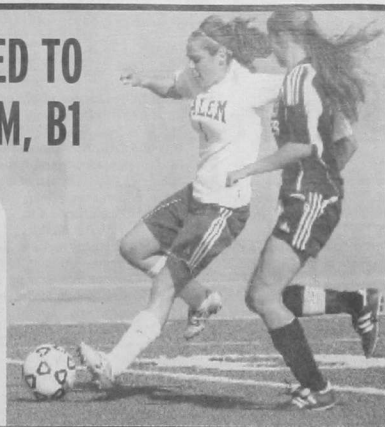


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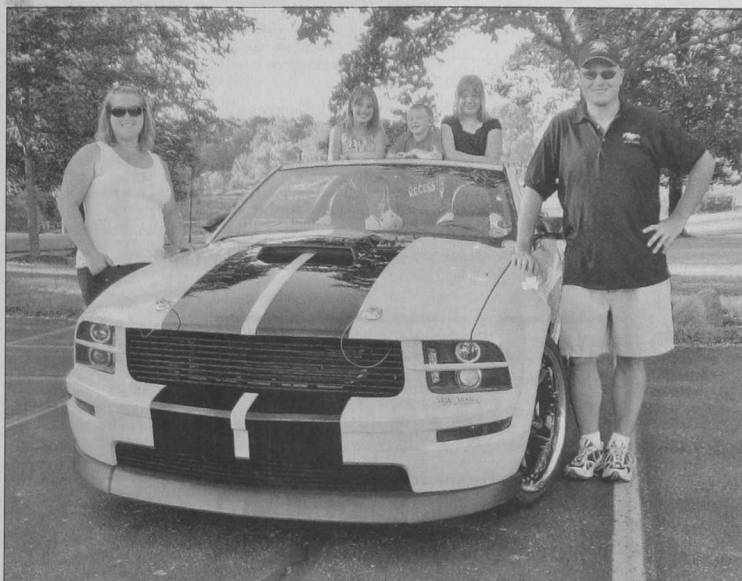
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For more information or to confirm event times and locations for these Olympic events, contact the Canton Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.



The Zygmont family - April (from left), Abigail, 11, Konner, 6, Olivia, 10, and Craig - pose with their 2006 Ford Mustang GT convertible they'll take to the Cruisin' Michigan Avenue July 10.

## Car shows, cruising a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Cruising is a family affair for Craig and April Zygmont and their three children. The Canton couple and Konner, 6, Abigail, 11, and Olivia, 10, spend every weekend of the summer and some weeknights involved with car shows and activities like Cruisin' Michigan Avenue on Saturday.

The Zygmonts and other classic car lovers will be getting a jump start on the Woodward Dream Cruise by Cruisin' Michigan Avenue, a daylong event is expected to draw 20,000 cars and 150,000 spectators to five communities along the route that includes Westland.

April bought their bright yellow 2006 Mustang convertible with black racing stripes in memory of her daughter, Collette, a special needs child who died at age 3.

"I enjoy car shows, cruises. It's not all a guy's sport anymore. If guys can do it, why can't we," said April Zygmont. "We enjoy having fun as a family. We go to car shows. The kids help detail the car and make a little bit of money on the side doing other people's wheels."

Zygmont is continuing a family tradition. Her father had a '66 Chevy that he restored when she was growing up in Alma.

"We'd go to car shows and had friends," said April. "I want to share that with our kids. My son wanted a yellow Mustang for his birthday. He



Working on the third annual Cruising Michigan Avenue are Anthony J. Rzucaido (from left), director of the Emergency Vehicle Show, Gayle Napolitano-Nicholson, vice-president, and Don Nicholson, president, of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC.

now has his (toy) show car."

Craig grew up in Livonia surrounded by the history of the car companies in the Detroit area. Today, he and April serve on the board of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan.

"We particularly enjoy Mustangs," said Craig Zygmont. "You can go to a car show and have 20 Mustangs and no two are alike. It's interesting to see what they do to personalize the cars. I'm 44. I grew up in '60s and '70s. It's nice to see those cars. It's a classic now."

Like April, Craig enjoys the camaraderie of the car clubs, shows

and cruises. They recently drove to Pennsylvania with seven couples for a car show. April is social director for the Mustang club. She's also involved with promoting the Telegraph and Michigan Avenue cruises when she isn't working part time as a vet tech at Westland Veterinary Hospital.

"It's a good way to connect with friends," said Craig. "We've met a lot of people through involvement with clubs. We have parties and go on overnight trips. The cars are what we have in common."

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## Flodin Park hot for new splash pad

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A scorching heat wave has residents of the Flodin Park neighborhood eagerly awaiting the day when Canton's new splash playground will unleash water and usher in a summer cooldown.

Similar but slightly smaller than a popular splash playground at Summit on the Park, the Flodin Park structure could be ready for use by late July or early August, said Brad Sharp, Canton parks manager.

Outdoor water facilities have ranked second, just behind recreation trails, as a priority cited by township residents on Canton Leisure Services surveys, he said.

Now that children can see the newly built splash playground off Saltz Road near Morton Taylor, they're ready — and waiting. "They're excited," Sharp said.

He stood near the splash playground on a warm Tuesday morning. Though no children or parents had yet made their way to Flodin Park, the new amenity appears certain to stir interest.

The new splash pad, complete with a yellow pagoda to shield the toddler area during peak-temperature afternoon hours, was built by Miracle of Michigan and Indiana, a growing company formerly known as Miracle Recreation of Michigan, said the company's general manager, Cory Anderson.

Flodin Park's splash area becomes the

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The splash pad in Flodin Park should be open soon.

## Battle heats up for GOP senate nod

Price believes he's right for state

Levi: 'Common sense' will right state

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon Price has an admittedly grim view of Michigan's political and economic climate, and he believes he has the experience and vision to help fix it.

Legislators need to overhaul a tax structure he believes "is killing small businesses

and suppressing job growth," and he supports reeling in a bloated, inefficient state government he blames for excessive spending.

"We need to shrink the size of state government and cut taxes," Price, 39, said during an interview. Price, a consultant

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BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lori Levi calls herself a "common-sense candidate" who, as a small business owner, understands what Michigan needs to create jobs and usher in a new era of

prosperity. Lawmakers should cut

business taxes, simplify regulations, improve Michigan's infrastructure, spend less money and reduce government's role, allowing the free market and entrepreneurial spirit to thrive, she said.

"We can't even think about bringing in new businesses until we do that," Levi, 43,

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## CRUISING

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Mel Guthrie especially enjoys cruising in his Monkee Mobile, a 1966 GT convertible, one of two surviving from *The Monkees* television show. The Northville car buff even drives it to work at the Guthrie Lumber Co. in Livonia. The car is rumored to have been used in *I Dream of Jeannie* before it became the Monkee Mobile.

"Ever since I was a kid I loved watching *The Monkees* and *The Monkee Mobile*," said Guthrie, who grew up in Plymouth. "I was at a parade and saw a Batmobile go by and thought if someone can own that I can own *The Monkee Mobile*. I started looking into it and found there were only two Monkee Mobiles. I thought I'd never own it."

Then one night at a party Guthrie ran into a friend who had a catalog for a car auction. Before long, he was on his way to Scottsdale, Ariz., for the Barrett Jackson car auction. That was 2½ years ago.

"I drive it," said Guthrie, 50. "I'm going to have as much fun as I can."

In January, Guthrie had the

car trailed to Tecumseh for an event with Davy Jones. The Monkees lead singer, Guthrie also had drummer and vocalist Mickey Dolenz autograph the car about two years ago at a comic convention.

Although Guthrie also owns a purple '68 Charger, '72 Ford Mustang convertible, '67 GTO, '78 Trans AM, and '74 AMC AMX, he'll be driving *The Monkee Mobile to Cruisin'* Michigan Avenue.

"The cruise keeps getting better every year. You get to visit friends and see all the cool cars," said Guthrie. "Don Nicholson puts on a good show. Most of them can't believe it's a real Monkee Mobile."

Mike Rey, president of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan (www.mocsem.com), is excited about the cruise as well. He'll be driving his 2005 Mustang GT.

"I have been the last couple of years. Last year, we had 91 cars. We usually have 40 to 60 cars show up," said Rey of the club members who live as far away as Tennessee and Ohio. He's also looking forward to the club's 22nd annual car show with about 500 cars in August at Ford World Headquarters.

## LEVI

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said during an interview.

Levi is a Republican state House candidate in the 21st District, which includes most of Canton, Van Buren Township and Belleville. She's campaigning against Shannon Price, a consultant for non-profits and municipalities, in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary. The winner faces incumbent Dian Slavens, D-Canton, in the November general election.

Levi, a Canton resident, cited her "solid, conservative principles," her "strong grassroots connection with citizens and local business owners" and her own small-business background as reasons she is ready for the job.

Influenced by a hard-working mother after her father died when she was a mere teen, Levi embarked on an auto sales career and was involved in a family sand-and-gravel trucking business before she started her own company, Levi International, a private-franchising, Internet-based company that helps entrepreneurs start and market online businesses. She also

## THE LEVI FILE

Who: Lori Levi, 43

What: Republican candidate, 21st state House district  
Family: Husband of 12 years, Brian; stepsons Jeffrey (19) and Jeremy (18), daughters Porscha (9) and Brietta (4)

Residency: 16 years

Community involvement: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary participation (not member), Northridge Church. Volunteer for Canton Township events – Christmas in Action, River Cleanup, Open Door Ministry Food Bank, Northridge Church security team and book store. Provides multiple community safety programs mainly for women and children.

Hobbies: Snowmobiling, boating, traveling, self-defense training and community safety programs.

Related Experience: Subcontractor HB Trucking Co. Family business – Great Lakes Sand & Gravel. Fifteen years top sales and customer service award recipient at North Brothers Ford.

Profession: SE Levi International (private franchising, Internet-based) and owner of Porscha Enterprises rental management company.

Education: High school graduate, some college. Pursued entrepreneurial pursuits, motivational and self-development training.

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Levi believes that Michigan still has manufacturing opportunities, including building military components, and she also said the state could make gains in advancing technology.

Levi said the state should dramatically trim its spending and bring state health-care and pension benefits more in line with the private sector.

Among her priorities for funding key state services:

- Security and safety, including police, fire, emergency medical services and support for veterans.

- Improving infrastructure, which she said is critical to long-term stability and growth.

- Education funding, which she said must be equitable for all children to compete in a global economy. Simply throwing more money at failing school districts "will not fix the problems," she said.

Levi herself is a high school graduate who has had some college studies.

Levi opposes increasing the state's 6-percent sales tax, and she also is against expanding it to other services to raise money.

"We need to look at a simple, efficient tax structure that eliminates political posturing and special interest handouts," she said. "We must cut the size and scope of government, spending and waste."

Levi described herself as "open to the idea" of a part-time state Legislature.

On a broader level, she said she opposes what she views as threats to free speech and religious freedom, and she strongly supports a constitutionally limited government.

"I believe in faith, free enterprise and family," she said.

Levi said she envisions a business-friendly Michigan with an efficient infrastructure that boosts the economy and brings jobs. She said the state needs "common sense business people such as myself" to get it done.

Her goal: Jobs first. Jobs fast.

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"This is the most important election of our life," Price said. "Rome is burning. We don't have time for on-the-job training."

In just 10 years, he said, Michigan plunged from among the top three U.S. states to near the bottom for locating a business. Moreover, he said, Michigan has become a leading state for unemployment, though its jobless rate formerly ranked below the national average.

"I have a passion for wanting to turn our state around," Price said.

Though he adheres to Republican goals — cutting taxes, slashing spending, reducing the size of government — Price said his consulting job has helped him forge relations with people across the political spectrum. It's an accomplishment he believes would serve him well in Lansing.

A former partner in a software, marketing and consulting business, Price supports eliminating the 2007 personal income tax increase and scrapping the Michigan Business Tax — moves he said can help the state regain its competitive edge.

Price has worked with Canton officials on projects designed to ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, and he helped Schoolcraft College in filling nearly 12,000 nursing vacancies in Michigan.

He also has served as director of constituent relations for the state Attorney General's office, responding to com-

**THE PRICE FILE**

**Who:** Shannon Price, 39

**What:** Republican candidate, 21st state House district.

**Family:** Wife of 14 years Jackie Price; children Maddie, 7, and Brady, 4.

**Residency:** Wayne County, 39 years; Canton, 5 years

**Community involvement:** Leadership Canton Graduate, Canton Chamber, Livonia Jaycees, and Sons of the American Legion.

**Hobbies:** Boating, Golf, Softball

**Related Experience:** Served both as Republican County and District Chair, served as the Senior Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion post 396 and PTO dad (Miller School PTO Secretary).

**Profession:** As a consultant for nonprofits and municipalities

**Education:** Bachelor of Computer Science

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plaints and meeting with local business, community and political leaders across the state.

Calling himself a grassroots activist, Price has served as the Republican 11th District chair and the Wayne County Republican Party's first vice chair. He received a bachelor's degree in computer science from Baker College. He enjoys spending time with his family, and his hobbies include boating, golf and softball.

Price cited efforts such as a so-called aerotropolis — a potential jobs-growth area roughly between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports — as one promising way to boost the economy by bringing in new businesses.

"Aerotropolis is a no-brainer to me," he said.

Price also said alternative energy could play a role in turning Michigan's economy around.

He cited the state corrections system for wasteful spending and said money can be saved by privatizing food service and, if necessary, transportation. He also called Democrat Andy Dillon's plan for pooling state employee health care "a great plan."

Price opposes expanding the state sales tax, saying Michigan needs lower — not more — taxes.

The husband of a teacher, Price said education also ranks

as a priority of his but, again, he said the education system needs to become more efficient. He said money should be directed toward smaller class sizes and raising minimum standards — and away from bureaucracy.

"I think we need equal funding across the board," he said.

Price called Plymouth-Canton schools "a great model" and, when asked if smaller school districts should be consolidated, he said, "I think it has to be on the table."

Price described himself as "pro-gun, pro-life, and I love the Constitution," but he said his key focus would be improving the state's economy by overhauling the tax structure and luring new business.

Though he supports spending cuts, Price said essential services such as police and fire protection should be a priority.

"We've got to make sure we keep boots on the ground, so to speak," he said.

By cutting taxes, Price said, state lawmakers can send a strong message that matches his vision.

"I have a vision where Michigan is once again a leader in the nation to live, work and play," he said. "In order for us to be successful, we must send a message to the world that Michigan is open for business."

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Officials now are waiting for the final touches from DTE Energy to power up the playground, which Anderson said produces 150 gallons of fresh water a minute from a ground-water well.

Sharp said the use of groundwater slashes costs by an estimated 90 percent.

The heat-dousing, \$180,000 play structure was built using tax revenues from a Wayne County parks millage paid by residents in Canton and other communities.

"It's important to know that



**Brad Sharp** talks about the splash playground at Flodin Park.

the dollars they send out are coming back," Sharp said.

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# Snyder wins over voters at town hall

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jan Schimmel of Livonia dragged her sister to gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder's town hall meeting Tuesday at the Italian-American Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

Her sister, Mary Jane Larson, also of Livonia, liked what she heard.

"I will be taking my Hoekstra sign down," she said after the meeting. "The ethical component is the one that really moves me."

Snyder, an Ann Arbor venture capitalist, is running for the Republican nomination for governor in the Aug. 3 primary against U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard and state Sen. Tom George.

He was in Livonia for the first time during his campaign Tuesday, said communications coordinator April Aretz, also a Livonia resident. Earlier this year, he also made a campaign appearance in Canton.

Kay Arnold, a member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, called Snyder "very refreshing."

Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a Realtor who formerly served on the Plymouth City Commission and in the state House, introduced Snyder as the "reinvented Michigan wizard."

Vorva said he, too, is tired of career politicians. "For years and years I voted for them," Vorva said. "Their promises sounded good, but what about the results? I feel blown up, not blown away."

He said Snyder offers a plan, not promises.

"Schimmel has supported Snyder since January, when she first heard him speak on radio station WJR-AM (760) because he is the only candidate who isn't a career politician. She said she wants voters to "kick them all out and start brand new."

"I think people need to per-



Rick Snyder, the only candidate for governor who isn't a career politician, has a 10-point plan for reinventing Michigan.

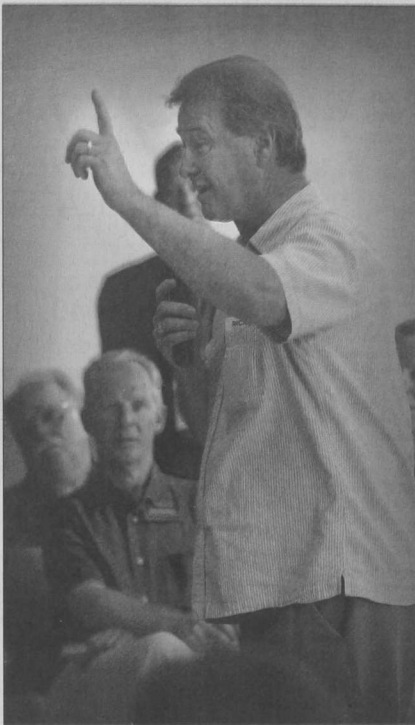
sonally meet Rick," she said, explaining why she brought her sister and daughter, Mary Lytle, also of Livonia, to the town hall. Lytle was already a Snyder supporter.

Larson said she was impressed with Snyder's plan to restore ethics, accountability and transparency to state and local government. She asked him during the question and answer session of the meeting how he would surround himself with people with an ethical core if elected.

Snyder said his campaign workers carry around a card with a code of ethics printed on it. "If you don't live these, you're not involved in our campaign," he said.

Snyder, former chief operating officer of Gateway computers, highlighted components of his 10-point plan to reinvent Michigan, including reducing the tax burden on businesses so they can hire more people. He envisions Michigan entering a new era, one of innovation that provides a globally diverse economy, a high quality of life and keeps Michigan's young people in the state.

Snyder asked attendees to get involved, not just in his



Jerry Vorva of Plymouth introduces gubernatorial hopeful Rick Snyder to people gathered at the Italian-American Club in Livonia.

campaign, but in helping to reinvent Michigan during the next few years. "This isn't about me; it's about we," he said.

"I'm here tonight to provoke you. We let this happen. We dropped the bar too far on our government."

He said it's time for a customer-service government that answers to residents and where the annual State of the State address is a report card, not a cheerleading session.

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## Canton man shot at Westland festival

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man is recovering from a gunshot wound to his leg as Westland police search for a man who opened fire at the Westland Summer Festival carnival.

The shooting occurred at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday just as the fireworks, which draw a large crowd, were finishing. "What we know so far, is that there were large numbers of young people at the carnival at that time," Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden said. "A fight broke out, possibly more than one. We're still trying to determine that. One man was shot in the leg. It was a fight that escalated."

Police weren't releasing a description of the suspect, who was reported to have fired three shots from a semi-automatic handgun. The victim was apparently the person the gunman was intending to shoot, Ramsden said.

"The victim says he doesn't know anything. He's not the most cooperative witness — he's not talking or really doesn't know anything," Ramsden said. "We've got good leads and we're pursuing them."

With hundreds of people at the carnival, Ramsden said, the shooting incident could have resulted in more injuries. The fireworks display, which traditionally

closes the festival, draws crowds estimated in the hundreds of thousands.

"Most people don't watch the festival fireworks in the carnival area. There is no place to sit," Ramsden said. "The carnival seems to attract people who are not interested in the fireworks."

Following the shooting, Ramsden said the carnival operator cooperated with police by shutting down about 45 minutes earlier than planned.

There hadn't been any earlier problems at the festival, which began Wednesday, Ramsden said. There were no major problems at the festival last year, but there were stabbing incidents in 2007 and 2008, both occurring in the carnival area located in the parking lot between City Hall and the police department.

"Residents should know that every single officer who wasn't working the day shift was ordered in to work and three-quarters of them were there for the fireworks, up to and including the chief — I was there in uniform," Ramsden said.

"I don't think we could do anything different. The fact is, we're there as visible as can be. I was no more than 50 yards from the shooting with hundreds of people around. It's a reactive situation," he said.

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Shielda Burga, long-time RepairClinic employee, and her daughter-in-law, enjoy the online retailer's Family Fun Day.

## Online retailer rewards employees

BY LUANNE BERK  
CORRESPONDENT

Lively music, a giant inflatable and a delicious picnic meal were on hand on a beautiful June day in Canton as online appliance parts retailer, RepairClinic, celebrated another successful year of business, honoring its employees with a day of food, family and fun.

The outdoor event, dubbed the "Family Fun Day," included awards for employees for years of service in addition to an afternoon of fun for employee families.

The company was founded in 1999 with an overall business philosophy that, according to president Chris Hall included "treating employees the way you would like to be treated." Both Hall and CEO Larry Beach saw this philosophy not only as the right way to do business, but believed it to be an important part of a successful business plan, which has proven to be true, based on the consistent growth of the company over the last eleven years.

Jennifer Petersen, customer care representative at RepairClinic, has experienced this "Golden Rule" business approach firsthand.

"The culture here at RepairClinic is very positive;

overall, most employees are very happy," she said. "The culture that is cultivated is one of respect for and helping others, of treating others as you would want to be treated. When this happens, you naturally have a pleasant work environment."

Distribution supervisor Jayce Ostrowski said she also appreciates the employee-friendly environment at RepairClinic.

"Upper management is family-oriented," Ostrowski said. "If the company has success, the management team makes everyone feel like they played a part — they try to include everyone. If you work hard, you will be taken care of. The Family Fun Day event... they [management] didn't have to do that, but they wanted the employees to feel appreciated."

Many years ago, RepairClinic established something called the "Heroes" Program which allows individual employees to nominate other employees for something they've done that is more than what was expected. This includes Good Samaritan acts of kindness such as helping another employee change a flat tire, covering a shift for someone who has a special family event, or helping to clean up after a company-wide event. Each year, dozens

of employees are nominated for the Hero award, and a monthly drawing is held for a gift certificate to reward those who take the extra time to look out for others. According to Ryan Huntley, Call Center Supervisor, "Too many businesses these days only focus on the negative things people do and not enough on the positive things which should be rewarded. The Heroes Program is a good way to ensure people are praised for going the extra mile and working hard."

Many of RepairClinic's employees have been with the company from the very beginning. Warehouse picker Shielda Burga is one of the original few from 1999. She said she remembers the very first order that was placed by a customer and the excitement surrounding it.

"We all wanted to be a part of it; everyone touched that order before it went out," she recalled, pointing out that tradition of teamwork has continued over the years. "We are all asked what we think and for our opinion."

Founded in Canton in 1999, RepairClinic.com is a comprehensive online resource for do-it-yourself home appliance repair help, parts and information. Visit [www.RepairClinic.com](http://www.RepairClinic.com) for more information.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Business News

• The Chamber will be cutting the ribbon on July 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Eclectic Attic. The new consignment shop is located at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

• Sun & Snow raised more than \$500 for the Plymouth A.M. Rotary's Field of Dreams, a baseball field designed for children with mental and physical disabilities. The Backyard Decathlon last Saturday in Kellogg Park consisted of games and activities, plus Sun & Snow donated a portion of the day's sales.

• The merchant cost for Kidpalooza! has come down from \$175 to \$125. Thus far, according to Plymouth DDA officials, response has been sparse. Confirmations must be made by Friday, July 9.

• Downtown retailers will be hitting the sidewalks on July 23-24 for the annual Sidewalk Sale. Look for great bargains inside and outside the shops. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

• WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest is going on through Labor Day. Many Plymouth businesses have been nominated including Genuine Toy Company- Best Toy Store; Dairy King- Best Ice Cream; Plymouth Historical Museum- Best Museum; Plymouth Yoga Room- Best Yoga Studio; Art in the Park- Best Festival; Plymouth Coffee Bean- Best Coffee Shop; TranquiliTea- Best Tea House; Penn Theatre- Best Theater; Magnolia's- Best Flowers; Fiamma Grill- Best Brunch; Spa Julianna- Best Day Spa; Sideways- Best Gift Shop; and many more. Go to WDIV's website - [clickondetroit.com](http://clickondetroit.com) - and search "Plymouth" to find out all the local entries and vote for your favorites.

## Board president

The Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan held its annual meeting and election on June 17, and elected Plymouth resident Christopher Kelly, Comerica Charitable Services Group, as president.

The purpose of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan (PGRTSEM) is to increase the use of planned gifts as tools for support of charitable organizations through the dissemination of information regarding the advantages and techniques of planned giving.

Membership is made up of professionals in legal, financial, and allied fields as well as fundraising professionals whose focus is planned giving. Through educational and information exchange opportunities and cooperative



Tom Sweeney, president of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Joey Sweeney and volunteer Steve Booher take part in the Backyard Decathlon, sponsored by Sun &amp; Sports to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. The event raised more than \$500.

networking, members of PGRTSEM offer an organized voice which raises the consciousness of donors and their advisors about planned gift methods.

## Resource workshop

In an effort to help communities diversify industry, move the region forward and create jobs, Wayne County, in partnership with the University of Michigan's Community Economic Adjustment Program, is hosting a Community Resource Workshop at Henry Ford Community College to give businesses an edge on economic recovery.

"This workshop will directly link Wayne County's local communities and community agencies with representatives from the state and federal government, which helps the region continue to move forward," diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."

The workshop will be held on July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano will give opening remarks.

For more information on Wayne County's Community Resource Workshop and to register, contact Carmen Wells Quigg at (734) 998-7016.

## Struggling economy can't mask overall optimism

The last few weeks are a reminder that the global economic crisis is far from over. Ongoing problems in the European community and high unemployment here in the United States are symptoms of a troubled economy.

The question I am asked often is when will things get back to normal. I don't know, but I do know that eventually will be behind us. The U.S. economy will once again flourish.

My confidence in the U.S. economy is not based upon our elected representatives in Washington or Lansing but, rather, the American people. Our country and our economy have been through difficult times in the past and each time we have risen to the challenge and have overcome our difficulties. I have no doubt that that will happen once again.

Earlier this week, we celebrated our country's 234th birthday. There is no doubt we are faced with numerous problems and challenges. Whether it is nearly double-digit unemployment, abnormally high foreclosure rates or falling home prices, the economy is struggling. However, we should never forget that despite our difficulties, we are still the largest and strongest economy in the world. No other economy comes close to ours. We are still, despite everything, the envy of the world.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

world. Does anyone have any doubt that if people could choose to move anywhere in the world, there would be a rush to our shores? There is a reason why freedom-loving people throughout the world want to come to the United States.

In this 24/7 news-media world, a focus on the negative may just be human nature. However, take a step back and focus on the positives. If nothing more, focus on the fact that throughout our history, we are still the land of opportunity. Our society is full of people who entered life without certain advantages and have achieved greatness here.

Look at every level of our society, from business, arts and entertainment, sports and politics, and you will see large numbers of people who overcame difficulties to reach unprecedented levels. As Americans, we are the can-do people. We have proven it time and time again and I have no doubt that we will overcome our present difficulties and once again reach new

heights.

I believe that America's best days are still to come.

There is no doubt that we have real problems in this country — high unemployment, high foreclosure rates and, probably worst of all, a lack of confidence in our future. For those who are unemployed or who have lost their homes, a doom and gloom feeling is understandable and nothing anyone says can relieve the anxiety they feel.

However, don't forget that our country has been through numerous turbulent times. Whether it's been world wars, depressions or recessions, this country's resilience is unmatched in the annals of the world.

On the heels of this Independence Day holiday, I believe all citizens deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

There is no doubt there's plenty of work ahead. However, Americans can and should look forward to the future knowing that there are better days ahead. Never forget how lucky we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Good luck!

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## OUR VIEWS

# Our picks for primary

### Heise, Price get nods in GOP races

Voters in the 20th state House district (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and a small portion at the eastern end of Canton) will elect a new state representative following the decision by Democrat Marc Corriveau not to seek re-election.

The process starts with the Aug. 3 Republican primary, where Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise and political newcomer Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturer's representative from Plymouth Township, vie for the right to face Northville Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the general election this fall.

In the 21st District, which covers Canton, incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens will face a November challenge from long-time political activist Shannon Price or newcomer Lori Levi, a Tea Party supporter from Canton, who will do battle in the Aug. 3 primary.

In the 20th District GOP race, we recommend **Kurt Heise**.

In the 21st District, we believe **Shannon Price** should be the choice for those voting in the Republican primary.

#### 20TH HOUSE DISTRICT

Heise is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician — his only other run for public office was a failed bid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education a couple of years ago — he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He spent 15 years representing various communities on local ordinances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues.

He's only lived in Plymouth Township for a few years, but he's lived in Wayne County most of his life, and his career path has given him a familiarity with issues facing southeast Michigan that could prove valuable in Lansing.

On the issues, Heise wants to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, look at privatizing services in areas such as corrections, social services and mental health, and cut legislators' pay in half and limit in-session days to 75 a year.

He is articulate, believes he can work with Democrats across the aisle (Heise worked well with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, a Democrat) and appears passionate about the idea of serving.

A race against Wadsworth, a longtime trustee on the Northville school board, could prove to be an interesting, competitive campaign.

#### 21ST HOUSE DISTRICT

The race for the chance to unseat Slavens comes down to an age-old political battle of experience vs. spunk. Price is a longtime political analyst, former chairman of the Wayne County Republicans and a campaign organizer. He ran the campaign of Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo a few years ago, when Abbo lost to Corriveau.

This time, Price — for the first time in his career — is putting his own name on the ballot.

He supports reducing taxes, the size of government and spending — many things voters want to hear these days.

He supports the idea of the aerotropolis — a potential jobs-growth area roughly between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports — and believes alternative energy could be a factor in turning Michigan around.

He believes the state corrections system has wasteful spending and said money can be saved by privatizing food service and, if necessary, transportation. He also called Democrat Andy Dillon's plan for pooling state employee health care "a great plan."

Price opposes expanding the state sales tax, saying Michigan needs lower — not more — taxes.

Though he's built a career in politics, he's not a career politician in the sense that he's run for office at every turn.

Price knows the issues and has experience in how the legislative process works. He is the better candidate in this GOP primary race.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

- In response to the report, "Parade, picnic help freedom ring:"

"All of the activities were very nice. It was great to see a good showing by the citizens and at all of the events. It was just as nice to see that they were all well protected by the public safety officers of both the city and the township. Too bad that protection is about to end. Seven officers from the township (1/3 of the patrol officers) will be receiving their pink slips, probably this week, now that the holiday is over. Township Supervisor Reaume gave the order to the police chief last Friday."

Gimmeabreak1961

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Are you more likely or less likely to visit the Gulf Coast after the BP oil spill?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We wouldn't go because of the things we see on TV."

Lata Shah  
Canton



"Less likely, because I envision the entire area being covered with oil."

Ellen Dedrick  
Canton



"Less likely, because of all the oil, and I wouldn't want to get in their way."

Quovadis Askins  
Westland



"Less likely, because of the oil spill."

Larry Sendow  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Saving Tiger field

On a day when 77 parks were only narrowly saved from closure by Detroit's City Council last week, a group of 12 adults from around Detroit and its suburbs were threatened with arrest by a Detroit police officer for mowing and weeding the playing field at Old Tiger Stadium.

The officer drove his patrol vehicle into shallow center field and herded the would-be grounds crew off the field, warning them through his loudspeaker that if he saw them there again they would be promptly arrested for trespassing. There is no signage around the site expressly prohibiting entry.

It escapes me why the Detroit Police Department finds it objectionable for a group of individuals, who would otherwise have no need to come to Detroit, to cut grass and play baseball where Ty Cobb and Al Kaline once played. Since my first trip to post-demolition Tiger Stadium, following Ernie Harwell's viewing at Comerica Park, the condition of the field has been steadily improving from the previously weed-infested and barely recognizable field, into a respectable urban sandlot.

The individuals at the field June 29 said this was the first time all summer they had been threatened with arrest and that most of their experience with the police had been cordial. Still, there needs to be consistency within the DPD; officers should not be picking off respectable citizens trying to play baseball.

According to those I spoke with at the field, groups as large as 60 have been seen at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull playing ball and maintaining the field. I would think having any extra people come to Detroit with the prospect that they might spend some money or at least get more comfortable with the city would be a good thing. This is something the city should be interested in taking advantage of, not resisting.

Regardless of whether the city and DPD view

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those playing baseball at Old Tiger Stadium as upstanding citizens or common delinquents, it will not deter myself or the others who play there from doing so as often as we can manage.

For more information on when others are playing baseball at Old Tiger Stadium and what you can do to help, search "spirit of Tiger Stadium" on Facebook.

Andrew Justus  
Plymouth

### Backing Colbeck

The August primary is quickly approaching and it is important for all of us to vote for strong candidates who have integrity and will take back our government from professional politicians and party insiders. And I know such a candidate.

I am fortunate to have volunteered with District 7's state Senate candidate Patrick Colbeck over the past year on a local school board and respect his principles and integrity. Patrick Colbeck is a small business owner with strong faith in the Michigan state Constitution. He respects our government's constitutionally prescribed boundaries

and will work to rein in the state government.

Patrick Colbeck will work to serve the needs of the people of Michigan and be OUR voice in Lansing. He is committed to restructuring Michigan's government into a smaller, more efficient authority.

Bruce Patterson will be leaving behind some big shoes to fill in Lansing this year. Patrick Colbeck is the perfect fit for those shoes. I encourage all to learn more about Patrick Colbeck and what he is working for before the August primary at www.fixingmichigan.com.

Diana J. Noble  
Canton

### Taking control

YES, legislators, go, go, go. It's about time we the people took total control of the money and spending of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board. The school board has been totally irresponsible and unaccountable for their spending. NO step raises are needed; in fact, salaries need to be cut back immediately. Why is it that everyone is taking concessions, and administrators and teachers refuse to take any concessions?

Administrators and teachers have the best pensions period. Like the rest of us, have the administrators and teachers put into their own 401s, why are we funding them? As far as health care costs, administrators and teachers need to pay into their health care and have higher deductibles to lower health care cost.

Yes, total cost will raise; however, if both the administrators and teachers start contributing today, there will be NO shortfall tomorrow. Yes, the Plymouth-Canton school board would very hard for this budget; however, it was only for their benefit, and will not benefit the citizens or the children in our schools.

Keith Martin  
Plymouth

# Plymouth celebrates successful Fourth

Emptying out the notebook from another Fourth of July celebration in Plymouth:

- When they arrived, many an hour or more before the 7:30 a.m. start of the annual Good Morning USA parade in downtown Plymouth, people were still raving about Plymouth Township's fireworks display, which had taken place the night before.

Say what you want, but the fireworks display, in its first few years, has proven to be a popular addition to the Independence Day holiday in Plymouth. Sure, there were some hiccups — reportedly some traffic snarls in the Plymouth Township Park area — but you never hear about major problems. In Westland, for instance, someone got shot after a fireworks display. Nothing remotely like that happens here.

- The parade: Once again organized by Fred Hill, the long-running, crack-of-dawn parade drew huge crowds that lined Main Street all the way from Hartsoogh down to Theodore. Some 150 floats/participants — most of them old faves — included a couple of new acts, among them Shrek the Ogre and a very entertaining acrobatic team bouncing on curved stilts, back-flip-

ping their way south along Main.

- The thing I always notice is how proud the people of Plymouth are to have their very own parade. Not that many towns have their own parade, and even that number is dwindling under the crush of budget issues. Plymouth has always prided itself — and rightly so — on its small-town atmosphere and its family-friendly hominess, and nothing makes the people of this town more proud than an event that puts their hometown in a good light.

This one certainly does that. Except for:

- The politics. Or, more accurately, the politicians. I understand the Fourth of July parade is more celebratory than the Memorial Day parade, which is a much more somber occasion, much more reflective of sacrifices made by the men and women who serve our country.

Still, I'd love to see Hill banish politicians from this event. In the first place, I can't imagine there's any statistical data supporting the contention that appearing in these parades helps or hinders a candidate's chances of getting elected. Secondly, I believe most people find their presence — and the seemingly endless stream of political literature, little tiny candies and T-shirts — annoying.

Elected officials certainly have the right to march in the parade and many do. But their minions shouldn't be bothering the

people gathered with their families to watch the parade.

- Speaking of politics, it was difficult not to think of them when the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education marched in the parade. Only four — Treasurer Judy Mardigan and Trustees John Jackson, Dianne Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis — took part.

No word on where the remaining members — President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger — spent their holiday. With his review coming later this month and rumors swirling about his future, the presence of the four who did march and the absence of the three who didn't might have made school Superintendent Craig Fiegel a little nervous.

- The township picnic was, as always, fun. They've made some changes the last couple of years that make moving through that huge line of people waiting to get hot dogs, chips and pop a lot easier. A dozen or so kids signed up for the bike decorating contest, which I had the privilege of judging. The toughest part? Deciding on which was cuter — the bikes or the kids.

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# Letting freedom ring

## Plymouth puts patriotic pride on parade

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jan Kavulich remembers bringing her son, now 22 years old, to the Plymouth Fourth of July parade as a youngster, and she's come every year since.

Jim McKeon figures he hadn't been to the annual parade, a staple of Independence Day fun in downtown Plymouth, since the mid-1970s.

Both were on hand Sunday as spectators once again lined the streets for the Good Morning U.S.A. parade, which featured some 150 entries that included all the standard favorites — marching bands and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, Lady Liberty and veterans groups. There were also newer acts, like Shrek the Ogre. And they all added up to one thing: Yet another successful parade.

"I thought it was neat for the kids to see, and it's still neat," said Kavulich. "Everything is just so 'homey' down here, and it's great to support such a community."

McKeon's thought echoed the general consensus.

"It's a great parade," he said.

Face-painter Shelly Lampshire of Shelly Lampshire Originals was doing brisk business, as usual, from her perch at Ann Arbor Trail and Main.

"Plymouth is my favorite town," said Lampshire, a West Bloomfield resident who bills herself as a "one-woman art show." "There's a vibe here that's awesome."

After the 90-minute parade, which followed the annual fireworks display Saturday night, spectators made their way out to Plymouth Township Park for the annual Fourth of July picnic, where hot

dogs, chips, pop and ice cream were the attractions and family fun was the result.

The annual picnic again drew thousands of people to the park for the annual Independence Day rite. Plymouth Township residents Mario and Michelle DeSantis brought their kids, 9-year-old Alexia and 6-year-old Dylan, and entered them in the bike decorating contest, one of several activities designed to make the picnic fun for the youngsters.

Dylan and Alexia both won prizes in the contest.

"It's fun for everyone, and you bump into friends and neighbors," said Michelle, who was excited at the addition of a concert (Steve King and the Dittulies played). "They have contests and games ... you can do everything here. It's fantastic."

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Michael Pilotto marches with the Special Olympics group.

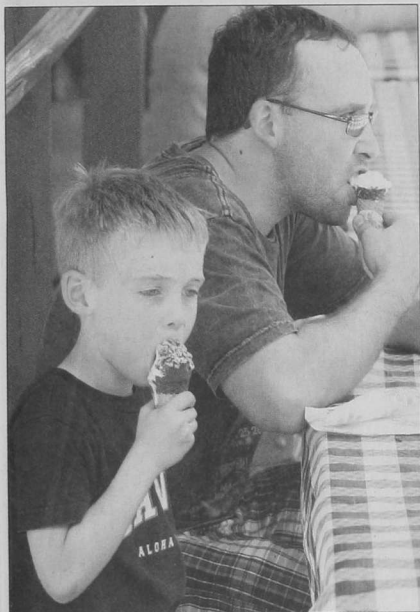


The American flag is carried by Canton residents.

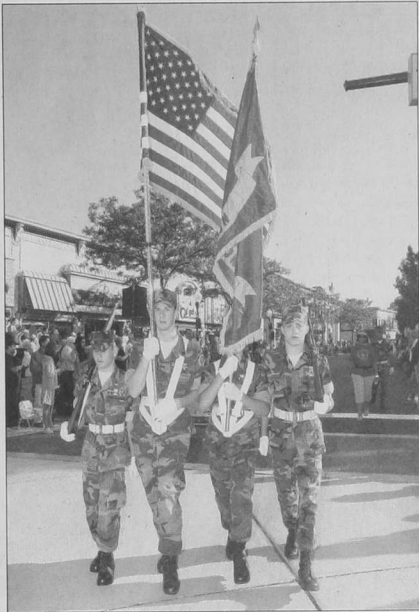


A big Uncle Sam lost his hat.

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Alexander Stopford and his dad, Rob Stopford, eat their ice cream before it melts at Sunday's Plymouth Township picnic.



The Young Marines of Canton were among more than 150 entries in the Good Morning U.S.A. parade.



Matthew Hirvela is one of the volunteers grilling hot dogs in 90-degree heat.



Allison Doroshevitz, 6, enjoys her hot dog at Plymouth Township's annual Fourth of July picnic.



Eddie Perne watches the parade.



The 24th Michigan fires a volley during their performance at the Plymouth Good Morning U.S.A. parade Sunday.





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## SPORTS

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## Horsepower

'Little guy' Rehagen Racing stands tall against the big guys



Westland's Dean Martin is a driver, partner and manager of racing programs for the Livonia-based Rehagen Racing that competes in the Grand-Am and American Iron series.

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As advertised, driving a Ford Mustang is "anything but the typical go-around."

That slogan holds true for the Rehagen Racing operation, which is housed just off Industrial Road in Livonia.

Its 14,000-square foot warehouse is typically jam-packed with Mustangs being overhauled and prepped for both professional and customer club racing teams, along with performance upgrades for street vehicles. The business also serves as Ford parts distributor for racing teams.

As a Ford Powertrain Systems Analysis Technical Specialist, Larry Rehagen is entering his 34th year with the company. And the Livonian



The Livonia-based Rehagen Racing No. 52 car, driven Ken Wilden, enters "the keyhole" during a recent event held at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

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shows no signs of retiring – from work or racing – anytime soon.

While Rehagen continues to work at Ford, Dean Martin, whom Rehagen met at Ford, came aboard as the team's manager of the racing program in 2003.

Martin, who oversees five full-time employees and up to

30 team and crew members on racing weekends, directs Rehagen Racing's Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and NASA American Iron Series teams.

In 2009, Rehagen Racing realized a dream by capturing the Grand-Am Koni Challenge title. Ken Wilden of Oakville, Ontario was also overall driver

points champion.

Not bad for a low budget operation, which competes against the giants such as Roush Racing, which ironically leases its warehouse to Rehagen.

"We're definitely the little guy," said Martin, who resides in Westland and also doubles as a driver. "And we've always

been the little guy. It started out that we were just a bunch of engineers getting together on the weekends and racing. We've put together a good group of guys – all dedicated, all want to win. And they're all really intelligent and talented guys. That's our strength. The

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## Woodard steps away quietly as Wayne basketball coach

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Woodard always displayed a grace and reserved demeanor on the bench as Wayne Memorial boys varsity basketball coach.

And sticking to his personality, Woodard quietly resigned early last month without little fanfare after 10 seasons. He compiled a respectable 127-91 overall record, which included two Western Lakes Activities Association playoff crowns, one WLAA regular season championship and three divisional titles (including his past two seasons in the KLAA South).

Woodard was named Observer Coach of the Year in 2003-04 after guiding Wayne to a 17-6 record and a WLAA crown. His 2007-08 team finished 19-3 and won the WLAA as well.

Woodard coached several outstanding players during his stint including guard Gary Johnson, who led the University of Central Florida to two NCAA Tournament berths and is still playing professionally in Europe.

Woodard, whose full-time teaching responsibilities for next fall will move him from Wayne to rival Westland

John Glenn as a social studies instructor, thought the timing was right to decline another season as the Zebras' coach.

"I enjoyed my times at Wayne," Woodard said. "We played for five conference championships and in four district finals. I met a lot of great people and I enjoyed kids. It's the kids I'll miss the most."

Woodard, however, has not removed himself entirely from coaching scene.

This fall he'll take over the John Glenn varsity tennis team where he'll be coaching his sons Wayne, Jr., who will be a junior, and Michael, an incoming freshman.

"I'll be able to watch my kids play and I'll still catch (basketball) games here and there," Woodard said.

A replacement has not yet been named for Woodard, who is a former Glenn player.

Recently named Wayne-Westland dual athletic administrator Greg Ambrose, who took over his new duties on Tuesday, could not be reached available for comment.

Former John Glenn boys and girls basketball coach Mike Schuette, who served as Woodard's JV coach, confirmed Tuesday he has applied for the Wayne varsity cage post.

"I hope he gets it," Woodard said. "He did a good job for me."

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## CYO champs

Garden City's St. Raphael School recently captured the 2010 CYO Softball championship with a 5-2 victory over St. Patrick of White Lake in eight innings. The squad, made up of seventh- and eighth-graders, defeated All Saints of Canton, St. Damian of Westland and St. Edith of Livonia en route to gaining the CYO championship. Pictured above are team members (bottom row, left to right) Lauren Hamann, Halee Warren, Taylor Jones, Taylor Bejma, Stassie Wickett, Rikki Vroom, Abby Joseph, (standing, l-r) Meghan McHugh, coach Bob Warren, coach John Watson, Gabby Quintana, Hanna Warren, Katlyn McIntosh, Rachel Spellman, Haley Merriman, coach Kevin McHugh and Gary Joseph.

## Nagengast, Anthony are top FHS athletes

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lynn Nagengast and Charles Anthony were named the top female and male athletes in the Farmington High School Class of 2010.

Nagengast received the John K. Cotton Award and Anthony the Dr. Zae Aschenbrenner Award.

The late "Jack" Cotton was the first Farmington Public Schools athletic director and was instrumental in starting a girls sports program.

The Aschenbrenner Award was established in 1948 in



Anthony



Nagengast

honor of the team doctor who donated his time and medical skills to the school's sports teams.

Senior athletes are nominated by their coaches, and the winners are determined by a vote of the varsity coaches and school administrators.

Nagengast was a four-year standout in volleyball and the field events in track and field. She also played basketball for three years, including two varsity seasons.

In track and field, she received the Bettie Wade Award as the most outstanding athlete as a junior. She was the team MVP this year. As a sophomore, she was named Trackwoman of the Year.

Nagengast was the city and league champion in the discus, shot put and high jump.

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## SIDELINES

## Dayton bags Bucks

There's a logjam atop the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League following the Michigan Bucks' 2-1 men's soccer setback Saturday to the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at Miami Valley South Stadium.

Dayton (6-1-5) and the Chicago Fire Premier (7-3-2) each have 23 points to lead the division followed by Forest City London (6-1-4) and the Bucks (6-3-2) with 22 and 20 points, respectively. The four teams are currently fighting for two playoff spots in the Central Conference.

The Bucks took a 1-0 advantage in the 55th minute on Kenny Uzoigwe's ninth goal of the season off an assist from Stewart Givens.

It appeared that things might get a bit easier for the Bucks to hold the lead when defender Evan Schwartz was shown his second yellow card of the day, leaving Dayton with only 10 players the final half hour.

But the Dutch Lions countered with a pair of counter-attack efforts against the depleted Bucks' defense starting in the 67th minute on Hans van deHarr's goal followed by Bas Ent's game-winner in the 75th minute.

The Bucks would throw everyone forward the last 10 minutes in an effort for the equalizer. A ball fell to the feet of Uzoigwe from five yards out and his half volley sailed over the bar.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made seven saves, while Dutch Lion counterpart Oscar Moens had six stops.

After a date Wednesday in Cincinnati against the host Kings, the Bucks' next home match will be Saturday, July 10, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac when they play the biggest match of the season against the Chicago.

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale at Ultimate Soccer or by visiting [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

## Falcon car wash

The Farmington High cross country teams will have a car wash fund-raiser noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Silver Dairy on Grand River, between Power and Orchard Lake roads. A donation is requested.

## Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp Saturday, July 24, at Harrison High School.

The camp is part of an effort to re-establish ties between the Farmington Rockets and Harrison football programs, according to Tim Mumford, manager of Powerhouse Gym and a former Harrison player.

The camp is open to all players in the 7-14 age group, however. The cost is \$35. Lunch and a Powerhouse Gym T-shirt are included. The camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and Harrison star Mill Coleman. There will be a cheerleading camp the same day at Harrison, too. For more information and registration, contact Mumford at 248-875-9962.

## Fall ball signup

Registration is continuing for returning teams looking to participate in the Redford Leisure Services fall softball leagues. Registration for new teams wanting to sign up will begin Monday, Aug. 9.

All teams are guaranteed a 12-game (doubleheader) schedule. Fees are \$350 per team, plus all umpires will collect \$14 per team at the field before the start of each game. Each team will need to supply a new ball before each game. Games begin the week of Aug. 30. For more information, contact Redford Leisure Services at (313) 387-2650.





# Area's top soccer players thrive on toughness

## FIRST TEAM

**Marissa Williams, Jr. GK, Plymouth:** The third-year starting goalkeeper brought aggressiveness, brassiness and agility to the position, giving up just 0.50 goals per game and nabbing 16 shutouts.

Williams really put on a show during the state tournament, winning three of five games by prevailing in shootouts and carrying the Wildcats to the Division I final against Novi (a bitter loss in overtime).

"Her confidence in the pipes, especially when we got to the PK shootouts those three games in the playoffs, was phenomenal," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "The first one (a 1-0 district win over top-ranked Northville) might have been the best one, where she stopped the first two PKs against Northville. That was just huge."

She also was a force against defending state champion Portage Central in the D-1 semifinal, prevailing 2-1 in a shootout.

Williams was named All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and third-team Division I All-State.

**Kayla Kimble, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The Division I third-team All-State selection and two-time first-team All-Area selection was once again the backbone of the Spartans' defense.

Kimble, headed to NCAA Division II national champion Grand Valley State, also earned All-KLAA, All-Region and All-District honors as a senior.

"Kayla was asked to do a lot for the Spartans this year," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We counted on her to organize the backline, mark the other team's best player, and be the catalyst for starting our attack."

"She did all those things and more. Kayla is a great complement to any soccer team. Our returning players are going to realize what a hard game soccer can be, next year, when Kayla is gone."

**Kelsey Shapiro, Sr. Def., N. Farmington:** An outstanding defense was largely responsible for the Raiders having a 12-5-4 record, and Shapiro was a driving force behind that. A repeat member of the all-area first team, she will continue playing at Ball State University.

With Shapiro in the lineup, North had a goals-against average of less than one per game over four years. With a knack for turning corner kicks into header goals, Shapiro had seven goals and two assists this year. She is an academic all-state player and a D-1 honorable mention.

"She's a tremendous player, but what sets her apart is she works so hard," coach Tim Russell said. "One of her goals this year was to score more goals, and she made a commitment to that. Defensively, she's always been great."

"It's not that easy to defend a good dribbler one-on-one, but she was able to stop people coming in on her, including all-state caliber players. She's been doing that since she was a freshman. If she's not the best defender I've seen in our division, she's one of the best."

**Hallee Kansman, Jr. Def., N. Farmington:** Kansman, who made a verbal commitment to play at Eastern Michigan University, is another reason North was so good on defense. The Raiders had a 12-game unbeaten streak (9-0-3) the second half of the season with eight shutouts.

Kansman, who had six goals and one assist, also has the ability to score in a crowd on set plays. She rebounded from injuries to both knees early in her high school career to be not just a contributor but a major force for the Raiders.

"It's phenomenal she's as good as she is," coach Russell said. "She struggled through two reconstructive knee surgeries and was an amazing defender this year. If you didn't see her wearing a brace, you wouldn't know there was anything wrong with her knee. I said: 'If anybody can handle that, it's her because she's so intense. When she gets her game face on, watch out!'"

"Sometimes, coaches and teams get lucky and get one very good defender on their side. We've been fortunate to have two. Not only that, but (Kansman and Shapiro) have been terrific role models for the other girls as soccer players, leaders and all-around good people."

**Melanie Pickert, Jr. Def., Canton:** The state-ranked Chiefs rolled to a 17-2-3 record in 2010 and a major reason was the play of Dream Teamer Pickert in the back.

## 2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

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Meeghan Hughes, Sr. Def., Plymouth  
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Kelsey Rothenmel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill

Allyson Krause, Soph. MF, Canton  
Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington  
Paige Brennan, Soph. MF, Liv. Ladywood  
Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth  
Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood

Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City  
Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton  
**SECOND TEAM**  
Maddie Reed, Jr. GK, Liv. Ladywood  
Kristen Jolly, Sr. GK, Clareville  
Kate Moss, Jr. GK, Plymouth  
April Messick, Sr. Def., Farm. Mercy  
Ali Zarate, Sr. Def., Westland Glenn  
Krista Kane, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson  
Madeleine Vala, Jr. MF, Salem  
Sami Roumynah, Soph. MF, N. Farmington

Rachel Szczembarska, Sr. MF, Garden City  
Lindsey Winters, Sr. MF, Canton  
Rachel Blackney, Soph. MF, Liv. Churchill

Alejandra Mesa, Jr. MF, Liv. Franklin  
Emily Lundh, Soph. F, Salem  
Melissa Nordhoff, Sr. F, Farm. Harrison  
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season at center-back. For her contributions, she picked up third-team Division All-State honors and was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams.

"Her work ethic is outstanding and she is one of the most competitive players I've ever coached," Rocks coach Joe Nora said. "Kristina is a big part of why our defense played so well together. Her communication and direction got better all season and ... (she) is always there to make the big play at the perfect time, like her goal against Pinckney in the districts that got us back in the game."

**Kelsey Rothenmel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill:** The junior defender earned All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors after making third-team Division I All-State as a sophomore.

Rothenmel had two goals and added three assists.

"Kelsey has started every game for three years," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She's excellent as far as position sense and great at winning balls on the defensive end. She's a captain, a leader for us on-and-off the field. She's great competitor with a bright future ahead of her."

**Allyson Krause, Soph. MF, Canton:** The Another All-State first-team honoree, Krause showed poise and solid all-around ability in just her sophomore year and was an offensive force with 10 goals and 11 assists for the Chiefs.

In addition to the All-State selection, Krause was named to the All-Conference, All-District and All-Region teams.

"She is a dynamic and a dangerous player," Tomasso said. "Ally is already proven to be one of the most creative players in Canton's history. Her on the ball skills and her off the ball knowledge rates her as one of the state's best as a sophomore."

With two more seasons to go in her high school career, Krause has a chance to be part of a real powerhouse before all is said and done.

**Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington:** A repeat member of the all-area first team, Evans led the Falcons in scoring with 16 goals and 12 assists from her center midfield position. In the last two seasons, she has accounted for 35 goals and 53 points. A three-year varsity player, Evans received a Division I all-state honorable mention from the coaches association. She's also a member of the Michigan Hawks club team and the Olympic Development Program.

"Kirsten is a tremendously skilled athlete with a great competitive spirit," coach Matt Gasparotto said. "She has the ability to change a game when she has possession of the ball."

work ethic in training and high level of play in game helped push Ladywood soccer to the next level. "I'm thrilled that she'll be running our midfield for the next two seasons."

**Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth:** The senior leadership provided by co-captain Heck was instrumental to the outstanding postseason run for the Wildcats, who came within a whisker of winning the Division I state championship.

Heck scored three key goals during the state tournament playoffs, and also was strong and steady in the midfield, earning All-Conference and All-District accolades.

"She was just the vocal leader of our team and really had a fantastic senior season," Neschich said. "She was one of the keys to our success this year."

Heck will continue her soccer career at Grove City College (Pa.), an NCAA Division III Christian school.

**Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood:** The sophomore forward enjoyed a breakout season in 2010 with a team-best 16 goals to go along with 10 assists.

Capoccia earned second-team Division I All-State honors along with All-Catholic, All-District and All-Region laurels.

Her game-winning goal in the regional final against Ann Arbor Skyline put the Blazers in the Final Four for the first time since 2003. She also had all four goals in a 4-0 win over Central Division rival Warren Regina.

"Through hard work and determination, Kelly has developed into a premier goal scorer," Shingledacker said. "Every time she steps onto the field, her goal is to improve."

**Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City:** A mainstay in the Garden City lineup the past four seasons, Johnson registered 18 goals and picked up 10 assists in earning All-District, All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention accolades. Splitting duties at midfield and forward, Johnson was the "go-to girl" much of the season as the Cougars finished 11-6-4 overall.

"She scored most of our goals and was a quarterback back there feeding a lot of people," Garden City coach Bill Torni said of Johnson, who will continue her soccer playing days at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. "She gained more confidence this year and really took charge being able to score goals."

**Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton:** McClendon's playmaking and finishing abilities were key to the Chiefs' KLAA South, KLAA Kensington Conference and overall KLAA titles—as well as a District 1 district championship.

The fourth-year varsity player scored in Canton's 3-0 victory over Garden City in the district title matchup at Dearborn Edsel Ford, showing her ability to come through in the clutch during her career.

Her offensive skills were duly noted, as she was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams. She capped it all off with an All-State honorable mention award and graduated with 52 goals and 29 assists in her career.

"She has been a prolific goals scorer for the Canton soccer program," Tomasso said. "Jess has been an important asset to our program."

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Jeff Neschich, Plymouth:** Preaching a defensive "break-don't bend" posture, veteran coach Neschich enjoyed the most successful season of his career as he led the Wildcats to the Division I state finals against Novi at Michigan State University.

Plymouth went on a 5-0 tournament run to get there, beating top-ranked teams such as Northville, Canton and Portage Central. But for a title came up short only because of a disputed penalty kick in overtime against Novi, but Neschich couldn't have been prouder of the way his team (16-5-4) competed all year long.

"I think it started off with a great group of girls," said Neschich, who praised his senior leaders (Meeghan Hughes, Jessica Heck, Katie Krajewski and Carley McQuiston) for their positive influence on the younger players.

"I've got to give a lot of credit to our assistant coach, Mario Ramirez. But the girls bought in to what we were telling them to do... and they really had great desire. I think it was fantastic."

Neschich has been a longtime soccer coaching presence at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, going back to 1986-96 when he was coach of Canton's boys and girls junior varsity teams.

After a 1997-01 stint as Redford Thurston's head boys coach, he became the first boys varsity coach at Plymouth High School in 2002 and added girls varsity duties in 2005. He currently is still coaching both the boys and girls teams.

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## Art in the Park has something for everyone at every price

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

It's called "shabby chic" and you'll see a lot of it at the 31st annual Art in the Park, slated for Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, in downtown Plymouth.

"A trend is definitely re-used and recycled," said Raychel Rork, president of Art In The Park Inc. "It's that shabby chic kind of thing. You'll definitely see it in clothing — jeans with all kinds of crazy things sewn on — and jewelry. Jewelry might incorporate typewriter keys or Scrabble pieces. There's something unique and funky about that. People are going to garage sales and remaking things into art."

More than 80 new artists will join the show that features work from more than 400 painters, potters, photographers, weavers, sculptors, woodworkers and other artists. Thousands of pieces — from folksy to fine art — will be available for sale.

"My mom's philosophy — she's Dianne Quinn — is that we want to have something for everyone. That also means the price," said Rork, who along with Quinn, founded, directs and manages the fair. "We know everyone can't afford a \$2,000 painting for living room, but we want everyone to be able to take something home."

The show is juried, meaning that everyone who wants to exhibit must submit photos of both their art and their booth. Some artists return from year to year, but "just because they got in last year doesn't mean they'll get in this year," Rork said.

"It's pretty strict. It's about quality but we still want it to be affordable."

### ART, FOOD

A judging panel votes on the submissions from artists as well as gourmet food exhibitors.

"We have gourmet food. It must be made by the person selling it. We have all kinds of stuff, canned foods, dips, jellies. It's not art, but it adds something different to the fair."

Visitors can browse the art and try homemade fudge or sample a dip, at the same time.

Or they can listen to jazz band Zamar, watch street artists chalk several versions of Andy Warhol's Marilyn Monroe images on concrete and then saunter over to the "living

### ART IN THE PARK

**What:** 31st annual street art fair  
**When:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 9; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

**Where:** Main, Forest, Ann Arbor Trail, Pennington and Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** More than 400 artists will exhibit their works, including original pieces of art including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography, and folk art. The show includes a special section of art by youngsters and teens, as well as live entertainment, food, kids' activities, chalk murals and "living" murals.

**Shuttle:** Visitors may park at the ACH Plant (formerly Visteon Plant) located at 14425 Sheldon, just off of M-14 in Plymouth and take the free round trip shuttle service. The shuttle will run continuously all weekend. The drop off point is Plymouth City Hall, located in the heart of the art fair. Shuttle hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 9, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 10 and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 11.

**Contact:** [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com) or call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.



A glass piece by Ruth Bolles of Muskegon

of Canton's D&M Art Studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck, will incorporate human figures into her canvases.

"These are live models in front of the mural. She paints on their bodies or they blend in with the mural."

Local artists will reproduce two of the Warhol images "in vibrant colors" on the street each day.

The fair also will add a butterfly tent and bird aviary to its children's activities this year. Both are interactive and will include live creatures.

"It's not art, but it's something for the kids to do," Rork said.

She said the variety of activities,

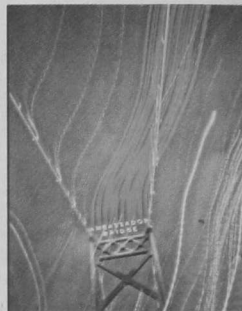
along with quality items that range in price from a few dollars to several hundred, set the fair apart from other outdoor art festivals. Art in the Park is the second largest art fair in Michigan, held a week before the Ann Arbor fairs.

"Some people get overwhelmed by Ann Arbor and they prefer to come to Art in the Park instead," she said, adding that many artists exhibit at the Plymouth show before heading to Ann Arbor.

"You could come and spend nothing, spend \$10 or thousands of dollars and have a great day at Art in the Park."



Suzanne Beavis of Perrysburg, Ohio, will show jewelry, like this necklace, at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



Sooney Kadou's photography includes local landmarks, like this picture of the Ambassador Bridge. The Huntington Woods artist will display work at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



A ceramic vase by James Johnson of Fulton, Ill. He's one of more than 400 artists who will display their work at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

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## 8th Wonder Theatre stages musical by Michigan native

The classic tale of Orpheus and Eurydice takes a 20th century twist in *Blackwater Ballad*, performed by the 8th Wonder Theatre July 23-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The new musical, set in the bayous of New Orleans in 1932, is written by award-winning Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier and musician Brian Lillie. It tells the story of traveling musician Orlandus Duval, who arrives in the small town of Blackwater Creek and captures the heart of Euralie, the daughter of the local sheriff. Their plans to wed in secret are dashed by betrayal and murder, forcing Orlandus to make the hardest of choices.

Lillie provides the music for the production. He was one of 15 writers from around the U.S. chosen to attend ASCAP's prestigious Lester Sill Songwriting Workshop in Los Angeles, Calif., and also is a founding member of The Michigan Artists Music Alliance (MAMA), which is the official Folk Alliance affiliate of Michigan. Lillie performs around Michigan and Ohio at such popular venues such as The Ark and the Gypsy Cafe, opening for notable acts.

Joseph Zettelmaier, a playwright and Michigan native, wrote both the book and lyrics. He recently saw his plays *Dr. Seward's Dracula* and *All Childish Things*

produced at the Planet Ant Theatre. *All Childish Things* went on to be nominated for the American Theatre Critics Association Award. Zettelmaier's other plays include: *Language Lessons*, *The Stillness Between Breaths* and *Point of Origin*, all produced at the Performance Network. The *Stillness Between Breaths* also went on to be performed at the National New Play Network's Festival of New Plays in 2005. Zettelmaier also wrote *Night Blooming*, which was performed at the Blackbird Theatre, and *Fever Dreams* at the Treetown Festival. He is an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, where he currently teaches dramatic composition, and the playwright mentor for Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor as well as an associate artist at the Performance Network.

Curtain times for *Blackwater Ballad* are 8 p.m. July 23-24 and at 2 p.m. July 24-25. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for groups of 15 or more. They're available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5300.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 5040Q Cherry Hill Road.

For more information about 8th Wonder Theatre, visit [www.8thwondertheatre.com](http://www.8thwondertheatre.com) or call (734) 394-5300.

### GET OUT

#### ART

##### Art & Ideas

**Time/Date:** Through July 31

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** "Inner Worlds & Animals" paintings by Charles Almone and sculpture by Joan Painter Jones. Contact: (734) 420-0775

##### Costic Center

**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 2; gallery hours are noon-4 p.m.

**Location:** 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Dean Rogers shows colored pencil works. Contact: (248) 473-1856

#### COMEDY

##### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times

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**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)

##### JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside

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**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:** Comedy festival 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:** 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)

#### CONCERTS

##### The Ark

**Time/Date:** Dailey & Vincent, July

8; The Lucky Stars, July 9; Richie

Havens, July 10; Mat Kearney & Jane Carrey, July 11; Kenny White, July 13; Loudon Wainwright III, July 14; Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, July 15; Cherryholmes, July 16; Carrie Newcomer, July 17; Bill Kirchen CD release party, July 25; Tift Merrit & Dawn Landes & the Hounds, July 29; Finvarra's Wren, July 30; Harry Manx, July 31

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##### Magic Bag

**Time/Dates:** Scott Morgan & The Irrationals with Howling Diablos, July 9; James McMurtrey, July 10; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, July 11; Lez Zeppelin, July 13; Sarah Harmer, July 15; Half Light Music record release party, July 16; Natives of the New Dawn, July 17; Louder than Love, July 23; The Mood Elevator and Fletcher Pratt, July 30

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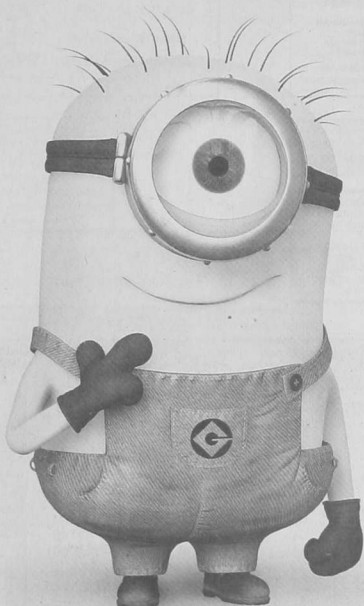
##### Trinity House Theater

**Time/Date:** Rachele Eve with the Shams Band, July 10, Krista Detor, July 22

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Age 88, July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Clarence L. Dear mother of Sheila (Dan) Arguelles, Susie (Bob) Cytacki, Kathy Hicks, Molly, Michael and Peggy (Gary) Golasa. Survived by a huge and loving family including 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Sister of George (Mickey) Cochran. Funeral Services were Monday July 5 at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [donors@stjude.com](mailto:donors@stjude.com) [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



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Age 82 of Sevierville, TN, passed away on June 15, 2010 at LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gwen Dasher of Sevierville, TN; sons, Wayne Dasher and wife, Cathy of Novi, Michigan and Dennis Dasher of Detroit, Michigan; sister, Joyce Maie and husband, Joe of South Gate, Michigan; grandchildren, Kim Hamlin and husband, Jim, Michael Dasher and wife, Michelle; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Madison Hamlin, Kylie and Troy Dasher; 13 nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at then Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 32070 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI at 2pm on Saturday, July 17th. [www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com](http://www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com)

**THERESA G. OLEXA**

Age 77, July 5, 2010. Loving wife of the late Clarence. Dear mother of Deborah (Wesley Hall) and Michelle (Matthew) Brown. Grandmother of Veronica, Colleen and Annaclara. Beloved sister of Dorothy Selke and Delores Williams. Gerry loved being outdoors and especially working in the yard. She adored all Pomeranians, especially her baby Taffy. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm with a Rosary service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Friday instate 9:30 am until her funeral Mass at 10 am at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 12100 Beech Dale, Redford. Burial at Holy Sepulchre. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**THOMAS E. PILURAS**

A memorial gathering will be held at Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter in Hines Park on July 30th, 2010 to celebrate the life of Thomas E. Piluras, class of 1972, Churchill High school. Please stop by and share any memory you may have of Tom. 6:00pm until Dusk. The family is asking that any donations made will please be sent to: Providence Hospice of Snohomish County, 2731 Wetmore, suite 500, Everett, WA 98201



**BETTY AMOROSE RUSSELL**

Age 79, July 6, 2010. Dear wife of James J. and the late Savino Amorose. Beloved mother of Vicki (Harvey) Fyke, Scot (Ruth) Amorose and Brian (Angela) Amorose. Grandmother of 13. Great grandmother of 12. Loving sister of Joanne Clark, Joyce Klock, Janice McCullough, Terril Taylor-Pearce, Jack Helmer, Jerry Helmer, Dennis Helmer, Duane Willmore and the late Mary Hillner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2-9pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10am at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, (1 block South of Ford Rd) 10:30am Funeral Service. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

**ALAN FRANCIS OMILIAN**

Age 22 of Plymouth, July 5, 2010. Beloved son of Robert and Gwen. Loving brother of Andy and Lili. Dear grandson of Marian Omilian and Francis Larkin. In state Friday 12 Noon until the 1 PM funeral mass at Catholic Central High School Chapel, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, MI 48374. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 9 PM and Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, or to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**LARRY J. NELSON**

Age 55, of Tecumseh, passed away unexpectedly July 3, 2010. Larry was born December 25, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan the son of John and Marlene (Schraack) Nelson. On July 1, 1977 he married Birute Theresa Zubrickas in Livonia, MI. He was a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He had a passion for buying and selling antiques, and loved the thrill of the hunt. He was involved in the family business for most of his life most recently The Hitching Post in Tecumseh. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. His generous heart knew no boundaries and will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the antique community. Larry is survived by his wife, Theresa; children, Christopher, Julia and Andrew; granddaughter, Olivia; parents, John and Marlene, brothers, Eric and Ken; sister, Lori and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 1:00 PM, Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh. Visitation will be 4-8PM, Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made online at [www.pursefuneralhome.com](http://www.pursefuneralhome.com)

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## JULY 14

### Canton Christian Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 14  
**Location:** 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Clothing Bank will be open. Clothing is free  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686, (734) 404-2480 or visit [CantonCF.org](http://CantonCF.org)

### Christ the King Lutheran

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 12-16  
**Location:** 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Vacation Bible School, "Baobab Blast," for preschool through grade six. No registration fee  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0749 or register at [www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com](http://www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com)

### Concordia Lutheran School

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 13 and Aug. 11  
**Location:** Grades K-4, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; grades 5-8, 9600 Leverage, Redford

**Details:** Open house for the school, a tuition-based, congregation-supported, association school that offers Christian education. The school is accepting enrollment now for grades K-8  
**Contact:** (313) 937-2233 or (248) 474-2488

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. July 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](mailto:director@cbahm.org)

### Orchard United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., July 12-16  
**Location:** 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Vacation Bible School, "High Seas Expedition," is open to all children, age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. Each day includes singing, games, yummy snacks, experiencing Bible adventures, crafts and more. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65) and includes a CD and an iron-on transfer for a solid color T-shirt  
**Contact:** Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620

### St. James Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., July 8-10  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Thrift store clearance sale; all items, except those marked "firm," that are \$1 or more are half off. Kathy's Bake Sale also will be open during the sale  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

### St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., July 12 and Aug. 16  
**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.  
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## Simple, sophisticated snacks and drinks for summer

Summer is the season for entertaining, but there isn't any reason you have to slave away in a hot kitchen in order to throw a sophisticated summer party.

Opt for simplicity, sophistication and seasonality, and it will be easy to host smashing summer soirees with less time and work involved in preparation. Ingredients like fresh fruits and veggies play to the best tastes of summer, while familiar flavors like coffee can lend an air of sophistication to even the easiest summer treats.

"Convenience is key to making the summer months enjoyable - whether you're organizing a fun afternoon for yourself or having an adult gathering at your house," says Robin Miller, a nutritionist and author of "Robin Rescues Dinner" and "Quick Fix Meals," which is also the title of her show that airs on Food Network. "Having healthy fresh snacks that incorporate seasonal fruits and vegetables to keep everyone refreshed, or fruity drinks mixed with coffee to give a sophisticated and adult flavor, will help make your event fantastic and memorable."

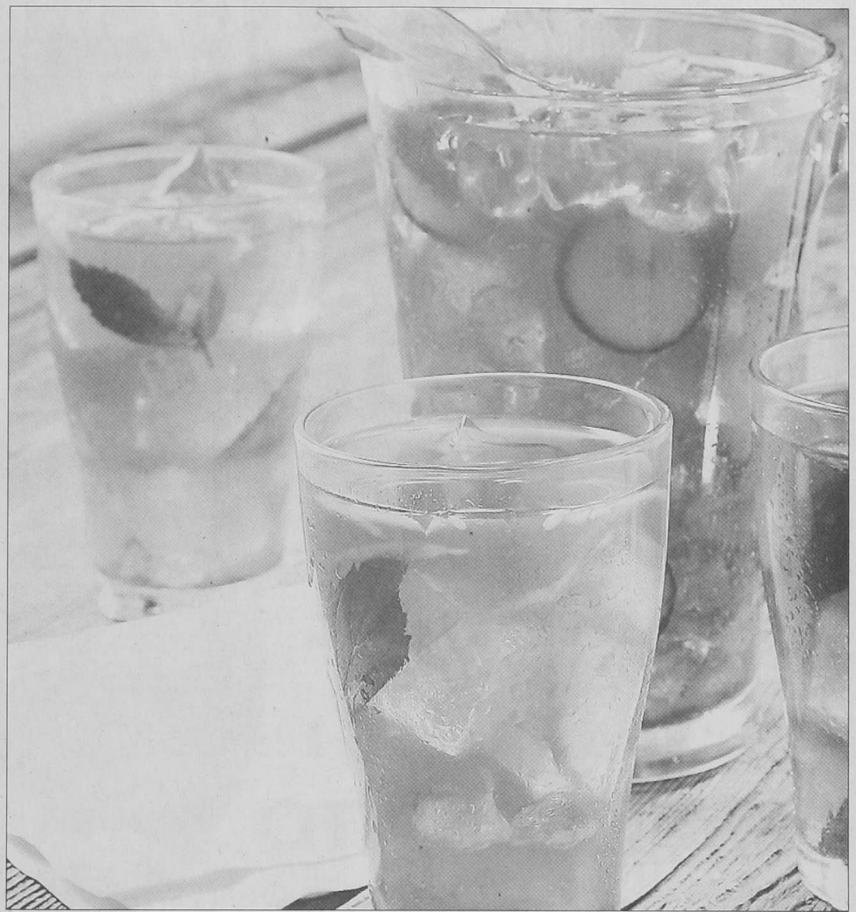
One way to keep things simple is to blend refreshing and tasty, yet convenient, items like Starbucks VIA Ready Brew into your snacks, drinks and even grill rubs for a fresh take on old favorites.

For a quick and delicious start to your next party, here are a couple of recipes for drinks, snacks and great-tasting foods on the grill:

### CUCUMBER MINT GIN LEMONADE

Serves about eight

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA(R) Ready Brew
- 4 cups lemonade
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and grated
- 1 cup gin
- 1 cup loosely packed mint
- ice



Cucumber Mint Gin Lemonade

### SPICY COCKTAIL NUTS

- 1 cup cashews
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup almonds
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon red vinegar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon Chile powder
- ¼ cup dried papaya
- ¼ cup dried mango
- ¼ cup dried pineapple

Toast nuts on a sheet pan for 10 minutes at 300 F. While nuts are toasting, combine all ingredients together, except dried fruit, in a heat-proof microwave container. Microwave for 20 seconds to melt and combine the mixture. Remove nuts from oven and turn temperature down to 225 F. Add toasted nuts to mixture and stir to coat. Spread in an even layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 minutes. Stir nuts to evenly coat and bake on all sides. Spread and press dried fruit onto nuts and place back in the oven for 15 minutes. After cooling, break up the mixture and store in an air-tight container.

### HIGH OCTANE APPLE-TINI

Makes two martinis

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew

- 1 cup apple juice
- 3 tablespoons vanilla vodka
- ½ cup ice
- ½ lime chopped
- 1 apple, sliced into thin wheels for garnish (core is in the center of the wheel)

Dissolve coffee with a tablespoon of hot water in a shaker. Add apple juice, vodka, limes and ice. Place lid on top of the shaker and shake vigorously for 20 seconds. Strain liquid into martini glasses. Place a thin apple wheel on top.

### SWEET AND SPICY COFFEE GRILLING RUB

- 2 packets Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons black pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Stir coffee, salt, pepper and sugar together. Coat it on the meat and grill. For stronger taste, let the coated meat sit up to an hour in the refrigerator before grilling.

- Courtesy of ARAcontent

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



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.

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.

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).

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## BBB: Beware of air conditioning scams

As summer temperatures heat up, your local Better Business Bureau is advising consumers not to get burned by air conditioning inspection and repair scams. While most air conditioning service and installation companies are reputable, as the humidity increases there are always a few companies that emerge each season with the goal of taking consumers money for unnecessary repair work or equipment sales. BBB encourages consumers not to give in to high-pressure sales tactics and to always do their homework before committing to spend any money.

"Air conditioners can be one of the more complicated aspects of maintaining a home," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "As such, scam artists will leverage that unfamiliarity of air conditioning to take advantage of the consumer. The best way to defend your pocketbook is by being an educated consumer. Always check out a company with your local Better Business Bureau before accepting any offers and never leave anyone servicing your air conditioning system unattended while at your home."

Advertisements for "free" air conditioner cleanings or tune-ups tend to pop up this time of year. BBB recommends that consumers be cautious of these opportunities. Complaints received by the BBB show a trend in these circumstances regarding recommendations for more costly repairs than are actually required, high-pressure sales pitches to replace existing units with brand new models, or significantly marking up the price for replacement parts. In other situations, dishonest repair people will remove parts or allow coolant to escape causing the air conditioner to not work properly so that the consumer believes a costly repair or the purchase of a new unit is needed.

"If someone is advertising an offer to clean or service your air conditioner for free they are most likely planning on trying to sell you something else while they are in your

home," said Lee Weinstein, general manager for H A Sun Heating & Cooling Inc., a BBB accredited business since 1987. "There is a difference between sending a technician out to provide a free estimate or quote as part of the sales process, which many reputable businesses do, and trying to trick a consumer by allegedly offering a free service with the overall intent of gaining access to their home in order to defraud them or make a high-pressure sales pitch. Anytime someone is faced with a pricey repair or new air conditioner purchase, we recommend getting at least three quotes before you make a final decision."

BBB recommends consumers take the following steps to ensure they are getting the proper service for their air conditioner problems:

- **Troubleshoot:** Before calling for service, check a few basic things out yourself first. Is your thermostat operating properly? Has the electrical breaker powering the unit tripped? Does your system have a winter power shut off switch that needs to be flipped? Are the air intake screens or filters on your outside unit dirty or blocked and need to be cleaned? Sometimes there are minor, inexpensive things you can do yourself to alleviate a problem and avoid paying for a service call or repair.

- **Air conditioners are complex machinery,** don't take them apart or try to repair them on your own or you could end up doing more damage which could result in a more expensive repair. Leave the servicing of your air conditioner to a licensed professional.

- **Warranty Issues:** Is your air conditioner still under manufacturer's warranty? Sometimes using unauthorized service companies or replacement parts can void your warranty. Be sure to check your owners' manual or warranty for any special conditions to avoid unnecessary paying for any future repairs that might otherwise be paid for under the warranty.

- **Start With Trust:** Check out service contractors with your local



Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or by calling (248) 223-9400. Make sure to use a BBB accredited business or at the very least, one that has a good rating with BBB.

- **Written Estimates:** Don't be satisfied with verbal promises. Demand a written estimate that notes what is wrong with your air conditioner, what the entire cost to repair or replace the unit will be, and the printed and signed name of the repair person. If they are recommending purchasing a new system, also require the estimate include its make, model, serial number, and system capacity.

- **Obtain Multiple Quotes:** Obtain more than one written quote before you allow work to be completed on your air conditioner or purchase a new one. Quotes should include a full description of the services and materials to be used so you can adequately compare them; this includes the air conditioner's size and units of energy (BTU) as well as the calculated cooling capacity of your home. Also compare all available warranties. Not all warranties are the same so they should be included in your evaluation process.

- **Be Vigilant:** Protect your home and your valuables by never leaving unknown workers alone in your home. Keep valuables out of sight and locked up when you have a contractor doing work. Avoid paying cash and write checks out to the name of the business rather than payable to the employee or another individual. Some unethical employees and subcontractors steal from consumers by convincing them to write checks directly to them rather

than the company that was hired. Consumers are than still liable to pay the company they hired to do the work or face a lien against their property. A canceled check is a useful form of evidence to prove you actually paid your bill.

Make sure the business has a mechanical contractor's license with the State of Michigan. You can check to see if someone is licensed online at <http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/bcclicense/> or by calling (517) 241-9288. Additionally, check that the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage, and personal liability in case in accident occurs on your property. Call to verify the contractor's insurance coverage after obtaining the name of the carrier and agency. Ask the provider to send you proof of coverage for your records.

- **Annual Inspections:** Paying for an annual inspection with a qualified repair shop to check the compressor, moving parts, coolant levels, filter, and furnace blower can identify and resolve problems before they become expensive. Having work done before the peak summer busy season can be less costly than when air conditioning service technicians are in high demand.

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization that fights fraud and promotes ethical business practices in the local marketplace through its business accreditation, consumer education, and dispute resolution programs. Contact your local BBB by calling (248) 223-9400 or by visiting [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Find an agent you can work with well

**Q: Do you have any suggestions on how I can hire the best real estate agent for buying or selling my home?**

A: Sometimes it is more difficult to find out about a real estate agent than other professionals. But there are some things you can find out about your agent before you hire him or her.

First, ask the agent to provide a list of what they have listed and sold in the last year with contact information. Before you start calling the names, ask the agent if anyone will be "particularly pleased or disappointed." When you contact these past clients, ask what the asking price was and then ask what the sales price was.

If you are the seller, ask if these past properties are similar to yours in price, location and other salient features. Obviously, you want someone who specializes in exactly what you are trying to sell. Another good question for sellers is "How long has the home been on the market?" Also, check to see whether the person that you are considering is licensed and if there have been any disciplinary actions or complaints. You may also want to check to determine whether they are a "Realtor and/or a member of the National Association of Realtors," and, whether they have received any awards as such. See if they have any additional credentials meaning they have taken additional classes or training such as a CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) or an ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative). There is also such a thing as an SRES (Seniors Real Estate Specialist) which means that they have completed training aimed at helping buyers and sellers in the 50+ age range. Keep in mind that a "Realtor" means that he/she is a member of the National Association of Realtors and pledges to support its Code of Ethics.

Further, make sure that your real estate agent or broker is not a new boy on the block and has been in the business at least five years. You can check with the state in that regard. Obviously, you are looking for someone who is actively engaged in a particular area and price range, and, you want to know what knowledge of those two factors they can demonstrate and what kind of market presence they have. Check out your proposed agent's listings on line, either at their old site or at [realtor.com](http://realtor.com), and whether they recommend you obtain an attorney.

Finally, make sure you can communicate with your agent and have a rapport.

**Q: I am, of course, trying to find out when the bottom will reach in terms of buying property in the Naples area. Do you have any later or additional information?**

A: The number of house closings and real estate sales in Naples has increased substantially over last year (2009). However, there are still a number of foreclosed properties that are enticing investors at very cheap prices. Typically, the foreclosed property is not in the best of condition and that, of course, brings down the "comparables" for real estate pricing in the neighborhood and/or the other units of the development. Some brokers speculate that this will be the last summer where bargains can be obtained in Naples and, for that matter, Southeast Florida, but that still is only a prognostication.

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### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

8772 Hunters Creek Dr	\$50,000
8945 Mine Wana Rd	\$155,000
4055 Newcastle Dr	\$145,000
5558 Northcrest Village Dr	\$135,000
8416 Peaceful Vly	\$135,000
4715 Pelton Rd	\$60,000
8713 S Shore Dr	\$130,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
4516 Darlene Dr	\$205,000
1972 Portland Ave	\$128,000
2455 Trilium Hills Dr	\$218,000
<b>Davidsburg</b>	
4968 Ormond Rd	\$128,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
39194 Bella Vista Dr	\$128,000
37622 Dorchester Dr	\$221,000
28971 Forest Hill Dr	\$237,000
3821 Green Castle Blvd	\$124,000
22041 Inkster Rd	\$55,000
22580 Purdue Ave	\$105,000
21965 River Ridge Trl	\$130,000
31915 W McNeil Rd	\$86,000
22092 W Brandon St	\$127,000
28751 Wintergreen	\$490,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
2402 Brabant St	\$145,000
88 Franklin Wright Blvd	\$210,000
3687 Hidden Forest Dr	\$233,000

3864 Kossuth Rd	\$238,000
3827 Lakeview	\$255,000
3123 Sandover Dr	\$150,000
3867 Sequoia Dr	\$215,000
3044 Yonkers Lake Ct	\$215,000
3341 Yosemite Dr	\$190,000
<b>Lathrup Village</b>	
18950 Hampshire St	\$59,000
<b>Milford</b>	
3151 Central Blvd	\$179,000
<b>Northville</b>	
21943 Parkwood Ln	\$250,000
<b>Novi</b>	
40423 Franklin Hill St	\$175,000
5117 Halfhill St	\$240,000
24455 Olde Orchard St	\$67,000
25518 Portico Ln	\$125,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
519 Belmonte Dr	\$217,000
670 Canyon Rd	\$193,000
296 Oakridge Dr	\$302,000
15409 Stone Crossing Dr	\$271,000
<b>Orchard Lake</b>	
4358 Pine Tree Ln	\$135,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
839 Hemlock Dr	\$375,000
1141 Olympic Ct	\$190,000
<b>Rochester</b>	

821 Cumberland Rdg Ct	\$55,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
179 Bowdoin Ct	\$205,000
1244 E Horseshoe Ct	\$230,000
1435 Galena	\$95,000
1506 Galena	\$500,000
864 Snowmass Dr	\$274,000
1021 Tenken Ct	\$29,000
2148 Wentworth Dr	\$266,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
26601 Daria Ct E	\$80,000
342 Hampton Ct	\$82,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
29590 Bermuda Ln	\$145,000
29819 Chemsford Rd	\$39,000
21043 Lincolnshire Dr	\$78,000
23341 N Chanciller Dr	\$108,000
22724 Northlark Dr	\$90,000
25376 Saint James	\$74,000
25275 Southwood Dr	\$165,000
20810 Stahelin Rd	\$13,000
15409 Stone Crossing Dr	\$39,000
21590 Vermont St	\$90,000
22400 W 12 Mile Rd	\$73,000
20516 Westhampton Ave	\$19,000
<b>Troy</b>	
1127 Beaver Run	\$100,000
4945 Carlson Park Dr	\$306,000

1446 Hartland Dr	\$265,000
2710 Lenox Dr	\$249,000
3602 Old Creek Rd	\$105,000
4101 Penrose Dr	\$260,000
2673 Rhodes Dr	\$150,000
3313 Upper Dr	\$181,000
3948 Waylaker Dr	\$227,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
30202 Chesapeake Cir	\$122,000
454 Conway St	\$95,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
2706 N Lake Dr	\$54,000
3170 Sashabaw Rd	\$19,000
4744 Sherwell Dr	\$81,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
2059 Bordeaux St	\$150,000
5132 Cheselshire Ct	\$170,000
6951 Long Ave	\$272,000
2153 Nottingham	\$150,000
6655 Pinnacle	\$312,000
5533 Stantoppe Dr	\$150,000
6620 Tarnierlake Dr	\$215,000
2580 Walnut Lake Rd	\$113,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
8344 Fox Bay Dr	\$128,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
729 Laguna Dr	\$135,000

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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19326 Hillcrest St	\$125,000
11667 Jarvis St	\$64,000
20169 Merriman Rd	\$125,000
18360 N Laurel Park Dr	\$95,000
29824 Pickford St # 0	\$140,000
18581 Westmore St	\$85,000
<b>Northville</b>	
16406 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
50199 Teton Ridge Rd	\$717,000
628 W Main St	\$326,000
46401 W Main St	\$615,000
46551 W Main St	\$627,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
1281 Carol Ave	\$166,000
40427 Newport Dr	\$85,000
50535 W Fellows Creek Ct	\$360,000
10088 Wolfriver Dr	\$140,000
<b>Redford</b>	
17430 Indian	\$50,000
9380 Salem	\$40,000
23236 W Chicago	\$24,000
<b>Westland</b>	
35036 Avondale St	\$103,000
1026 Edwin St	\$68,000
35150 Hazelwood St	\$18,000
35713 Joy Rd	\$95,000
4911 Julius Blvd	\$17,000
7287 Kubis St	\$75,000
2565 Muirfield Dr	\$150,000
8046 N Merriman Rd	\$95,000
31600 W Head Cir	\$86,000
5615 Wildwood St	\$71,000

1647 Aberdeen St	\$177,000
41709 Cassbourne Rd	\$305,000
7044 Foxridge Dr	\$201,000
50001 Geddes Rd	\$119,000
43818 Hanford Rd	\$190,000
44619 Heather Ln	\$218,000
4142 Kristine Ct	\$168,000
42436 Majestic Ct	\$155,000
50197 Monroe St	\$80,000
5777 N Weck Rd	\$251,000
<b>Canton</b>	
28971 Alvin St	\$70,000
534 Belton St	\$87,000
1232 Helen St	\$10,000
29834 Hennepin St	\$10,000
29584 Sheridan St	\$73,000
30120 Rush St	\$65,000
29146 Huron St	\$87,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
38244 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60,000
12123 Cwells St	\$35,000
30135 Fairfax St	\$82,000
30481 Grandon St	\$113,000

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A Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. To reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures.

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#### New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has recently welcomed a number of new agents.

They are: Jacquelyn Hasenfratz, Teresa Stovall and Darla Niewoit-

Hartline — Birmingham/Bloomfield North; Susan Maczko and Sara Reppke — Birmingham/Bloomfield South; Jane Haun, Tom Klimkowski and Eric Schulte — the Grose Pointes; Virginia Galambush and Scott Rivard — Macomb Center; Carol Ambrose, Brian Gaughan and Stacey Hasenau — Northville/Novi; Kim Juszczyk, Jason Soble, April Nugent and Matthew Keith — Plymouth/Canton; Lisa Virkus and Mark Koval — Rochester; and Michael Kummer — Troy.

"We are happy to have such talented people joining our team," said Kelly Sweeney, CBWM CEO. "Our customers can be assured that these agents will deliver the superior level of service that CBWM is known for."



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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Boy, eventually
- 4 No —, and/or
- 7 Wooden caps
- 11 Heroic tale
- 12 Beaded shoe
- 13 Asian nanny
- 14 Latin 101 word
- 15 In favor of
- 16 Unhurried gait
- 17 Swing around
- 19 Extremely small amount
- 21 Fairway gismo
- 22 Shaman's findings
- 24 Nonvenomous constrictor
- 27 Romantic deity
- 28 Go kaput
- 29 For adults only (hyph)
- 32 Muss up
- 34 Intuition
- 35 Water pipe
- 36 Potato st.
- 37 Rolat

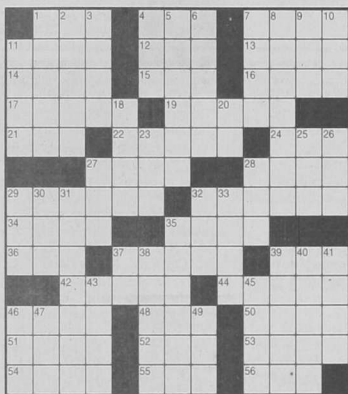
## DOWN

- 39 Square accounts
- 42 Reaches across
- 44 Jack, in cards
- 46 Wan
- 48 Bird's beak
- 50 Soon, to a poet
- 51 Bleachers level
- 52 Web addr.
- 53 Hard benches
- 54 "Who — knows?"
- 55 Devotee
- 56 Hairpin curve
- 1 Victor — Hugo
- 2 Tequila plant
- 3 Its HQ is Brussels
- 4 Rascal
- 5 Long suits
- 6 Look down on
- 7 Greenish mineral
- 8 Microscopic animals
- 9 Diagram

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

ALP ODOR HACK  
TOU MERE TRAN  
LATTICES KILO  
UTA DEALT  
FETE FADED  
ODES FEB BMW  
ONS ANTES ALI  
TAT HOE MILD  
WORRY ALEE  
PUSHY UPC  
OHIO HOMESICK  
TOLL ARMS DEF  
SHOE YOYO SEC

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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Y C I R B U E K X I U N A V Y  
Q S G A V I L E R X I N R Q D  
Y E G D N F J O H D M J T Y Y  
R L D L E N L U D C O J A E I  
C O O Z U A O T S H A K E X R  
B I O P C E I Y K E T C H U P  
O Z F W V M K U A G O D T O H  
C Q T Q E U E S I M S U P B D  
X H S B E I A N Y E S T U O S Y  
U I A W Q L C Q U P R S G E F  
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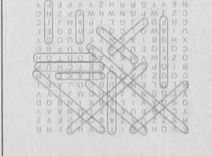
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