying 'We won the Canton Cup!" said Vaughn with a laugh. "And you have 11 teams that walk home with trophies.

"We believe the more winners we

Vaughn emphasized that having that many brackets breaks the talent level down to keep things fair and fun for players and family members who will swoop down on a number of Canton soccer fields.

And make no mistake, quite a few are heading to Canton this week to play or watch on over 45 wellgroomed fields from Independence Park in the southeast corner of Canton Township to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the northwest quadrant.

#### **BIG AND FESTIVE**

How big is it? Beginning 5 p.m. Friday and continuing through Sunday, some 670 teams will play just under 1,000 games with the

event drawing nearly 40,000 to the

"We find competition at all levels and we equal out that competition for all ages," Vaughn said. "So if you come to the tournament, you'll get the tournament atmosphere, the

tournament experience. "But you get to play against teams that are equal competition to you, whether that be at the highest level with our (Celtic) invitational and college-level kids all the way down to 8-year-old recreational players."

Besides recreational and elite teams from the gigantic Canton Soccer Club (2,500 players between ages 5-19), this weekend will draw squads from near (the Plymouth

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Plymouth senior Warren Buzzard (second from left) and other participants in the 1,600-meter run during Friday's Division 1 state regional pick up the pace.

# Wildcats clinch regional in style

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday's thunderstorms forced the Division 1 boys regional track & field meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to wrap up on Saturday morning.

And it did with a record-busting flourish, as the top-four teams all broke school records in the 1,600meter relay. Yet the final standings still had Plymouth at the top - right where the Wildcats were when the meet was suspended Friday night.

Plymouth finished the meet in first with 113.5 points and thus qualified for the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association meet. Finishing 2-3 were PCEP neighbors Salem and Canton, with 93 and 78.5 points,

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respectively.

In fourth with 67 points was Livonia Stevenson, followed by Livonia Churchill (57), Livonia Franklin (46) and Westland John Glenn (44). In 10th with 30 points was Redford Union, while other Observerland teams included Garden City (15th, 1 point) and Wayne Memorial (16th, 0 points).

#### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

"We came back on Saturday, we knew what we had to do," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz. We set two school records out there and that capped off a great meet.

"I was proud of everyone, everybody came together as a team and we scored all around in almost every

event, and that's what you've got to do to be regional champions.'

In the first event Saturday, Plymouth's Joe Porcari and Churchill's Thomas Windle had a fierce fight to the finish line with Porcari's school-record 9-minutes, 42.6-seconds edging out Windle's

Then with all the athletes fresher than they'd normally be for the meet-closing 1600 relay, Salem's toprated quartet of Dan Martin, Zach Gaskell, Kenneth Middlebrooks and Scott O'Connor won with a time of 3:22.5

That broke a 35-year Salem record (3.23.0) and Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer said it was the team highlight for the meet.

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# 3rd-place showing for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Golfers came and went Tuesday, playing efficiently and quickly at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet held at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The 12 teams

wrapped up by 2 p.m., with first-place honors going to Northville with a total of 294

strokes. The Mustangs had solid competition in runner-up Novi and Plymouth (302 each). Also in the running were Livonia Stevenson (314), Salem (316), Canton (324), Livonia Franklin (326) and Livonia Churchill (327). The last four

Westland John Glenn (354) and Wayne Memorial (361). "There were low scores across the board," Plymouth

finishers were South Lyon

(330), South Lyon East (342),

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Canton senior Brendan Muir, sending the ball toward the cup Tuesday, registered a 76 and made the All-KLAA Kensington Conference squad.

Salem's Jake Peterson (seated) last week made it

official that he'll be playing basketball for Spring Arbor University. Also on hand for the ceremony at the high school are (from left) Spring Arbor head coach Ryan Cottingham, Roger Peterson (Jake's father) and Bob Brodie, head varsity basketball coach at Salem.



# Spring Arbor awaits Salem's Peterson

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jake Peterson has the heart of a Cougar, which makes it perfect that he recently committed to play basketball at Spring Arbor

The 6-8, 225-pound Salem senior center last week made it official. Flanking Peterson for the signing at his high school were men who represent his past, present and future: his dad, Roger Peterson; Salem varsity coach Bob Brodie and Spring Arbor head coach Ryan

According to Peterson, who also starred on Salem's football team as its quarterback, his upbringing at home and as a two-sport athlete at Salem will go a long way toward making it at the collegiate level.

"Playing both basketball and football have helped me a great deal in my preparation for the next level," Peterson noted. "This is because they have given me a great deal of experience in dealing with situations that life may throw at me and how to stay calm and focused during them.

"Both sports taught me to be a better leader and how you can accomplish a lot through

Peterson definitely showed he was all about team. He averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game for the Rocks in 2009-10, earning him team MVP, all-conference (first team) and All-Observer (second team) honors.

"Jake, we've ridden his shoulders all season long," said Brodie about his team captain.

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### THE PETERSON FILE

Who: Jake Peterson, 18-year-old Salem senior two-sport athlete. What: Peterson, a 6-8 center for the Rocks, is going to Michigan's Spring Arbor University on a basketball scholarship. He'll likely start out as a power forward.

Family: His parents are Roger and Michele Peterson of Canton and he has a 16-year-old brother, Josh. Honors: For the Rocks, Peterson was team captain and MVP, earning several honors - including being named a Class A All-State honorable mention.

# Kroll's 'high five' sparks Churchill

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BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It took two days to complete, but there was no doubt who dominated the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field regional hosted by Canton.

Livonia Churchill proved it could weather the storm, repeating as team champion with 133 points followed by runner-up Livonia Franklin (86), Redford Thurston (79), Plymouth (60), Westland Livonia Stevenson (49) and Westland John Glenn (48.5).

Canton (33.5) and Salem (31) finished eighth and ninth, respectively.

Senior Sara Kroll figured in three of Churchill's five first places winning the 800and 1,600 runs with blistering times of 2:13.6 and 4:55.5 (school record), respectively. She also teamed up with senior Tiffany Raisanen, freshman Kerrigan Riley and sophomore Bethany Pilat for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:40.2).

Churchill also got a first from Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and Megan Kelly in the 400 (1:01.3).

The meet was suspended Friday night with two events to go - the individual 3,200-meter run and the 1,600 relay.

Action resumed at 9 a.m. Saturday and the Chargers added 22 more points to their firstplace total with seconds and thirds by Kerrigan Riley and Bethany Pilat in the 3,200, as well as a second in the 1,600 relay.

"Everyone ran their best time they've ever run in the 4 x 4 today," Churchill second-year coach Pat Daugherty said. "And in the two mile we qualified both the girls who maybe didn't do their best in the mile, but came back and ran a P.R. by 20 seconds in the 3,200."

Kroll, a senior headed to Michigan State, scored 20 points individually and was part of 18 other points in two relays.

"I think she's stamped that she's the most dominant runner in the area in the last 20 years probably," Daugherty said. "She'll run, the mile, the 800 and the 4 x 400. We'll give her a chance to get first or second in the mile, and definitely trying to win the 800 is her goal.'

Franklin was runner-up to the Chargers for the second straight year.

On Saturday, McPherson set a school record in the 3,200 with a time of 11:11.7. She also was runner-up to Kroll on Friday in the 1,600 with another Patriot mark of 5:07.4.

Thurston dominated the sprint events winning both the 400- and 800 relays.

Senior Sonya Burks, freshman Brianna Nixon, senior Altemecia Martin and sophomore Domonique Smith clocked a 49.2 in the 4 x 110, while the quartet of Burks, Nixon, freshman Ariele Paris and Smith won the 4 x 200 in

Nixon also captured the 100 dash (12.6) and teammate Chelsea Carradine, a senior, took the shot put (38-4.5).

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Canton's Christina Bradley competes hard in the 800meter relay during the Division 1 girls track & field regional.

"It's a little bit of a surprise since we moved up to Division 1 this year," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "We really didn't know what to expect. We felt pretty confident we'd score well. but obviously it's a very pleasant surprise.

Other area first-place finishers included Aubrie Scott (John Glenn), long jump (17-0.5); Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth), pole vault (9-8); Scott (Franklin), 100 hurdles (15.7); Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 300 hurdles (46.1); Madi Lewis (Plymouth), 200 (26.1); and Megan McPherson (Franklin), 3,200 (11:11.7).

Plymouth's 1,600 relay team of Lewis, Knox, Carissa Buttermore and Rachael Hille also took

The top two finishers in each event at the regional automatically qualify for the Division 1 state meet Saturday, June 5 at Rockford.

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Headed for a photo finish at Division 1 regionals in the 110-meter hurdles are Plymouth freshman Madi Lewis (left) and Livonia Franklin's Senecca Scott. Both qualified for the D1 state meet in the event, finishing in a virtual tie.

# Madi-mania

# Plymouth freshman on fast track to state meet

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last weekend's Division 1 girls track & field meet further underscored that a great prep career is just getting started.

Freshman Madi Lewis who had set new Plymouth High School records during the dual meet season - qualified for the D1 state meet in Rockford in three events.

Lewis won the 200 dash with a mark of 26.1 seconds and finished second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.7) while being part of the victorious 1,600-meter relay team (4:05.7)

Other Wildcats on that unit included Becka Knox, Carissa Buttermore and Rachael Hille. "Obviously, Madi is a very

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special athlete," said Plymouth girls head coach Ricky Styes, adding that Lewis' contribution to the relay team victory was her most impressive accomplishment at the regional.

She helped get our girls in a big lead and helped to get two other girls to the state meet as well," Styes added. "She has been huge for us this year, individually, but has also been a great teammate as well."

Plymouth finished fourth with 60 points at the regionals, which began Friday but needed to be completed Saturday after proceedings were delayed due to bad weather.

"We had a best finish ever, and qualified more athletes in more events than ever before,' Styes said. "All of our individual qualifiers rose to the occasion in their events and earned

their places in the state meet." A third regional champion for the Wildcats was Reagan Engstrom in the pole vault with a distance of 9-feet, 8-inches.

Several girls from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams also qualified by placing second. Those included the following:

· Canton: Lindsay Lipa, high jump (2nd, 5-2).

· Plymouth: Knox, long jump (2nd, 15-10).

 Salem: Megan Paruta, pole vault (2nd, 9-4).

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In second was Canton's quartet of Ben Spreitzer, Jordan Wisniewski, Keith Zech and Kevin Buford (3:24.1) followed by the thirdplace Stevenson team of Pat Smith, Adam Chludzinski, Travis Gosselin and Matt Williams (3:25.5, also good enough to qualify for states).

Plymouth wasn't far behind, with a mark of 3:27.1.

"It's kind of weird, us, Canton and Salem and I think whoever else was in that mix every single one of us broke the school record (in the 1600 relay) because all the guys were fresh," Mikosz said. "We missed qualifying I think by 0.3 seconds in that relay, it was pretty close."

#### POTENTIAL REALIZED

According to Mikosz, the regional championship - the first recorded by any Plymouth High School team - was extra special because of the way the athletes lived up to their collective potential.

"Going into the season, I told the team we had the potential to do great things," said Mikosz about the

as regional champs. "To see a team that has potential live up to it is, as a coach, is the great-

est feeling.' Despite not repeating,

Salem's Meteyer also was upbeat about the way his team competed not to mention six athletes advancing to the Michigan High School Athletic Association D1 state meet June 5 in Rockford. "We were happy, as we were

regional champs last year and runners-up this year," Meteyer said. "The state meet is more than just a meet; it's a bonding experience that guys never forget.

Plymouth won't just get to compete at the MITCA meet. Five team members finished in the top-two in their events or eclipsed event standards and also are headed to Rockford.

The 3,200-relay team of Matt Neumann, Justin Heck, Porcari and Buzzard qualified with a winning mark of 8:01.9 nipping Stevenson (8:03.4).

Junior Kyle Brindza qualified in the shot put with a second-place toss of 51.3.5.

Buzzard will also compete at Rockford in the mile and two-mile runs while Heck also qualified in the 3,200 run.

the D1 state meet. In addition to the 1,600-meter relay team, Salem qualifiers included O'Connor (1st, 300 hurdles, 40.2), Gaskell (1st, 200 dash, 22.6; 2nd, 400, 49.6); and Martin (1st, 800 run, 1:56.2).

Two Salem throwers made the cut in the shot put. Qualifying, despite a thirdplace finish, was Ed Merhi (51-05). Dana Baltazar (5th, 50-0) also will represent the Rocks.

For the Chiefs, joining the 1,600-meter relay team will be Matt Schacht (2nd, high jump, 6-1), Nick Alaniva (2nd, pole vault, 13-10) and Buford both in the 200 dash (2nd, 23.0) and 400 dash (1st, 49.5).

The success of the PCEP squads did not go unnoticed by Mikosz.

"To be able to pull (off) that, that's what's making us all better as a team. the competitiveness," he said. "To be able to compete with Canton you have to be this good, to be able to compete with Salem you have to be this good.

"So we need to keep stepping the bar up, and I think that's what's making all the programs that much better.'

For full results from the DI boys and airls track & field regionals, please go to www.hometownlife.com.

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This scene at Independence Park from the 2009 Canton Cup expects to play out again at this year's event, which begins 5 p.m. Friday and runs through Sunday. Nearly 700 soccer teams of various age and skill levels will compete.

Soccer Club) and far (from the Midwest, Canada and Scotland, for the boys Elite U15-U19 Celtic Invitational).

#### LET'S BE FAIR

According to Vaughn, the Celtic Invitational is an exciting development that smooths over any competitive wrinkles by extracting the very best teams and putting them into a separate tourney.

"Ever since I've been doing this, one of the biggest drawbacks of our tournament," Vaughn said, "is that the highest-level teams in our own club, being the Canton Celtic, boys and girls, we would sometimes be too good for the competition that's coming in.

"It wasn't a real competitive tournament for what we call our 'A' teams.

But with the Canton Cup growing by leaps and bounds in recent years, the time was right to begin a "tournament within a tournament" for those ultra-talented squads.

With the Woodwynd Wolves signed up, not to mention the minor professional Michigan Bucks, high-octane soccer is taking over Independence Park on Saturday night (go to www. cantoncup.net for the game schedule) while maintaining parity elsewhere throughout

And it's telling that the Wolves went above and beyond to be able to make the trek to

Vaughn said United

#### **CUP RUNNETH OVER**

What: Canton Soccer Club's 28th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament and concurrent first-annual Celtic Invitational.

Where: Various locations throughout Canton Township, with 45 fields hosting about 1,000 games involving all ages and skill levels. Twentyfour of those fields are at Independence Park, Denton-Cherry Hill. Other venues (all operated by Canton Leisure Services) include Heritage Park at Heritage Parkway-Canton Center Road and Griffin Park, located at Cherry Hill-Sheldon.

Admission/parking: No charge to spectators, and there'll be as many as 40,000 of them from 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Why: The huge event is the best of both worlds for soccer lovers, with low-level recreational boys and girls teams competing for trophies and elite teams doing the same.

Games; Youth games will range from 50-minutes (25-minute halves) to 70-minutes (35-minute halves). High school-age and elite games are 90minutes long, said tournament director John Vaughn.

Thanks: More than 100 volunteers and staff are essential to the event taking place. The tourney is sanctioned by Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

Info: To find out more, including schedules, go to www.cantoncup.net.

Kingdom pro players Jim Fleeting and Jim Stewart (both from Woodwynd, Scotland) donated autographed team memorabilia for raffles to help the Wolves raise

Teams in the first-ever Celtic Invite, as well as the higherlevel teams in the Canton Cup, will hopefully provide a showcase of talent for any college coaches in attendance.

#### IT'S FOR EVERYBODY

Whether serious programs or fun-first outfits, teams are paying big bucks (\$425-\$625 just for registration fees) to

give it a go here. factors such as professionalism and friendliness from an army of volunteers and impeccable Canton Township parks (operated by Canton Leisure

Services) with plenty of "userfriendly" parking and conces-

But don't forget about that quest to be a destination for any player who has passion for restarts, headers and corner

"I've been doing this for five years and I think we've grown from just over 400 teams to just under 700 now," Vaughn said. "That's pretty good growth, especially since the economy effects youth sports,

"I think it's because our tournament appeals to teams

For soccer lovers, so does having a truly memorable holiday weekend filled with their favorite sport from wire-

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# Thackaberry Golf Outing scheduled for June 26

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the second straight year since the untimely 2008 passing of former Salem Dugout Club president Milt Thackaberry, folks have the chance to take a swing - a golf swing, that is - to honor his memory and raise some cash to help the current baseball program.

The 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Salem Baseball Golf Outing is slated for Saturday, June 26, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. A 1 p.m. shotgun start will kick it

For \$110 per golfer (if registered before June 1) or \$125 (payment received after June 1), participants will get 18 holes of golf, a hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and a raffle.

"Milt Thackaberry had two sons in the (Salem baseball) program," said Steve Gordon, who started the Thackaberry event in 2009. "He ws a big supporter of Salem baseball and we want to honor his commitment. ... This golf outing is to raise money to keep the program going.

The first Thackaberry golf outing was an unqualified suc-

Members of Salem's 2009 baseball team are shown during the debut Milt Thackaberry Memorial golf outing. The 2nd Annual Thackaberry event is set for June 26 at Fox Hills.

cess, drawing 90 golfers and raising approximately \$6,000. Money helped make improvements to the sound and water systems on Salem's varsity

"We're looking for continued success," Gordon said. "We have a lot of local support from

Thackaberry had two sons who played varsity baseball at Salem, including MIke (2001 graduate) and Andy (2004

Those interested in signing up can go to www.rocksbaseball.com for further information. They also can e-mail Gordon (sgordon88@sbcglobal.net) or Denny Devine (devinev@aol.com), also of the Salem Dugout Club.

Fox Hills is located at 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

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"He's a tough player for us offensively and he's very unassuming. He doesn't say much, he just goes ahead and does his job.

He won't be the only Observerland player to join the Cougars. Also in the Spring Arbor Class of 2010 is North Farmington's Rob Hogans.

#### THE PLACE FOR HIM

Meanwhile, Spring Arbor quickly became a perfect fit for Peterson, who had been recruited by eight colleges.

He narrowed his choice to Spring Arbor (a Christian college located near Jackson, Mich.) and Northwood University.

"I went up to the Northwood campus twice for visits,' Peterson said. "But they just recently had a whole coaching change and I already really liked Spring Arbor so I felt that it was the right choice for me academically and athleti-



Showing his penchant for hard-nosed basketball in this file photo is Salem senior Jake Peterson (No. 32), who next year will suit up for Spring Arbor University. Also in the photo is Canton's Paul Baumgart.

He also connected with coach Cottingham's approach to his program.

"I really liked the coach and how everyone on the team was good friends with each other," Peterson said. "I could sense the chemistry and it felt like a

Another plus was that the

Cougars made the NAIA Division II Elite Eight in

tant to him.

At Spring Arbor, armed with a full basketball scholarship, Peterson won't just go after putbacks and rebounds as a power forward. He'll pursue a degree in business, also impor-

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Play Golf America

Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is continuing to host 10-minute free golf lessons on Saturdays (2-4 p.m.)



west of Canton.

Participants must make appointments in advance, however. To do so, call Bealert at (734) 927-3265.

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#### Free golf clinic in June

Meanwhile, Bealert is hosting another free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course - located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton. For more information, go to

www.TrainWithTami.com. Golfers coming out that day will be encouraged to donate to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day

Walk campaign to raise money for research to find a cure for breast cancer. "We will be taking donations (June 26) for those who would like to support the cause," Bealert noted.

#### Golf for Canton cagers

The 3rd annual Canton Chiefs Basketball Golf Fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Salem Hills Golf Club. This fundraiser supports both the boys and girls basketball pro-

The cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes w/cart, free range balls, dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a putting contest at 12 p.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The registration deadline is May 28, 2010.

If you are interested in golfing, donating or sponsoring our fundraiser to support our basketball program, please contact Jimmy Reddy, Canton Boys Varsity coach at (734) 751-9496.

#### 'Extreme' Canton hoops fundraiser June 2

T.G.I. Friday's is partnering with the Canton Boys Basketball program for a

unique fundraiser, starting 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

There will be what is dubbed "an entertaining night of extreme bartending rivaling the performance of Tom Cruise in the film 'Cocktail.' Bartenders will dazzle you with their skills of juggling while you help support Canton Basketball by bidding on drinks.

A gift auction will also be part of the fun program, slated for the T.G.I. Friday's at 44250 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 254-0442. The program is only open to those age 21 and

#### CYO fall volleyball

St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is seeking any 4th-8th grade girls interested in playing CYO volleyball this coming fall. All home games will be played in the new state of the art gym that opened in November, 2009.

Any member of St. Thomas a'Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann churches are eligible to play. The season begins in August and ends in early October. To register, call athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910.

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There was plenty of intensity on the pitch Monday night, demonstrated here by Canton sophomore midfielder Allyson Krause (No. 3) and Northville's Caroline Castelli.

on Canton's basketball march to East Lansing include Bridges, Cottrell, Melanie Pickert and Robyn Mack.

"For sure, the five of us have played basketball, we knew what it took to win," Winters said. "And I know we carried that on to the soccer field and we just helped motivate everyone else to drive toward the goal.

"We all want to be out here to win.

Northvillo Hills

Regardless of how the Chiefs fared against Grand Blanc, the state tournament (which begins with districts June 1) could be an interesting one for the soccer team, too.

"We try to take it one game at a time," Tomasso said. "Their heart and desire, in everything they're doing, they're really sacrificing for each other and they're absorbing what I'm coaching them.

"It's nice to see that the success is going with the hard work.

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#### **BOYS GOLF RESULTS**

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS May 26 at Pheasant Run G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: I. Northville, 294 strokes; 2. Novi and Plymouth, 302 each; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 314; 5, Salem, 316; 6. Canton, 324; 7. Livonia Franklin, 326; 8. Livonia Churchill, 327; 9. South Lyon, 330; 10. South Lyon East, 342; 11. Westland John Glenn, 354; 12. Wayne Memorial, 361.

Individual medalist: Tyler Manning (Novi), 69.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Northville (294): Trevor Grigg, 72; Blake Bonatz, Mike Walton d Brandon Cameron, 74 each; Eric Goebel, 80; Alex Bernstein, 84. Novi (302): Tyler Manning, 69; Johnny Walker, 77; Sam Palmer d Jason Carless, 78 each; Steve Rajkovic, 80; Brad Kozinski, 83. Plymouth (302): Justin Bauer, 71; Josh Heinze, 76; James

rans, 77, Ryan Rieckhoff, 78; Ryan Bauer, 79; Kyle Rodes, 81. Stevenson (314): Drew Mossoian, 73; Christian Debay, 78; Adam 79; Dante Cicchelli and Adam Laporte, 84 each; Tom

Salem (316): Aaron Thompson, 73; Patrick Doty, 79; Josh Perrin d Brian Patterson, 82 each: Brandon Duprey, 84; Eric Duprey, 88. Canton (324): Zach Conrad and Brendan Muir, 76 each, Kylrte, 85; Travis Hall and Frank Parzynski, 87 each; Josh Maxam, 99. Franklin (326): Jon Holmes, 78; Tyler Miller, 81; Jimmy Johnson, 83; Drake Hermann, 84; Doug Nagy and Jacob Wirgau, 88 each.
Churchill (327): Adam Yarber, 79; Cory Dare, 80; Ben Proben, 82;

Chris Theile, 86: Eric Hill, 87: Dominic DiLisi, 9).

South Lyon (330): Lucas Copp, 78; Cody Tubbs and Sam Lebowski, 83 each; Travis Tubbs, 86; Alex Whybra and Derek Knauss

87 each.
S.L. East (342): Matt Sherry, 78; Bryan Hawkins and Mike
Sadowski, 85 each; Alec Sturos, 94; Matt Olah, 98; James Smith, 107.
John Glenn: Josh DuPrie, 81; Tim Moran and Kyle Hamlin, 87
each; Conner Monroe, 99; Mitch Dean, 100; Joey Wakeford, 105.
Wayne (361): Gary Neill, 89; Shane Schooley, 90; Corey Robbins and Zachary Williamson, 91 each; Jarret Williamson, 10; Austin St.

ALL-CONFERENCE (top 20)

Novi: Manning, Walker, Palmer, Carless; Northville: Grigg. Bonatz, Walton, Cameron; Plymouth: Bauer, Heinze, Bryans, Rieckhoff; Stevenson: Mossoian, Debay; Salem: Thompson; Canton: Conrad, Muri; Franklin: Holmes; South Lyon: Copp; S.L. East:

> DUAL MATCH RESULTS NORTHVILLE 145 SALEM 150

May 24 at Fox Hills G.C. Northville scorers: Trevor Grigg, 33 (medalist); Blake Bonatz, 39; Alex Burnstein, 39; Mike Walton, 38; Brandon Cameron, 37; Eric

Salem scorers: Aaron Thompson, 36, Josh Perrin, 37; Eric Duprey, 39; Tommy Halling, 41; Brandon Duprey, 39; Patrick Doty, 48, Salem JV: Jake Leib, 41; Nick Riley, 44; Kevin Luo, 48; Austin Strobridge, 49; Kyle Eggenberger, 49; Mike Lesinski, 48. Dual match records: Northville, 10-0 overall; Salem, 5-5 overall.

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Salem's Patrick Doty gets set up for a tap-in during the KLAA Kensington Conference boys golf meet in Canton.

head coach Chris Moore said. "A 294 winning it is the lowest I've seen out here. Usually a 303 or 304 wins it.'

Earning tournament medalist honors was Novi's Tyler Manning with 3-under-par 69. while Plymouth's Justin Bauer placed second overall with a sparkling 71.

That's 1-under-par. That was a good round for him (Bauer)," Moore said.

Manning and Bauer spearheaded an all-conference team of 20 golfers who all shot 78 or better.

Although all of the teams need to quickly reboot to play today in state districts, Plymouth is playing well enough to look further down the tournament road.

"If we can shoot a round under 305, we think we can make the state tournament," Moore said. "We did that today, so we think we're there."

For Plymouth, the 302 was a school record for the conference meet

Beautiful weather and Pheasant Run's usual topnotch playing conditions contributed to the widespread success, said Ron Hammye, athletic director for tournament host Franklin.

"Course conditions were dynamite," Hammye said. "Greg Bores and his staff do a great job getting this ready for us every year."

#### HITTING LONG

According to Moore, whose Wildcats won the KLAA Lakes regular season title with a 10-0 record, his golfers enjoy playing on what amounts to a 'home course" even though it is quite a challenge. "It's pretty fair. There's a

couple tough holes," Moore said. "But overall, it's a good test. You've got to drive the ball well, but the greens are smooth and they putt well out here. .. They all got off the tee very well today."

Salem's top performer, senior Aaron Thompson, also made the conference team



Guiding a putt during Tuesday's conference boys golf meet is Plymouth's Justin Bauer, who finished second overall at Pheasant Run.

with 73. But the tourney was a learning experience for the Rocks' No. 6 golfer - freshman Brian Patterson (82).

"It was the first time I played the course, but it was a nice day so it made it a little easier," Patterson said. "I liked it, but it's kind of hard for me to play (a) course for the first time.'

Leading the all-conference team with four selections each were Northville, Plymouth and Novi, with two picks each for Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM** Making the All-KLAA

Kensington team were the following: 1. Manning (Novi), 69; 2. Justin Bauer (Plymouth) 71; 3. Trevor Grigg (Northville), 72; 4. Drew Mossoian (Stevenson), 73; 5. Thompson (Salem), 73; 6. Blake Bonatz (Northville), 74; 7. Mike Walton (Northville), 74; 8. Brandon Cameron (Northville), 74; 9. Josh Heinze (Plymouth), 76; 10. Zach Conrad (Canton), 76; 11. Brendan Muir (Canton), 76; 13. James Bryans (Plymouth), 77; 14. Johnny Walker (Novi), 77; 15. Ryan Rieckhoff (Plymouth), 78; 16. Lucas Copp (South Lyon), 78; 17. Christian Debay (Stevenson), 78; 18. Sam Palmer (Novi), 78: 19. Jon Holmes (Stevenson), 78; 20. Matt Sherry (S. Lyon East), 78.

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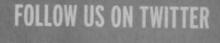
# Hole-in-one for youngster

He's only 11 years old, but West Middle School sixth grader Joshua Stein already is making some pretty big strides in the game of golf.

The youngster - who stands 4-foot, 4-inches and weighs 85 pounds — used a driver to ace

the 195-yard 13th hole at Fox Hills Strategic Golf Course in Plymouth on Saturday, May 15.

Chances are his is a name to remember in golf circles. Joshua has been golfing for five years already, playing in competitive golf events.





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# Strictly Business

CHAMBER CHAT



The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority co-host Canton's ninth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

#### Mentor 'protege' program

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Mentor program is a way of formalizing the relationship between experienced members of the chamber (Mentors) and new chamber members (Protégé).

Mentor programs offer a structured setting in which to develop beneficial one-on-one relationships between Protégés and professionals who have been successful in utilizing the resources of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Interacting as a friend, a teacher, and a guide, Mentors have the opportunity to encourage Protégés by sharing their own experiences and knowledge of the business network within the chamber.

To ensure a robust membership and continuity of its mission, the Canton Chamber of Commerce is focused on ensuring that its new members have the knowledge necessary to succeed in business and utilize their membership in the

Anyone interested in becoming either a Mentor or a Protége should contact the chamber at (734) 453-4503.

#### June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its June networking luncheon June 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance member registration, \$30 non-members at the door and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's Luncheon will feature guest speaker JoAnne Purtan, Channel 7 Action News. Purtan is Channel 7's consumer reporter who helps viewers find good deals and avoid the bad ones. Purtan is also one of six daughters of the well-known radio personality Dick Purtan.

"We are thrilled to have someone of JoAnne Purtan's stature speak at our local chamber", said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

June's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by TDS Metrocom and USANA Health Sciences. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 28.

#### Grub crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's ninth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment

#### Mainstreet Computers, a

Marketing appointment

Glass Shop Software and Web Services Provider, announced the appointment of Kevin Winningham as new marketing director.

We are excited to have Kevin Winningham join our team," said David Carnahan, Mainstreet's president and



Winningham

as well as promote Canton's

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Prior to his new position, Winningham had worked for a large, innovative non-profit organization since 1993 where he was part of the executive leadership team and was integrally involved in strategic planning, team building, customer service, project management and consulting. Winningham is very involved in the community specifically with Canton Soccer Club and Plymouth-Canton schools.

Winningham and his wife, Debbie, reside in Canton with their sons, Kyle and Tyler.

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For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8812. Refreshments will be provided.

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#### Cancer fund-raiser

Canton area HomeGoods shoppers will have the opportunity to support cancer care and research while shopping at the off-price home fashions chain. Through June 5, more

than 180 HomeGoods stores nationwide will be participating in the 10th annual "Help Families Fight Cancer" campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports the lifesaving mission of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Customers who would like to support the cause can purchase pin-up cards for \$1 each with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting cutting-edge cancer research and care at worldrenowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This support helps raise the chances of survival for children and adults with cancer around the world. Customers can personalize the pin-ups with their name or message, and the cards are prominently displayed in the stores.

"HomeGoods customers have shown tremendous support in the fight against cancer. Over the past nine years, their \$1 contributions have added up to make a huge impact in the lives of thousands of cancer patients and their families," said Suzanne Fountain, director of the Jimmy Fund. "However, the fight is not over, and funding is critical, now more than ever, to develop the best available treatments and cures for everyone facing this disease."

HomeGoods offers an exciting, ever-changing selection of high-quality home fashions at prices up to 60% less than department and specialty stores, every day. HomeGoods provides consumers with unbeatable values on brand name and designer merchandise and unique finds for every room, every style. HomeGoods has over 300 stores across the country, including its Canton Corners location at 42615 Ford in Canton. For more information, call (734) 844-1312

#### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Local Realtor promises 'added value'

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you

feature. Bruce Webb: Residential real estate sales assisting sellers and buyers with their real estate needs. Excellent service provided for



construction, first time buyers, short sale and foreclosure properties. Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Bruce Webb: I had been looking to get into investment property but a good friend of mine who I played softball with was the manager of a real estate company. After talking with him I decided this would be a very good way of learning the business.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Bruce Webb: The Plymouth /Canton community provides a lot of excellent amenities to the public: Very good school district, safe neighborhoods, many recreational choices, shopping, and more for a very good price.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Bruce Webb: Added value that I bring to every transaction. I network with numerous business people in the Plymouth/Canton

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Your Name and Title: Bruce Webb, Real Estate consultant Your Hometown: Canton

Business Opened: 1991

Number of Employees: 1 (independent contractor with the support staff from Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors)

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community that can assist my clients with more that just real estate. I get to know these professionals to the point where I can trust them and be comfortable with them enough to refer them to my clients.

Observer: How has your business

changed? Bruce Webb: It has been a roller coaster ride. Coming out of the 1980's when we had double digit interest, then into the building years where we were writing offers on the hood of cars to get them in as quickly as possible, to today where 30-40 percent of our business is bank owned or short sale transaction plus all the changes in the mortgage industry.

Observer: Do you have an anecdote or funny tidbit about your

business?

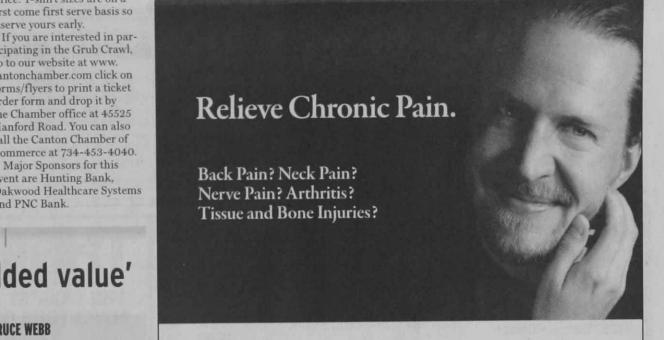
Bruce Webb: This was years ago, but it still ranks as one of my best stories. I was working with the buyers on a property and obstacles just kept getting in the way. Their closing was moved back a couple of

different times. It got to the point where we had to close on this one particular day or the deal would fall apart and never

My client just happened to be pregnant. Sure enough, closing day came and she went into labor. I picked up the closer from the title company and the two of us went to the hospital so the wife could sign the paperwork before she delivered the baby. We went back to the title company where we met the sellers and the husband whom I was working with to finalize the transaction. We listened to my client, per the husbands' cell phone, give birth to a beautiful baby girl. The Observe even wrote an article "Pushing to Close."

Observer: Do you have any advice for other business owners?

Bruce Webb: First of all love what you do. Then surround yourself with good people. I truly believe good people will make good things



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# Honoring veterans

Bring on the floats, bands and flags this weekend

Cities throughout Metro Detroit will offer parades, concerts and ceremonies to honor military veterans and fallen heroes Friday-Monday, May 28-31. Before you stoke up the barbecue grill, grab a lawn chair and stake out a curbside seat to watch bands and floats parade in your community. Or take a moment to reflect on the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, at a Memorial Day ceremony.

#### CANTON

· 1 p.m. Memorial Day, May 31

A Memorial Day service will take place at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. A ceremony will honor fallen soldiers, and a special brick will be added to the memorial in honor of Marine Cpl Jacob Turbett, a 2007 Canton High School graduate who was killed in February in Afghanistan.

· 2:30 p.m., Memorial Day,

The Beckridge Chorale will perform patriotic music at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Cost is \$8 per person. Proceeds after expenses will be divided among the Memorial Day committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Call (888) 459-

#### DEARBORN

• 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31

Dearborn's 86th annual parade marches from Michigan Avenue, Greenfield to Schafer and is followed by a ceremony honoring veter-

#### FARMINGTON

• 10 a.m. Memorial Day,

The parade will begin on

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

**THURS & SAT. NIGHTS** 

9:30 PM - Local Bands

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Canton's

Best Karaoke



The Plymouth Canton Marching Band performs in a previous Memorial Day

Mooney Street and heads west on Grand River through downtown Farmington. The American Legion Post, Auxiliary and SAL present the festivities. A ceremony will be held at the Veterans Monument just west of Farmington Road. Participants, members and their friends may return to the Post afterward for refreshments and hot dogs Awards to the participating groups will be presented. Wally Christensen, Legion Chaplain and Memorial Day Parade chairman, said 3,000 flags will be placed outside every home in Farmington to honor those who have served their country. Flags also will be placed on 175 local gravesites.

• 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May

A special service will be held in North Farmington Cemetery, where service personnel from every war from 1776 until now are buried.

Call Christensen at (248) 474-8554

GARDEN CITY



Thousands of people line Grand River Ave., in Farmington at a previous Memorial Day parade.

• 11 a.m., Monday, May 31 Garden City Memorial Day Services will be held on the front lawn of city hall. The City Administration Office is located at 6000 Middlebelt, between Ford and Warren

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• 9 a.m. Saturday, May 29 Memorial activities, complete with military statues, a wreath-placing ceremony, and the Churchill High

School Band under the direction of Elizabeth Hering, take place at Veterans Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

After the event, guests may visit the Memorial Wall that honors those Livonia veterans who were killed in action, wounded in action, missing in action or a prisoner of war. Call (734) 466-

#### NORTHVILLE

• 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31

Northville's Memorial Day Parade draws thousands of people each year to honor veterans. The parade begins in downtown near Northville Downs Race Track on Griswold and Main streets. Call the VFW at (248) 348-

#### NOVI

• 10 a.m. Memorial Day,

The Novi Parks' Annual Memorial Day Parade begins on 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard and travels west to the Novi Civic Center. A ceremonial presentation honoring veterans will follow. Children may show their community spirit by decorating their bikes with streamers, crepe paper, balloons, American flags and more.

Call Rachel Zagaroli at (248) 347-0403.

#### PLYMOUTH

• 7:30 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31

American Legion Post 391

presents the annual parade, which begins at Harvey and Wing streets and heads down Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 459-

#### REDFORD TOWNSHIP

• 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6 The parade begins on Six Mile at Beech Daly Road. Call Parade President Walter Bates at (313) 768-6858 for more information.

#### WAYNE-WESTLAND

• 1 p.m. Sunday, May 30 The annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade starts at Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland and will go south to the Wayne Public Library in Wayne.

#### **GET OUT**

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through June 5 Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Details: "From Women to Little Girls" portrait exhibit Contact: (734) 420-0775

Livonia City Hall Time/Date: Through May 28

Location: 33000 Civic Center Drive,

Details: Spring Art Exhibit, juried fine arts show, all media, photography and sculpture Contact: (734) 838-1204

Lotus Arts Gallery Time/Date: May

Location: 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth Details: Exhibit of figurative works.

from minimalist and abstract to

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

8th Wonder Theatre Time/Date: Open call, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in

Details: Auditions for "Blackwater Ballad" and "Phantom." Both are musicals. Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections that are contemporary - musical theatre or pop - and include a ballad and up-tempo piece. Participants may sing songs from the shows. Neither a Capella nor karaoke auditions are permitted. Everyone must have sheet music, and must sing with the accompanist at the piano. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience, including Broadway veterans, and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University

Contact: Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316 or e-mail him at ryan. lewis@8thwondertheatre.com

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www. gocomedy.net

#### Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www. ticketmaster.com

JD's House of Comedy



29 at Joey's Comedy Club, in Livonia.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, through May 29 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www. kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Mike Green, May

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com

Time/Date: Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29 Location: 316 South Main, Ann

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www. Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; the Mega 80's. June 5; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Wailers, June 9

Ferndale Contact: (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com

Location: 22920 Woodward,

Music Hall Time/Date: Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27 Location: 350 Madison Ave..

Details: Jazz Cafe performances Contact: (313) 887-8500

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5: Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12 Location: 38840 West Six Mile,

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www. trinityhouse.org

# **FAMILY**

Bakers Keyboard Lounge Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www. bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

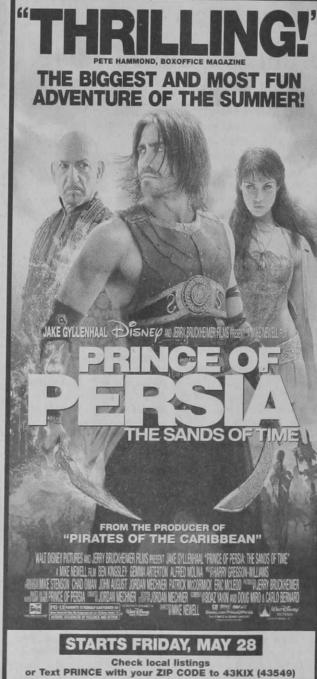
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit Contact: (313) 833-7900, www. dia.org

Detroit Zoo Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day Location: I-696 service drive and

Woodward, Royal Oak Details: 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. Contact: (248) 541-5717





# Enjoy farmer's market produce in pasta, soup, salad

Vegetables are an ideal canvas for a vast palette of sunny and internationally-inspired flavors, including fresh citrus juice, spices such as garlic and ginger, fresh herbs, and pantry staples, like soy sauce and Swanson broth and stock. The experts at Campbell's Kitchen have been hard at work creating a variety of versatile recipes that make it deliciously simple to enjoy eating vegetables.

A refreshing change from the standard

salad, Margarita Shrimp Salad features tender shrimp, which are marinated in a mixture of lime juice and garlic, and tossed with crisp bell peppers, onions and romaine lettuce. Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream is a fresh way to savor squash. To move vegetables to the center of the plate, try Vegetable Stir-Fry which features a sauce made with ginger, garlic and soy sauce, or try Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta for a versatile dish that's certain to please.

BROCCOLI & GARLIC PENNE PASTA

Prep: 20 minutes Cook: 10 minutes Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups

1 cup chicken broth

1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves,

% teaspoon ground black pepper

2 cloves garlic, minced

3 cups broccoli florets

41/2 cups penne pasta, cooked and

drained 1 tablespoon lemon juice 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan

Heat broth, basil, black pepper, garlic and broccoli in 10-

inch skillet over medium heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook until broccoli is tender-crisp.

Add pasta and lemon juice and toss to coat. Sprinkle pasta mixture with cheese.



Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta

MARGARITA SHRIMP SALAD

Prep: 15 minutes Marinate: 30 minutes Cook: 10 minutes

Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups per serving)

1 tablespoon lime juice

2 teaspoons grated lime zest

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 pound fresh large shrimp, peeled and deveined

% cup chicken stock

1 medium orange or red pepper, cut into 2-inch-long strips (about 11/2 cups)

1 small onion, sliced (about ¼ cup)

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves

4 cups romaine lettuce or iceberg lettuce torn into

bite-sized pieces

2 large tomatoes, thickly sliced 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Stir lime juice, lime zest and garlic in 2quart shallow, nonmetallic baking dish or gallon-sized resealable plastic bag. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Cover dish or seal bag and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning shrimp over several times during marinating.

Heat stock in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Add pepper and onion, and cook until vegetables are tender-crisp.

Reduce heat to medium. Add shrimp and marinade to saucepan and cook until shrimp are cooked through. Stir in cilantro. Divide lettuce, tomatoes and shrimp mixture among 4 serving plates. Sprinkle with black pepper.

VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings (I cup each)

1 cup chicken broth

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

4 cups cut-up vegetables (broccoli florets, cauliflower florets, baby car rots and sliced celery)

2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root or 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1 clove garlic, minced Toasted sesame seeds

Stir broth, cornstarch and soy sauce in small bowl until mixture is smooth.

Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add vegetables, ginger root and garlic and stir-fry until ten-

Add broth mixture to skillet. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired.

Tip: You can substitute your favorite vegetables in this

#### ZUCCHINI SOUP WITH HERBED CREAM

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 30 minutes

Makes: 6 servings (1/2 cups each)

// cup sour cream 4 teaspoons chopped fresh basil

4 teaspoons chopped fresh oreg-

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)

1 clove garlic, minced

4 medium zucchini, thinly sliced

(about 6 cups) ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

3 cups vegetable broth

Stir sour cream, 1 teaspoon basil and 1 teaspoon oregano in small bowl. Cover and

refrigerate.

Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Add zucchini and black pepper. Cook for 5 minutes or until zucchini is tender.



Vegetable Stir-Fry



Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream

Add broth, remaining basil and remaining oregano. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes.

Place one third of the zucchini mixture into blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour mixture into large bowl. Repeat blending process twice more with remaining zucchini mixture. Return all puréed mixture to saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes or until hot.

Divide soup among 6 serving bowls and top with about 1 tablespoon sour cream mixture, using a spoon to swirl cream in a decorative pattern on soup surface.

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# Author looks past stained glass to find Jesus

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BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Kendall Rogers hopes his first book will compel readers to open a second: The New Testament.

In Stained Glass Jesus, the Westland man challenges Christians to become better acquainted with Jesus Christ and his teachings

"There are many people who are following a Jesus who really is not the son of God at all," Rogers said. "They've become used to fitting into the church. But would the real Jesus actually be welcomed in their midst?

After returning to the U.S. from Russia, where he spent 14 years with his family in mission work, Rogers, 29, began to wonder if many American churchgoers merely serve a "stained glass image" of Christ. Rogers moved from Ohio to St. Petersburg with his missionary parents and sister when he was 12. He learned to speak and read Russian fluently and co-pastored church.

"Our ministry and the church we had was the people's church," Rogers said. The family also ministered in orphanages, hospice wards and to shut-ins.

"The people I grew up around and those I helped survived World War ll and the Holocaust. Seeing people who had lost hope, having

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women basic paddle strokes and

how to use a bow and arrow safely,

joys of kayaking, archery and camping,

hope regained had an impact on me. It did light a passion

#### U.S. MINISTRY

Rogers, who holds a master's degree in theology and doctorate degree in ministry, returned home to complete his education, with an ultimate goal of teaching. He moved to Westland, but continues work with Last Day Harvesters, the southern Ohio ministry founded by his parents, and began ministering at nursing homes. He also attended churches and talked to members.

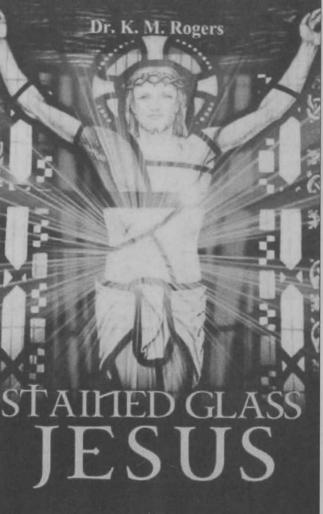
'It became apparent people fell into the trend of religion, but weren't getting much out of worship ... they were not growing from it.'

He began to write, starting each chapter with scripture or a quote and basing each one on Christ's message found in the New Testament.

"I'm hoping to help people get their focus back," he said.

#### TWO VIEWPOINTS

Rogers found two distinct messages in the sermons he heard while attending various churches after his return to the U.S. One, often delivered with "hellfire and damnation, " along with references to the Old Testament, urged listeners to "be above sin." The other was "all about prosperity - being healthy



Buy Stained Glass Jesus online at Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

"It's always about how you can get rich quick or how you're going to hell no matter what," Rogers noted. "So many people don't open the New Testament to see what Jesus said. Jesus is an amaz-

We divide people and Jesus never did that. One thing I found fascinating in the Gospels ... there is no racism, no sexual prejudice, no denominational barrier.

"They are all people. People

are people. Some are lost, some in darkness. It's our responsibility to take the light to them, to carry the light.

Rogers aims to reach out to both "seasoned believers" and nonbelievers in his book, which was published by Holy Fire Publishing in March. It's available in paperback online from Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble. Cost is

to attend this workshop. The \$60

fee includes instruction in all ses-

demonstration equipment and lunch.

Enrollment is limited to 40 partici-

To receive more information and

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Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-

sions, program materials, use of

Registration deadline is June 18.

#### **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. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form.

#### MAY 27-JUNE 2

Lighthouse Worship Center Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m., June 2 Location: 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia Details: Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News anchor and host of the "Job Shop" is guest speaker. During his "Job Shop" segments on the news, Feldman offers advice on finding and landing a job. Contact: (248) 476-7933

#### **JUNE 3-9**

**Canton Christian Fellowship** 

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6 Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs

Contact: (734) 404-2480 St. Robert Bellarmine Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road,

Details: Monthly Bethany Suburban West singles dance. Admission is \$10 which includes refreshments and a free "Fox Trot" dance lesson from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Contact: (734) 261-5716.

#### **JUNE 10-16**

**Faith Community Church** Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12 Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: Outdoor sale; spots for rent. The church will supply the area and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church Contact: (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717

St. Anne Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location: 38100 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Rummage sale Contact: (734) 462-3200

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m.,

St. Dunstan

silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m., starts at 6 p.m., June 11 Location: 1526 Belton, Garden City Details: "Slide into summer" silent auction with fellowship, food and fun; tickets are \$20 in advance

and \$25 at the door. Ticket price

includes buffet dinner Contact: (734) 425-6720 Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12 Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia Details: Rummage sale Contact: (734) 421-1760

#### **JUNE 17-23**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., June 19 Location: 30149 Ford Road, Garden

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting Contact: (734) 513-9479

### **JUNE 25-30**

Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., June

Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia Details: Women in the Word min-

istry annual prayer breakfast with guest speaker Tara Jenkins; \$30 per person. Attire is dressy. The event colors are purple and white. Contact: www.cantoncf.org or (734) 404-2480

### **ONGOING**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake break-

Please see CALENDAR, B9

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Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

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734-522-6830

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional



Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413

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# CALENDAR

fast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns. and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: First and third Mondays Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Contact: (734) 422-6038 Classes/study Detroit First Church of the

Nazarene Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday

Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@

energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, exten-

sions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St.

Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Seeds of Mercy Mission Home Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills Details: Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-

1234 Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held Contact: (248) 374-5920 Clothing bank

**Canton Christian Fellowship** Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www. CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church

phone number is (313) 534-7730 Food Bank **New Hope Church** 

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd.,

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Moms Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Details: MOPS is a place where

moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Prayer Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

third Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile,

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia Details: Parish prayer and

Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455 Singles

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, dough-

Contact: (248) 374-5920 Song Circle

nuts, conversation

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Sing zemirot (traditional

Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago,

Redford; room 202 **Details**: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeat-

ing, gambling Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244 Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt. between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but

donations are accepted Contact: www.metrofibrogroup. com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.: support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-

Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads,

Livonia Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: (313) 387-9797, www.

03.000 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/des-

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery. com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Contact: (313) 534-7730

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives Contact: (734) 637-7618

### WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 851-5100 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: (734) 522-6830 Congregation Bet Chaverim Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Chureh, 321 S. Ridge, Canton Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation Contact: Roberta Malkowski, presi-

dent/treasurer at (248) 231-6280 Due Season Christian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services Contact: (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

Contact: Visit www.livonfaith.org Garden City Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday Location: Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

Contact: (734) 421-7620 Good Hope Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship ser-

vice with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesdays Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden

Contact: (734) 427-3660 Grace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Location: 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township Contact: (734) 637-8160

His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican. org; (248) 442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**New Beginnings United Methodist** Church Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

Contact: (734) 427-1414

Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford Contact: (313) 255-6330 **New Life Community Church** Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 or www. newlifecommunitychurch4u.com Plymouth Baptist Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.,

Sunday Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching.

Full nursery and preschool programs

available at both services Contact: (734) 453-5534 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland Contact: (734) 722-1735 Riverside Park Church of God

and fourth Sunday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., every second

Contact: (734) 464-0990 St. John Lutheran Church Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service on Sunday Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 422-6038 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday Location: 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia Contact: (734) 422-1470

Trinity Episcopal Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care

Location: 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue Contact: (734) 699-3361



### FRANCES MARIE

BOWLBY Age 95, passed away on May 18, 2010, at her home. Beloved wife of her late husband, J Craig Bowlby. oving mother of their three children: Marilyn J. Bowlby, Patricia A. Givens and J. Craig Bowlby II. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Denise Scott Stratton. Robertson, Mark Robertson, J. Craig Bowlby III, and Christopher Bowlby; and five great-grandchildren. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, and married her husband of 62 years in 1935, living and raising their family in Plymouth, Michigan, she then moved rymouth, Michigan, sie their move to Little Rock, AR in 1995. Frances was an accomplished artist, pianist, and enjoyed golf and choir. A memori-al service will be held at a future date.





#### LAURICE WILLIAMS

Age 86, of Livonia, went home to be with the Lord May 20, 2010. Beloved mother of Barb, Phil, Ginette, Candy, Mike, and Steve. Loved and cherished by her grandchildren and great grand-children. Dear sister of Odette Williams. Predeceased by her former husband Phillip, Son; Robert, and Sister; Marguerite Baum. Throughout her life, Laurice was always faithful to the Catholic Church. The things that gave her most joy was making sure that her children and grandchildren were happy, healthy and never (ever) hungry. We will all miss her warm hungry. We will all miss and heart, humor and infectious smile. Visitation was held Monday 2-9 p.m. Rosary at the Neelywith 7 p.m. Rosary at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Instate was 10:00 a.m. Tuesday until time of funeral mass 10:30 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11300 Fairfield St., Livonia. Memorials to Salvation Army appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Gramer Funeral Home. 248.435.9010 www.GramerFuneralHome.com



#### FRANCES W. YORK

79, of Delaware, Ohio passed away early Monday morning May 24, 2010 at the Cherith Care Center at Willow Brook, Delaware. She was born March 15, 1931 in Mt. Vernon, Maine to William Henry and Barbara Dudley (Sawyer) Williams. She was a 1949 graduate of Gardiner High School and attended the University of Maine, Orono for three years before receiv-ing her BA and MA from the State University of New York at Albany, New York. She taught English at Albany High School in Albany, New York, Nottingham High School in Syracuse, New York, and Frost Middle School in Livonia, Michigan before finally retiring from Franklin High School in Livonia, Michigan. She was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Michigan, and an avid reader. She loved the ocean and family vacations, especially to her summer home in Somerville, Maine which she and her husband built and lovingly shared with their children, grandchil-dren, extended family, and many dear friends. She valued education and encouraged, inspired, and supported students, family, and friends alike in any academic pursuit. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Frederick York; son, Gregory F. (Regina) York of Delaware; daughter, Linda Cook of South Lyon, Michigan; 10 grandchildren, Joshua and Trisha Cook, Maria, Katie, Gregory, Tina, Tommy, Susie, Bethy, and Johanna York; dear cousin, Rachel Johnson of Maine; very special "niece", Mary Beth Hennet Becker and her daughter Alexis Frances Becker of New York. She was preceded in death by her daughter Maureen Frances York and a brother Everett Williams. The family will receive friends on Thursday May 27th from 11:00 am until time of funeral services at 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan where the Rev. Carolyn Sue Wik will officiate. Graveside services will then be held on Saturday May 29th at 11:00 am at the Hallowell Cemetery, Hallowell, Maine. Rodman Neeper Funeral Home, 1510 W.

William St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 is

handling the arrangements. To share a memory of Frances or to offer condo-

www.rodmanneeper.com

lences to the family, please visit:



#### RYAN CHRISTOPHER FOX

Age 32, May 24, 2010. Loving father of Morgan and Cadence. Dear son of Pamela and Mike. Brother of Holly ee and Michael. Uncle of Ashley Gregory. He will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. isitation Thursday 3-9pm and Friday 9pm with a Funeral Service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Road and Cherry Hill.)



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# Wild about blueberries

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, May 27, 2010

If you're looking for tasty ways to improve your diet, you're in luck. You can get big taste and big benefits from a little fruit — wild blueberries.

A diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help maintain a healthy weight and reduce the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Eating across the color spectrum is important so you get a variety of nutritional

Wild blueberries get their color from naturally occurring phytochemicals, which are primarily responsible for antioxidant activity. Wild blueberries are antioxidant rich, making them a great choice for their nutritional benefits and disease fighting potential. In fact, USDA studies rank wild blueberries highest in antioxidant capacity per serving, compared with more than 20 other fruits including cranberries, strawberries, apples and even cultivated blueberries.

Health magazine also has named wild blueberries high on its list of "America's Healthiest Superfoods for Women," singling out their variety of potential health benefits, including preventing memory loss, improving motor skills, lowering blood pressure, and fighting wrinkles.

Wild blueberries are available year-round in supermarkets nationwide. Frozen at the peak of ripeness, all the farm-fresh taste and nutritional benefits are locked-in. Most studies show that frozen fruits and vegetables are higher in vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients because they are frozen near the time of harvest.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Wild Blueberries are a different berry from cultivated blueberries. They grow naturally in the fields and barrens of Maine and Canada. They are smaller in size, have a unique sweettart taste, and are only available frozen.

#### CHICKEN BREAST WITH SWEET AND SOUR WILD BLUEBERRY SAUCE

Prep Time: Approximately 20 minutes

16-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast

Salt and pepper to taste

- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 small red pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 2 tablespoons fig jam (or apricot jam)
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 4 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons sweet and sour chili sauce

% cup frozen wild blueberries, thawed and drained

Season chicken breast with salt and pepper. Heat oil in small, non-stick frying pan. Fry chicken breast for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and

Wash, seed and cut peppers into bite-sized pieces. Cut cooked chicken breast into bite-sized pieces; combine with peppers. Mix jam with balsamic vinegar, sugar and chili sauce. Gently stir in Wild



Wild Blueberry Ice Cream Pops

#### WILD BLUEBERRY GINGERED LEMON MUFFINS

Prep Time: 30 minutes

- Yield: approximately 36 muffins
- 6 cups cake flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder 2 teaspoons baking soda
- teaspoon salt
- 2 cups low-fat buttermilk
- 1½ cups (12 ounces) egg substitute
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup canola oil 4 cups frozen wild blueberries
- 4 cup (3 ounces) crystallized ginger, chopped
- cup granulated sugar, for topping
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest

In bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; reserve.

In another bowl beat together buttermilk, egg substitute, 1/2 cups sugar and oil; stir into flour mixture just to blend. Fold in Wild Blueberries, ginger and lemon zest

Scoop ¼ cup batter into each greased ¼-cup muffin tin. Sprinkle each muffin with sugar. Bake in 400°F conventional oven or 375°F convection oven 18 to 22 minutes or until firm to the touch. Serve warm.

#### WILD BLUEBERRY ICE CREAM POPS

Prep Time: Approximately 15 minutes, plus thaw and

- 1 cup frozen wild blueberries
- 1 ounce milk chocolate chips
- 2 cups fat-free vanilla frozen yogurt, softened slightly Materials: small wooden or plastic sticks

Thaw Wild blueberries and purée. In a bowl, combine puréed wild blueberries, chocolate and frozen yogurt. Mix thoroughly.

Rinse 6 standard muffin cups with cold water and spoon in Wild Blueberry mixture, dividing it evenly between the cups (silicone muffin cups need not be rinsed first). Place a stick in the center of each "muffin" and freeze until firm, at least 2

Tip: Mixture can also be frozen with plastic sticks in small glasses or espresso cups.

(Courtesy of Family Features)



### **Top ratings**

Megan McCarthy, Director of Front Office Operations, with the Townsend Hotel, and Keith Scoffield, director of food and beverage at the Rugby Grill in Birmingham and Megan McCarthy, director of front office operations for the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, show off the Four Diamond Awards their facilities received recently from AAA Michigan. Other local award winners included Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills and the Westin Hotel in Southfield



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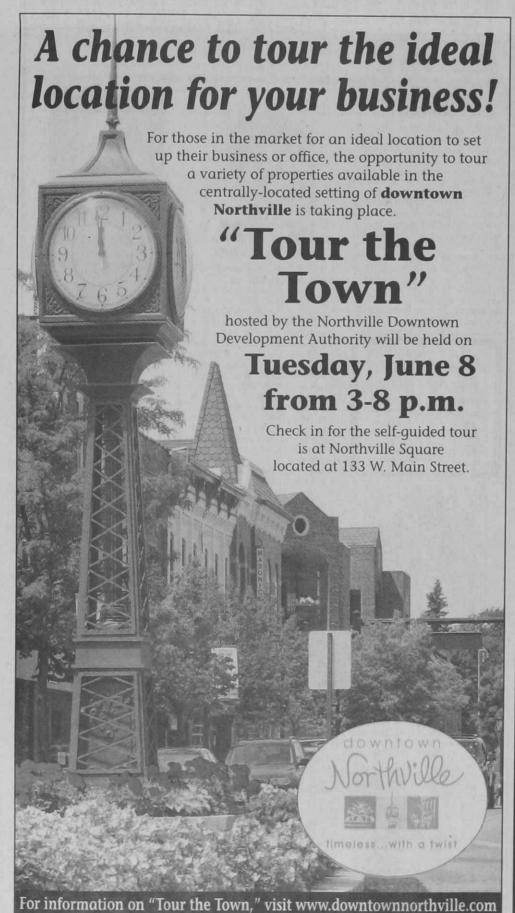
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# Play it smart with vacation rentals

lanning on taking a summer vacation, but don't want to bust your budget?

In a tough economy, a vacation rental is one way to save if you're willing to forgo some of the luxuries. According to a summer 2009 survey by TripAdvisor.com, 43 percent of people responding said that they were planning to stay at a vacation rental in the coming 12 months. On average, the price per square foot for a U.S. hotel is more than twice the price per square foot of a rental home or condo according to a report by HomeAway, an online vacation rental company.



Tim Burns

With the summer vacation season fast approaching, your local Better Business Bureau advises consumers that while vacation rentals can be a good deal, it is important to do your research before entering a lease because sometimes what is dight what you get are two

advertised and what you get are two different things.

Vacation rentals can be a great way to save money when traveling on a tight budget and many travelers are foregoing the mint on the pillow experience for more reasonable and less cushy accommodations," noted Melanie Duquesnel, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "A vacation rental can seem riskier than booking a hotel, but if you do your research and pay attention to the fine print, it can be a safe way to save money. Many travelers have shaved hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars off of their vacation costs by renting a house or condo instead of paying for a hotel or

BBB offers the following advice to travelers looking to save money with a vacation rental:

•Plan Now. Rental properties in popular locations get snatched up quickly so start your search early before all of the best properties are



·Start With Trust. If you plan on enlisting the help of a business, such as a third-party website or professional service, to connect you with a renter, always check them out with your local Better Business Bureau first at bbb.org or by calling (248) 223-9400. When you find a home or condo you like, ask if it is being leased by a management company or individual owner and inquire on the level of maintenance, housekeeping, and other services they may provide for the property during your stay. Request references from past guests and check them out.

•Manage Your Expectations. A home rental is not a hotel so you can't necessarily expect the same level of professionalism, cleanliness, services or modernization. Some rentals will guarantee that the property meets your expectations, but if a guarantee isn't being offered you may want to consider purchasing travel insurance.

•Take a Virtual Tour. Sometimes the pictures and descriptions of the property posted by the renter can be deceiving. Research the property on your own online and take a virtual tour of the surrounding area using Google Maps Street View.

•Get It All in Writing. Make sure that all verbal agreements are included in the rental contract including details on the deposit, specific checkin and check-out dates and times, whether you can bring a pet, and what is included in the cost of the rental. Do you have to pay for "extras" during your stay such as laundry access, cable TV, the water bill, or utility expenses? Is your deposit refundable if you need to cancel your reservation? Don't be tentative about asking plenty of questions about the property before signing a rental agreement.

\*Read the Fine Print. Make sure you understand all of the conditions of the rental agreement. Most rental properties will say "everything's included," but make sure there are no hidden restrictions or add-on charges included in the fine print that may not have been previously discussed with the landlord. Examples could

be prohibiting smoking in the home; limitations on the number of guests; charges for using available linens, towels, silverware or other household items; and fees for cleaning the property after your departure. Read the contract thoroughly before you sign so you are aware of any user fees or damages you could be liable for under the agreement.

\*Emergency Contact Person. The rental agreement should also include a contact person that can easily be reached if something breaks or there is a problem with the property during your stay. It should also provide a timeframe in which the renter agrees to be available to respond to concerns and within which they will correct any major problems that may arise.

\*Use a Secure Form of Payment. Do not send money until you've signed the rental agreement and never pay via money wire services, such as MoneyGram or Western Union. When possible, use a credit card which can provide a level of consumer protection.

\*Vacation Rentals By Owner. Take extra precautions when renting from an individual, particularly for international rentals. If possible, get references from previous renters and double-check the location of the property to avoid getting stuck in a less desirable local than what was originally advertised.

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entire Upper Peninsula of the state.

**Timothy Burns** is public affairs director of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. He is an attorney.

# FHA approval standards change

Q: I understand that there are new regulations for FHA approval of condominiums. Can you give me any insight?

A: Yes, many of our clients will have to have their documents revised and will have to become



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to their percentage of delinquencies, as anything over 15 percent may cause a serious problem in

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a serious problem in regard to FHA approval. This ortunity for

is also an opportunity for community associations and, in particular, condominium associations to upgrade their documents in several other respects including insurance obligations, restrictions and remedies for the association in the event of a default in the payment of assessments and/or the compliance with rules, regulations and restrictions.

#### Q: I am thinking about moving to the San Diego area and I am wondering whether the downside in home prices has leveled off in the area of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000?

A: Based upon my analysis which occurred in March of 2010, it appears that the ocean front and ocean area properties have been generally reduced in value from 10 to 20 percent but the properties further away from the ocean and/or a golf course have diminished as much as 40 percent. In speaking with local Realtors and area merchants, it appears that the downside is not necessarily over which is being exacerbated by the financial woes of the State of California government. However, each property must be evaluated on its own and, generally speaking, it is a good time to buy.

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

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 8-12, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3864 Forester Blvd	\$71,000
3926 Glenwood Ct	\$150,000
145 Oakmont	\$95,000
Beverly Hills	
32035 Cross Bow St	\$288,000
16915 Kirkshire Ave	\$118,000
19526 Riverside Dr	\$325,000
31435 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$349,000
Birmingham	
460 Henrietta St	\$360,000
968 Humphrey Ave	\$335,000
619 Southfield Rd	\$323,000
2260 W Lincoln St	\$235,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1355 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$650,000
1008 Stratford PI	\$162,000

Bloomfield To	wnship
508 Fox Hills Dr N	\$30,000
1725 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$365,000
2469 Inglehill Pt	\$205,000
Clarksto	
6799 Berry Pointe Dr	\$240,000
8991 Deerwood Rd	\$355,000
80 E Washington St	\$135,000
5297 Glenwood Crk	\$155,000
10119 Horseshoe Cir	\$175,000
6456 Paramus	\$158,000
3065 S Ortonville Rd	\$135,000
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4323 Creedmore St	\$110,000
350 High Bank Ct	\$215,000
4830 Surfwood Dr	\$370,000
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7700 Dilley Rd	\$225,000
Farmington	
33640 Cadillac St	\$125,000
20806 Deerfield	\$80,000
28036 Harwich Dr	\$254,000
20761 Inkster Rd	\$14,000
25574 Kilreigh Dr	\$150,000
24175 Locust St	530,000
31640 Northwestern Hwy	\$230,000
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30070 W 12 Mile Rd	\$27,000
Keego Harbor	
1762 Beechmont St	\$21,000
Lake Orion	
3435 Chalice Rd	\$125,000
413 Converse Ct	\$159,000
369 Franklin Wright Blvd	\$401,000
127 N Broadway St	\$60,000
650 Oak Grove Dr	\$140,000
Lathrup Village	
18867 Hampshire St	\$64,000
Milford	
631 Heritage Dr	\$232,000
Northville	
972 Allen Dr	\$161,000
43427 Galway Dr	\$165,000
41779 Onaway Dr	\$45,000
Novi	
39654 Squire Rd	\$205,000
30307 Sterling Dr	\$287,000
Oakland Township	
3733 Inverness Dr	\$253,000
92 Mill House Dr	\$290,000
3577 Orion Rd	\$314,000
4120 Plum Ln	\$300,000
Oxford	
285 Davis Lake Dr	\$139,000

2850 E Oakwood Ro	d	\$110,000	
373 Inverness Dr		\$117,000	
2732 White Pine Dr		\$130,000	
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1838 Cloverdale Dr		\$319,000	
Roc	hester Hills		
2054 Belle Vernon	Dr	\$173,000	
3143 Crooks Rd		\$66,000	
3782 Nearing Rd		\$117,000	
1432 Otter Dr		\$210,000	
241 Sandalwood Dr		\$180,000	
3641 Warwick Dr		\$300,000	
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6372 Elsey Dr		\$290,000	
2118 Isabell Dr		\$80,000	
5821 Wright Dr		\$128,000	
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534 Winwood Cir		\$90,000	
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2908 Airport Rd		\$74.000	

\$110,000	478 Marion Ave	\$8,00
\$117.000	4780 Onawa Ct	\$200,00
\$130,000	5796 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$96,00
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\$319,000	4805 Ross Dr	\$87,00
	5758 Savoy Dr	\$85,00
\$173,000	2830 Swain	\$137,00
\$66,000	7652 Woodview Dr	\$65,00
\$117,000	West Bloomfle	ld
\$210,000	7950 Barnsbury Ave	\$308,00
\$180,000	2461 Burleigh St	\$210,00
\$300,000	7452 Camelot Dr	\$135,00
\$86,000	5131 Coldspring Ln	\$120.00
	7276 Cottonwood Knoll St	\$138,00
\$44,000	7142 Danbrooke	\$130,00
\$87,000	6224 Pepper Hill St	\$60,00
\$65,000	2638 Pine Ridge Rd	\$133,00
\$115,000	6676 Scotch Lake Dr	\$345,00
	White Lake	
\$290,000	9190 Funston St	\$102,00
\$80,000	785 Hilltop Dr	\$513.00
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	1235 Mallow St	\$124,00
\$90,000		

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Canton		\$240,000
8530 Brewster Ln		\$255,000
1755 Bridgewater Ct 6665 Brookshire Dr		\$140,000
1611 E Lakeview Ln		\$95,000
8770 Elmhurst St		\$159,000
49161 Hawksburry Rd		\$113,000
2061 Marlowe St		\$110,000
6907 Norwood Dr		\$200,000
2971 River Meadow Cir		\$165,000
5926 Runnymeade Dr		\$137,000
7040 Woonsocket St	-	\$147,000
Garden City		
31109 Maplewood St		\$66,000
29587 Rush St		\$66,000
Livonia		
28703 Bayberry Ct W		\$140,000
16736 Fitzgerald St		\$125,000
11241 Garden St		\$44,000
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11141 Karen St	\$93,000
9958 Laurel St	\$39,000
33491 Michele St	\$115,000
Northville	
44742 Broadmoor Cir N	\$408,000
47576 Manorwood Dr	\$450,000
Plymouth	
49440 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$155,000
14707 Cherry Ln	\$151,000
9275 Hackberry Ave	\$120,000
42221 Old Pond Cir	\$85,000
1435 Penniman Ave	\$150,000
11599 Red Maple Dr	\$193,000
Redford	
9186 Columbia	\$91,000
9351 Hemingway	\$100,000
19726 Imperial Hwy	\$23,000
9737 Lenore	\$32,000
19930 Poinciana	\$85,000
Westland	
8678 Alper St	\$85,000
36322 Avondale St	\$67,000
38352 Carolon Blvd	539.000
35175 Glen St	\$77,000
643 Judith St	\$70,000
27700 Mackenzie Dr	\$107,000
1940 N Crown St	\$75,000
7405 N Inkster Rd	\$14,000
33157 Shawnee St	\$73,000
2213) SHOWING ST	313,000

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Investors

On Tuesday, June 1, the Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will have a Question and Answer session. President Wayde Koehler will host the discussion on buying, selling, rentals and property management. The doors open at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Southgate at 17201 Northline. Fee for nonmembers \$20. Any questions, call (313) 819-0919.

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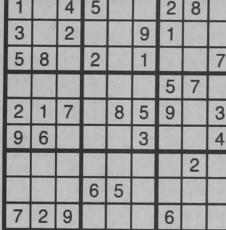
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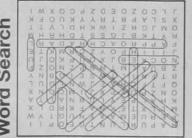
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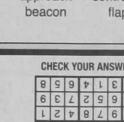
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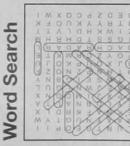
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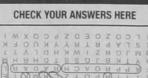
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