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## CANTON CONNECTION

### Memories of dad

Got a particularly fond memory of your father? What's the most important lesson your dad ever taught you? What would you like people to know about your dad? We'd like to know, and we'd love to help you share them. Just e-mail them to Canton Observer editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com, along with a photo of you and/or your dad (in JPEG format, please) by Thursday, June 17. We'll print as many as we can in our Sunday, June 20, edition to honor Father's Day. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can send a note and photo via the U.S. Postal Service to Canton Observer Editor Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Got a question?

The Canton Observer will soon begin talking to candidates for political office including the state Senate, state House and Wayne County Commission races about the issues facing the state and the county, and we'd like to know what you'd like to know. 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.

### 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 Farmers 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.

### Goin' golfing

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation is looking for duffers of all levels to take part in its annual golf outing.

The outing is scheduled to be played Wednesday, June 23, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club in Plymouth. Registration starts at 6 a.m., with a shotgun scramble at 7:30 a.m. Players get hot dogs, chips and a drink at the turn; lunch and the EEF program starts around 1 p.m. Cost is \$165 per person and \$660 for a foursome.

Tickets can be purchased on the district's website at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us) or ticket information can be obtained by e-mailing Carole Kody at [Carole.Kody@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:Carole.Kody@pccs.k12.mi.us) or calling her at (734) 416-2718.

# Police to keep eye on parolees

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Due to Canton's reputation as a comparatively safe community, it's easy to overlook statistics showing that 275 prison parolees — convicted of serious crimes against people and property — call the township home. Yet, Canton police officials are keenly aware of the numbers, and they have initiated a program with the Michigan Department of Corrections to jointly make unannounced visits to residences where state parolees live.

The goal is simple: Confirm the

parolees are obeying the terms of their release, and take into custody those who are in violation, such as a convicted armed robber caught with a gun or former drug dealers who have resumed selling.

"We want them to know that Canton is not a community they can come into and nothing happens," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said.

The parolee spot-check program mirrors a similar effort the Wayne County Sheriff's Department started in 2004, which local officials say led to 7,000 home visits, 1,475 violations and nearly 200 arrests before budget cuts

ended the program.

Nemecek confirmed Wednesday that MDOC has approved the program. "Everything's moving forward," he said.

It isn't clear when the two agencies might start the program — similar to efforts already aimed at sex offenders — but the township wants to involve MDOC officers who have more sweeping powers to enter parolee residences.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy applauded Canton's efforts.

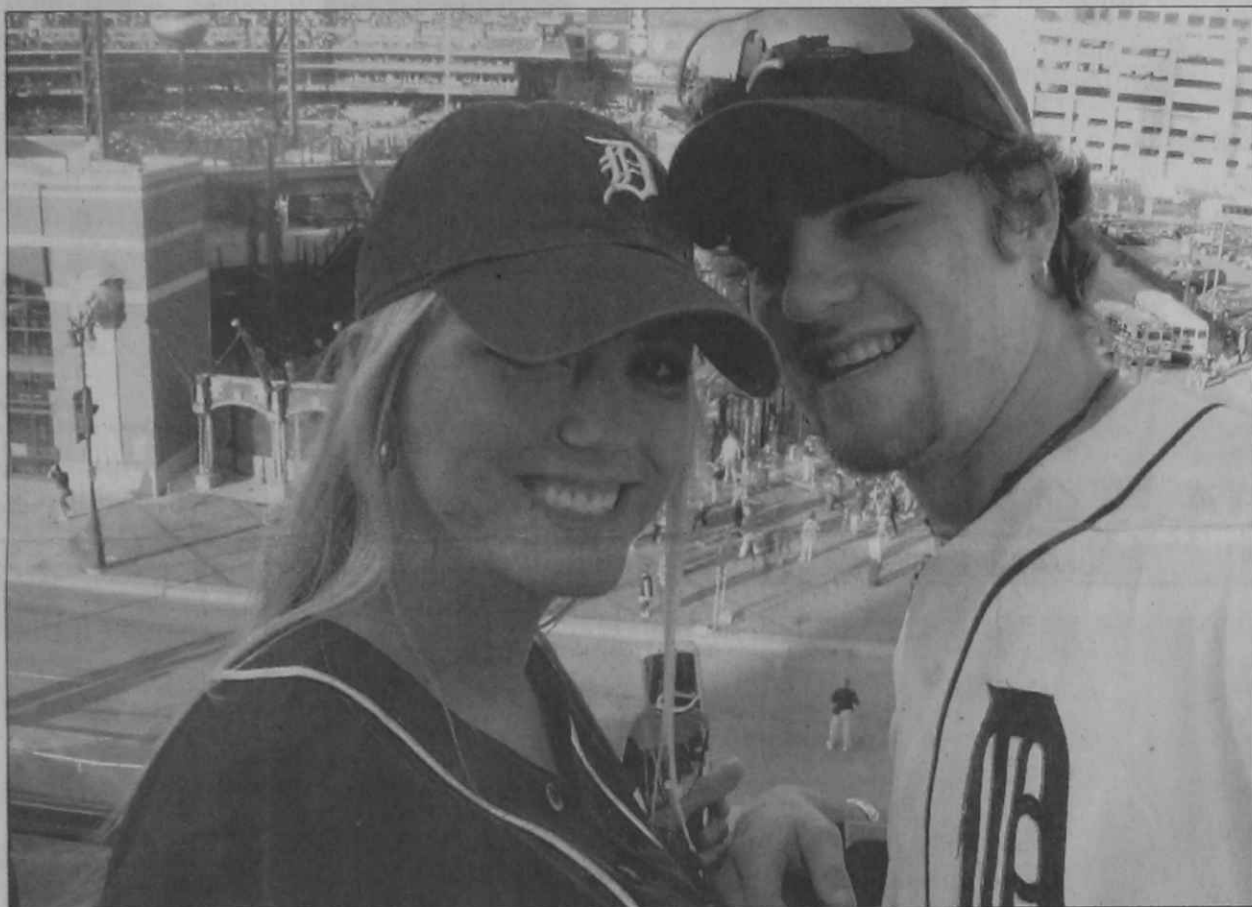
"If there was more consistency in supervising parolees, perhaps spot-checking would not be needed," she

said. "Having said that, I hope this type of intervention will help parolees to re-enter society, as well as protect the community."

Many law enforcement officials have consistently opposed the early release of violent and repeat offenders who, local authorities say, are just as likely to commit new crimes as they are to stay out of trouble.

For those who commit new crimes, Worthy said, "It is my hope that MDOC won't let them right out again, the way they usually do, and all of

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Whitney Blanchard and Andy Hess will be married Saturday, June 19, at Comerica Park after the Tigers play the Arizona Diamondbacks.

## Diamond deal: Canton bride-to-be wins wedding at Comerica Park

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Whitney Blanchard made sure there will be a lot of diamonds at her wedding and ironically, most of them are a gift to her future husband.

The Livonia woman wanted to give her major league sports fan fiancé, Andy Hess of Canton, a wedding to remember. So, she entered the *Wedding on the Diamond* contest sponsored by

Read the winning essay, A5.

WWJ News radio 950 and 98.7 AMP radio in April.

Her essay stood out among a field of 30 others.

But, the win also meant bumping her wedding day from August to Saturday, June 19, when the Tigers play the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Blanchard and Hess, both 24, will exchange their vows after the game and

before the ballpark fireworks. The couple's family and friends will be mingled among an expected 35,000 baseball fans.

"I've been such a sports fan," said Hess, a who works as a private painter and a landscaper while studying criminal justice at Schoolcraft College.

"It was my life dream to be out there and be in front of all those people. This is our chance."

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## Good news could help school budget

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two weeks before they adopt their 2010-11 budget, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members and administrators are waiting for the same thing they've been seeking since starting the budget process months ago:

Word from the state on what public education funding is going to look like.

Amid word state sales tax revenue is up and an expected \$268 cut in per-pupil funding might not come after all, the board Tuesday night conducted the required public hearing on next year's budget. As it exists now, the 2010-11 budget includes a projected \$4 million deficit. That number includes a projected 100-student loss, some \$3 million in cuts board members approved after the participatory budget process, and the expected \$268 cut administrators were expecting next year.

However, administrators were handed the news in a memo from the Michigan School Business Officials that "... the need for a 2010-11 Foundation Allowance cut beyond this year's \$165 appears not to be necessary, as well."

"I had hoped to have more information (from the state)," Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Craig Fiegel told board members Tuesday. "They're telling us now

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## Fund-raiser kicks up cancer awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Linda McMaster looked around Saturday at all the people helping her put on Blast NB, the fund-raiser she and her friends organized to fight neuroblastoma, she thought of a shampoo commercial.

"I told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on, and so on ..."

That's how it worked for McMaster, her husband Mike, and the rest of the cast of friends who put on the fund-

raiser at Mettetal Airport. What started out as a conversation between four people sitting around a restaurant table morphed into a multi-faceted event that featured more than 200 bikers, countless volunteers, three princesses and one captivating little girl.

The little girl, 5-year-old Lisa Marie McMaster, was the center of attention, as was her battle with neuroblastoma, the devastating cancer that strikes young children, as hundreds of people gathered to raise thousands of dol-

lars for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. And while the level of help she and the friends who organized Saturday's fund-raiser got didn't really shock Linda McMaster, who has seen much compassion as her daughter fights the disease, it did leave her in awe of the human spirit.

"It's not shock, it's more like I'm awestruck," Linda said. "One person would say, 'You need something? Let me make a call,' and then someone else would say, 'Let me

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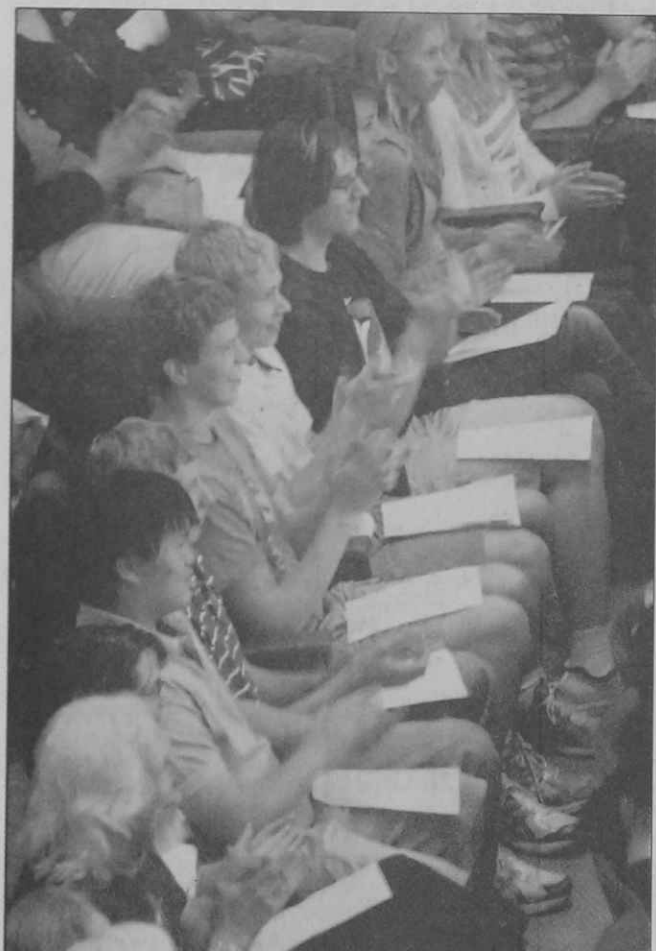
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The audience claps along with the orchestra as they play "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

# DSO wows Gloria Logan audience

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra came looking for a place for a free community concert that would promote the DSO, bring its music to the masses and, hopefully, entice some new listeners for the storied orchestra.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials figured they had just the place for Tuesday night's concert - the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Turns out it was a marriage made in heaven.

Conductor and musical director Leonard Slatkin brought a DSO ensemble to the Logan Tuesday night and wowed the packed auditorium. And, while the ensemble played some familiar music - the 1812 Overture, Stars and Stripes Forever - the orchestra also surprised with heavier fare such as "Blue Tango" by LeRoy Anderson and "Pavane," by Gabriel Fauré.

"I thought it was going to be more pop-ish, but it was meatier than I expected," said Tim Schoenherr, Plymouth-Canton's visual and performing arts coordinator. "When you're a trained musician, you expect to hear things you've heard before, but there were things in there I'd never heard. That was cool."

The performance was one of eight free community concerts on the tour, part of an effort by Slatkin and the DSO to reach new audiences by taking the orchestra directly to the people. Slatkin shared con-



Leonard Slatkin directs the DSO in their opening number, Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No.1 in C major by Antonin Dvorak.

ducting duties with American guest conductor Kazem Abdullah, though Slatkin handled the Salem High School concert.

While the program did include the meatier fare, Slatkin finished up with "Stars and Stripes Forever" - "That's something people would recognize and people, particularly in this area, go nuts over," Schoenherr said.

The DSO's weeklong tour, which also

featured DSO performances in Beverly Hills, Detroit, Warren and Flat Rock, culminates with a free open house at the Max M. Fischer Music Center Saturday.

"It was fantastic," Schoenherr said. "The DSO is a world-class orchestra and performing right on our stage was a real treat."

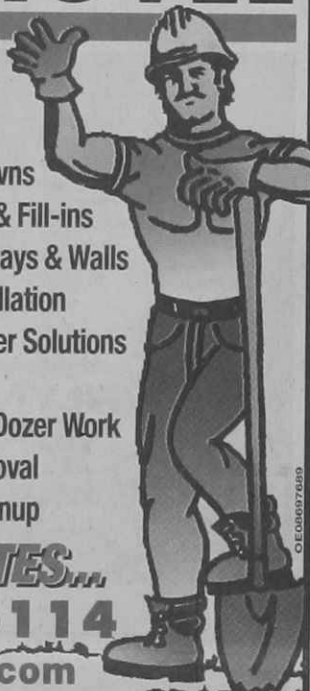
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'Phantom' auditions

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 theatre 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](http://www.8thwondertheatre.com) or call Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316, [ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com](mailto:ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com)

Church yard sale

Charisma Life Church hosts a yard sale to raise money for missions Thursday-Friday at the church, located at 8500 Morton Taylor in Canton.

The yard sale runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 10-11, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Dozens of families and others have been donating hundreds of things for the sale. Visitors are invited to stop and check it out and, even if they don't need to buy, help those less fortunate.

For more information, e-mail [smile@CharismaLC.org](mailto:smile@CharismaLC.org)

Cheer clinic

The Canton High School Cheerleading "Summer Kids Cheer Clinic" takes place



Robotic success

Plymouth Christian Academy sent student teams to the Robofest robot competition at Lawrence Technological University, where they competed in the Junior Exhibition division. PCA supported and sponsored 13 fifth-grade students making up four teams - (from left to right: Max Greil, Matthew Cusumano, Wesley Chen, Joshua DeVries, Adam Albert, Taylor Mistele, Alivia Morton, Phillip Collingwood, Robert Chalhoub, Andrew Fernandes, Justin Winn, Noah Gustafson, and Blake Rickert (not shown)). The students delivered their oral presentations and demonstrated their robot creations in front of hundreds of people during the competitions. The 'Mechanics' (Noah Gustafson, Justin Winn, Andrew Fernandes) and the 'Geekabytes' (Matthew Cusumano, Blake Rickert, Max Greil) finished first and second, respectively, in the local Canton Regional Robofest competition. Both teams were invited to the Michigan Regional competition where the 'Geekabytes' finished fourth and then went on to a fifth-place finish in the 2010 World Robofest Championship competition. The 'Geekabytes' also won a 'Creativity and Innovation Development Grant' for the invention of 'Jack, the card dealing robot.'

Monday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at Phase III-Canton Gym.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen.

Cost is \$50 (\$90 for two family members, \$120 for three), which includes the clinic, lunch, afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag. Registration deadline is June 11.

For more information, e-mail [allikl62@gmail.com](mailto:allikl62@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.cantoncheerleading.com](http://www.cantoncheerleading.com)

VFW events

VFW Post 6695 hosts a flag retirement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Post Home, located at 1426 S. Mill (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. The public is invited and there is no charge. The Boy Scouts will be conducting the ceremony with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 of

Plymouth/Canton doing the honors.

On Sunday, June 13, the Patriot riders will end their fund-raiser at the Post at about noon; the group will have some drawings and fund-raisers going on through the day.

On July 30-31, VFW Post 6695 will host a "Man-to-Man Sale," with many tables available for rent inside and outside. Call Gary for information between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at (734) 459-6700.

Summer Camp

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will have Preschool Summer Camp for four weeks beginning on Monday, July 12, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Camp will meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. Two-day and four-day options are available, depending on your preschooler's age.

In the three-year-old and young four's class, the weekly themes will be: I am Special/a

Super Hero, Treasure Island and Exploring Nature, Science Spectacular and Water Works, and Transportation and Space.

In the older four's class and five-year-old class, the weekly themes will be: Digging in the Dirt, Treasure Island, Exploring Nature, and Playing it Safe.

All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood) for a Summer Camp Application.

Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. We offer classes for two-, three- and four-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced

paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at 734-416-6190 or visit [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood).

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road in Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presentations, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

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said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org). Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

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## Canton suffers flooding, 'minimal' damage in storms

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Heavy weekend storms flooded a few Canton roads and basements — and forced the closing Sunday of Pheasant Run Golf Course — but officials said the township was spared the widespread damage that plagued tornado-stricken communities such as Dundee.

"It looks like Canton's damage was minimal," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Monday morning.

Unrelenting storms flooded the Lower Rouge River and led to Sunday's closing of Sheldon and Lotz roads between Michigan Avenue and

Palmer, said Kathy Rich, Canton's emergency management planner.

Flooding also closed Lotz between Cherry Hill and Palmer, she said.

"We had no (reports of) tree damage or major power outages," Rich said.

Public Services Director Tim Faas reported that a couple of basements flooded due to sump-pump problems, but Canton appeared to have largely weathered problems that forced residents of some storm-battered communities to start assessing destructive damage to homes and businesses.

Canton set off its outdoor warning sirens, though officials said residents who were indoors and sleeping might

not have heard them as the storms struck. Rich said Canton has 14 warning sirens.

Nemecek said weekend storms prompted Canton to review its emergency-response plan, which he said appears ready in case the township fares worse the next time powerful storms strike the area.

After weekend storms hit, Rich said the township received several calls from residents who wanted to know the locations of outdoor warning sirens. They are at 7604 N. Haggerty, 4581 S. Beck, 4180 Barr, 4073 Herbey, 49477 Proctor, 1350 N. Ridge, 1130 S. Sheldon (Bentley School), 2305 Oakview, 7986 N.

Morton Taylor, 46673 Warren, 1032 S. Haggerty, 1632 N. Lotz, 49468 Warren, 3510 S. Haggerty, 1250 N. Beck and 1255 S. Beck.

Meanwhile, local officials reminded residents that a tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued when conditions exist for severe weather to develop. Watches typically are for large areas and last two to six hours.

Warnings, however, are issued when a severe thunderstorm or tornado has been observed or indicated by the National Weather Service's Doppler radar. Warnings are typically issued for smaller geographic areas and should prompt residents to go to the safest place in a home, such

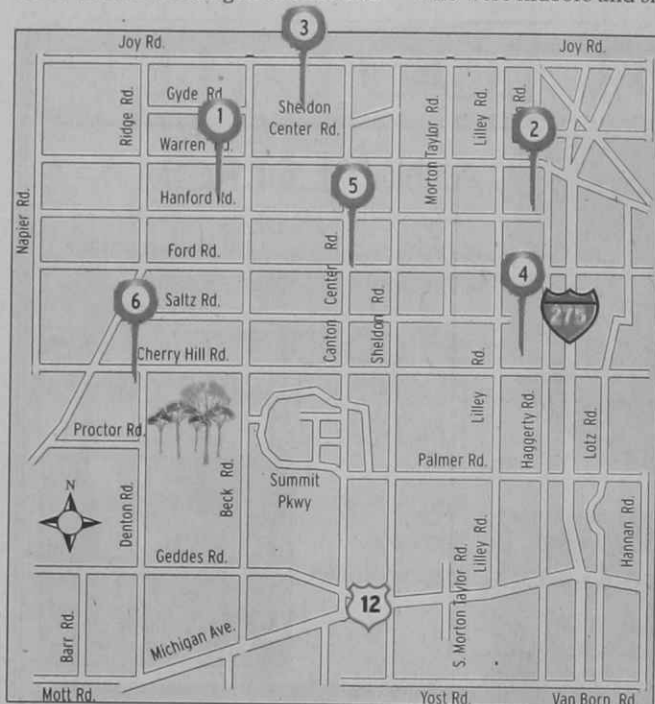
as a basement or an interior area.

Canton officials have recommended that each household have an all-hazards NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME). Information about the radios can be found at [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr).

Rich also said residents can go the National Weather Service's Web site and sign up for alerts.

For more information about Canton's emergency preparedness, call (734) 394-5357 or send an e-mail to [krich@canton-mi.org](mailto:krich@canton-mi.org).

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## Vandals pelt home with paint balls

**1** A woman who lives on Royal Pointe, southwest of Warren and Beck, told police the front area of her home was pelted with orange paint balls around 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

She believes the paint balls were fired by a passing vehicle. She said some vehicles in the neighborhood also had been hit.

## Illegal entry

**2** Canton police arrested a man following accusations he illegally entered his ex-fiancee's house on Foxcreek, southwest of Warren and Haggerty.

The mother of the ex-fiancee flagged down a police officer around 10:40 a.m. Friday and reported that the man had entered the residence, prompting her daughter to lock herself in a room where she was frightened and upset.

The daughter had recently ended a six-year relationship with the man, who apparently wanted to talk with her after he had earlier phoned her and sent text messages, according to a police report.

Police arrested the man at the scene.

## Food fight

**3** Police reported that a food fight erupted shortly after noon Friday inside the

Salem High School cafeteria.

A police report indicated that students began throwing food in the cafeteria and making loud noise that disrupted nearby classrooms.

A police report said hundreds of students and 20 employees were in the cafeteria at the time and that the incident lasted just a few minutes.

Several students were cited for mischievous behavior and their parents were notified.

## Prescription pilfered

**4** A woman told police that a prescription drug, Vicodin, was stolen from a bottle in her home while movers were there between 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Friday. The woman lives on Hystone, northeast of Cherry Hill and Lilley.

The woman told police she had taken the pills from a moving truck and placed the bottle in her living room. She later noticed the bottle was empty after movers had left.

## Honorable gesture

**5** It's an honest gesture worth mentioning: A man who found a purse in the parking lot of Meijer at Ford and Canton Center turned it over to police, allowing

them to return it to the woman who had lost it.

The incident happened around 11:15 a.m. Monday.

The owner told police nothing was missing from the purse.

## Pot bust

**6** One man was caught with marijuana after Canton police stopped a Dodge Durango he was riding in, while he and a friend were hauling several used refrigerators and household goods shortly after midnight Tuesday.

The incident happened near Cherry Hill and Denton.

The men were in a vehicle pulling a trailer with the appliances on it. They told police they had been looking for other people's discarded items so they could sell them.

Police noticed the smell of marijuana and found a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. One of the men accepted responsibility for it, was taken into custody and given a court date. The other man was released at the scene.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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# WEDDING

Hess, the son of Mike and Lori Kuehn of Canton, played baseball at Lutheran High School in Westland and still swings the bat three nights a week for fun on an adult team.

When he heard he was getting married on a major league baseball field, he said he was shocked.

Moving the date to June meant a lot of accelerated planning. It was a blessing, though, because Blanchard's grandfather, Charlie Volker of Canton was recently diagnosed with ALS, which is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The famous baseball player died from the neuro-muscular disease characterized by a progressive muscle weakness resulting in paralysis. Blanchard even mentioned Lou Gehrig in her essay.

"We both respect and love (my grandpa) so much and we didn't want to take any chances and we wanted to move the wedding up," Blanchard said. "God willing, he'll be able to attend."

WWJ and AMP radio will record the wedding and run it on the big screen at the park. There are 21 people, including the couple, in the wedding party.

The wedding at the ballpark is part of many promotions celebrating WWJ's 90 years on the air. It was the first commercial radio station in the nation. In fact, one of the station's first broadcasts was a wedding, according to a station spokeswoman.

Blanchard had 300 words to wow the judges and she chose to write her essay in the format of nine innings delivered from a newscaster's voice.

"All-star Andy up to bat and he hits one out of the park! He's bringing the most heart to this team. He's genuine, dedicated, as athletic as ever, and loyal to his Detroit Tigers to the end," Blanchard wrote in the essay. "Whitney, deep in thought in the outfield, makes the catch of a lifetime. Her Papa (grandfather) has been the MVP for the man of her

heart for so long. She never thought she'd meet someone like him ... until Andy joined the team."

Blanchard didn't think she would win the contest.

"I could only use 300 words or less and every word had to count," she said. "My fiancé makes my dreams come true everyday and this would be a dream come true for him. I sent it express mail and hoped for the best. I knew they would call me if I was one of the winners and they called. During the whole process it was something we had been praying about and everything has been a whirlwind of falling into place."

Blanchard sent her essay on a picture of her and Hess in matching Tiger hats and jerseys, which Hess bought for her birthday two years ago.

Blanchard, who works in the office at Core Sport in Plymouth and as a massage therapist at Shaner Chiropractic in Livonia while waiting to be accepted in nursing school, met her future husband at Schoolcraft College during a workout class. Hess was the only male in the class.

"He left a note on my windshield and said he was too shy to ask me out in person," she said. "He asked me to dinner, and we've been best friends ever since."

The contest winnings include a bridal pampering at Bianchi's Salon with locations in Troy, Royal Oak and Clinton Township; a room at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit; a photography package at B-tech Lighting; a suite at Comerica Park the night of the wedding; a \$500 gift card to Hagopian World of Rugs; a rehearsal dinner at Mitchell's, with locations in Livonia, Birmingham and Rochester; and \$2,500 toward rings at Ati's Jewelers in Clinton Township. The total package is valued at more than \$13,000.

Blanchard said a lot of local businesses have been helping with the cost of the wedding, including florist Clarissa Toy in Livonia; Randazzo Tuxedo in Livonia and Bella Bridal in West Bloomfield.

"We also want to thank our

families and God," Blanchard said.

Her mom, Cindy Trzcinski, also of Livonia, said she hasn't been able to wrap her head around the enormity of her daughter winning the contest.

"I'm worried someone will pass out and it might be me," she said. "It's big. It's hard to comprehend."

"This is so surreal. It's crazy trying to cram a year's worth of planning into just a few weeks. But it'll be great ... come what may," said Trzcinski, adding, "Whitney has always been a good writer. She wrote an adorable little romantic story when she was in second grade, complete with illustrations. It was about two bunnies who lived in 'Heartsville.' They ultimately fell in love and lived happily ever after. I laminated and saved it and it was displayed at her graduation party. I'll give it to her children someday."

# Essay hits home run with judges

Following is Whitney Blanchard's winning essay, "Victory for the home team with no extra innings"

**Announced by: Whitney Blanchard**

**1st** — Whitney, leading off for the home team, hits a double when meeting her best friend and love of her life, Andy.

**2nd** — All-star Andy up to bat and he hits one out of the park! He's bringing the most heart to this team. He's genuine, dedicated, as athletic as ever, and loyal to his Detroit Tigers to the end.

**3rd** — Whitney, deep in thought in the outfield, makes the catch of a lifetime. Her Papa has been the MVP for the

man of her heart for so long. She never thought she'd meet someone like him ... until Andy joined the team.

**4th** — Hold on, folks! Out of nowhere, Andy pulls a grand slam! Although not on the big screen at a Tigers game, this marriage proposal could not have been better played!

**5th** — SHE SAID YES!!! (Crowd goes wild!)

**6th** — This is turning out to be one exciting inning! Even with lots of wedding planning under way, Andy's on his way to a perfect game on Whitney's birthday. This was a birthday to remember complete with matching Tigers jerseys, hats and great seats at the ballpark.

**7th** inning stretch —

Planning comes to a halt due to financial injury to the home team. Who knows how long the recovery time will be?

**8th** — Am I seeing this right?! Lou Gehrig is pinch hitting for the opposing team. OH, NO! He just took out Papa at second base, leaving him stunned with a diagnosis of ALS. This game can't go to extra innings. All right fans, put on the rally caps! Whitney needs her Papa on the most important day of her life.


**9th** — From the bullpen, bringing the hot stinky cheddar, is WWJ and AMP radio to save the game! Making multiple dreams come true, Andy and Whitney stand on home plate and proudly say I DO!!

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# No quit in him – author beats CP to craft a ‘normal’ life

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When eighth-grader Phil Freeman found out his wrestling coach was going to cut seventh-grader John Quinn from the Cambridge Junior High School team, he stormed into the office and demanded the coach change his mind.

It was a bold move for an eighth-grader, sticking up for a younger student and challenging his coach at the same time, but Freeman, perhaps the team's best wrestler, felt strongly about the work ethic and effort Quinn had put into the team in the two weeks they'd known each other.

And that was before Freeman even knew Quinn was keeping a medical secret: He had cerebral palsy, described in Quinn's book as "a group of chronic conditions affecting body movement and muscle coordination."

"I was really upset," recalled Freeman, now the principal at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth. "I told coach, 'You can't do that. He does everything you ask of him. He's the hardest worker on the team.'"

Turns out, decades later, that's Quinn's mantra: Work harder than everyone, be the best you can be and don't let a little thing like a chronic mus-



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Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman (left) has used the story of his best friend, John Quinn, as a motivational tool for his students.

cle condition slow you down.

It's the story of how Quinn fooled doctors to craft a successful 20-year career in the U.S. Navy, and it's a story of persistence, laid out in his book, *Someone Like Me: An Unlikely Story of Challenge and Triumph Over Cerebral Palsy*. Quinn hopes can inspire others to do the same.

"I knew what I'd accomplished was pretty unique," said Quinn, who was in

Canton to promote his book and talk to local students about his experiences. "I thought I could inspire people."

The story is, indeed, inspiring, starting right there at Garden City's Cambridge Junior High. Not only did Quinn stick with that team, he wrestled through his high school career. Though he never won a match ("I had a perfect record," he said with a laugh

of his 0-79 mark), Freeman still called him at the end of his senior year (Freeman had graduated and begun a coaching career of his own) to tell him to watch for the *Garden City Observer's* upcoming edition.

In the list of the paper's All-Area wrestling team, Quinn's name — despite his "perfect" record — was listed among the honorable mentions.

"When I brought (Quinn's) name up in the meeting, the other coaches said, 'We love that kid,'" Freeman recalled. "The wrestling family is a small world. The respect he got for his work ethic extended beyond our wrestling room."

After graduating from Garden City East High School, Quinn started taking classes at Schoolcraft College. Disgusted with his program, Quinn one day tossed his books into the fireplace. His father gave him two weeks to figure out what he was going to do.

"That day I went to see the Navy recruiter," said Quinn, who, influenced by service of his two brothers, had always wanted to join the Navy.

Without telling anyone he had cerebral palsy, he failed his first physical and feared he'd never get in. He con-

quered the fear — and the physical — by basically willing himself to pass.

"I had to be very aware of how I held my body, how I looked," said Quinn, who thinks Naval doctors may have suspected his condition but passed him because of his work ethic. "I had to think about every step I took. It was 'heel-to-toe, stand up straight.'"

He made it 20 years — reaching the rank of senior chief petty officer in 14 years, about five years faster than average — without anyone knowing for sure about the CP. He never missed a watch, never shirked a duty and made his way up the ranks. Along the way he encountered hardship — a brother's suicide and his own bout with alcoholism — which he hopes will help inspire readers who might face some of the same mental and physical challenges.

"I caught breaks along the way, but you also make your own breaks," Quinn said. "If you're good, people are willing to overlook things. They just want to know you can do the job. I was willing to work harder than most people."

Quinn wasn't going to write a book; instead, he was "just putting my thoughts down," so he could give them to nieces

and nephews. But Freeman introduced him to a Pioneer couple whose child also suffered from CP, and Quinn was hooked.

"After meeting that family I thought maybe I could inspire someone," said Quinn, who now lives in Tucson, Ariz. "I'm very pleased that that's happening."

Freeman has used Quinn's story as a teaching tool throughout his career.

"I've used John's story for years, not just about the cerebral palsy, but about the wrestling team and about how he was a kid who never gave up," Freeman said. "He can say what he wants about me befriending him, but I never looked at it that way. I wouldn't be where I am if I didn't have him to talk to."

Quinn, who vetted the book through Navy officials to make sure he wasn't opening himself up to some sort of punishment — he wasn't — said he grew up with parents who treated him like any other kid.

"That's all I ever wanted was to live a normal life," said Quinn, one of eight children. "Having friends like Phil was a big part of my life. That gave me the confidence to go about my life."

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# Police find latest missing teen

**BY DARRELL CLEM**  
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Canton police Tuesday found a 15-year-old girl who had been missing from a Canton foster home since May 17. Township detectives said Alexis Duff was safe and not being held against her will at a Detroit residence, and they turned her over to Wayne County juvenile authorities. Duff had fled the same foster home as runaway Devon Kroetsch, 15, who disappeared



**Duff**

March 1 and was found two months later staying with an acquaintance in Eastpointe. Duff was missing for three weeks before she was found. Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner credited another Detective, Mike Wells, for an investigation that led police to the residence where Duff was staying.

She was taken into custody without incident. Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said after Duff disappeared that "she was going to be put on a tether because she keeps running away." Canton police have said they are hopeful that both Duff and Kroetsch will get the help they need from juvenile authorities. Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek on Tuesday underscored, again, the difficulty law-enforcement agencies face in finding runaway teens. The runaways typically don't have jobs and don't have credit cards that authorities can use to track their whereabouts, he said. Schreiner has said runaway teens typically aren't driving a vehicle, so police can't put out a bulletin for a specific car. Even so, Wells was credited with finding other means to locate Duff — helping Canton police to solve two missing-teen cases in a row.

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## PAROLEES

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Canton's hard work is for naught." Nemecek, whose department initiated talks with MDOC officials about the program, cited statistics about some of the parolees who live in Canton: • Forty have been released from prison for crimes such as armed robbery, gun offenses and homicide. • Forty-four have been paroled for property crimes such as home invasion, auto theft and larceny. • Sixty-two have served time for serious drug-related crimes. To be fair, officials said, many parolees become law-abiding citizens, but Canton hopes to pair with MDOC officers to take repeat offenders off the streets and out of local neighborhoods — while sending a message that would-be parole violators should stay away. "I think it's a good message," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner

said, especially with so many prisoners "getting an early release." As envisioned, the parolee spot-check program would pair Canton and MDOC officers for periodic, unannounced visits — a move authorities say could provide an incentive for parolees to stay honest. Eventually, every parolee in Canton would be visited. Canton police could unilaterally implement the program, but Nemecek said involving MDOC officers would strengthen the effort. "I think it's a great idea, and it's one I would support 110 percent," said township Trustee John Anthony, a former FBI agent, adding that he believes the program would help parolees, law enforcement, courts and the community. Nemecek is confident the program will be launched, but he isn't certain when. "We're going to do it, and we think it's going to be successful," he said. "We're eager to start."

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## BLAST

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make a call. It was like that old commercial." All the help seemed to, well, help, because when Saturday's festivities were over, nearly \$21,000 had been raised between the Mettetal event, a garage sale, sales of suckers at a local school and other donations. And the counting continues. Not bad for an event that started out small and just kept growing. One of the most visible parts of the fund-raiser was the motorcycle ride, which featured more than 200 motorcycles, mostly from three different Harley Owner Group (HOG) chapters — Motor City, Motown and Great Lakes. With bikers paying \$30 per rider and \$20 per passenger, the ride alone raised more than \$1,300.

Ann Leber, who organized the motorcycle ride, said she knew early on, having worked with biker groups in the past, that such an event would be successful. During that original restaurant conversation, Leber told the McMasters the bikers would help bring some awareness to neuroblastoma. "I told them, 'If you want to get the best people, get the bikers, because nobody cares more than bikers,'" Leber said. "Nobody knows what neuroblastoma is, and it's killing our children." Another big part of the fund-raiser was the sale of food throughout the day, and the dinner and entertainment Saturday evening. What Mike McMaster said started out as



Lisa Marie McMaster and friends Belle (Krystle Kaslowski) and Snow White (Rachelle Solomon) at Saturday's Blast NB fund-raiser at Mettetal Airport.

a spaghetti dinner turned into much more when Chef John Cortez, who cooks for a group called Chefs for Cancer, got involved. Among food he donated was the makings for a continental breakfast, a barbecue lunch that included hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages and a pasta dinner, including some 50 gallons of homemade sauce. Cortez, whose cousin, Jane, is the program manager for Hope and Healing Foundation, the event's fiduciary sponsor, said he kept his own three children and two grandchildren in mind when he volunteered to help. "This is a way of giving back," John Cortez said. "We're able to do it, and that's why we do it. When you hear '5-year-old child,' we're there." His cousin, Jane, said Hope and Healing got involved for much the same reason. Neuroblastoma, she said, is



Lisa Marie McMaster gets her very own clown nose from Yuckles the Clown. In the background, Cinderella (Carla Lebert).

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Miranda McNiven enjoys a cupcake she won playing a game.

"such a little-known" cancer, her group wanted to help get the word out. And the integrity of the McMasters, she said, was a big factor. "Linda and Mike came forward and said, 'We don't want anything for ourselves, we want it all to go to research,'" Jane Cortez said. "This is

such a little-known cancer ... (the fund-raiser) was such an incredible, necessary thing." A variety of local bands provided day-long entertainment, including Infinity Hour, a five-person band of teens ranging in age from 13-16. "We're here to support all the kids who need help," 13-year-old lead singer Jena Ascuitto said. "We know some people who have cancer, so when they asked if we'd help, we were so up for it." Plymouth Township Police Lt. Robert Antal gave up a few hours of his Saturday to ride in front of the 200-motorcycle parade that drove a 40-mile trail to raise awareness. "It's a good cause, and these guys are doing their part to help kids," Antal said. "We just want to keep them safe while they're doing it. This is the kind of thing I don't mind volunteering for."

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## BUDGET

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they're hoping to have something by the end of the month." Watchpoints in the budget process used by administrators included: • Staffing — It hasn't yet been determined. The district should save some \$3.4 million in expenditures with the retirement of 88 top-level teachers. • Negotiations — many of the district's bargaining units, including the teachers, haven't settled. Contract settlements would have to be added to the expenditures, including some \$2.7 million in step increases that may have to be included. • Health care costs — Reports received by the dis-

trict indicate costs will rise at rates varying from 5.8 percent (vision) to 10.9 percent (prescription drugs). The board is expected to approve its \$152 million budget at its June 22 meeting. The final product — unless the state says differently — is projected to come up some \$4 million short. That shortage, unless the state decides against the \$268 cut, will be made up from the fund balance, which is projected to sit at \$11 million at the end of this school year. If the state leaves the \$268 in the foundation allowance, that would mean a \$5 million increase to the 19,000-student district. "We're waiting to see what the state is going to do," board President Steven Snedeman said.

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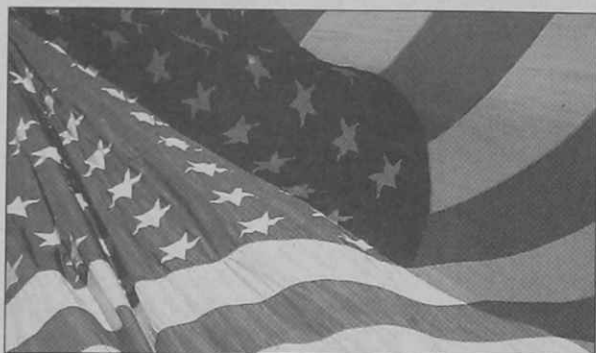


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## OUR VIEWS



With Flag Day approaching, it's important to know how to pay proper respect to the American flag.

# Flag Day

## A chance to show respect

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the just-passed Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and, coming up Monday, Flag Day, all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties):

- Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

- It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

- When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

- This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

- Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

- When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things *not* to do with the American flag:

- Do no let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

- Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

- Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

- Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As Flag Day approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What are your thoughts on off-shore oil drilling after the BP spill in the Gulf Coast?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"I think we have to explore all our options and keep an open mind."**  
**Elke Kampfert**  
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**"We absolutely need to research other options, and we can drill cautiously."**  
**Rosalyn Bradley**  
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**"I don't know. I'm not an expert."**  
**Judy Schuyten**  
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**"I support it. I think it's a good idea. I think it will benefit people."**  
**Kari Myers**  
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## LETTERS

### Disgusted with Mosher

I can't tell you how disgusted I am to have witnessed Natalie Mosher's campaigning goons at the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.

Where does that star-struck with Obama, anti-military woman get the nerve to intrude on a reverent event meant to honor the sacrifices of the men and women of this nation? Is Mosher so calloused or full of herself that she could not see past her ego to be a little respectful?

She could be campaigning any other day but this clearly was not the place.

Having read her "glowing" piece on how meeting Barack Obama inspired her to run for office, I can only say that if that is the kind of person that you are impressed by I don't want you representing me. I am 85 years old and I fought for this country to give disrespectful slugs like Mosher the right to run for office. I am furious that she could not respect the service of those who fought before, along side and after me.

I pray that the likes of Natalie Mosher will never represent me.

**Ed Bruzenski**  
Plymouth

### Slow down!

OK, it's officially not winter anymore, and even if the formal summer date is a few weeks away, summer is here. It's time for flowers to bloom and grass to green up and baby animals and birds to start showing up.

It's also time for everyone who drives in Canton - anywhere in Canton - to SLOW DOWN! Yes, we have road blocks and traffic congestion. So give yourself five or even 10 extra minutes to get where you are going.

There will be times when Mama Duck will be parading her brood of babies across the road and she will need YOU to stop so her babies won't be killed. It rarely takes more than 45 seconds for them to get where they are going. Do you not have 45 SECONDS to spare? These animals are entitled to their space in this world just as much as the human species is - maybe more, since they aren't responsible for wars, or hatred or viciousness.

Today, I had to pick up a beautiful, DEAD male duck from the middle of Summit Parkway Eastbound by the Summit. Whoever killed him could have taken the time to let him cross the road - and if they weren't speeding WAY OVER the posted 25 mph, they certainly could have stopped.

Be a little kinder and gentler this spring/summer season. The animals and birds are God's creations, too. Teach your children respect by being respectful, and give them the courtesy they need.

**Nancy Spencer**  
Canton

### Letters a lost art

I very much enjoyed the recent article written by Darrell Clem about a longtime pen-pal friendship. What a refreshing story about the lost art of letter-writing. It left me wondering how many people still write letters as opposed to sending e-mails.

I have a pen-pal that I met in 1990, a mom from Austin, Texas, who was also dealing with a school and landfill situation during the years the Cooper School landfill was making headlines. Kim

Phillips contacted me through an environmental organization that helped communities and citizens groups. We have maintained a letter-writing friendship since that time. Kim held a board position in the Texas State PTA addressing a whole host of environmental issues and later moved to Arkansas. We met in person at a convention a few years later.

As the article mentioned, our personal lives have unfolded over the years as we discovered other interests beyond the environment, such as collecting depression glass, gardening, traveling and of course, the health and welfare of our children (now grown). We both can attest that a card or letter - with a family photo, recipe, or newspaper article tucked inside - always seemed to arrive when we both needed a morale boost or funny diversion from whatever was going on in our lives.

Personal e-mails are wonderful, but who doesn't love getting a personal letter in the mail?

Thank you to Darrell for the great story.

**Cheryl Graunstadt**  
Westland

### GOP should lead way

To a typical college student the party of "no" means no kegs, no beautiful people, no music, and no games. Hardly any fun at all, more like a Chinese checkers tournament hosted by the computer science department.

To this college student, the party of "no" in 2010 is the party of no health care reform, no infrastructure improvements, no bank regulation, no meaningful energy policy, no immigration fixes, no to domestic manufacturing, no Social Security reform, no imagination, no cooperation; this party is the Republican Party of 2010.

Our GOP has not always been the party of "Stonewall" Jackson, it was once the party of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. It was the party that said "yes" to freeing the slaves, preserving the union, equal voting rights, ensuring the safety of food and drugs, establishing national parks, and the Interstate Highway System.

Where did it become lost? Where did the quest for preservation of nature turn into its exploitation? Why did a Republican pioneer regulating food and drugs in 1906 but in 2010 the same party sees any expansion of regulation as an infringement on personal freedom?

Today's GOP needs to lead the way in protecting interests of all Americans, and never placing the desires of corporations ahead of the American citizen. Many corporations, such as Transocean, base skeletal operations overseas to skirt the U.S. tax code, necessitating those who live and work in this country to cover the shortfall for schools, fire departments and libraries.

The party needs to show that a \$40 billion monthly trade deficit is not beneficial to this country, and that the simplest way to improve the imbalance is to get serious with China and Japan on trade practices.

Reliance on imported oil to fuel transportation is another factor in the trade deficit, Republican support for improved public transit will provide more jobs to Americans and drill fewer oil wells in Saudi Arabia.

Another area where Republicans can lead the way is to reform Social Security. Eligibility for old-age benefits at age 62 is unreasonable in an

age when people routinely live into their 90s and a 101-year-old man can run the London Marathon. Adjusting the eligibility age for old-age benefits would save billions of dollars from the federal government's single largest expense.

The path to success for Republicans going forward hinges on proving the GOP has a head on its shoulders and that it can "lead the way" instead of fastening an anchor to its belt and crying "take our country back."

**Andrew Justus,** Plymouth, **Jessica Reed,** Canton, **Peter Nolan,** Plymouth, **Thea C. Spittle,** Cleveland

### Apologize to McCotter

Regarding a letter by Mitch Smith of Canton: Governments need "oversight" in their programs, as was suggested by President G.W. Bush, in regards to Fannie Mae. He was told it was unnecessary by (D) Barney Frank at that time and alas, Fannie Mae fell hard. They should leave private enterprise alone ... Government employees cannot better determine health needs of individuals as per your comment on National Health Care. I disagree, as do my friends. I want a doctor of my choice and have her determine my medical needs ... I don't understand where your information about the audacious premium increases comes from. I've had one of the top insurance premiums for many years with no raises. My youngest son chose an inexpensive insurer that he could afford. The rates were quite affordable.

Perhaps you imagine that the massive funds being paid into the health care program will be used to cut the deficit? That's pretty naive thinking considering our president spent trillions in a matter of months without a problem. Also considering the illegals that are pouring into our country have health care paid by our government via the taxpayers ... Our government used our taxes to pay for indigent people to have health care (Medicaid) and then drained it dry for their own purpose, just as they took our Social Security paid in by us and intended for us. Now we're told it's almost gone. Since the government take-over of GM, my insurance co-pay has finally increased as have my monthly premiums. Not before - but after.

The \$787-billion stimulus law signed by President Obama created a Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness research in health care that some critics argue was a step toward rationing of health care in the United States. Sen. Pat Roberts commented "And if you read between the lines you will notice that for the first time ever the Obama White House is admitting that their health care plan will ration health care." Rationed health care and government czars equal death panels. If you were older, you might be more concerned with that information. Think about it since you will become older if you're lucky. Check it for yourself: [www.cnsnews.com/news/article/66465](http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/66465).

I think you owe Thad McCotter a big apology. He is one of the very few in politics who actually works for the people. He is not on the big power grab at the expense of the citizens and the U.S.A. that is the trademark of this entire administration. Our government is supposed to work for the people ...

**Loral Orow**  
Plymouth

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voice. Find more comments or join the discussion online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### • In response to the story, "District pushes minority hiring plan:"

"Can we make sure that these new, diverse teachers at least speak understandable English? Was NOT impressed with the math teacher who's accent was so thick I couldn't understand a word she said during parent/teacher conferences. And I didn't have to sit in her class every day for a year. UNACCEPTABLE!!!!"

**CarFreak**

"where is the detailed list of 'cues' for spotting Asian candidates? Names such as Chin or Singh? I have my suspicions, but since I don't know, I'll withhold comment."

**aarpeligible**



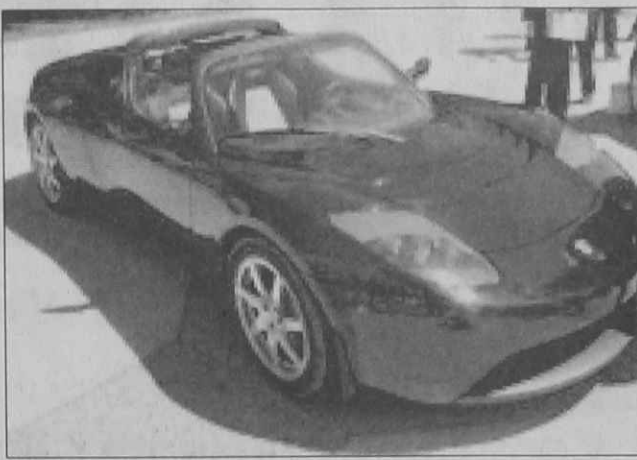
# Public can test-ride electric cars at Schoolcraft show

For many motorists, the dream of declaring independence from the pump is just that – a dream. They hear the hype about electric cars but they've never actually seen one, let alone ridden in one. All of that is about to change with the second annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Rally & Show. Members of the public can test-ride electric cars at the event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Event co-sponsors are the Michigan Electric Auto Association (MEAA) and the Schoolcraft College Electronic Technology program. MEAA event organizers see this event as an important and fun way to raise awareness of

the general public about electric vehicles (EV). More than 50 electric and hybrid vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from scooters to transport vans to pickup trucks, and of course passenger cars, are expected to be on display. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the cars up-close, talk to the owners, and go for a short ride in an electric vehicle with the owner driving. "The MEAA attends a lot of green fairs during the year with our electric vehicles, but we felt that the static displays don't have the same effect as seeing the vehicles actually driving under their own power," said Larry Tuttle, the group's president. The vehicles will include

those produced with EV kits, those that are gas cars converted to electric, and production models from major manufacturers. A 2010 Tesla roadster will meet one of its ancestors, a 1916 Detroit Electric on the rally track at Schoolcraft. Although the Tesla has a decided advantage as the second fastest production car manufactured, gas or electric, Jack Beatty's maroon Detroit Electric is a show stopper in its own right. With almost 100 years between the two vehicles, there are similarities as well as differences. In 1910 there were as many electric vehicles as gas-powered vehicles on the road and which one would prevail was very much up in

the air. In addition, there will be booths displaying new products and services for the EV market; a presentation on how to convert gas-powered cars to electric power; and information about Schoolcraft College programs that are related to the EV industry. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. MEAA President Larry Tuttle hopes that the event will begin to close the gap between what people are hearing and what they actually know about EVs. More information on the event and the MEAA is available at [www.michiganeaa.org](http://www.michiganeaa.org). Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.



A 2010 Tesla roadster will be among the more than 50 electric and hybrid vehicles of all shapes and sizes available for the public to ride in for free on Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

# Heed credit, other consequences of a short sale of home

I've been hearing about and reading more about short sales. There are a fair number of people who have no idea what a short sale is, nor its consequences. Particularly, for people who want to sell their home, a short sale is something that many may have to consider whether they like it or not. A short sale is where you sell your house for less than the outstanding mortgage. For example, if the outstanding mortgage is \$150,000 and the home is sold

for \$125,000 that is a short sale. The key to a short sale is what happens to the difference between the outstanding mortgage and the sales price. In this example, the shortage is \$25,000 (\$150,000 less \$125,000). It would be nice if you could just ignore the shortfall but you can't. The individual who is purchasing the home wants a free and clear title and the only way to accomplish this is to make sure the underlying mortgage is discharged. In a short sale, there are a couple of different ways to discharge the mortgage. The first is for the seller to pay the difference. Normally at closing a seller hopes to walk away with some money in their pocket. However, in today's

world it is not unusual for the seller to owe money at closing. The other way to discharge the mortgage and the method that sellers prefer is for the mortgage company to discharge the mortgage at a discount. Sometimes the mortgage company will discharge the mortgage for the sale proceeds, other times it will partially discount the mortgage, requiring the seller to come up with some money at closing. Studies show that a mortgage company nets more from a short sale than they would if the house had to be foreclosed upon. Therefore, mortgage companies would rather do a short sale than take a home back through foreclosure. Obviously, in analyzing the

different ways to do a short sale most sellers would rather have the bank discharge their mortgage as opposed to having to come up with money at closing. However, there is a consequence when the bank discharges your mortgage. It will hurt your credit scores. Sometimes there are ways to reduce the effect on your credit scores, however, the reality of the situation is that if you are discharging a debt for less than the outstanding balance, it is a mark on your credit. Another issue that a short seller has to take into consideration is how it impacts income taxes. If the mortgage being discharged at a discount is not someone's primary mortgage, the discounted amount (in this case \$25,000) is

included in taxable income. If you are thinking about doing a short sale and you want the bank to discharge your mortgage for less than full value, the key is to get the mortgage company involved as soon as possible. You need the mortgage company's approval to do a short sale and the sooner the mortgage company is involved, the easier the process will be. Some may ask: Can you do a short sale yourself or do you need the services of a professional? You can sell your house on your own and deal with the mortgage company but it is difficult. If you are going to do a short sale, deal with a Realtor who has experience in this area. In addition, you should probably have

separate legal representation and that person should also have experience with short sales. I'm sure many of you have heard the horror stories about dealing with the mortgage companies with regard to short sales. The mortgage companies are notorious for dragging their feet and making the process more difficult than it has to be. Dealing with a professional who has experience with short sales makes the process easier and faster. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

## Fridays... Plymouth Music in the Air ...May 28-Sept. 3 in Plymouth's Kellogg Park

### Justine Blazer

### Friday, June 11 in Kellogg Park...Justine Blazer (country/rock)

Justine Blazer of Canton is a songwriter and musician performing at festivals, concerts and events throughout the Midwest. In the industry for over a decade, her live show can range from a solo performance, an acoustic duo, a trio, four-piece band and up. Blazer performed at the 25th, 26th and the 27th Annual WYCD Downtown Hoedowns, where she shared the same stage with many national acts such as Trisha Yearwood, Jewel and Gretchen Wilson. In 2007, Blazer earned three Detroit Music Award nominations for Outstanding Vocalist, Outstanding Songwriter and Outstanding Artist. In addition to the nominations, she won the Detroit Blues Challenge round four competition, earning her great respect the blues world. In 2008, she earned an additional Detroit Music Award nomination for "Country Album of the Year" and in 2009 she earned six more Detroit Music Award nominations.

Blazer released her full debut pop/rock album entitled "Passion in Me" in 2005. The CD includes her popular single of Nancy Sinatra's all time hit "These Boots are Made for Walking". Other previous releases include her debut single "Raining in the City" and her holiday album "Just A Justine Christmas."

Justine has also made numerous TV appearances and has been seen on ABC, ESPN, ESPN 2 and FOX networks. Entertaining has always been her passion. Born and raised in the metro Detroit area, she has always been involved in singing, dancing, songwriting and entertaining.

Justine's musical genre is very unique because it's country but mixed with blues, southern rock and "Motown" roots. Some of Justine's major influences are Joss Stone, Sheryl Crow, Faith Hill, Martina McBride and Shania Twain.

She owns her own company (La Blaze Entertainment), record label (La Blaze Records) and publishing company (La Blaze Music Publishing - BMI).

"Music is my true passion and I've definitely paid my dues," Blazer said. "It's been a long road developing my style and what I wanted to say within my songs. Taking the back roads on my career, I wanted to grow on my own and figure out what I had to say as an artist."

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## 2010 GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS

## Chiefs roll on rainy night

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was almost shocking to see the ball slip through the grasp of surehanded Canton junior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges on a rainy Tuesday night.

Bridges' rare misplay led to the game-tying goal by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Samantha Voss with about 20 minutes left in the second half of the girls soccer regional semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We all kind of stepped too high," said senior defender Alyssa Cottrell. "The ball got behind us, Kayla came out with a wet ball and anything can happen."

But all that did was crank up Canton's collective determination to get it back and senior midfielder Christy Balewski indeed restored the Chiefs' lead about six minutes later following a disputed corner kick.

Balewski's goal proved enough for state-ranked Canton (17-1-3) to earn a

**Canton and Plymouth will square off in D1 regional final, 6 p.m. Thursday at PCEP grass soccer field.**

2-1 victory and advance to Thursday's 6 p.m. regional final against Plymouth.

"The corner came across from Lindsey Winters, someone hit it (in front) and it just dropped dead center," Balewski said. "I turned around, saw the corner of the goal open and put it in the corner."

Winters actually had just taken another corner kick just moments earlier. That first try bounced out of bounds, apparently off a Canton player, and the referee called for a goal kick by the Pioneers. But the ref quickly changed his mind, ultimately resulting in the second corner kick that Balewski finished.

Despite the sequence that went against the Pioneers, they would not give up. With about 10 minutes to go, Olivia Clark's header of a Jennifer Fichera

corner kick drifted just over the crossbar.

## SHUTTING THE DOOR

But the Chiefs, as they did most of the game, got busy getting after 50/50 balls and making sure trouble stayed away from their goal.

Balewski blocked a kick by Sam Waldrop and later in that sequence cleared the ball out of Canton's end of the pitch.

"Christy Balewski is always a solid player for us," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "She is that versatile where we can put her anywhere on the field and she'll be a bona fide threat, both attacking and she's a very solid defensive player."

Also staunch in their support of Bridges, as usual, were defenders Cottrell, Robyn Mack, Melanie Pickert, Traci Brietmeyer and others.

According to Tomasso, the team's response to an "uncharacteristic mistake" (it was only the seventh goal allowed all year by the Chiefs) under-

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Battling for the ball during Tuesday's regional semifinal are Canton's Christy Balewski (No. 4) and Ann Arbor Pioneer's Samantha Waldrop.

## PK encore for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday brought another game, another round of penalty kicks — and another victory — for Plymouth's varsity girls soccer team.

This time, the Wildcats needed 110 minutes and PKs to get past Dearborn, 1-0, setting up Thursday's big regional final against Canton (6 p.m. at the PCEP grass soccer field).

"It's hard on the kids, but I've been doing this long enough where it doesn't get all that stressful on the coach," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, chuckling after Tuesday's regional semifinal win. "I wish we could have put that one away in regulation ... They (Pioneers) have heart, they played with a lot of desire."

Dearborn senior goalkeeper Samantha Wilson put up a wall all night, diving, jumping and

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## Daring Wildcats prevail

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## SOFTBALL DISTRICTS

Chances to score were like finding diamonds in the desert during Saturday's Division 1 softball district final between Salem and Plymouth.

But the Wildcats finally broke through with a run in the top of the eighth on an infield hit by senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski and the hustle of junior baserunner Jessica Bondy. That was all freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou needed as she outdueled Salem junior Briana Lee, 1-0, at Canton's Legacy Field.

Bondy — who reached on a bunt single and stole second — came home to score after Klonowski's one-hop smash

bounced away from Salem freshman third baseman Megan Johnson.

"When Stacey hit that ball, that Salem girl (Johnson) made a good dive to stop it but it rolled out of her mitt, nobody was there in position," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "That's a tough play. And Jessica Bondy is so fast and smart, I knew she would make it."

Bondy (2-for-4) said she just relied on her softball instincts and it paid off.

"It's very exciting, exhilarating," said a smiling Bondy about scoring the decid-

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Salem third baseman Megan Johnson and Plymouth baserunner Stacey Klonowski meet up during Saturday's district final.



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Scoring an important early run in Saturday's district final against Livonia Stevenson is Canton senior Andrew Tidwell.

## Canton keeps district streak alive

BY TIM SMITH  
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## BASEBALL DISTRICTS

Two of the top pitchers of the KLAA faced each other with Saturday's Division 1 district baseball championship on the line.

Canton senior lefthander Kevin Delapaz turned out to be a tad better than Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Sorenson and the Chiefs completed the tri-fecta. They won their third straight district — each time on a different Plymouth-Canton Educational Park field.

Although the final score was 11-1, most of the game played on Canton's baseball field was much closer. Only a nine-run seventh against four Stevenson pitchers (featuring a mammoth home run to right by junior Garrett Bryden) turned it into a blowout.

With the victory, the Chiefs (26-7) will face regional-host Novi at 10 a.m. Saturday. Walled Lake Central and Birmingham Brother Rice are slated for the other regional, at noon.

"It was a great battle," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield about the Delapaz-Sorenson duel. "Sorenson's one of the best around, we all know that. He threw a no-hitter this year, he's usually double digits in strikeouts."

"It was a heck of a battle, we scratched two runs out, one on a home run."

Chiefs' senior first baseman Joe Galanty swung at a high fastball and blasted a homer to left in the top of the second for the game's first run.

Canton added another in the second, with a double by sophomore Ryan Bazner the key hit.

That's how the game stayed until the Canton seventh, when the first two batters reached against the tiring Sorenson.

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## CANTON

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scored the way the players "play for each other, they sacrifice for each other."

"Combining that with the talent they have on the field creates that winning mentality," he said. "And they're doing a great job."

The Chiefs scored just 90 seconds or so after the match began. Following a corner

kick, sophomore forward Allyson Krause dribbled and sent a crossing pass over to sophomore midfielder Megan Trapp cutting in from the left flank. Trapp made no mistake, beating goalkeeper Kaitlyn Bedolla.

**CANTON 3, GARDEN CITY 0:** The Chiefs scored two quick goals Saturday against Garden City and that sparked a 3-0 victory in the Division 1 district final at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Trapp scored off a corner kick less than two minutes into the first half and Jessikah McClendon took a feed from Trapp to add a marker about six minutes later.

Trapp tallied the only other goal in the second half, taking a through ball from Krause, getting free in the box and putting the ball inside the far post.

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Canton senior forward Jessikah McClendon tries to get past the defense of Ann Arbor Pioneer's Kimberly Borys during the regional semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass soccer field.



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## PLYMOUTH

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scrambling to deny Plymouth at every turn.

Wilson stoned Plymouth senior midfielder Jessica Heck late in the first half, tipping a 20-yard shot just over the crossbar.

She later stymied junior forward McKenzie Hengesh and freshman midfielder Stephanie Dillon before really shining in the first OT. Wilson dove to deny a sharp-angle boot by freshman defender Morgan Klandunde and stopped a breakaway by the speedy, elusive Hengesh.

Also perfect was Plymouth junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, although she wasn't tested nearly as often.

And just like last Thursday's district win over Northville, Williams was up to the task when the game got to penalty kicks.

Dearborn (16-8) did score first while Plymouth's initial shooter sailed her shot high.

Then Jessica Scott, Heck, Katelyn Moss and Jennifer Babcock all found the range on the Wildcats' following four PKs while Williams deflected Alyssa Hespen's shot to force a sudden death sixth penalty kick.

**DO IT AGAIN**

Good fortune smiled on Plymouth (13-4-4), because Wilson blocked Katie Krajewski's original kick — briefly lifting Dearborn hopes for a subsequent winning kick.

But the referee intervened, ruling that Wilson moved early off the goal line. That gave "Katie K" another chance and she made no mistake.

Needing to score to keep the game going, the next kicker for Dearborn (actually goalie Wilson, who her coach said has a rocket for a shot) got under the ball and sent it over the top bar.

"To go into overtime and go into PKs added a lot of unnecessary stress at that point," Heck added. "But we worked hard and I'm glad Marissa had a great save and we shot relatively well through the rain and we were able to take care of business."

Heck said she and her teammates are excited to face campus rival Canton in the regional final, with the Wildcats looking for their first-ever victory over the Chiefs.

"Canton's been a strong team all season," Heck said. "We've worked hard and gotten some lucky breaks our way so far in the tournament and now we just really got to all come together Thursday."

"We haven't beaten them in Plymouth history and it would be great to get them in a regional final."

Neschich said his team must play the kind of strong cross-the-board defense it showed against Northville and Salem last week and Tuesday against Dearborn to have a chance.

"Definitely, without a doubt we'll need it (defense)," Neschich said. "They bring it."


**DISTRICT FINAL**

Meanwhile, the Wildcats defeated Salem 1-0 in Saturday's district final at Livonia Stevenson on an own goal credited to freshman Zoe Foster.

According to Salem head coach Joe Nora, whose team finished with a record of 11-6-3, the experience should help because much of the squad will return in 2011.

"It's unfortunate to lose a game on an own goal in overtime, but this in no way diminishes what this team accomplished this season," Nora said. "The girls have come a long way and got a taste of winning and losing in the playoffs."

"This should no doubt help us next year. We have a lot of quality players returning and the leadership from seniors like Taylor Burgoon will be felt for years to come."



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# Heartbreaker halts Chiefs' march

BY TIM SMITH  
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A play at home plate in the sixth inning of Saturday's Division 1 softball semifinal almost literally knocked Plymouth senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski out of the game against Canton.

Klonowski stole third and tried to score despite their being no outs in the frame when the catcher's throw sailed into shallow left field. The leftfielder threw home and catcher Jesse Lerner slapped the tag on Klonowski for the out.

Not only did Klonowski get called out to keep the contest tied 1-1, it appeared she was seriously injured on the play.

But instead of having her outstanding prep career conclude on an injury, Klonowski (2-for-4) shook off the injury and returned to shortstop for the top of the seventh. She later singled and scored the winning run in the 11th on senior third baseman Amanda Burnard's clutch, two-out hit for a 3-2 victory.

With the win, the Wildcats spoiled the Canton postseason for the third year in a row.

"They (Klonowski and Burnard) came through big time, talk about experience," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "That's what you need in these kind of games, that's what makes the difference, that's the turnaround."

"Stacey almost did it twice for us in this one game. She got knocked down at home plate and she was called out, got hurt pretty bad. But she bounced right back and look what she did."

Burnard said she just wanted to put the ball in play against tough Canton senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy and enable Klonowski to score the winning run.

"I wasn't trying to put it anywhere specific," Burnard noted. "I wanted to just find a hole, get on base and hopefully score her, which we did, which was awesome."

Canton veteran head coach Jim Arnold said Burnard's hit was "just a Texas Leaguer that

dropped in there but that's part of the game. You hope the kids hits it so we can make a play, but that didn't happen."

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Chiefs (24-8) actually took a 2-1 lead in the top of the 11th thanks to implementation of the International Tie Breaker rule — which beginning in that frame automatically put a runner on second to start each half-inning.

For Canton, junior Lauren Leskovitz went out to second and she scored on a single to center by Lerner, breaking the 1-1 tie that had stood since the first.

But Plymouth freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou escaped further damage by retiring the next two Chiefs and the 'Cats came up to bat in their half with sophomore Allison Raylean standing on second base.

She was bunted over to third and scored on a bang-bang play following a wild pitch to make it 2-2. Klonowski and Burnard then made sure the game did not continue into the 12th.

"That's about rushing the game, to get the game over, that's why they did the International Tie Breaker," Canfield said. "It's a MHSAA rule, however we just kind of found out about that rule today."

"Generally in a competition like this, you really don't get to the ninth, 10th, 11th. But I don't remember them ever implementing a rule like this, but I guess it's in the book. We had equal opportunity."

The International Tie Breaker "puts a whole lot of pressure on both teams," Arnold said. "Unfortunately, we didn't produce and they got the extra run."

Canton scored an unearned run in the top half of the first against Gerou, with junior shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer's groundout scoring the run.

The Wildcats bounced right back to make it 1-1 when Burnard (3-for-5, 2 RBI) singled sharply up the middle to plate freshman catcher Kayla Rebaun, who doubled.

Plymouth threatened to break it open against Dunleavy, loading the bases with one out. Arnold came out to calm down his pitcher and she retired the next two batters with no damage.

Still, the Chiefs just could not get over the hump.

"I'm proud of her, I feel bad for her because she's a senior and it's her last game. But I thought she did an exceptionally good job in the circle tonight. She had good command of her pitches. ... She's one of the top pitchers to come out of Canton."

Sexauer and junior Sam Partain were offensive bright spots for the Chiefs with two hits each.

Earning the victory, her first of two Saturday at Legacy Field, was Plymouth's Gerou.

"She pitched a great game, she gave up eight hits in 11 innings," Canfield said. "With Canton they're a great hitting ballclub, having a freshman do that, ... she shut them down."

### Rocks' Lee blanks Spartans

Salem junior pitcher Briana Lee gave up three singles and struck out eight as the Rocks earned a 2-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson in Saturday's first softball district semifinal at Canton.

Lee also made it happen at the plate for Salem. She laced a double over the centerfielder's head with one out in the fourth and courtesy runner Brianna Berberet scored on a single by sophomore Jennifer First, giving the Rocks a 1-0 edge.

A wild pitch, error and base hit by junior Kelli Janiczek brought home First for the second run.

"I just thought the girls came out ready to play today," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Getting the win the first game we knew was what we had to do to get in the championship (game)."

"Bri pitched an outstanding game, we got some timely hits. I felt they wanted to get in the championship and that's what they did. I'm proud of them."

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# SOFTBALL

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ing run. "But a lot of times when you're running, you just forget about everything, just keep on going."

So will the Wildcats, who take a 25-12 record into Saturday's D1 regional hosted by Novi.

The defeat ended Salem's fine season with a record of 24-12; the Rocks reached the district final with Lee's 2-0 shutout over Livonia Stevenson.

Plymouth defeated Canton 3-2 in 11 innings in the other semifinal.

"This is kind of a shame," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Our district (Plymouth-Canton schools) has three outstanding teams and any one of those teams could go to the regional in any other district."

"But they were fun games today, the girls enjoyed playing and it's just unfortunate that two teams out of our three here have to go home and only one advances on."

## COOL AND CALM

Plymouth's Gerou finished a brilliant day of pitching with her 2-hitter against the Rocks — which followed 11 innings of work against Canton in which she gave up one earned run and seven hits.

"Nineteen innings, 5 1/2-hours, that's what I have to say about Elaine Gerou," Canfield said. "That kid runs miles and miles every day, her stamina is strong, she's a go-getter."

"She puts everything into every pitch and that's what I think separates her from some ballplayers."

Gerou, who pitched out of trouble in the fifth and seventh, took her big day in stride.

"I have a nonchalant attitude about most things," she said. "I'm able to keep my cool real easy."

She maintained her composure in the fifth when Salem courtesy runner Brianna Berberet (running for Lee, who walked) tried to score from second on a single by Kelli Janiczek. Plymouth junior left-



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Getting set to let loose another pitch Saturday is Plymouth freshman Elaine Gerou, who defeated Canton and Salem in the districts.

fielder Lauren Smith fielded the ball and threw home to freshman catcher Kayla Rebaun for the putout.

The Rocks threatened to score the winning run in the seventh, too. Alexis Powell walked and Sam Maksimovic singled. But Gerou coaxed Jennifer First into hitting into a fielder's choice to senior third baseman Amanda Bernard.

Plymouth then came through with the game's only run and Gerou retired the Rocks in 1-2-3 fashion in the bottom of the eighth to close out the victory and district title.

"It just seems that this tops it off," Canfield said. "Not only that (winning against both PCEP foes), we went into extra innings with both of them, so it made it great games, emotional games."

According to Southerland, Lee deserved a better fate.

"Bri pitched a great game, we just didn't hit today like we needed to do to win the game," she said. "But I'm proud of how they played. They came on strong at the end of the season, they strung 10 wins in a row which is outstanding."

"And I only have two seniors, so I'm basically going to have the core of my team back. I'm kind of looking forward to next year and I think the girls are, too."

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# Loss doesn't dim bright future

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's safe to say one good era for Plymouth baseball ended with Saturday's 13-3 loss to Canton in the Division 1 districts.

But another one is just starting, and it's all good, according to Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd.

With a one-hit performance, the team's all-time leader in several key offensive categories — Matt Priebe — called it a career. But freshman outfielder Jamarl Eiland doubled, singled and showed the poise of a junior or senior in the contest.

Boyd knows stud outfielder/pitcher Mike Nadratowski will be back in 2011, and so will excellent catcher Rich Guglielmi and starting pitcher Harrison Michels. Most of the

2010 starting lineup also will return, and the Wildcats (18-15) have some excellent young players coming up from the freshman and JV teams.

Hats off to Priebe, of course. "He's going to be a big loss, you don't replace a Matt Priebe," Boyd said. "He's the career leader at Plymouth in hits, home runs, RBIs, runs scored, ... but we've got some guys coming up (like Jamarl Eiland) that we feel are going to at least attempt to fill those shoes."

"We really like what we're building here, we really like what we're doing here and Plymouth baseball has a really bright future."

For the start of Saturday's opener against the district host Chiefs, Plymouth looked to have a really bright present, too. The Wildcats broke out to a 2-0 lead in the first, with

Eiland doubling and scoring on Nadratowski's ground-out and Michels singling in Priebe.

Plymouth tacked on a run in the second. Singles by junior Zach Yokom and Eiland and a walk to Guglielmi loaded the bases and Nadratowski's sacrifice fly made it 3-0.

But in the blink of an eye, the more-experienced, deeper Chiefs broke out the bats against Michels with four-run frames in the second and third to open up an insurmountable 8-3 edge.

"We hit our first drive right down the middle," Boyd said. "We came out with a lot of energy, our bench was fantastic, we made a couple big plays in that first inning."

"There was Phil Emminger with a diving play, Jimmy May filling in at shortstop. But unfortunately, we couldn't

get a break. My hat's off to coach (Mark) Blomshield and Canton, he's doing a great job over there."

Blomshield, whose team went on to defeat Livonia Stevenson 11-1 in the district final, said Plymouth's strong start did give his team a bit of a wake-up call. "The best thing that happened to us today was getting punched in the face a little bit."

"We just told the kids, every team ends the year on a loss except one," Boyd added. "And part of becoming a man, becoming an adult is learning, not only how to deal with adversity, but learning how to deal with defeat — getting back up when you get knocked down."

"Our kids will, we're confident they will."

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# BASEBALL

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Canton went on to scorch three relief pitchers, with a two-run double by junior catcher Seth Tschetter making it 6-0. Following that were run-scoring singles by Cody Blakita, Galanty and an RBI groundout.

Then, to put a capper on the proceedings, Bryden finished the surge with his towering home run that landed far behind the right field fence onto the grass soccer field.

"He (Sorenson) was getting tired, in the 80-pitch count range," Blomshield said. "Kevin was too, that's why we got him out of there (in the seventh). I told them we needed to try to scratch out another run and we ended up scratching out nine, so we were definitely happy about that. I wasn't anticipating that."

After the nine-run inning, Blomshield brought senior Ben Staley in to pitch the bottom of the seventh. The Spartans

finally scored, as junior Troy Bodtke singled home junior Evan Piechota.

"With the big inning we were able to pull him out and save him a little bit," Blomshield said.

According to veteran Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman, the Canton offensive explosion in the seventh didn't take away from how well the two starting pitchers went after it.

"The two runs he gave up early ... those were nonstrikes that they hit well," Berryman said. "He threw a pretty decent game, he only gave up four hits until the wheels fell off."

"Give Delapaz his due. He threw well, he kept us off balance. Sorenson threw well. It was more like a 2-0, 3-0 and the rest just got ugly."

Canton junior catcher Seth Tschetter, who raked four hits in the Chiefs' 13-3 rout over Plymouth in the district opener, said getting the early runs boosted team confidence.

"With Joe's home run and Bazner's double, once they got those hits we knew we could

beat 'em," said Tschetter, who now will catch Delapaz in the regionals for the third year in a row.

Tschetter said Delapaz was "hitting his spots great" against the Spartans and had excellent off-speed stuff.

Before the game, Blomshield pulled out the motivational card with Delapaz — not that he needed to.

"I gave him a pep talk before the game, 'Let's make it three in a row,' and he did," Blomshield said. "Kevin pitched the championship game three years in a row (with Tschetter his catcher) and he won all three."

"He's a big-game pitcher, that's why he's going to Bowling Green. He's got a good career in baseball ahead of him."

After the game, Delapaz said defeating Stevenson might have been the sweetest of all three district clinchers.

"It was special, our team really rallied together and played great defense behind me," Delapaz said. "It was a special game, getting three in

a row ... I give all the props in the world to coach Blomshield for getting us ready for this game."

Stevenson's Berryman added that he is "very proud" of the Spartans for a highly competitive season.

"Anytime a team is 27-8 and works as hard as these guys do I can't complain," Berryman said. "They fought hard. Geez, I've got a team where I've got three freshmen playing, so this is a very good baseball team and we'll be very good again next year."

Earlier Saturday, Canton spotted Plymouth three early runs before cutting loose for back-to-back four-run frames in the second and third, sparking a 13-3 victory (six innings).

Senior starting pitcher Drew Tidwell pitched four innings, recovering after the early trouble, and collected the victory. Finishing up was Bazher.

For the Wildcats, junior starter Harrison Michels took the loss.

Meanwhile, Stevenson routed Salem 11-6 in the middle game of the day.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Students at Davis Music Studios come largely from Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

## Guitar teacher strings together a lesson plan

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

**Davis Music:** I offer an exciting lessons program for learners of all ages and styles. My guitar lessons studio offers much more than the average lesson studio. Students of my studio participate in weekly 45 minute lessons, monthly ensemble classes and an "open to the public" semester concert. My students are taught personally by me (professional degree certified teacher). I work closely with each student to customize lesson plans that fit their schedules and match the learning style of each student.

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

**Davis Music:** After 11 years of music store lesson teaching experience, I decided to start a teaching studio on my own on Aug. 12, 1998. Seeing a need in the community for quality instruction, I opened my guitar teaching studio with the passion of developing talents to the highest of levels. It was my desire to create a program unlike any other in the Plymouth Canton area that includes; personalized lesson plans, group ensemble experience and public performances.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

**Davis Music:** My heart is in the Plymouth area. Plymouth is where I picked up and learned to play the guitar. What's more, out of all the cities I've taught, Plymouth has had the greatest talent base I've seen!

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Davis Music:** My guitar lessons studio is unique because it includes everything to create a well-rounded musician. In my teaching methodologies I consider the "whole" student by including private as well as group accountabilities. My lessons program is based on a semester style learning that includes; 45 minute lessons (instead of the typical 30) Curriculum based learning with personal goals set, monthly group ensemble classes and semester end concerts. What's more, as part of my business I make myself available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for further assistance outside of lesson time. Students of my studio



Jeff Davis opened Davis Music Studios in 1998.

are encouraged to contact me at any point in the week when needed for questions related to their lessons and performances.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Davis Music:** When I opened my studio doors in 1998, I had 10 years private music teaching experience in local music stores. Starting modestly with five students in the back room of a recording studio, the dream began. As time went on, I took meticulous notes and began applying my education as certified school teacher. As the studio slowly grew I eventually moved into a much larger studio space and started applying a curriculum I had been writing. Over the period of five years, my curriculum developed into a program currently offered today which has produced students that have gone on to recording contracts and higher education.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit of story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

**Davis Music:** Being a guitar teacher has its joys and sometimes they come disguised. There was a student that I had somewhere around 1995. He wasn't the best practicing student, but was a joy to see every week; mostly because of his sense of humor. After reminding him how he really needed to practice more, he always spoke about how his band was going to "make it big" one day and that he'd remember me. This student eventually ended up quitting his lessons and continued on with his rock band. About 9 years later I got a call

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from this student asking if I remembered him and telling me that his band was going to be on David Letterman later that evening. Of course, knowing that he was a bit of a prankster, I didn't believe him. To my surprise he was indeed on David Letterman and his band went on to have huge national success!

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Davis Music:** The recent economy has caused me to think different about my business in a few ways. First, I am learning that I need to stay focused and not give into the negative: "It's a horrible economy out there." I am learning to stay positive. Second, I have learned that I need to stay focused on my clients' wants and needs by creating a program that is flexible for them financially while still creating a profit.

**Observer:** Any other advice for other business owners?

**Davis Music:** My advice to other business owners is to continually ask yourself these three questions: Who are my customers? Why would they buy from me? How can I go the extra mile for my customer? There usually are no traffic jams on the road to the "extra mile."

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

**Davis Music:** Davis Guitar Studios' future goals include establishing a guitar program for local public schools; creating a mini-tour of performances for students around the Detroit area; and grow and add more teachers to the studio including drum, keyboard and vocal lessons.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Networking coffee

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a networking coffee 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Reservations are required; call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040. Presenting sponsor is Schoolcraft College, while the hosting sponsor is Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

### 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 chamber.

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

### Ribbon cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce welcomes Green & Glamorous Resale Boutique to the Canton community with



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Canton Chamber boss Dianne Cojei, here with Plymouth attorney Kurt Heise at an IKEA gathering, said the annual Canton Grub Crawl is "an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity."

a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Friday, June 25.

Green & Glamorous Resale Boutique is located at 42847 Ford Road, on the south side of Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley in the same shopping center as Hobby Lobby.

### 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 or older.

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

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

According to Cojei, last year almost 600 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early.

If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, go to our website at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com) click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

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## Summer sounds

### Concert series offer jazz, rock, big band and everything in between

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Music lovers will find an outdoor concert every week in most local communities this summer.

But in Canton, the tunes play daily for at least a portion of the June-August concert schedule.

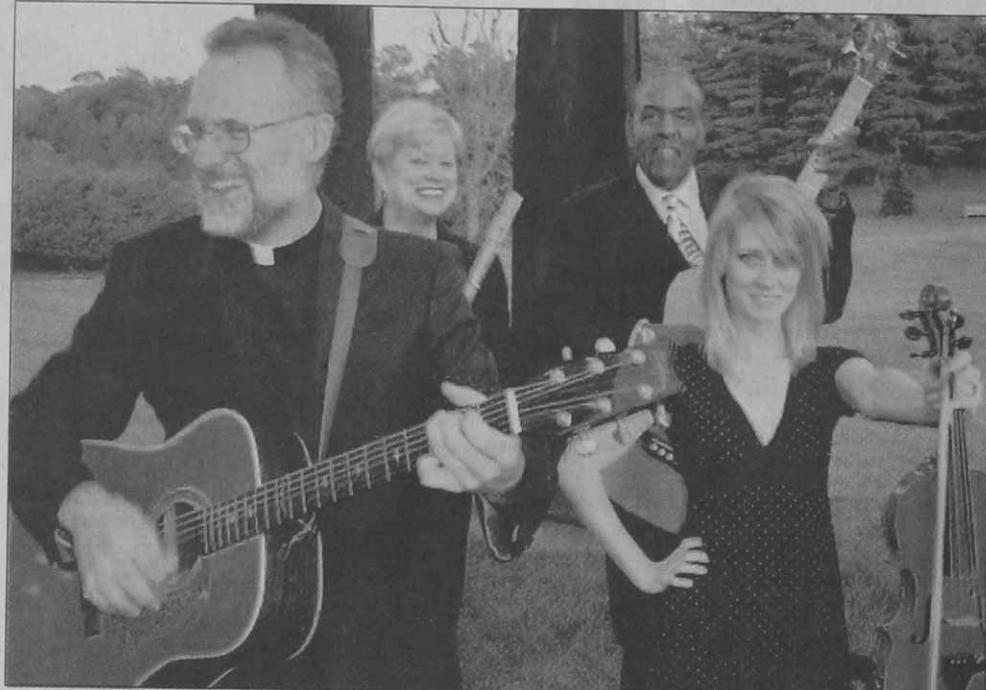
The Wednesday series has brought performers into Canton neighborhoods for the past six summers and the Friday night jazz series, sponsored by Canton's Downtown Development Authority in partnership with Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, mixes culture and commerce in the business district along Ford Road.

The newest series, Groovin' Round the Globe, gives listeners a taste of world music, art and food on Mondays.

All of Canton's concerts, like those of other local communities, are free. Here's the schedule of upcoming performances:

#### Canton

Groovin' Round the Globe Cultural Arts Series runs every Monday in July at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and include music, an arts and crafts activity for children and ethnic food for purchase. July 5 features Nite Flight with Caribbean, Reggae and Calypso sounds. Los Bandits de Michigan perform Tex-Mex and Tejano, along with the Fantasia Ballet Folklorico Dancers, July 12. Rare Combination Band



Rare Combination performs during Canton's new global music series on July 19.

and the Quinn Irish Dance Troupe take the stage on July 19. Get ready to polka the evening away July 26 with Big Daddy & the La De Das.

Tuesdays are Terrific is aimed at elementary and pre-school audiences from noon to 12:45 p.m. every other Tuesday, in the Heritage Park Amphitheater, on Heritage Park Drive, south of Cherry Hill and west of S. Canton Center. Free performances include Kelani's Interactive Polynesian Dance Party, June 29; The Amazing Clark's "Think Green" Show, July 13; Rosco The Clown, July 27; and Joe Chasney Magic & Juggling

Comedy Show, Aug. 10.

Backyard Beats Concerts brings local bands to green spaces and parks in neighborhoods throughout Canton. The free concerts run 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays beginning June 23 in Fellows Creek. Other neighborhood concerts are Cobblestone Ridge, June 30; Cherry Hill Village, July 14; Tottenham, July 21; Royal Pointe West, July 28; Cherry Hill Orchard, Aug. 4; and Windsor Park, Aug. 11.

An eclectic group of performers will play Thursday nights at the Heritage Park Amphitheater throughout the summer. The free concerts

run 7:30-9 p.m. and the concession area will be open for food and beverage sales. The Incredibles, a classic rock group, kicks off the series on June 17. Other performers are:

- The Randy Brock Group, blues/rock, June 24
- Big Will and the 360 Degree Band, pop, R&B, funk, July 1
- Stardusters, swing/jazz, July 8
- Persuasion, the 2009 winners of the "Don't Change the Line-up" contest held during the summer concert series, July 15
- Arizona Son & Devin Scillian, country, July 22
- American Legend, a tribute band, July 29
- Rick Lieder's Marley-Ritaville Band, Aug. 5

The Downtown Development Authority sponsors the Canton

Color Tour live summer jazz series in partnership with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services. The free concerts start at 7 p.m. Friday in parking lots at various businesses in the color blocks along Ford Road in Canton. July 9: Kimmie Horne Show kicks off the series July 9 at Centre Village in the yellow district. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to these other performances:

- Terrance Palmer, New Towne Center (Kohls), purple district, July 16;
- John E. Lawrence, Lowe's, green district, July 23
- Kris Johnson, J.C. Penney, green district, July 30
- Gerard Gibbs, Willow Creek, blue district, Aug. 6
- Randy Scott, IKEA, blue district, Aug. 13
- Thornetta Davis, Sam's Club, orange district, Aug. 20
- Chris Codish, Home Depot, orange district, Aug. 27

#### Farmington/Farmington Hills

Take your pick of Friday night concerts in Riley Park, in Farmington or Thursday night concerts in Heritage Park, in Farmington Hills.

Rhythmz in Riley Park, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield, runs 7-8:30 p.m. June 11-Aug. 27, in the Sundquist Pavilion in the park. The rain location is the First United Methodist Church, across Grand River Ave. Annabelle Road, a "must" for fans of Rascal Flatts, Carrie Underwood and Sugarland, kicks off the series on June 11. Other concerts are:

- The BackBeats, a Beatles-style show, June 18
- Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, rockabilly classics and Americana, June 25
- Poor Boy Music, horn-

infused pop and rock, July 2

- Catfish Mafia, bluegrass with a blend of Motown, rock and country, July 9

- Caribbean Blue Band, island sounds of Jimmy Buffett, classic rock and originals, July 23

- Swing City Big Band, 18-piece big band sound, July 30

- The Luddites, 11-piece band with big bombastic sound, Aug. 6

- The Kreellers, Celtic rock, Aug. 13

- Bones Maki & The Treble-Aires, rockabilly, Americana, blues and swing, Aug. 20

- Hullabaloo, ska, funk and jazz, Aug. 27

For more information call the Downtown Farmington Development Authority at (248) 473-7276.

Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffet-style tribute band kicks off the Daimler Financial's Stars in the Park concert series on June 17 in Heritage Park, located at 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. All concerts are free and start at 7 p.m. Thursdays. The concert rainout site is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Other concerts in the series are:

- Farmington Community Band, June 24
- Rock & Soul, with oldies and pop, July 8

- Jeremy Kittel, Celtic, country, jazz violinist, July 22

- Farmington Community Big Band with jazz standards and vocals, July 29

- Austin Scott, with rock-influenced country, Aug. 5

- Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 12

- Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 19

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In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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# Barefoot Productions rolls out summer improv series

Barefoot Productions will debut a new summer improv series, Barefoot Laffs, at 8 p.m., June 19, in its performance space at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

Patterned after the television show, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, Barefoot Laffs will feature a new improv group each month through August. Improv troupes will take spontaneous audience suggestions and pair them with quick wit, sharp humor and zaniness to keep patrons roaring.

"We're hot off our fourth and best season to-date," stated Craig A. Hane, Barefoot Productions' artistic director. "We recently hosted a variety show fund-raiser, featuring an array of musical acts, improv, skits and more. It was met with such enthusiasm and great reviews that we wanted it to continue. We realized an improv series was a novel idea for Plymouth — the first of its kind — and perfect for the summer months when we're readying the building for our new season."

The June 19 Barefoot Laffs, sponsored by Compari's On the

Park and Fiamma Grille, features "Strangers in the Alps," a four-man improv group that has performed in Royal Oak and Ferndale. Canton brothers Matt and Tim Majzlik are no strangers to the Barefoot stage, having acted in *The Good Doctor* and other shows. They are joined by fellow Canton residents Paul Schimmel and Brett Thurmond. Emceed by Hane, the improv nights require no advance reservations, but seats are limited. The \$10 ticket includes complimentary refreshments provided by Barefoot.

Future Barefoot Laffs dates are July 17 and August 21 with more headliner improv acts and sponsors.

Barefoot's formal fifth season opens in October. It will include the psychological thriller, *Mindgame*, a narrative reading of *A Christmas Carol*, the British farce *Black Comedy* and contemporary comedy/drama, *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*.

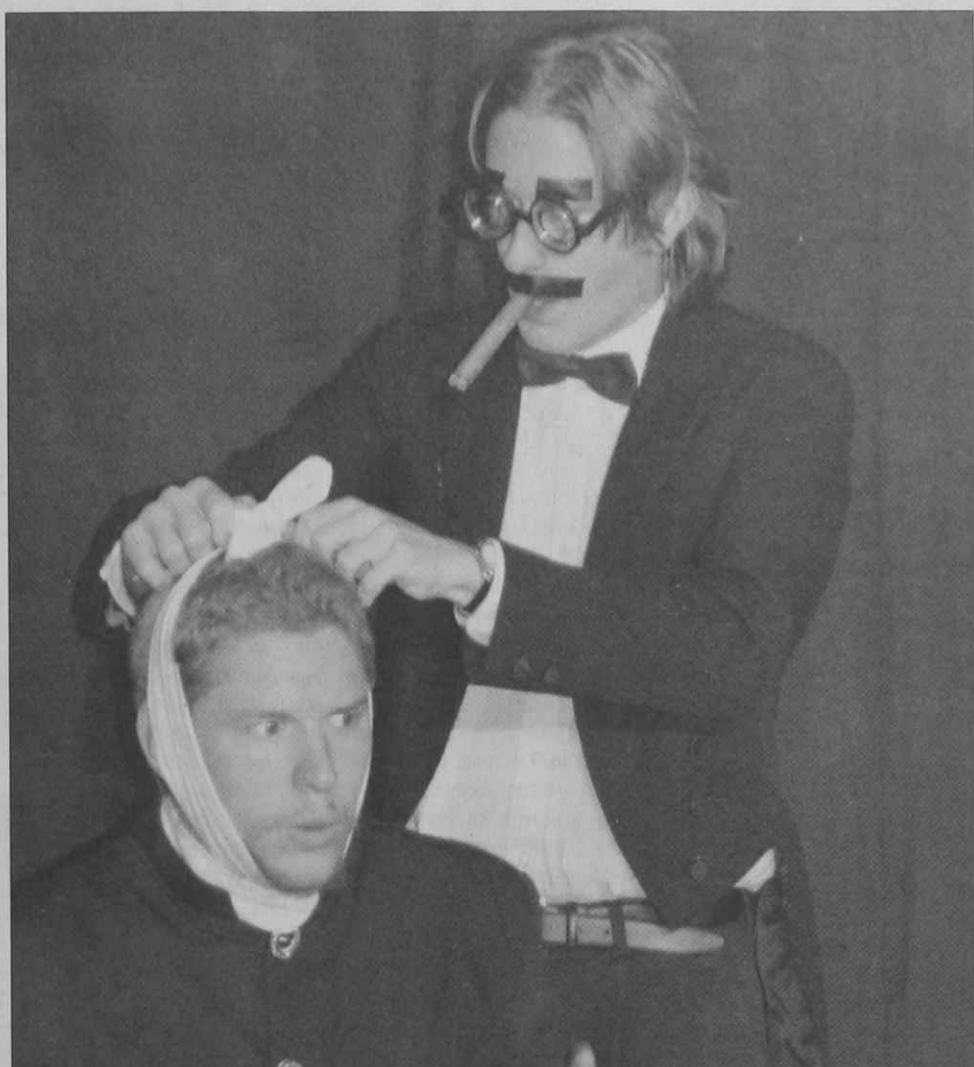
Barefoot also plans to launch its "After Hours" theatre this summer, showcasing more mature content theatre. During

the summer season, Barefoot Productions will also be busy renovating its theatre, having just signed a five-year lease for its performance space at the Walker-Buzenberg Building.

"We're thrilled to call the Walker-Buzenberg Building home for the next five years," Hane stated. "It's been our dream to be Plymouth's permanent resident theatre company and thanks to the generosity of the building's owner, Karen Knopper, and the continued patronage of our audiences, it's now a reality. We're committed to bringing Plymouth and its surrounding communities the best in theatrical and special performing arts events."

Among the improvements slated for this summer are new flooring, carpentry projects, painting and more. Barefoot asks anyone who has the time, energy and interest to consider lending hand to these special projects.

For more information about Barefoot Productions, its shows, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 582-9688.



Canton brothers Matt (left) and Tim Majzlik of the improv troupe, 'Strangers in the Alps' headline the Barefoot Laffs show on June 19.

## Irish music party benefits crime victim

The Gaelic League of Detroit will present a night of music and dance on June 19, to help Natasha McShane, an Irish exchange student living in Chicago, Ill., who was robbed and brutally beaten about the head with a baseball bat in April. McShane was left in a coma with severe head trauma, and has a long recovery ahead of her.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, the O'Hare School of Irish Dance, and a host of local Irish fiddlers, pipers, harpists, songsters and bards. More fun will follow with Irish set dancing and

Ceili dancing lessons. Food and cash bar will be available all night. The party begins at 5 p.m., at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Mick Gavin of Redford is among the local chairpersons of the event, which has been organized in association with the Natasha McShane Fund, chaired by Irish tenor Paddy Homan of Chicago.

Donations can be made in person, online at [helpnatasha.net](http://helpnatasha.net), or mailed to: The Gaelic League of Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216; Attn: Kathleen O'Neil. Make checks payable to The Natasha McShane Fund.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Basic Life/AD&D Insurance (current inforce coverage), Long Term Disability (current inforce coverage), Voluntary Short Term Disability, and Voluntary Long Term Disability. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Chris Keller at (248) 502-1125. Technical questions should also be directed to Chris Keller. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center (Attn: Raquel Hunter - Life/Disability Proposal Bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 10:00 a.m., EST, Friday, June 25, 2010 where they will be opened and publicly read. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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## JUNE 10-16

## Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield,

**Details:** Rabbi Steven Rubenstein will lead Bet Midrash as a part of the Shabbat morning services that will begin at 9 a.m.

**Contact:** (248) 851-6880 or e-mail ravsteven@cbahm.org

## Faith Community Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

**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 12-foot 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.,

**Location:** 38100 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Rummage sale

**Contact:** (734) 462-3200

## St. Dunstan

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

**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.,

**Location:** 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Rummage sale

**Contact:** (734) 421-1760

## JUNE 17-23

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 21-25

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia

**Details:** Children completing kindergarten through 6th grade may attend the Good News Day Camp. Games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature, Bible stories, water play, and more are planned. Registration fees are \$60 per child and includes a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Monday, June 14.

**Contact:** Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

## Garden City Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 5-9 p.m., Friday, June 18

**Location:** On Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

**Details:** Strawberry Festival offers strawberries, ice cream, choice of cake and beverage (combo) for \$4 or order ala carte. Other activities include children's games, a bake sale, spring craft boutique featuring jewelry, garden ornaments, sun catchers, sun visors and many other unique and beautiful items. Proceeds help to fund the church's mission work.

**Contact:** (734) 421-7620

## Leon's

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., June 19

**Location:** 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

**Details:** Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting

**Contact:** (734) 513-9479

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, June 21-25

**Location:** at 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Fine Arts Camp for children entering 2nd grade-6th grade. Registration fee is \$35 per child and \$25 for each additional child in the family; includes a camp T-shirt and snack. Space is limited.

**Contact:** Register by calling (248) 553-3380

## JUNE 24-30

## Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 26

**Location:** Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** Women in the Word ministry 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

## Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m., Monday, June 28

**Location:** 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** The Southeastern Michigan Bloodmobile will be at the church in an effort to help meet the needs of hospital patients in the five-county area. If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in general good health you are eligible to donate. Bring identification with you. All blood types are needed. Walk-ins are welcome make an appointment

**Contact:** Call (734) 513-5067 to make appointment

## Timothy Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

**Location:** 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** Rummage sale with a bag sale on Saturday. Plastic bags \$1, paper bags \$2.

**Contact:** Jean Coleman at (734) 422-8855

## JULY 1-7

## Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. July 3, 10, 17 and 24

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Back to the Sources," lunch and study series will explore the world of Rabbinic text, including Torah commentaries, Talmud, Midrash, and Aggadah. Each session will be self-contained and can be attended separately. To help plan for food and seating and ensure enough copies of study materials for Back to the Sources, advance registration is requested. However, walk-ins will be accommodated

**Contact:** (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org

## ONGOING

## AWANA

**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 breakfast 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

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday

**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

**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 Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

## New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m.,

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

**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, extensions 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

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## 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, pro-

vides the meals

**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church

phone number is (313) 534-7730

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## New Hope Church

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by

appointment only

**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd.,

Canton

**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown

to schedule an appointment at (734)

270-2528

## Moms

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second

Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road,

Livonia

**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,

Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where

mothers can build friendships, receive

mothering support, practical help

and spiritual hope

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

## Prayer

## Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and

third Tuesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City

**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing

**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

## Nardin Park United Methodist

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile,

Farmington Hills

**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.

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# Calling for scripts: See your play produced at one-act festival

TLC Productions is accepting scripts for consideration, postmarked by Aug. 24, for Canton's first One-Act Festival.

Comedies, dramas and musicals will be considered. Canton's 1st One-Act Festival will take place January 21-23, 2011 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC is looking for original plays and musicals that will run 15-60 minutes. Preference will be given to 30-45 minutes shows. Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed, however, no children shows will be considered. For a list of guidelines and for information on the judging process go to [www.TLCprod.wordpress.com](http://www.TLCprod.wordpress.com).

In October, semi-finalists will be notified via telephone and e-mail. In October, TLC will present dramatic readings of the semi-finalists' scripts. Selected shows for the One-Act Festival will be announced online at [www.tlcprod.wordpress.com](http://www.tlcprod.wordpress.com) by October 31. In November, there will be auditions for the selected plays.

Playwrights can request to direct their own show if show is selected or TLC Productions will appoint a director. Preference will be given to aspiring directors.

All rehearsal space is provided by The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at no charge. A production team from TLC Productions will provide support and supervision. Rehearsals at The Village Theater are required. A limited budget for each show to be provided, along with joint printed programs, technical support (lights/sound/stage management) and a pianist for musicals. No remuneration for actors or production team members available.

The One-Act Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities offered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

For more information, e-mail to [tlcproductions@wowway.com](mailto:tlcproductions@wowway.com) or visit [www.tlcprod.wordpress.com](http://www.tlcprod.wordpress.com).

## Local theater sets auditions for actors older than age 50

If you're older than 50 and love acting, head for auditions at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The Spotlight still Got it Players is looking for cast members for its production of *Larceny and Old Lace* this summer.

Auditions will run from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, at the theater, 5040Q Cherry Hill Rd., Canton.

The troupe is looking for backstage crew such as sound, lights, props, and costumes, in addition to cast.

Debbie Lannen, director, says audiences of all ages will enjoy *Larceny and Old Lace*, which she describes as a "clever and well-crafted spoof."

The plot involves Harold

Peabody's sweet aunts, Millie and Gertie, who are away in Las Vegas, while Harold stays at their home to watch over his eccentric Uncle Charlie. Uncle Charlie thinks he is a pirate and is constantly "burying treasure" in the basement. When Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he figures that Charlie has buried his last treasure and decides he must go to a home for senior citizens. But Aunt Millie and Aunt Gertie can't imagine doing such a thing. Mix in Harold's jailbird cousin Mordred who shows up with his own bundle of money and the pandemonium multiplies.

"I especially like when

grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform. They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'never stop, you can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active,'" Lannen said. "Seniors are a unique group to direct. They bring so much enthusiasm to every rehearsal. They bring their life experiences and help in developing well rounded characters."

Performances are set for Aug. 25-29.

For more information call Lannen at (248) 739-0987. Visit: [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org). Click on Still Got It Players.

## Youth sought for television pilot

Suite 160 Digital Studios plans an open casting call for a 30-minute, children's television sitcom pilot and a series of safety videos.

The open casting call is for lead players, day players, and extras. Those attending the call will be asked to do some cold reading and must be able to dance and be athletic. Character age range is 14-18. Actors can be older if they have a look that represents that specific age group.

The casting call is being coordinated by Kathy McKee Casting and will be held 2-6 p.m., Saturday, June 12, at Casting Motor City Studio, 27310 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. For more information on the casting call, visit [www.kathymckee-casting.com](http://www.kathymckee-casting.com) or the Michigan

Film Office Web site at [www.michiganfilmoffice.org](http://www.michiganfilmoffice.org).

The studio's goal for the children's TV series is to motivate, inspire, encourage and develop self-esteem, as well as character with today's youth through positive songs and situational skits. The live-action sitcom will feature a children's group called The Rap Katz, which was developed by Mitzi A. Davis, a teacher in Detroit's inner city.

Davis has worked with many children that often look for love and heroes in all the wrong places. Some of her students know rap song lyrics better than they are able to read.

"Because what they don't realize is that rap is a form of language arts, were we learn how to write poems, rhymes, and verses," Davis stated. "Use

the students' strengths and implement the teachers' content, and if the students need to rap to become better readers, then let's rap on!"

The Rap Katz featured characters are KC-Jaguar, AJ-Panther, Tasha-Cougar, and Zeke-Tiger. An interactive Web site is being developed in conjunction with the television series and will be launched this fall.

Suite 160 Digital Studios is a minority-owned, full-service production company and boutique post-production facility serving independent film producers in metro-Detroit.

For more information on Suite 160 Digital Studios, contact Derrick Davis at (248) 327-3012 or [info@suite160digital.com](mailto:info@suite160digital.com), or visit <http://suite160digital.com>.

### GET OUT

**Time/Date:** Open call, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 5040Q Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in Canton.

**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](mailto:ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com)

### COMEDY

#### 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](http://www.gocomedy.net)

**8th Wonder Theatre**

#### JD's House of Comedy

**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](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**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:** Butch Bradley, through June 12; Kevin Bozeman, June 16-19; comedy festival June 23-26, June 30-July 1 and July 7-10; Bill Bushart, July 14-17; Greg Lausch, July 21-24; BT, July 28-31

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**

**Time/Date:** Karen Rontowski, June 10-12; The Showoff Show, June 17-19; Dave Coulter, June 24-26; Lars

Callieou, July 1-3; Steve Bills, July 8-10; Heywood Banks, July 15-17; Greechy Guy, July 22-24; L.A. Hardy, July 29-31

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## CALENDAR

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**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](http://www.singleplace.org)

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**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, doughnuts, conversation

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Song Circle

**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](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net)

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### 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, overeating, 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](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768



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**PETER JOSEPH AHRENS**

Died peacefully on June 4, 2010. He was born on March 10, 1928, in Germantown, Pennsylvania to Don and Lucile Ahrens. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, received his undergraduate degree, with honors, in English Literature in 1949 from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN and an MBA from Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. in 1951. He also served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1952-1953. Peter married Margo Anderson on June 21, 1952 while working for the General Motors Corporation, Motors Holding Division, as a branch manager and lived in 12 locations across the United States. From Dallas, Texas they moved to Madison, when, in 1962, he established Ahrens Cadillac and Oldsmobile in the former Pyramid Motors on Gilman Street. Shortly thereafter Peter built the first automobile dealership on the West Beltline and led a successful business until his retirement in 2002. His son D.J. continued the dealership until 2004. Peter was also very involved with the Madison business community and served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the YMCA, United Bank, Little Brothers Home for Troubled Youth, Wm. F. Buckley's National Review, Madison Charity Horse Show, Non-Profit Capital Campaign and Apostolate to the Handicapped. Peter was greatly loved and admired by all who knew him. His hobbies were many and included golf, WWII History and international travel. He was preceded in death by his sister Gay Byrnes and is survived by his beloved wife Margo Anderson Ahrens, brother John Jeffery, sisters Sara Jane Ahrens and Sr. Louise Ahrens, M.M. He is further survived by his children, Catherine (Gary) Edge, Peter Martin Ahrens, Amanda (Bruce) Meier, Matthew (Deborah) Ahrens, D.J. Ahrens, Justin Ahrens, Adam Ahrens and his grandchildren, Matthew Alexander Ahrens, Austin, Jordan and Max Meier, Alexandria and Anna Ahrens, as well as 6 step grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Peter was active in his Catholic faith and served as Eucharistic Minister and Commentator at St. James Church for many years. His faith was ever present in his life. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Joyce-Ryan Funeral Home, 5701 Odana Road, Madison WI from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10:30 AM at St. James Catholic Church, 1128 St. James Court. Private burial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the following: Apostolate to the Handicapped, PO Box 443, Monroe, WI, 53566 or St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, 700 S. Park Street, Madison, WI 53715. Lastly, we would like to express deep appreciation to Dr. Patrick McKenna, Michelle and Sr. Sandra Schmitz, O.P. of the St. Mary's Hospital MICU for their compassionate care of Peter and the family, as well as to Shaina of Brightstar Caregivers.

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# Patrons eat and lend a helping hand at St. Anthony event

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

It was only natural that the Rugiero family began a fund-raising event at their restaurants 18 years ago in honor of St. Anthony.

Anthony and Rita grew up in Italy hearing about the saint as Catholics. They later passed their strong faith and beliefs to their children.

On June 14, the family will hold a day-long celebration in honor of the feast of St. Anthony (of Padua) at their Antonio's Cucina Italiana restaurants in Canton, Farmington Hills, and Dearborn Heights.

There is no charge for the special lunch buffet of pastas, pizza, and authentic Italian dishes, guests are asked to donate what they can. Proceeds from this annual event are distributed to charitable causes in the community.

Selected charities this year are the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Team in Training (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) and Shades of Pink.

Supporters also can order off of the regular menu knowing a portion of the proceeds help feed the hungry, research blood cancers, and support breast cancer survivors too.

Anthony Rugiero, Jr., better known as Antonio to family and customers, is enthusiastic about keeping up the tradition of the feast day event started by his mother and late father. The family has a long history of giving back. Today Rita Rugiero and sons Anthony Jr., Patrick, Mark, and Robert not only continue to serve authentic Italian food, they also support the community.

## VARIED CAUSES

Anthony Rugiero Jr. tells the



Rita Rugiero and son Anthony Rugiero hope to help out on the Feast of Saint Anthony.

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story of opening their second restaurant 18 years ago. Since then they have donated money to PIME Missionaries (the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions,) diabetes research at University of Michigan, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the family of a young girl killed while riding her bike.

"In the Gubbio area St. Anthony is someone many families pray to, to watch over them or because they're in need of shelter or food," said Anthony Rugiero, Jr. "It's always been part of our lives. Mom and dad started with Roman Village on Dix in 1964. From there we had the opportunity to open in Dearborn Heights and called it Antonio's to give it more of an Italian feel."

Usually observed June 13, the date of the St. Anthony event changes so as not to fall on a weekend. That first year the decision was made to serve a buffet.

"We asked if customers had money to leave a donation," said Rugiero. "We had a statue of St. Anthony and a big glass bowl or if they didn't have the money, to eat and go. It was very nice. You sometimes do things and it comes back tenfold. It's a promise we made to God."

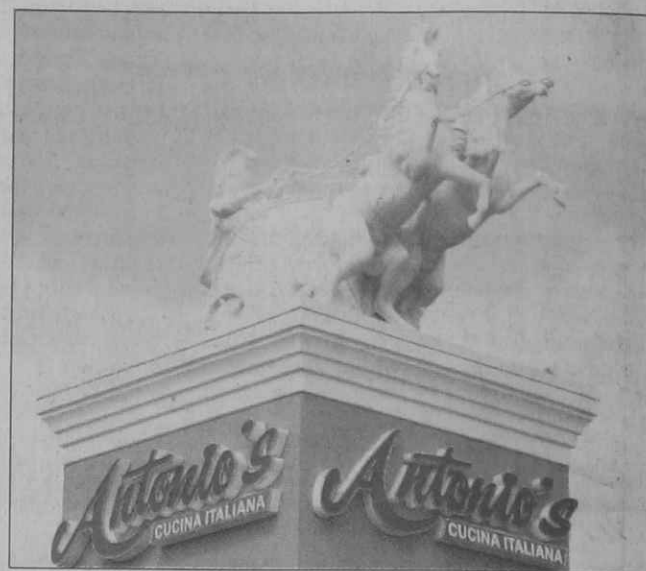
## GENEROUS FAMILY

At Christmas, the Rugieros bring in Santa and live reindeer for Toys for Tots. On May 13, they held a fund-raiser for Michigan Opera Theatre where Rugiero serves on the

board. The list of charitable activities goes on.

In honor of Patrick their father, Anthony, Marco and Robert established the Antonio Rugiero Sr. Diabetes Research Fund at the University of Michigan and annually hold a benefit.

Brother Jerry Smith of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen appreciates the generosity of the family. On June 14, friars will be hand at all the restaurants to answer questions about the soup kitchen founded in 1929. The money raised on June 14 goes into a general fund to buy food for the two soup kitchens, food pantry, and programs that provide tutoring for children and fresh produce for families through the Earthworks Urban Farm.



Antonio's is a landmark restaurant in Canton.

"Earthworks ensures the availability of good fresh food in the community," said Smith, executive director of the soup kitchen. "Besides growing foods and advocating for better food availability, we teach them to grow their own food, composting, how to plant. The idea is to train people for jobs in the urban farming developing in Detroit. We're trying to teach them to feed themselves."

Smith feels a special bond with the event.

"St. Anthony is a Franciscan saint, keeping in line with our Franciscan tradition which has always been to work with poor people, hungry people," Smith said. "We have a history of walking with common ordinary people."

## MARATHON FOR CHARITY

Gino Bitonti is grateful to the Rugieros as well. He's competing in a half-marathon in Traverse City and needs to raise \$1,600 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team

in Training program. TNT provides training for anyone who competes in endurance events and fund-raise for blood cancers. According to the society, leukemia is the number one disease killer of children under age 15 and lymphoma is the leading killer of men and women under 35. Bitonti has two children ages 5 years and 2 months.

Last year the Michigan chapter of the society spent \$1.6 million on research, \$911,000 to support patients.

"It's something every parent would fear and want to help out," said Bitonti. "I really wanted to run a race and to help people struggling with these diseases."

The St. Anthony's fund-raiser runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antonio's has three locations at 2220 N. Canton Center Road, (734) 981-9800; 37646 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 994-4000; and 26356 Ford, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-6000.

## Outdoor Concert Under the Trees

June 9

The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble will perform an outdoor concert at 7:30 p.m. at the college's Radcliff Center in Garden City. The concert is free and open to the public. Lawn chairs and blankets for seating are suggested.

More information at 734-462-4403 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu)

## 2nd Annual Electric Vehicle Rally & Show

June 12

Visitors will have the opportunity to see more than 50 Electric Vehicles of all shapes and sizes, talk to the EV owners, go for a short ride in an EV with the owner driving, and watch the EVs in a Rally-style competition. The event is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the college's North Parking Lot of the Livonia campus.

More information visit [www.michiganeda.org](http://www.michiganeda.org) or [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu)

## American Harvest Friday Lunch Buffets

June 11, 18 and 25

On Fridays in June you can enjoy a delicious lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the college's American Harvest Restaurant for only \$10 per person. The theme for June 11 will be California Splendor; June 18 will feature Old Fashioned Midwestern; and on June 25 enjoy Fresh from the Garden.

Reservations can be made through [www.OpenTable.com](http://www.OpenTable.com) or call 734-462-4448

## Father's Day Brunch to benefit Michigan Jazz Festival

June 20

Tickets are \$27.50. Proceeds benefit the annual Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18). Gourmet brunch will be served from noon-1 p.m. followed by entertainment by the Cliff Monear Trio with Kelly Broadway.

More information at 248-474-2720 or visit [michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com](http://michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com)

## Register now for Kids on Campus summer camps in July

Sessions run July 12 - 30. Some of this year's Kids on Campus offerings include: robotics, aviation and aerospace, adventures in medicine, crime detection, gaming design, culinary boot camp, study skills, academic basics in writing, math, science and for those preparing for college, navigating the daunting process of college applications. Open to students in grades K-12.

More information at 734-462-4448 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/koc](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/koc)

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## Judges laud Parade of Homes winning designs

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners of its 21st annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 30 new model and inventory homes and condominiums, one remodeled home and a number of lots for sale, all located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. BIA, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy/MichCon sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories plus one honorable mention. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price.

The blue ribbon homes are:

- Attached Condominiums — Abbey Woods at Abbey Woods in Canton Township built by Abbey Woods, LLC
- Homes Base Priced Under \$200,000 — Marlee at Parkside By The Lakes in Commerce Township built by Parkside By The Lakes
- Homes Base Priced Over \$200,000 and Under \$300,000 — The Barclay at Partridge Creek Village in Clinton Township built by Lombardo Homes
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Over \$300,000 and Under \$400,000 — Country Manor at Hillsborough Estates in Brighton Township built by S & S Homes

- Homes Base Priced Over \$450,000 and Under \$525,000 — Dover at The Manors Of Deerwood in Clarkston built by Robert R. Jones Homes

- Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 — Hampshire at Cheltenham in Novi built by Chamberlane Homes.

An Honorable Mention was given to Finished Basements Plus for its basement remodel to a home located in Novi. The company was commended by the judges for bringing the importance of remodeling into the spotlight. The judges encourage other remodeling professionals to become a part of the Parade of Homes in the future since the remodeling of existing homes is an important part of the housing landscape in Southeastern Michigan.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Paul Salloum, sales manager, Bank of America Home Loans; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects Inc.; and Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., STA Architects.

The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at [www.biaparaeofhomes.com](http://www.biaparaeofhomes.com).

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in



The blue ribbon homes included, for Attached Condominiums, Abbey Woods at Abbey Woods in Canton Township built by Abbey Woods, LLC

base price from \$95,900 to \$1,299,900. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1016 or visit [www.biaparaeofhomes.com](http://www.biaparaeofhomes.com). Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



A blue ribbon honoree in Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 was Hampshire at Cheltenham in Novi by Chamberlane Homes.

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-26, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	
2448 Dexter Rd	\$30,000
3918 Forester Blvd	\$53,000
915 N Lake Angelus Rd	\$1,425,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	
17150 Locherbie Ave	\$160,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	
1200 Cedar Dr	\$160,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd	\$43,000
1368 E Lincoln St	\$118,000
1130 Hillside Dr	\$635,000
600 W Brown St	\$90,000
1347 Webster St	\$395,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	
126 Barrington Rd	\$159,000

3535 Bradway Blvd	\$325,000
4065 Cranbrook Ct	\$300,000
561 Fox Hills Dr N	\$57,000
4019 Hidden Woods Dr	\$240,000
780 Ivy Ln	\$160,000
3065 Kernway Dr	\$308,000
1234 Robson Ln	\$173,000
4345 S Willoway Estates Ct	\$286,000
2485 Thistle Pointe	\$200,000

<b>Clarkston</b>	
5995 Middle Lake Rd	\$138,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
9015 Commerce Rd	\$140,000
3321 Fox Blvd	\$66,000
2680 Greenlawn Ave	\$171,000
5341 Huron Hills Dr	\$220,000
1846 Wood Parke Ln	\$256,000

<b>Davidsburg</b>	
11305 Andersonville Rd	\$115,000
5612 Birch Ln	\$250,000

<b>Farmington</b>	
22753 Floral St	\$40,000
22449 Maple Ave	\$146,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	

37639 Amber Dr	\$125,000
21423 Archwood Cir	\$118,000
38368 Chessington	\$118,000
27939 Copper Creek Ln	\$270,000
29398 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$85,000
29735 Monterey Cir	\$154,000
28067 New Bedford Dr	\$288,000
32336 Tareyton St	\$146,000
27689 W Echo Vly	\$38,000

<b>Lake Orion</b>	
2599 Armstrong Dr	\$126,000
543 Beechwood Way	\$190,000
55 Chippewa Trl	\$180,000
1125 Elkhorn Road	\$155,000
2730 Judah Rd	\$50,000
1021 S Long Lake Blvd	\$131,000
304 W Clarkston Rd	\$44,000

<b>Lathrup Village</b>	
26225 Lathrup Blvd	\$132,000

<b>Milford</b>	
1055 Queen Ct	\$104,000

<b>Northville</b>	
41710 Onaway Dr	\$44,000
<b>Novi</b>	

43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$138,000
50902 Alfami Ct	\$50,000
44750 Bayview Dr	\$60,000
46445 Galway Dr	\$329,000
22715 Mondavi Dr	\$50,000
22213 Pondview	\$87,000
24933 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$445,000
28267 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
24417 Woodham Rd	\$280,000
44798 Yorkshire Dr	\$145,000

<b>Oakland Township</b>	
2920 Birnam Ct	\$345,000
4304 Collins Rd	\$95,000

<b>Oxford</b>	
119 Rivercrest Ct	\$25,000

<b>Rochester</b>	
1056 Autumnview Ct	\$485,000

<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
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100 Michelson Rd	\$199,000
452 Parkland Dr	\$210,000
3071 Primrose Dr	\$225,000
2297 Rochelle Park Dr	\$75,000
1403 Springwood Ln	\$305,000

<b>South Lyon</b>	
26360 Daria Cir E	\$80,000
348 Hampton Ct	\$64,000
23657 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
61860 Richfield St	\$145,000
26461 Shumans Way	\$50,000

<b>Southfield</b>	
28770 Glasgow St	\$30,000
24555 Lee Baker Dr	\$90,000
17245 Louise St	\$184,000
25145 Ridge Cliff Dr	\$58,000
19558 W Nine Mile Rd	\$42,000
30000 Wildbrook Dr	\$64,000
20056 Willowick Dr	\$92,000

<b>Troy</b>	
3876 Fadi Dr	\$625,000
6022 Hearthsides Dr	\$283,000
2931 River Trail	\$290,000
2937 Roundtree Dr	\$60,000
2840 Tewksbury Dr	\$288,000
338 Thistle Ln	\$315,000
1236 W Wattles Rd	\$370,000

<b>Walled Lake</b>	
29201 Chesapeake Cir	\$100,000

382 Decker Rd	\$62,000
1469 Mariner Dr	\$35,000
3663 Sandbar	\$281,000
1039 Vollmers St	\$150,000

<b>Waterford</b>	
1275 Florence Ave	\$25,000
950 La Salle Ave	\$22,000
62 Marion Ave	\$21,000
3235 McCormick Dr	\$145,000
1226 Mill Creek Dr	\$116,000
5920 Rowley Dr	\$80,000
2660 W Walton Blvd	\$100,000
1807 Watkins Lake Rd	\$315,000

<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
7374 Azalea Ct	\$50,000
1535 Cardinal Ridge Ct	\$180,000
6182 Laurain Ct	\$220,000
2370 Middlebelt Rd	\$45,000
6225 Quaker Hill Dr	\$255,000
7350 Water Oaks	\$238,000

<b>White Lake</b>	
10131 Cedar Island Rd	\$80,000
4600 Coastal Pkwy	\$40,000
2615 Tackles Dr	\$163,000

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-25, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	
47110 Bing Dr	\$250,000
8125 Chatham Ct	\$434,000
460 Cherry Grove Rd	\$110,000
1373 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$150,000
6608 Weatherfield Way	\$200,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
31571 Dover St	\$58,000
32226 Dover St	\$95,000
1047 W Rose Ave	\$105,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
14009 Berwick St	\$116,000
29851 Bobrich St	\$166,000
9651 Cardwell St	\$90,000
11327 Cranston St	\$170,000
31775 Scone St	\$125,000
<b>Northville</b>	
16717 Carriage Way	\$90,000
16477 Cypress Ct	\$330,000
16891 Dover Dr	\$125,000
16895 Dover Dr	\$118,000
16496 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
815 Scott St	\$279,000
42134 Waterfall Rd	\$312,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
324 Ann St	\$318,000
1046 Church St	\$355,000
10141 Eckles Rd	\$144,000
10913 Fellows Creek Dr	\$436,000
647 Kellogg St	\$160,000
41630 Lindsay Dr	\$127,000
800 McKinley St	\$163,000
40166 Newport Dr	\$74,000
44438 Oregon Trl	\$150,000
935 Simpson St	\$56,000
<b>Redford</b>	
17205 Brady	\$32,000
11399 Columbia	\$70,000
11340 Farley	\$31,000
18404 Garfield	\$34,000
11447 Seminole	\$35,000
<b>Westland</b>	
28930 Ann Arbor Trl	\$15,000
28979 Currier Ave	\$83,000
28229 Merritt Dr	\$75,000
38182 Palmateer Rd	\$88,000
33748 Pawnee St	\$93,000
16443 S Hubbard St	\$81,000
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## Heed privilege of attorney, client

**Q. I am a member of our Board of Directors was present when our attorney addressed the co-owners at our condominium and I am wondering whether or not his discussion about a pending lawsuit in detail may have breached the attorney-client privilege.**

**A:** The attorney-client privilege attaches to the client which is the condominium association acting through its Board of Directors. Any discussions by the attorney concerning legal advice should be given strictly to the Board of Directors in an executive session so that the minutes and any dialogue at that meeting are deemed to be protected by the attorney-client privilege. Once the attorney discusses sensitive issues and



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legal advice to third parties, including members of the association, he has, in effect, breached that attorney-client privilege since the homeowners are not under any fiduciary obligation to maintain confidentiality. Your attorney should be questioned as to why he made those statements particularly if you are contemplating litigation as he may have clearly breached the attorney-client privilege which may have detrimental effects on the association.

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



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- 1 Fish habitat
- 5 TV award
- 9 Tainted
- 12 Shaman's quest
- 13 Beloved
- 14 Numero —
- 15 Chili bean
- 17 Not speaking clearly
- 19 Wayne or Sir Isaac
- 21 Dots in "la mer"
- 22 Maintain
- 24 MD asst.
- 25 Emulate Dustin Hoffman
- 26 Ceiling
- 27 Honeydew kin
- 29 Potatoes — gratin
- 31 Your choice
- 32 Lama's chant
- 33 Second note
- 34 Like Dogpatch's Abner
- 35 Moon of Jupiter
- 36 Sampled soup
- 38 Comic-strip prince
- 39 Mr. Mineo
- 40 Dash size
- 41 New Age singer
- 42 Athlete
- 44 Wiped out data
- 46 Puts oil on
- 48 Snooped
- 51 Pantyhose mishap
- 52 Stoltz or Idle
- 54 Machu Picchu founder
- 55 Compass dir.
- 56 Ball club
- 57 They often dash

## DOWN

- 1 Hack off
- 2 Yvette's date
- 3 Camelot
- 4 President
- 5 Use the door
- 6 Magazine VIP
- 7 Vine products
- 8 Foremost
- 9 Soph. and jr.
- 9 Muscular
- 10 Rice or Murray
- 11 Many boxers
- 16 Cry of pain
- 18 Elite alternative
- 20 Walk with a firm, heavy step
- 22 Jai —
- 23 Pedro's wine
- 25 Under the covers
- 27 Spring
- 28 Rodeo venue
- 29 Breezy
- 30 Wrist bone
- 34 Airport event
- 36 H.H. Munro
- 37 Shah's domain
- 39 Upscale cookie
- 41 Creepy
- 42 Shakes up
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<b>6000-6990</b> <b>Announcements</b>  <b>Legal &amp; Accepting Bids 6220</b> <b>Public Auction at Devon Self-Storage</b> 47887 Michigan Ave. Canton MI 48188 at 1PM on Thurs, June 23, 2010 The following self storage units will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for rent under 148 MI, 1985 Seq. Auction is With Reserve. Devon Self-Storage reserves the right to set the minimum bids and to refuse bids. CASH ONLY. Contents must be removed within 24 hours. LIST OF NAMES AND UNIT #'s 1A22 Veronica Diggs Household Goods 3J07 Nancy Seaman Household Goods 2027 Jeffrey Stiehr Household Goods	<b>Absolutely Free 7000</b> <b>PADDLE BOAT-</b> Needs minor repair. South Lyon. 248-921-0848 <b>ROWING MACHINE-</b> Call: (734) 728-9211 <b>TV, 27", dk wood, colonial type, make offer, Chandelier, beveled glass, for hallway, make offer Lg. You pick up. 248-773-5127</b> <b>TV, 30" color, cable ready, swivels. Works excellent. Downsizing. 248-437-6964</b> <b>Auction Sales 7050</b> <b>AUCTION:</b> American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336. June 11, 7:00pm. 248-476-0805 ddliquidators.weebly.com <b>ESTATE AUCTION</b> Sat. June 12, 10am. 18620 Loveland, Livonia. Great furniture, appliances, tools & more. www.AFAuctions.com <b>Firearms, Hunting &amp; Fishing Sun. June 13, 1pm. Auctionzip.com id12801</b> 5089 Dixie Hwy., Waterford.	<b>Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080</b> <b>Church Rummage &amp; Bake Sale June 10-12; 9-3pm</b> Lighthouse Worship Center, 19827 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia. <b>LIVONIA - CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE</b> Unity of Livonia, 28660 5 Mile Rd. June 11, 9-5 & June 12, 9-2. <b>7100 Estate Sales 7100</b> <b>FARMINGTON:</b> Household goods, camping, animal stuff, handicapped equip. 22726 Longacre, Gill & 9, W of Farmington Rd. 6/12, 9-5. <b>HUGE ESTATE SALE - WHOLE HOUSE, BSMT, GAR. FULL!</b> Collectibles - Coke, Bud, Nascar, bar signs, team, Christmas as well as household and garage stuff. Tue 6/8-Sun 6/13, 9-5 daily. 18500 Merriman, S of 7 Mile, Livonia. <b>LIVONIA: 20583 Ellen</b> S off 8 Mile, W of Gill. Thurs-Sat, 9:30-4pm. Antiques, furniture, garden, crafts, etc. See estatesales.net for pics. <b>PLYMOUTH ESTATE SALE</b> 44805 N Territorial (off Sheldon). Fri-Sat, 9-4pm. 50+ yrs. Nothing new! great household, garden, tools, 2 Sligh Clocks, Bolen Chipper & more! Park in apt. complex lot. <b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>BEVERLY HILLS:</b> Large sale! Antiques & fun home decor. 31964 Alden Ct., Off Beverly Rd, N of 13, W of Southfield. June 10-11th, 9-5pm <b>BIRMINGHAM -</b> 1256 Brookwood, South of 16, West of Chesterfield. June 10-11, 9-3pm. Furniture, household items, clothes & shoes. <b>BIRMINGHAM:</b> Toys, clothing, household, books, furniture, TVs, baby decor, electronics & misc. 6/10-6/11; 9-3pm. 850 Purdy St, 48009	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>BLOOMFIELD GARAGE SALE</b> 390 Waddington St, Maple & Cranbrook. June 10-11, 10-3pm. Lots of toys! <b>CANTON 2210 W Roundtable,</b> Canton, 6/10 & 6/11, 9am-4pm. Multi-Family - Brand names boy's to 3T, girl's to 2T, toys, ride-ons, lg baby items, misc. <b>CANTON - 4 Missions Trip,</b> June 10-12th 9a-4p Great Buys! 7328 Provincial NE corner Warren and Sheldon <b>CANTON - 41657 Greenwood,</b> behind Ikea. HUGE, multi-family, Thurs & Fri 9-5, Sat 9-2. <b>CANTON: CENTURY FARMS ANNUAL SUB SALE</b> June 10, 11 & 12, 9-5pm. N. of Palmer, W. of Haggerty. Household, tools, clothes, baby items, inflatable boat & motor, motorcycle work table & more. <b>CANTON: COBBLESTONE RIDGE SUBDIVISION SALE</b> Thurs-Sat, June 10-12, 9am-5pm. S. off Ford Rd. btwn. Canton Center & Beck. <b>CANTON</b> Forest Brook Sub Sale June 10, 11 & 12, 9am-5pm Corner of Sheldon & Palmer <b>CANTON Fox Meadow South</b> Garage Sale - Two homes participating! Thursday thru Saturday, June 10, 11 & 12, from 8am until 4pm. <b>CANTON</b> Garden items, patio umbrella, bench, bar-b-que, wo-men's 2x & 3x clothes, much more! June 10-12th, 9am-3pm, 48173 Chesterfield, W of Beck, N. of Warren, Buckingham Place Sub	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>CANTON- HUGE MULTI-SUB COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at GEDDES/ BECK!</b> Thurs June 10th thru Sat June 12th, 9am to 4pm Located at 4 corners of Geddes/Beck and includes communities of Central Park South (west of Beck/north of Geddes), Chatterton Village, Chatterton Square & Woodbridge Estates (west of Beck/south of Geddes), Meadow Villages of Canton (east of Beck/south of Geddes). Don't miss this AWESOME sale! Too much stuff to list! <b>CANTON Rain or Shine,</b> 1622 Marlowe, Btwn. Saltz & Ford Rd. off Sheldon. June 10-13, 10-6pm. <b>CANTON RIVER MEADOW COMMUNITY SALE</b> June 11-13th On Geddes Rd. Just W of Canton Center <b>CANTON:</b> Sub-wide garage sale Multiple families! Hidden River Estates Sub. Geddes/Beck Rd. June 10-13th, 8:30-5pm. <b>CANTON SUB WIDE SALE Cobblestone Ridge South</b> June 10, 11 & 12: 9-4pm South of Saltz: btwn Canton Center & Beck. Baby/ kid clothes, toys, items, home goods, appliances, plants, misc. <b>COMMERCE - June 10-11, 9-4pm.</b> Furniture, kids clothes, toys, home decor, 99 Mustang rims & tires, F-150 tonneau cover, collectible Barbies & much more! 5375 & 5395 Inverrary Ln, off Commerce. <b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP:</b> Huge Sale! crafts, garden decor, tools, collectables-hallmark, north pole, garden-horse books, displays, teapots, shelving, 6/11, 6/12, 6/13, 9-5, Sunshine Farm, 2460 Wixom.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>COMMERCE TWP -</b> 2086 Kratage Ct, 48382. Thurs-Sun, June 10-13, 9am-6pm. Baby items, boys & girls children's clothing, toys, women's & men's clothing/shoes, kitchen items. <b>FARMINGTON:</b> Chatham Hills Sub Wide Sale. Thu-Sat, June 10-12th, 9-5pm. S. of Grand River btwn, Drake & Halstead. <b>FARMINGTON HILLS:</b> 3 houses, June 10-11, 9-5pm, June 12, 9-3pm. 30215 Stockton, S of 10 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Antiques, cribs, kid's toys, household, lots of Little Tikes. <b>FARMINGTON HILLS- Collector's</b> dolls, camping gear, furniture, new kitchen & household items, toys, & much more! 6/10-6/12; 9-4pm, 21614 Mayfield, S of Folsom, W of Power. <b>FARMINGTON HILLS HUGE GARAGE SALE!</b> 28517 Kirkside Lane, in off of Farmington Road, btwn 12 & 13 Mile. Tons of Kid's toys, furniture, household items! 6/11 & 6/12, 9am-5pm. 248-848-0104 <b>FARMINGTON HILLS-</b> Huge sale! Clothes, furniture & lots of misc. 6/10-6/12, 9-5pm. Copperwood East Sub. btwn 12&13 Mile off Halsted. <b>FARMINGTON HILLS Meadowbrook Park Sub</b> Annual Garage Sale, 8+ homes. S of 9, E of Haggerty. June 10-12, 9am-4pm. <b>FARMINGTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD SALE-</b> Canterbury West Sub 13 1/2 Mile E of Farmington Rd. June 12 & 13, 10-4pm. Household goods, clothes, electronic samples & much more! <b>FARMINGTON HILLS RIVER PINES CONDOS SUB SALE</b> June 11-12, 9-5pm S. of 9 Mile at Drake	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>FARMINGTON HILLS-</b> Toys, LPs, more. W of Drake, S of 13, 29174 Shenandoah & 29410 Valley Bend, Fri-Sat, 9am. No early birds! <b>GARDEN CITY:</b> 6105 Deering, N. of Ford, S. of Warren, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. June 10, 11, 12, 9-5pm. Victrola's, kitchen items, tools & misc. <b>GARDEN CITY Huge Moving Sale - June 10, 11, and 12</b> Children's Clothing, Toys, Furniture and Household Items. 964 Henry Hurff <b>GARDEN CITY- Quality items,</b> many brand new! Household items, books, children's & women's plus sized clothing, collectibles, misc. NO JUNK! 6/10-6/12, 10-5pm. 6510 Fairfield, 2 bks E. of Venoy, N off Maplewood. <b>LIVONIA 3 FAMILY SALE 6/10-6/12</b> Pottery Barn nursery furniture, children's clothes, games, toys, ladies suits & more! Corner of Lyndon & Westmore 1 blk E. of Farmington. <b>LIVONIA - 6/16-6/19, 9-4pm.</b> Small computer table, counter top, entertainment center, book shelves, household items, clothes & toys. 38396 Elsie St, S of 5 Mile btwn Newburgh & Haggerty. <b>LIVONIA - 7 Mile &amp; Merriman,</b> Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone! June 11-13, 9am-5pm.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>LIVONIA DEER CREEK ANNUAL SUB SALE!</b> Fri-Sat, June 11 & 12, 9-4pm. Numerous homes open Thurs, June 10. Rain or Shine. 1/2 mi. W of Farmington Rd., S. of 8 Mi. or N. of 7 Mi. W. of Gill. <b>LIVONIA - GARAGE SALE--</b> Furniture & much more. 11607 Boston Post, Livonia. Thurs-Sat 11-7, Sun 1-4, June 10-13. <b>LIVONIA- MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> Kitchen supplies, household items, picture frames, June 12th; 9-2pm/ 14997 Cavour, Livonia (5 Mile & Middlebelt). <b>LIVONIA:</b> Nottingham West Subdivision Garage Sale, Thurs., Fri. & Sat. June 10-12, 9am-5pm. N. of 6 Mile near Wayne Rd. <b>LIVONIA - Quilting fabric,</b> embroidery thread & misc. 27842 W. Chicago, btwn Inkster & Middlebelt. Fri. 9-5pm; Sat. 9-4pm. <b>MILFORD- HUGE CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE</b> Fri June 11 9-6, Sat June 12 9-5 3200 S Milford Rd. <b>NORTHVILLE:</b> Antiques, secretary desk, Lincoln rocker, ice box, sewing machine, 12 pc dish set, lg chest of drawers, misc household & antiques, archery equip & sporting goods, some tools, outdoor fountain. June 11 & 12th, 9-5pm. 9066 Chubb Rd, N. of 7 Mile, W. of Napier.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NORTHVILLE-</b> Subdivision Garage Sale Waterstone Estates, West side of Ridge Road, between Six & Seven Mile Road. Furniture, Appliances, clothing, kid items. June 11 & June 12, hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. <b>NOVI:</b> Antique Sale Glass, linens, post cards, furniture. 22815 Cranbrook. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-5. <b>NOVI - Briarwood Village Sub</b> Garage Sale 10 Mile & Beck Rd June 10-12th 9am - 4pm <b>NOVI. DEERBROOK Sub. S. of</b> 9 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook. June 10-12, 8-5pm. <b>NOVI- Garage sale-something for everyone!</b> June 11th 9-3pm, 22435 Southwyck Ct, N/ 9 Mile, E/ Beck. Household, furniture & more! <b>NOVI- Royal Crown Estates Sub</b> Sale! Electronics, furniture, clothing, sports, baby, toys. Fri-Sat, June 11-12; 9-5pm. N. of 9 Mile, W. off Taft <b>NOVI SUB OFF</b> <b>GREENWOOD OAKS</b> N. of 10 Mile, W. of Beck. June 10, 11, 12, 9am-3pm. <b>NOVI - SUB WIDE SALE</b> Thurs-Sat. June 10-12th, 9-5pm. 10 Mile btwn Haggerty & Meadowbrook, watch for signs. Tons of great items! <b>PLYMOUTH</b> Colony Farms Condo Assoc. Community wide sale. S. of Ann Arbor Rd, W. of Beck Rd. Thurs-Sat. June 17-19. <b>PLYMOUTH - Glass-top table,</b> stroller, crib, comforter sets, girl's Leos, toys, furniture, kitchen and garden, 1421 Hartsough St. June 11-12, 9-4.
<b>7000-7780</b> <b>Merchandise</b>  <b>Absolutely Free 7000</b> <b>MAGAZINES</b> Outdoor Life, Field & Stream, Smithsonian, Reader's Digest, Some Golf Magazines. (248) 348-1243	<b>ON-SITE AUCTION Sat., June 12th, 1PM</b> 1120 Meadowbrook St. Inkster MI 48141 Engines Auto Related Items Loads of Tools Hardware/Safe Outdoor Items Furniture Household Items Cash/MC/Visa AmEx/Discover Bank Debit Cards. No Checks Viewing Noon <b>JC Auction Services</b> 734.451.7444 www.jcauctions.com					<b>LIVONIA Burton Hollow Woods Sub Sale</b> NE 6 Mile/Farmington Rds. June 10-12, 9am-4pm. Tools, furniture, \$1 Hostas/ plants.	<b>Northville/Salem Huge yard</b> sale. New fire & ice grill, household items, collectibles, outdoor/furniture. 6/10-6/11, 10-7pm. No early birds. 7838 5 Mile, 5 Mile & Curtis.	



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## Garage Sales 7110

**PLYMOUTH HILLS PARK WIDE YARD SALE**  
14201 Ridge Rd.  
June 11-13, 9am-5pm.

**PLYMOUTH THREE FAMILY YARD SALE**  
444 Jener Place (2 blocks W. of Main Street and 1/2 block S. of Ann Arbor Trail) Fri-Sat only, June 11-12, 9-4pm.

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** Multi Family, June 10, 11 & 12, 9-3pm. 48600 W. Normandy Ct. off Ann Arbor Rd. or Powell Rd. Bikes, dollhouse, purses.

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** Multi home garage sale. Andover Lakes West, 13211 & 13265 Karl Dr., Fri-Sun 9-5pm. Children's items & much more!

**REDFORD** - Huge 3 Family Sale! 17422 Garfield, N of 6 Mile, btwn Telegraph and Beech, Wed-Sun, June 9-13, 9-5pm. Everything must go!

## Garage Sales 7110

**REDFORD** - Huge yard sale Thurs-Sat, June 10-12, 9-6pm, 26004 W Chicago, 2 blk W of Beech Daly. Furniture, household, x-mas, men's clothes, electronics, movies, smoker, PLUS!

**SOUTH LYON** - Huge Sale! Large women's clothes, small men's clothes, crafts, books, office furniture, purses, household items & much more! Woodland Ridge at 9 Mile & Rushton Rd. 11141 Chestnut Run, June 10-12, 9am-6pm.

**SOUTH LYON** - Multi-Family Sale. Household, furniture, kids stuff, patio sets, June 11-12, 8am, 10719 Bouldercrest, S. of 9 Mile, E. of Marshall.

**SOUTH LYON** - Thurs-Sat., 6/10-6/12, 10-5pm. 61141 Fairland Dr. off Pontiac Trail. Everything goes. Household goods & much more!

**SOUTHFIELD** - Greentrees North, 13 Mile & Evergreen, 6/11-13, 9-5. Furniture, computers, camping gear, books, tools, household, electronics.

## Garage Sales 7110

**SOUTHFIELD** - Neighborhood Stonycroft Sub Sale. 6+ Families, N/10 Mile, btwn Lahser/Telegraph. Thurs-Sun, June 10, 11, 12 & 13, 9-4pm.

**WESTLAND** - 1421 S. Veno Rd. Btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer. Huge Multi-Family Barn Sale. Sat. June 12, 8am-3pm. Furniture, toys, & much more!

**WESTLAND** - Covington Subdivision Garage Sale. June 10, 11 & 12, 9-4pm. E. of John Hix, N. of Glenwood.

**WESTLAND** - Gigantic Yard Sale! June 12, 9-5pm. Holiday Park Townhouses Wayne Rd. btwn Joy/Warren, rain date June 13.

**WESTLAND** - OAK WEST ESTATES SUB DIVISION GARAGE SALE. East side of Hix between Joy and Warren. Thurs, Fri, Sat, July 10, 11 and 12 from 9am-5pm. Look for signs.

## Moving Sales 7130

**CANTON** - Moving Everything must go. Fri & Sat, 9-5pm. 6046 Beaufort Dr. In sub behind Target.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 29425 Crawford Ct. (13/Drake). Furniture, TVs and more. Everything Must go. Thurs - Sun 9-6pm. Call 248-722-2238 or come in.

**HIGHLAND** - General household items & garden tools. June 11 & 12th, 10-4pm. 1161 Glen Eagles, Prestwick sub behind Colasanti's Market.

**HIGHLAND** Moving sale. Sat., June 12th 9-4, 3852 Tara Dr. Axford Acres.

**LYON TWP** - Moving Sale at Tanglewood Condos. 6/12 - 6/13, 10-4pm. 23710 Spayglass Hill, S off 10 Mile, E of Currie.

**NORTHVILLE/SALEM TWP** - HUGEL! Thurs-Sun, June 10-13, 7998 Pleasant Ridge, 48168. Off Curtis just N of 5 Mi. See Craig's List for details.

## Moving Sales 7130

**PLYMOUTH** - Moving Sale. 4105 Mario Ct. Plymouth Rd. & Curtis. June 10, 11 & 12, 9-4pm. Oak table & chairs, furniture, small items.

**REDFORD** - Garage things & lots of misc. Everything must go! Sat-Sun, June 5-6, 10-5 and Sat-Sun, June 12-13, 10-5. 16006 Lola, btwn Beech Daly & 5 Mile.

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