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CONNECTION New software

Due to a CityView software upgrade, Canton's Engineering, Planning and Building Services Divisions will not be able to process any applications or permits Thursday, July 15, or Friday, July 16. CityView software was implemented in 2006 by Canton's Municipal Services Department in order to maintain parcel records as well as process building permits, code enforcement complaints and planning project applications. The new upgrade will allow MSD staff to efficiently process, store and retrieve data from an updated database technology and a streamlined user interface.

For more information, call (734) 394-5170.

Ice cream

To celebrate July as National Recreation and Parks Month, Canton Leisure Services is dishing up ice cream Tuesday, July 27, at the Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill in Canton. Enjoy the summer sounds of the Canton Concert Band while taking delight in an old-fash-



Canton Leisure Services hosts an ice cream social 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Cherry Hill School, located at 50440 Cherry Hill in Canton.

ioned ice cream with tasty toppings for just \$1 per person.

The fun takes place 6:30-8 p.m., while supplies last. This free outdoor concert has lawn seating, so be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

For more information, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Open house

The Goddard School hosts an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24. The school provides educational programs year-round for children 6 weeks old through kindergarten, and school readiness programs during the summer for children entering kindergarten, first and second grade. It is located at 6697 N. Canton Center, between Ford and Warren roads. For more information contact Jennifer, Ashleigh or Carl at (734) 454-4737, or online at www.goddardschool.com.

Paving project continues to roll



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Now that the June monsoon rains have stopped, the pace of construction has picked up on Canton Center Road.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Construction crews are hoping soon to begin paving the west side of Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer — a stretch of road workers are widening from two lanes to five.

Workers are waiting for MichCon to move a gas line before they begin paving the westernmost portion of Canton Center, township staff engineer Bill Serchak said.

Once that paving is done, construction crews will route traffic to the west side of Canton Center and begin working on the east side of the road, he said.

Traffic in both directions along the north-south road has been maintained.

The \$4.3 million project this summer became Canton's first road project paid with federal stimulus dollars, township engineer Tom Casari said.

Wayne County is overseeing the long-awaited project, which is being completed by Madison Heights-based Site Development, Inc.

"Things have been moving along pretty well," Serchak said.

Officials hope the project will be complete by year's end.

The project will mean much better traffic flow along a heavily traveled section of Canton Center used by motorists to get to Canton's municipal complex and library.

Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said the road project has caused some confusion for patrons trying to get to the library, due to sporadic rerouting of traffic as the project moves along.

"There's definitely been some confusion on how to get in and out," she said.

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'In an instant, everything changed'

Family unforgiving as doctor gets prison sentence

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The man who caused a January crash that left a Canton Township woman partially paralyzed and in need of long-term care will spend the next 31 months behind bars.

Jason Choos, 46, was sentenced Monday to two years in prison and seven months in jail, plus five years on tightly supervised probation, by Judge Daniel P. Ryan in Wayne County Circuit Court. The sentence had been called for in a plea agreement.

A podiatrist who practiced in Westland, Choos last month pleaded no contest to four felony and two misdemeanor charges in the Jan. 29 crash in Plymouth Township that severely injured Dawn Hengesbaugh, 41. Police and prosecutors said Choos was drunk and had marijuana in his system when he crashed his Lincoln MKX, a sport-utility vehicle, into a Chevrolet Trailblazer carrying Hengesbaugh and her family. The crash occurred at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

Hengesbaugh spent several weeks in a coma and, paralyzed below the waist and unable to remember the crash or anything before it, remains at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Family members, including her husband, Larry, their 12-year-old son, Zachary, and her mother, Claudette Hays, attended the sentencing.

Choos, also of Canton, was remorseful in a statement he read before being



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At right, Larry Hengesbaugh, husband of Dawn Hengesbaugh, reads a statement about the impact the crash had upon the family. Defendant Jason Choos, Wayne County Sheriff Deputy Shelly Milton and prosecuting attorney Robert Moran listen.

sentenced. He said he had made a "terrible mistake" and acted with "complete recklessness" and that he would do whatever he had to do to remain sober.

"I cannot conceive of any time in the future that my thoughts will not be consumed with what I have done and how it could have been prevented," Choos said. "However inadequate it may be, I am truly sorry for what I have done."

Larry Hengesbaugh also read a statement, expressing anguish at his wife's condition and the hardships the crash caused his family.

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Tara Hays is the sister of victim Dawn Hengesbaugh. Robert and Christine Sands are the victim's brother and sister-in-law and Zachary Hengesbaugh is her son.

Hopefuls say bringing in business key to recovery

Whyman: Last 8 years 'intolerable'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first time she served in the state Legislature, Deborah Whyman spent time with her party in the minority, and the time with her party in the majority.

As such, she said, she learned to work on both sides of the aisle to try and get things done. It's a talent, said

Whyman, who served in the state House from 1993-1998, that would work well for her if she's sent back to Lansing.

Whyman, 52, of Canton, is one of four Republicans — along with Patrick Colbeck, Dan Osterman and Abe Munfakh — seeking

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Osterman: 'Unpopular' solutions needed

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Osterman thinks state government is broken, an administration that has become dependent on Washington to solve its problems.

And he thinks he's the right candidate to help fix the problem.

Osterman, 55, of Van

Buren Township, is one of four Republican candidates — along with Deborah Whyman, Patrick Colbeck and Abe Munfakh — seeking the Republican nomination in the Aug. 3 primary for the state Senate seat in the 7th District, a seat being vacated by term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson. The

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Adopt a road

The River Meadow Community and AAA volunteer groups are doing an adopt-a-road clean-up 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, on Geddes, between Beck and Sheldon, and on Beck, between Geddes and Michigan Avenue.

Volunteers are needed to pick up litter along both routes. Just show up in comfortable clothes and with work gloves. Trash bags and reflective vests are provided.

For more information contact Greg Greene at (734) 855-6192, log on to www.gcgreen.biz or send an e-mail to gcgreenedotbiz@aol.com.

Class reunion

The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@

comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

Usher training

Canton Leisure Services will be holding mandatory usher training for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Training sessions are set for Monday, Aug. 16, from 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. All training sessions will be held at Canton's The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. All volunteers interested in ushering at this popular performing arts center are required to attend one training session.

Volunteer support is crucial to The Village Theater's operations and is a great way to meet new people and have support for the arts by greeting patrons, taking tickets, handing out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/concessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age with the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner and must also be able to stand for extended periods of time.

To register for the training session or for more information on volunteering, call (734) 394-5191.

Homebuyers program

Would-be homeowners are invited to a Habitat for Humanity Homeowners Orientation 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The session will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours



Scholarship winner

Bill and Amy Piepsney, with scholarship recipient James Middleditch (center), endowed a Canton Community Foundation scholarship in honor of their son, Dustin, who passed away in December 2008. The \$650 scholarship was designed this year to go to a wrestler, and the Piepsneys say eligibility criteria may be expanded for future scholarships to include student athletes in other sports. Dustin played football and wrestled in school.

and include a video presentation, criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications. Current Habitat homeowners will be present to talk about their experience.

Applicants must reside in the western Wayne County geographical service area. Criteria for the program includes ability to pay, need and willingness to partner with Habitat. Participants also must provide sweat equity as part of their home purchase.

Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County was formed in 1995, and by the end of the year, it will have built or rehabbed 50 houses in Canton Township, Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Redford, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne, Westland and Van Buren Township.

For more information, call (734) 459-7744.

Church picnics

Living Peace Church is inviting all Canton area residents to join them at four picnics this summer.

Picnics will be held July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5 at Freedom Park. The members of Living Peace Church want to meet Canton Area residents and hear about their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food will be provided free of charge from noon to 2 p.m. on all four dates and children's activities will be provided.

Living Peace Church is coming to Canton this fall and will begin meeting for worship in Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton on Sunday, Sept. 12.

For more information call

or text us at (734) 233-1466 or e-mail us at livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com.

Cancer concert

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the site for a benefit concert by Michael McDermott 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

McDermott will be performing an acoustic set of his music.

Tickets are \$22 each. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.cantonvillage-theater.org or at (734) 394-5300. Find out more about McDermott at www.michael-mcdermott.com

Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. It offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

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

Scottish fun

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun summer Celidh (pronounced kay-lee) 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. Partial proceeds from the second annual fund-raising event by the group will go to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Post 154 in Roseville.

The Celidh will feature a Scottish meal of steak pie, mushy peas, chips (fries) and cold slaw, plus great entertainment including Detroit Caedonian Pipe Band, solo piping competition, Highland dancers, Celtic fiddler, Raggle

Taggle Band, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids 4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 150 and the cut off for tickets is Monday, July 21. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please visit www.scotsofmichigan.com or send e-mail to scotsofmi@yahoo.com.

Spanish camp

Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities, music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, outdoor play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at info@bilingualfun.com or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

Adventure camp

Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center, 951 N. Canton Center, announced enrollment for its summer Adventure Camp program, designed for school age children ages 5-12 years old. (Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate).

Summer camp children go off-site four days a week on field trips. They go all over and do a variety of activities related to each of the week's themes. Examples of the themes are Operation Rising Dough (cooking week) and Creature Feature (animal week).

Tutor Time offers fulltime or flexible schedules which allows families the option for children to attend the entire summer or just a few weeks. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure availability.

For additional information about Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center and the summer camp program, call (734) 981-8463 or visit www.tutortime.com.

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The past ten years has allowed her the opportunity to sing for crowds of thousands of children under the age of 8. Six CD recordings, concert dates at libraries, music in the park and at preschool events keep her performing up to four times a day. That combined with The Music Lady Program keeps this gal with a guitar and a smile a very busy lady.

Meyer uses her boundless energy and beautiful voice to entertain all who encounter her. With an arsenal of childhood classics and mind-sticking originals, songs seem to flow from her effortlessly. Beverly's vast experience aids to seamlessly bring everyone to a dancing frenzy and calm them back down to join in a rousing sing-along sitting right next to her. Music and childhood laughter will fill every inch of your venue. Audiences will leave your event smiling and humming and ready to return again. Not bound by category, this singer/songwriter, educator and modern day piper is the perfect fit for true family entertainment.

Find more about her on her website at www.themusiclady.net

Be sure to look for this article in the Observer every Thursday to find more information about each week's "Plymouth Music in the Air" performance.

Friday, July 16 in Kellogg Park... The Crutches (pop/rock/funk)

THE CRUTCHES...Friday, July 16, 7 p.m., Kellogg Park.

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Save the Date For These Future Friday Performances of Plymouth Music in the Air:

- July 23 Gia Warner (pop/rock/R&B)
- July 30 Trilogy (variety)
- Aug. 6 Shawn Riley Band (Irish/Celtic)
- Aug. 13 Randy Brock (Classic Rock/R&B)
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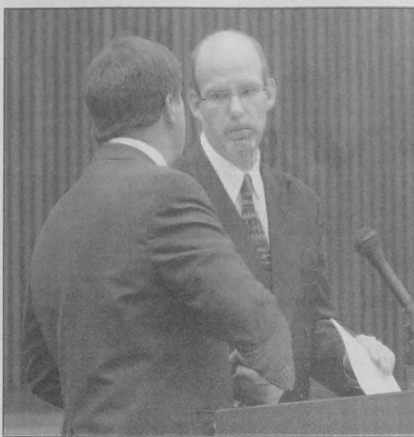
"I wish I could truly put into words what Dawn has meant to all of us," he said. "She was the center of the family and has always been the one to hold us together."

He added later: "In an instant, everything has changed."



Larry Hengesbaugh also expressed anger at a legal system that allowed Choos to be free on bond while awaiting resolution of the case, and urged Ryan to reject the plea agreement and impose more prison time. He said he was not able to forgive Choos. "There is no need for him to apologize unless he can undo what he has done," he said. "There is nothing that he can say or do that will ever allow us to forgive him for this tragedy."

Choos, who had no supporters in the courtroom, signed court papers and left with



Defendant Jason Choos shakes hands with defense attorney Paul Bernier before being taken to begin serving his 31-month prison sentence.

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Sheriff's Department deputies.

He had pleaded no contest last month to two counts of causing an injury while driving drunk, one count for injuries suffered by Dawn Hengesbaugh and the second for injuries suffered by Zachary Hengesbaugh. He had also pleaded no contest to one charge each of using a gun during a felony, drunken driving, carrying a concealed

weapon and marijuana possession. Police found both a pistol and marijuana in Choos' Lincoln.

Choos was actually sentenced to more time, but the additional sentences run concurrently with the 31 months, meaning his actual incarceration time was not increased. His medical license

could be suspended, Michigan Department of Community Health spokesman James McCurtis Jr. said, but no complaints had been received as of Tuesday.

Outside the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, Larry Hengesbaugh called on state lawmakers to increase the punishments for drunken drivers who cause serious injuries. Current guidelines call for between seven and 23 months' imprisonment for causing an injury while driving drunk, he said, no matter how serious the injury.

"It's a legislative issue and it has to be addressed," he said.

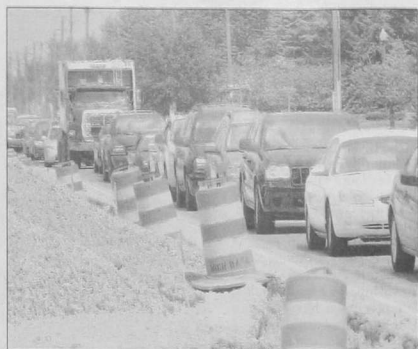
Claudette Hays said that although her daughter's condition has improved, she needs around-the-clock care, has memory problems and often has trouble making sense when speaking. Sometimes, she said, she cries out in frustration.

But Dawn Hengesbaugh's gradual improvement since the crash offers hope for further improvement, Hays said.

Like her son-in-law, Hays sees Choos' sentence as inadequate.

"He should suffer what my daughter suffered — the loss of everything," Hays said.

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Southbound traffic backs up on Canton Center Road for the light at Summit Parkway.

PROJECT

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Even so, Golden said "our circulation has been pretty high" at the Canton library — the state's busiest single-branch library.

Motorists also have had to use patience as they try to get to places such as Heritage Park and the township's recreational Summit on the Park — though the construction

project hasn't cut off access to the park or any facilities.

Meanwhile, work crews in June faced heavy rains that in July gave way to a heat wave — yet the work has continued.

Serchak described himself as "pleased" that the project is progressing.

Several other projects also are under way, including intersection improvements at Lilley and Cherry Hill, Haggerty and Cherry Hill, and Warren and Lilley.

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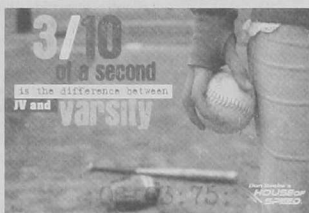
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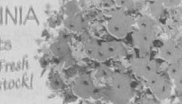


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WHYMAN

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the Republican nomination for the state Senate's 7th District seat being vacated by the term-limited Bruce Patterson. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

"Part of the problem (now) is a lack of willingness to do what's necessary," said Whyman, now an attorney in Canton. "We had to learn to work together."

Whyman said she got into the race because "the last eight years with (Gov.) Jennifer Granholm have been intolerable." She said some 400,000

THE WHYMAN FILE

Who: Deborah Whyman, 52

What: Republican candidate, 7th State Senate District

Residence: Lived in Canton since 1983

Related experience: House of Representatives (1993-1998)

Profession: Attorney

Education: Bachelor's degree in information systems (1980), Central Michigan University; master's degree in administration (1987), Central Michigan; Juris Doctorate (2002), University of Detroit

Hobbies: Active "behind the scenes" in community theatre. Assisted in costume room with many shows. Costume chair for "Dial M For Murder" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Tutor for adult literacy; photography; sailing

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jobs have left the state and, while acknowledging the sagging national economy "is partially responsible," Whyman believes the current administration bears the bulk of the blame.

"The 'solution' was a major income tax increase for

those who remained in the state," Whyman said. "Other industrial states have not suffered as deeply as Michigan. The poor leadership of both Governor Granholm and the legislature are primarily responsible."

Whyman, who has bach-

elor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, said the state has to start attracting diverse businesses using a "combination of tax cuts and eliminating burdensome regulations." She'd start, she said, by eliminating the Michigan Business Tax.

"It was hard to imagine there would be a more onerous tax than the Single Business Tax," Whyman said. "Lo and behold, we found one."

Whyman believes that, rather than hike taxes, the state should cut the fat she said is in the government. She would press for a reduction in both the number of state employees and in employees' level of compensation. While she wants to protect funding for K-12 education, Whyman believes the Department of Education bureaucracy could be trimmed. She also believes there is a lot of fat in the state's social service budget.

"We can't continue to social engineer on the backs of the taxpayers," Whyman said.

Whyman also would:

- Improve education by "consolidating school services, holding teachers and administrators accountable for poor performance."

- Privatize most state services. "I support health care savings by pooling all government employees into one system," she said. "I also want to re-evaluate what is considered to be a 'key' service, cutting many unneeded services and reducing the need to fund them in the first place."

- Look at the possibility of lowering the state sales tax, though she would not spread it to services. "Sales tax is one of the big three stable sources of revenue," Whyman said. "Any change would have to grant the same stability."

Whyman doesn't favor offering tax incentives to attract various businesses to

Michigan, preferring instead to make sure Michigan is an attractive place to stay for current businesses.

"The best incentives are across-the-board tax cuts," she said. "The history of tax incentives in Michigan has been mixed. I'm not willing to pick winners and losers with targeted tax incentives. We need to raise all boats. Lower taxes are just one important piece to improving the business climate in Michigan."

Whyman said her experience makes her the best candidate for the job.

"I learned to work in a bipartisan fashion," she said. "Serving in different capacities taught me several lessons. Among them, I developed an understanding of how to translate public policy ideas into legislation, and how to work to get a bill passed."

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OSTERMAN

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district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

Osterman said he belongs to a grass-roots organization, Campaign for Liberty, members of which approached him about running.

"Lansing is broken," said Osterman, an engineer by trade. "Lansing is looking to Washington for a solution. We're not going to get a solution out of Washington. We've got to look to ourselves."

He said he has a three-point plan to fix the state's

THE OSTERMAN FILE

Who: Dan Osterman, 55

What: Republican candidate, 7th state Senate District

Family: Wife of 12 years, Marguerite; children Brandon, Adam, Amy, Renee

Residence: Lived in Van Buren Township for 12 years

Community involvement: County coordinator, Grassroots activist organization.

Hobbies: Golf, fishing, hunting

Profession: Engineer

Education: Bachelor's degree in engineering

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problems: Fix the tax system, fix education and reform labor law. "(The state) has to be fixed by doing unpopular things," he said.

To fix the tax system, Osterman proposes doing away with both income and property taxes and replacing them with a broad-based consumption tax on sales and some services. Tax incentives, he said, are "arbitrary and

favor particular segments of the economy. Tax incentives should be across the board for all businesses."

"Government shouldn't be picking winners and losers, and they certainly shouldn't be doing it with taxpayer money," Osterman said. "If you went to a broad-based consumption tax, you wouldn't need incentives. What attracts business is predictability. When the line

keeps moving, that's what discourages business."

Osterman, who owns a bachelor's degree in engineering, advocates the use of a K-12 voucher system for education in Michigan. On his website, Osterman said the state "must undertake the legislative development of a K-12 voucher program which allocates statewide education tax dollars equitably among all students, regardless of which educational institution they attend."

Osterman said such a system — which he said has been done in places like Cleveland and Milwaukee — could rescue students in districts like Detroit Public Schools.

"What's going on in Detroit is tragic, and the only way to fix it is to give parents a choice," Osterman said. "I believe it will work. It gives parents the choice."

On other issues, Osterman would:

- Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, which he said is "strangling" businesses.

- "They're struggling to survive," he said. "Why are we smothering them? We could fold that into the consumption-based tax system."

- Privatize services such as inspection services and regulatory agencies.

- Eliminate the Michigan State Police. "You could put their responsibilities under the county sheriffs," Osterman said.

- Leave term limits the way they are. "I'm OK with term limits. ... We need citizen legislators who do the job and go home," he said. "I don't see any evidence a part-time Legislature is any better than a full-time Legislature. There's so much work that needs to be done."

- Stand up to the federal government, which he believes is whittling away citizens' rights by requiring conces-

sions (such as the helmet law for motorcycle riders and the seat belt law for drivers) in order to qualify for federal programs.

"I'm frustrated we don't have legislators who stand up against the federal government," he said. "They're bargaining away our civil rights to get federal funding."

Osterman said he's been getting to know the large 7th District by speaking to community groups, taking part in local parades and festivals and going door-to-door. He said the people supporting his campaign are all "grass-roots" supporters who believe he can do the job.

"We're in a crisis," he said. "Lansing is completely dysfunctional and they're even admitting it. I understand how the system works. If we don't get people in office with some common sense, we're in trouble."

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Perfect time for mid-year financial housekeeping

It's that time of year — to do some housekeeping when it comes to personal finances. At the midway point of 2010, it is important to take a step back and examine the year to date.

I recommend consumers do a little financial housekeeping at least once every six months. Two things everyone should do this time of year include a cash flow statement and a personal family balance sheet.

In the new economic realm, it is more important than ever for everyone to have a handle on where their money is going. After all, everyone needs to monitor expenses and look for ways to control them.

It is sometimes very difficult to increase revenue, but it's much easier to control expenses. The key is to know your expenses. This is one of the reasons to do a cash flow statement — so you can be more efficient when it comes to expenses.

A cash flow statement is nothing more than a list of revenues and expenses. The first step in the process is to list what revenues came in over the last six months.

Whether it is wages, dividends or interest, whatever money comes in should show up on your cash flow statement. One of the reasons you do a cash flow statement at this point in time is that it is easier because you are receiving a variety of financial statements over the next week or so.

The other end of the cash flow statement, which is much more difficult to complete, is the expense side. You should know where all the money



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

coming in is going, whether you need to look at your credit card statements, your bills or whatever else, you should be able to account for where your money is going. If you can't,

you know you have a problem. In addition, regularly doing a cash flow statement allows you to monitor what is happening with your expenses. What people find incredibly frustrating is that when they first start doing a cash flow statement, there are sometimes large sums of money they can't account for. As time goes on, doing a cash flow statement will help you be able to account for more and more of your expenses.

The other important document to do this time of year is a balance sheet, which is nothing more than a listing of all your assets, less your liabilities. Because you will be receiving statements from your mutual funds and other financial institutions, those assets are relatively easy to account for. The difficult tasks are the ones that are not valued on a regular basis, such as your home and collectible-type items.

I tell the great majority of people to forget about accounting for the collectibles. Most people overvalue their collectibles, making the assumption that just because you like it someone else will. Therefore, if you're going to include collectibles in your

balance sheet, don't use the value that you think something is worth; rather, use the value that it's worth if you sold it.

Obviously in today's world, homes are difficult to value. If you are going to include your home on your balance sheet, the valuation is what the home is worth on the open market. What you paid for the home or what your next-door neighbor says your home is worth is immaterial. Your home is worth what it would sell for and if you want a true and accurate representation of your home value, you need to look at what similar homes in your area have sold for.

The other element of a balance sheet that is essential is debt. For balance sheet purposes, you do need to list all your outstanding debt. However, you should take it one step further and look at what interest rate you are paying and what interest is tax-deductible or not.

Cash flow statements and balance sheets can be a pain; however, they are important. In today's difficult economic environment, we never know what the future is going to bring. However, one thing I can assure you is the fact that people who have a hold on their personal financial affairs would be in better shape than those who put their head in the sand and hope that things turn out OK.

Good luck!

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Patty and Eric Uram needed projects for their master's degrees, and so was born the business plan for Plymouth Popcorn Co., which started in April and has been largely focused on the farmers markets in Plymouth and Canton.

New business 'pops' out of college class

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Patty and Eric Uram needed projects for their master's degrees, an idea just popped into their heads.

"We just graduated with our dual master's from Kettering University in Flint," she said, standing at the Plymouth Popcorn Co. booth at a recent Plymouth farmer's market Saturday morning. The Plymouth husband and wife are engineers who earned M.B.A. degrees both in business administration and engineering management.

The capstone class they took required development of a business plan. "Mine was Plymouth Popcorn Co.," she said, noting Eric did another project and joined her later in the real business venture.

"We said, 'Hey, Plymouth does not have this,'" she said. They started the business in April and concentrate now on the local farmer's markets Saturdays in Plymouth and Sundays in Canton.

"We manufacture in Old Village" in Plymouth, she said.

Their flavorful popcorns are sold at the Candy Trail on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and at Mill Street Gourmet Pastries on Mill in Old Village. They're also sold at a new business, Meat Local Grown Sustainably, on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth by the "muscleman" sign. That business is open now, with a full-scale opening set for fall.

Plymouth Popcorn Co. has over 40 handcrafted selections, many of them caramels such as Plymouth Popfetti and Banana Bread. Savory selections range from Chicago Style to Smoky BBQ to Honey, Pass the Mustard! There are also many chocolate/specialty selections, including Plymouth Party Mix (a twist on Chex Mix), White Chocolate Trail Mix and Strawberries 'N' Cream.

"We do the Music in the Air" Friday nights in Plymouth. "The Civilians carry our products" there at the concerts, she said.

They were married in September 2008 and laid off from engineering jobs in January 2009. They wanted to stay in Plymouth.

"I worked at Big Boy, he

worked at Kroger," she said. They found full-time work in their field which continues, with Plymouth Popcorn Co. on the side with its over 40 varieties "from the mild to the wild."

They have a popcorn stand for weddings and parties, as well as doing favors and baskets. They'll ship, and can be found online at www.plymouthpopcorncompany.com, by e-mail at info@plymouthpopcorncompany.com, or by phone at (734) 904-8829.

"Business is going well," Patty Uram said. "This is our first season at the markets. We really didn't know what to expect."

They'd like a storefront business but it's too early to take that leap. It was June of last year they were hired back into industry.

Eric had to do his own Kettering class project, and they joined forces for the second half. "This is really our trial summer to see how it goes," he said, noting they have a strong following on Facebook.

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Plymouth relocation

Diamond Home Health Care, a Medicare certified home care company providing skilled nursing, therapy and private duty services to patients in their homes, recently moved their offices to Plymouth.

Diamond Home Health care is now located at 851 Penniman in Plymouth. For more information, call (248) 349-9595.

Grub crawl

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

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

The Grub Crawl is an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that



Dance craze

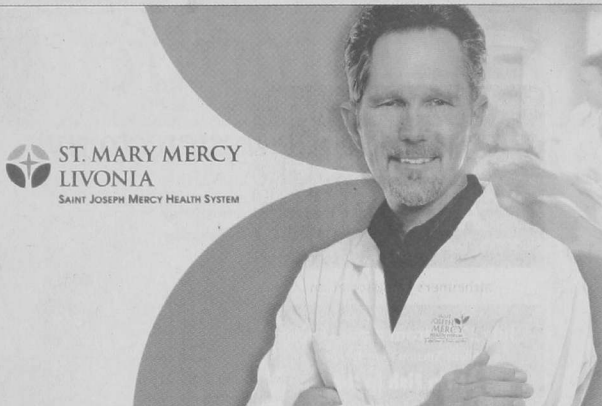
The Dance Connection's Competition Dance Team recently traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to take part in the Kids Artistic Review National Dance Competition. The team had several solo, duet/trio, small group and large group numbers placing in the top five of their category among their peers. More than 20 studios participated in the week-long competition, where TDC disco divas won top super line award, and were invited back to perform as the closing number in the Star Showcase on the final day of competition. The Dance Connection also had one group from each category including primary, secondary, intermediate and elite place in the top five scores and compete for National Grand Champion of their category at the Star Showcase. TDC's secondary group 'Dock of the Bay' was adjudicated as the National Grand Champions. For further information on taking classes at the studio contact (734) 397-9755 or go to www.the-dance-connection.com to review the 2010-2011 summer and fall schedule.

we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets (t-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes

are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early. If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, go to the chamber's website at www.cantonchamber.com and click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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Old Village hosts annual Bumpers, Bikes & Bands

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's largest annual festival — Art in the Park — has come and gone, but the season is still revving up.

Next up is Bumpers, Bikes & Bands, a free one-day fair in Old Village that showcases classic cars and motorcycles, muscle cars, local bands and a variety of vendors. The festival is noon to 5 p.m. Sunday on Starkweather between Division and Farmer streets.

The event attracted thousands of visitors and more than 100 show cars last year, and organizer Scott Farmer, chairman of the Old Village Association, expects up to 150 cars this year, nearly as many motorcycles, and more visitors.

Bumpers, Bikes & Bands, in its fourth year, was formerly called Bumpers, Bikes & Blues, but the name was changed to get away from pigeonholing the types of bands that perform, Farmer said.

This year, Baked Potato will open for the Twistin' Tarantulas on the Liberty Street stage. Tentative show times are noon for Baked Potato and 3 p.m. for the Twistin' Tarantulas. A bit further south, in front of Old Village Market, The 11th Hour will be performing throughout the afternoon.

In a separate but related event, Station 885 will host two acts, The Wiley Coyote Band and Danny Cash, at a beer tent in its parking lot.



Baked Potato returns to the Old Village Bumpers, Bikes & Bands, a free one-day fair in Old Village that showcases classic cars and motorcycles, muscle cars, local bands and a variety of vendors.

The restaurant lot will also play host to show cars from local Camaro, Mustang and Corvette clubs.

Bumpers Bikes & Bands will also feature some 20 vendors and a silent auction that will offer everything from light-up beer signs to salon visits.

The event is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association, which puts the money toward projects such as neighborhood beautification. Farmer said the goal this year is to raise enough money to buy streetlight banners that can promote the neighborhood.

For more information, including information on registering a car or motorcycle for the show, visit the Website www.oldvillage-plymouth.com.

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Friends: Angelo Plakas was giving of time, self

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Long-time Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas is being remembered as an ethical, skilled attorney and someone who was giving of his time and himself.

A Livonia resident, Mr. Plakas, 70, died Tuesday morning following a nearly year long battle with cancer.

"Angelo lived in the city of Livonia but you'd think that he was from Westland. He just adopted the city," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "He had just such a positive influence on the city for over 20 years. He fought tirelessly for the city and helped many of us. He helped me personally."

A 1960 University of Detroit graduate, Mr. Plakas was a high school teacher in Plymouth before studying law. He graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1967. In addition to more than 30 years representing Westland, Mr. Plakas had also served as attorney for Southgate and Plymouth Township as well as providing legal services to other communities, including River Rouge, Riverview and Lincoln Park.

When first elected to the Westland council, Wild recalled that he asked to be seated next to Mr. Plakas when then-Council President



One of Angelo Plakas's favorite photos was taken when he was honored as Westland's Business Person of the Year for 2008.

Charles Pickering was assigning seats at the council table.

"(Fellow new Councilman) Bob Stottlemeyer wanted the same seat, he's still mad that Chuck gave me the seat," said Wild.

Wild's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team walked laps in honor of Mr. Plakas - Paces for Plakas - during the annual event, held

in May.

Mr. Plakas's law firm has been a kind of university for judges, Wild said. Former 18th District Court judge C. Charles Bokus and current Judge Mark McConnell both practiced with Mr. Plakas, whose son, James Plakas, left the firm to become judge in Plymouth's 35th District Court. Wayne County Executive Robert

Ficano also was a former member of the firm.

"We did everything we could do as brothers. If I was off course, he'd straighten me out and I would do the same, if he was off course," said Mr. Plakas' brother Jim, a former state representative and Garden City mayor and council member. "If he asked me why I was doing something, I'd say I was older. I didn't say I was wiser. He would do anything for me."

Like others, Jim Plakas said he couldn't ever recall hearing his brother speak ill of anyone.

Beyond his work as an attorney, Mr. Plakas was also involved in community service working with the Westland Community Foundation. An alumni of Detroit McKenzie High School, Mr. Plakas gathered friends to form the Friends of McKenzie to help raise money need to continue athletic programs. Mr. Plakas also was honored in 2008 as Westland Business Person of the Year.

"Some people may give you the shirt off their back, but my dad's generosity went way beyond that," said his daughter, Elaine Kielbaso. "He would give to anyone in need and never ask for a thing in return. He was an extraordinary man."

Mr. Plakas was best known for his detailed storytelling, Kielbaso said, adding that her father was extremely proud of his Greek heritage and the traditions of his culture. He adored his grandchildren and loved teaching them new things through fun adventures, she said.

Mr. Plakas is survived by Sandra, his wife of 47 years; children Jim (Pam) Plakas and Elaine (Jim) Kielbaso; grandchildren Cameron, Braden, Drew, Emma and Jack; and brother Jim (Dorothy).

Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. today (Thursday) and 1-9 p.m. Friday with a Trisagion at 7 p.m. at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile, Livonia between Merriman and Middlebelt.

Mr. Plakas will be in state 9:30 a.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. service at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy, Westland.

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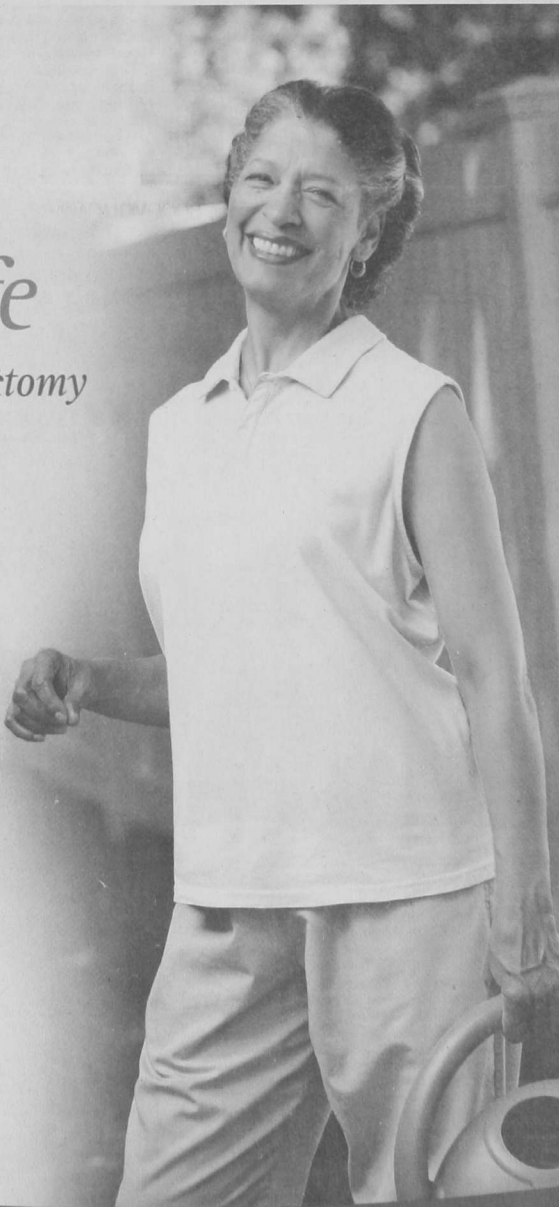
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Art in the Park marks its best attendance ever

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brief rain showers bookended what organizers are calling the best-attended Art in the Park in the event's 31-year history in Plymouth.

Thousands of people streamed downtown Friday, Saturday and Sunday to browse some 400 exhibitors, nosh on food from street vendors and view art in the making — live music, sidewalk chalk drawings, a mime performance and the painting of a "living art" mural that incorporated a human model.

"The crowds were great," said organizer Dianne Quinn. "The crowds were just thick."

City Manager Paul Sincok said he had no official crowd estimates, but that he was certain attendance was the most ever.

"We had, definitely, the largest crowd we've ever had," he said.

Quinn, to illustrate the point, said having three tour buses providing shuttle service between downtown and a parking lot on Sheldon Road proved inadequate, and that she had to call up a fourth full-sized bus, on Sunday, for the first time ever. In part, that was also due to not wanting to have people waiting for a bus in hot weather for an extended time.

"We don't want the people to stand out there too long, and you don't know when the line's going to get long," she said.

Area hotels she works with, said Quinn, reported being packed during the event, which drew artists and crafters from around the country.

"For me, it's the best show I do all year, and I do shows pretty much every weekend," said jewelry-maker Karin Ware of Williamston, Mich.



The 2010 Art In The Park once again drew thousands of people to downtown Plymouth.

Ware said her Art in the Park sales were up from last year — and up last year from 2008 — despite the poor economy. "The attendance is always fantastic. ... It just can't get any better than it was."

Larisa Zimin, also a jewelry-maker, agreed the crowds were large, but said her sales were down. She blamed the economy. "Not like we used to," said Zimin, exhibiting for the fifth time at Art in the Park.

In another attendance gauge, Quinn said, Kraft Foods Inc., handed out 37,000 single servings of a macaroni and cheese dish, plus 12,500 family-sized macaroni and cheese mixes.

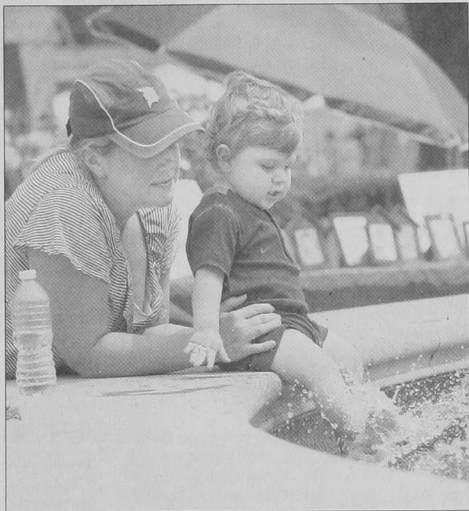
Several people were treated by Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics for heat-related conditions, Sincok said, and some were taken to a hospital. HVA had crews stationed downtown during the event.

Rains came shortly after Art in the Park opened Friday and shortly before closing Sunday, Quinn said, but overall were not that disruptive.

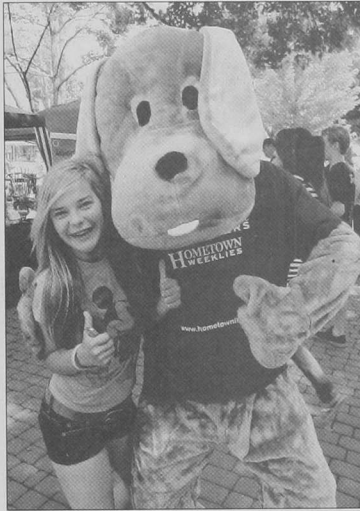


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Friday's crowds are good for Art In The Park.



Katie Bahu of Canton and her 1-year-old son Johnny splash in the Kellogg Park fountain during Art In The Park.



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All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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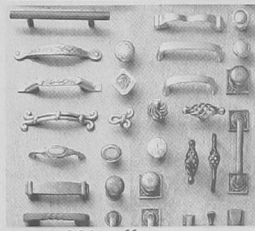
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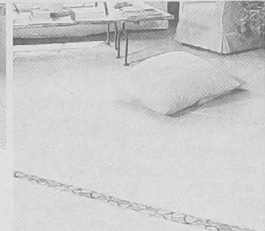


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OUR VIEWS

Our pick in the 7th

Munfakh gets nod in GOP primary

When Republican voters go to the polls for the Aug. 3 primary in the state Senate 7th District, they'll have a variety from which to choose.

The ballot will include two candidates (Patrick Colbeck and Dan Osterman) connected with the Tea Party movement, one former state representative (Deborah Whyman) who is the only candidate with legislative experience, and a local businessman (Abe Munfakh) who has managed a local business and grown his own.

In this primary race we recommend **Abe Munfakh** of Plymouth Township. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

Munfakh has political experience, though he's painting himself as an "outsider." He's served three terms on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and he's active in the Wayne 11th Republican Committee.

He advocates lower taxes, spending cuts and job creation. He believes the state should be run like a business, and that his experience will help that happen. He has the business credentials. He managed Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May and is CEO of his own engineering consulting firm, Munfakh & Associates, which he grew to more than 150 employees.

He was elected to three terms on the Plymouth Township board and has served on the Plymouth Township planning commission and on the executive committee for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Munfakh believes the Legislature should be budgeting with a two- or three-year plan rather than the year-to-year haggling it does now, and he thinks each budget year should start at "zero," and build from there, rather than simply starting at whatever number the previous year ended.

He'd eliminate the surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax and change the formula to lower the tax. He does not support expanding the state sales tax to include services and he thinks the state shouldn't necessarily focus on particular industries — such as the film industry — but should be advocating for all business to come to the state.

Among the four candidates in this primary, Abe Munfakh has the best chance to go to Lansing and be an effective lawmaker for the 7th District.

Someone needs you to donate blood this summer

It's the middle of summer, and vacation time is in full swing. But while we're off enjoying fun in the sun, someone somewhere may be in need of something you have — your blood.

According to the American Red Cross, some 32,000 pints of blood are used every day in the United States. It could be a child battling cancer, a person having emergency surgery, a mother giving birth or a young man injured in a car accident who needs that blood, but unfortunately only 5 percent of the 60 percent of adults eligible to give do so.

You can donate at a Red Cross Blood Donation Center or stop by a mobile blood drive. Need a few locations? Here's a sampling of blood drives taking place over the next few weeks. Call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

- American Red Cross Donor Center, Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Open most days.

- July 18 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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- July 19, from 1-7 p.m., at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia.

- July 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., American Concrete Institute, 38800 Country Club Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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- July 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Merrill Lynch Tri-Acetra Building, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

- July 30 from 2-8 p.m., Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

We urge readers to make for a blood donation. It only takes about an hour, not much time when you think about three people you'll be helping. Call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Who do you like at this point in Michigan's gubernatorial race?"

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service substation in downtown Plymouth.



"Gosh, I'm kind of waiting to see — waiting to see what pans out. I typically vote Democratic but, who knows, I might change affiliation this time around."

Tom Frey
Plymouth



"Any Republican. ... I've been a staunch Republican all my life."

Ken Zylch
Plymouth Township



"I have no idea. I haven't done the research to make the decision."

Dan Allen
Ypsilanti



"I have absolutely no input. ... Not so far."

Brynn Good
Plymouth

LETTERS

No ghost trains?

I have found it amazing that in the year since the five teenagers were killed at the railroad crossing in Canton that the gates have not once signaled a ghost train. That is when the crossing gates come down and there is no train in sight.

This was a common occurrence at this intersection prior to the incident, yet the train company did not find a malfunction. Very interesting. Did unbiased inspectors research the switches or did we rely on the train company to give an honest assessment?

Also, why is the entire intersection of every train crossing in Michigan not protected? Why are the train companies getting away with this?

Tom Leib
Canton

Check the record

If I received a 29 percent when, had I simply attended regularly, I would have earned a 100 percent. I'd be embarrassed. I'd be even more embarrassed to then ask my neighbors to place me in a position of leadership which calls on me to perform on their behalf this very action I avoided doing 71 percent of the time. Nevertheless, Patrick Colbeck is asking us to do this very thing.

Mr. Colbeck is asking us to vote for him Aug. 3 for the 7th state Senate seat when he couldn't even show up in 12 of the past 21 elections. Now, think about that for a minute. 71 percent of the time he could not be bothered, had more important things to do, and/or merely did not take the time to drive up to the corner and exercise the most fundamental freedom and, in my view, duty we have as Americans. Stunningly,

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Colbeck now wants us to do for him (vote) what he was not willing to do (vote) for us, as his neighbors and fellow citizens, to whom a duty is owed.

Fortunately for us, Mr. Colbeck has a challenger. His name is Mr. Abe Munfakh. Unlike Colbeck, Abe Munfakh actually shows up and exercises his right to vote, and does so consistently. Abe Munfakh does so not only because it is his duty, but also because he actually understands that our republic is one where power is derived from the consent of the governed.

Abe Munfakh, like the patriots of our past, understands that liberty, while both precious and rare, is not self-maintaining. Mr. Colbeck does not seem to

understand this ideal. If Patrick Colbeck can act so cavalier with his own vote, how do you think he'll act with your vote? For me, the answer is pretty clear. Times are far too serious and I have neither the time, nor interest, to vote for someone like Mr. Colbeck.

For the above reasons, and many more, I will be voting for Abe Munfakh for senator from our 7th District, and I hope you will do the same.

Lastly, even though Mr. Colbeck's website is already overflowing with quotes from past patriots, I would add one more, "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men" — Abraham Lincoln.

Jeff Thomas
Canton

Price and Cox

Shannon Price is tied too closely to Mike Cox to benefit Wayne County.

Mike Cox has proven over and over again that he does not support Wayne County in his speech and tirades against us. Shannon Price fully supports Mike Cox despite Cox's bullying Wayne County leaders. Wayne County residents need wise leaders to bring Wayne County prosperity and stability. We need federal, state and local leaders who will work together in reasonable and clever ways.

I doubt that any hard-core supporter of Michael Cox is willing to work with the city of Detroit and its neighbors. Remember that Canton Township is in Wayne County and Detroit is our neighbor. We need leaders who will be good neighbors, not bullies.

Clare Barwick
Canton Township

We all scream for ice cream at community picnic

Sometimes, ice cream isn't everything, it's the only thing.

With apologies to Vince Lombardi, who was talking about winning, that's what I learned on the Fourth of July after spending part of the afternoon doling out Dibs, Edy's Fruit Bars, Nestlé Crunch ice cream bars and other frozen confections during Plymouth Township's annual community picnic.



Matt Jachman

The venue — Plymouth Township Park — was crowded, the weather was hot and the ice cream — at a suggested donation of 25 cents — was nearly free. Those facts made for long lines at the two freezers set up in a shelter at the park.

I had been convinced to join the picnic by Ron Edwards, the township treasurer. Having nothing better to do this Independence Day — and, truthfully, what could be better? — I ventured out.

Surprised at the size of the crowd (officials say, however, that attendance was down), I parked on the grass near a distant ballfield. Hundreds — thousands — of people were out with Frisbees, volleyballs, coolers and footballs, eating hot dogs, slamming pop

and listening to live music. I tracked down Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who was overseeing picnic operations in his inaugural year as chairman, and he shipped me, via golf cart, to the ice-cream station, where I spent the next two hours-plus.

From the moment I snapped on the plastic food-service gloves and got a quick lesson from the volunteer I was spotting (grab requested treat, tear wrapper at seams, hold by wrapper, hand over, toss wrapper, repeat), I was busy. Opening the packages was a bit of a trick (those Fruit Bar wrappers were especially balky), and I bobbled a couple of treats, but managed to find some flow.

At first, I wondered if I could classify people by the type of ice cream they chose — Fruit Bars for healthy eaters, Drumsticks for traditionalists. But that involved too many generalizations (what do you do with the oft-heard "my uncle needs one, too?") and proved unhelpful.

I did notice a couple of basics: Drumsticks were the most popular (we ran out twice). People who asked for chocolate were happy with vanilla Nestlé Crunch (chocolate-dipped). And even though no one under age 20 knows what Dibs are (bite-sized ice cream bars covered in chocolate), they're darn

good. One middle-aged man who had to have Dibs explained to him walked away raving about them.

With up to four of us at the freezers, and each serving taking just a few seconds, we must have been dishing out ice cream at the rate of 20 pieces a minute at times. It was an efficient operation — when the trash was full, someone emptied it, when new shipments arrived, the freezers were restocked.

But the crowd! The lines were steady, the donation box was stuffed, the requests came with increasing eagerness, and there was a run on everything but the lonely Push-Ups (a vanilla-orange mixture on a plastic stick). Once, the crowd swelled suddenly and I feared we'd be overwhelmed, but it was only the start of the pie-eating contest, which had attracted fans of its own (you'd think they were giving away ice cream).

The hours flew by, and before I knew it the picnic was officially over. I left a few ice-cream latecomers to township Supervisor Richard Reaume and headed back to my car.

Time to break out the Tofutti.

Matt Jachman is a staff writer for the Plymouth Observer who has paid his share of visits to Daisy King, Kilwin's and other local ice-cream shops.

Party helps local woman celebrate 90th birthday

Ann Dondzila of Westland will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 17, 2010 (her actual birthday), at the Summit in Canton, with family and friends at a "birthday bash" given by her children. After a buffet luncheon, guests will enjoy the music of one-man band, singer, entertainer and pianist, Rennie Kaufman. Ann was married to Walter Dondzila of Grand Rapids on Oct. 5, 1941. Walter passed away 10 months before they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Ann and Walter moved to Westland in 1948, and she has been a resident ever since. She has been a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford for over 60 years.

Ann is the mother of five children: Laurie (Ralph)



Dondzila

Robinson of Plymouth;; Judy (Eugene) Borioe of Canton; Walter Dondzila (who passed away in 2006); Joseph Dondzila of Walled Lake; and Ronald Dondzila (Kathryn Silardi) of Canton.

Ann is the grandmother of 10: Ralph (Rob) Robinson of North Hollywood, Calif.; Jeffrey Robinson of Plymouth; Rachael Lea Dondzila of Springfield, Va.; Katie Ann Dondzila-Meek (Josh) of Edgewood, Md.; Erik Dondzila of Canton; Kristen Dondzila of Canton; and Jake Dondzila, Meghan Dondzila and Melissa Dondzila, all of Walled Lake. Ann has been a Detroit

Tigers fan for many, many years. She looks forward to each and every game and knows all of the players and their stats.

Ann's favorite song is "You Are My Sunshine," which Walt would sing to her while playing his guitar.

Ann's favorite movie is "Gone With the Wind," her favorite movie star is Robert Taylor. She enjoys playing bingo with the Westland seniors at the Westland Senior Friendship Center.

Ann loves to travel and has been to California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and several places in Canada.

Man who exposed himself ordered to treatment center

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth man who pleaded guilty last month to exposing himself in Milford's Central Park is out of jail and headed to an alternative residential treatment center.

Thomas Henry Werry, 60, was sentenced July 13 to spend 30 days in the treatment center for "life adjustment" counseling as an alternative to a 40-day jail sentence by 52-1 District Judge Dennis Powers. Werry was given credit for eight days already served in jail following his arrest June 16 by Milford police. If he completes his treatment, the remaining two days of the sen-



Werry

tence will be dropped.

Two teen boys called police and said they had seen Werry in the Milford park around 8 p.m. wearing nothing but shoes and socks. After he was confronted by the teens, Werry reportedly got dressed and walked a couple blocks north to a church near Detroit and Main Streets in Milford. When police caught up with him, Werry reportedly said he had taken off his clothes in the park because he wasn't feeling well and was trying to defecate near the

Dumpsters.

Werry was convicted of indecent exposure in 2007 in Charlevoix County. Police said he also was charged with a sex offense in Birmingham in 1977, which was dismissed.

After Powers issued his sentence on Tuesday, Werry was released from custody and instructed to return to the 52-1 District Court in Novi the following day. From there, he would report to the residential treatment center.

Werry will be listed on the sex offender registry and take medications as prescribed. Following his treatment, he will be on probation for 24 months.

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No one hurt in Canton garage fire

A Canton Township garage suffered extensive fire damage, but the home was spared and there were no injuries as Canton firefighters battled a house fire on Ridgfield Friday.

Firefighters responded to the home shortly after 7 a.m. and found the garage ablaze. Fire department officials said firefighters, concerned there were still occupants inside the

house, began simultaneous suppression and rescue efforts. The homeowner, who had made it safely to a neighbor's house, approached the on-scene commander and let firefighters know all occupants had gotten out.

Firefighters then focused on suppression and brought the blaze under control.

Fire officials said the garage suffered extensive damage, but

that firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to the home, although the house did suffer "moderate smoke damage." Fire officials had no immediate estimate of the monetary damage done in the blaze.

Members of the Fire Investigation Team determined the fire to be accidental, saying it originated in the area of a freezer being used in the garage.

Social media can come with a cost

Have you finally given in to all the pressure or do you find yourself trying to remain one of the last holdouts like myself?

Does all the hype about Social Media and Social Networking have you wondering who needs all that exposure? If it does, then you are not alone.

If you watch the local news from time to time or keep an eye on the newspaper you'll find it hard to miss all the unsavory stories associated with sites like MySpace and Facebook, and now Twitter has joined the mix. Some are beginning to wonder if we're opening ourselves up to too many strangers.

In April 2009, Asia, a young talented college student who attended Henry Ford Community College, was stalked and later murdered in a murder/suicide plot, planned and carried out by someone who followed her on Facebook. If stories like this don't make you pause with caution, then I wish it would.

Recently, the television show "The Insider" broadcast a story of a young woman who posted on her Facebook page that she was going to a concert, and a half-hour later her house was broken into by one of her so-called Facebook friends. She knew it was someone from



Bobbie Jones

Facebook because the hidden camera she had set up in her home captured the intruder's image clearly.

After its inception the Internet was never deemed to be a safe haven, but some people are still under the delusion that because they are sitting behind a computer screen they are untouchable. It's a delusion that we have to free ourselves from. A few of my friends wondered out loud "Why is it so important to you for someone whom we do not know to follow our every move?" In the time it takes to read this article someone has updated their Facebook or Twitter page at least five times.

Do we really need that much attention from others and, if so, why? How much of our lives are we willing to expose and do we know who we are exposing it to? I am not a psychotherapist but I do know this: If we are not happy with ourselves regardless of who is looking at us all the Facebook and Twitter in the world won't help us.

My plea to you is this: Don't be afraid to take your life back. You don't have to be a slave to Social Media and it can be a constructive tool in your

life if used with great care. Of course, many good things have occurred because social media and networking was used responsibly. People have obtained jobs, and many have even gone on to local stardom and beyond. Still, we have to play it safe.

Here are some things you can do to help yourself:

- Don't spend every waking hour parked in front of your computer screen.
- Face book and Twitter and all the others can wait put your self and family first.
- Use Social Media, don't let it use you - find yourself a better job or tennis partner.
- Never put home address, phone numbers or banking information on any site. Common sense is the key.
- Help your fellow human beings and do some good in the world - take a page from Conan O'Brien's book and pay it forward as he did on Twitter.

Remember keeping yourself safe and sane in this tech savvy world is important and if you can do some good in the world with social media, do that, too. But you are the one in control of your life don't ever let yourself forget that.

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and occasional contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at workhard36@aol.com.

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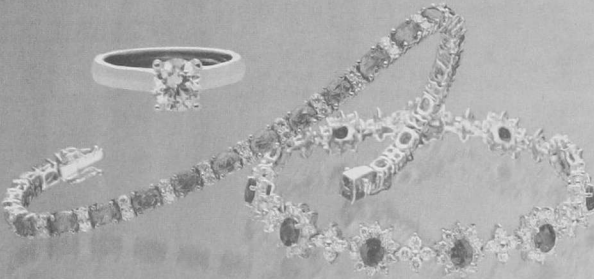
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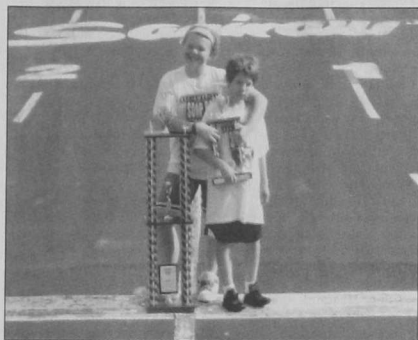
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Canton's Samantha Howell (left) and Michael Sheko celebrate after recently earning first- and fourth-place trophies, respectively, at the Saginaw All-American Soap Box Derby Race. With that win, Samantha qualified for the July 24 race in Akron, Ohio, where she will compete for the world championship.

Canton girl awaits title race

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It hasn't been an easy time for Canton's Samantha Howell. Both of her grandfathers died over a nine-month period.

But the East Middle School student is using the loss of Michael Zinda (who died in June 2009) and Walter Howell (who died this March) to give her just a little extra push when she gets into her Soap Box Derby car — recently painted purple and nicknamed the "Bad Apple."

"She knows that her grandfathers are watching," said James Howell, Samantha's dad and crew chief. "... She says it's powered by angels."

Maybe so, but Samantha Howell is doing quite a bit on her own.

In mid-June, she won the All-American Soap

In mid-June, Samantha Howell won the All-American Soap Box Derby Race in Saginaw and qualified as a result for the world championships set for July 23-24 in Akron, Ohio.

Box Derby Race in Saginaw and qualified as a result for the world championships set for July 23-24 in Akron, Ohio, described by her dad as "the great big one."

"I think it's a very great chance," Samantha said. "I get to race with people (from) all over the country. ... I'll just race my hardest and hopefully win."

In addition, the soon-to-be eighth-grader

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SIDELINES State games recap

The Metro West region hockey team competed late last month at the first annual Meijer State Games of Michigan in Grand Rapids.

Following opening ceremonies patterned after the Winter Olympics, the team comprised of players from Plymouth, Canton, Salem, North Farmington, Livonia, Churchville and Livonia Stevenson defeated Metro North 5-4 on June 24 in a Griffins Division clash.

But the offense dried up in the next three contests.

On June 25, Metro West dropped a 3-2 decision to Team West and fell 4-2 on June 26 to Team North in Griffins Division matchups.

Although Metro West did not reach the June 27 medal rounds, the team did play a cross-divisional semifinal against Team East — dropping a 5-1 decision to finish 1-3 in the tournament.

Just for kicks

Redford Soccer Club's Summer Soccer Camp will be held July 19-23 at Bell Creek Park for players U6 through U19. Cost for the weeklong camp, which runs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. daily, is \$130. Waza FC's professional coaches will instruct youngsters in various aspects of the game. Participants are asked to bring shin guards, a soccer ball and a water bottle.

For more information, call Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234.

Cougar camp

The Garden City High School Cougar football coaching staff will host its youth football camp for 8- and 9-year-olds July 19-22 from 5:30-8 p.m. and for 10- and 13-year-olds July 26-29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost for each camp is \$55 and all campers will receive a t-shirt.

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Holes in one

Suzanne Gamache of Canton had a hole-in-one on the 3rd hole of the Michaywe Pines Course in Gaylord. She used a 5 wood on the 97 yard par 3.

Bob Brocius, 62, from Plymouth aced the 129-yard 13th hole at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course on Sunday. He used a 9 iron for his hole-in-one, which sparked a score of 77. It was the sixth ace of his 40-year golf career.

Hoon P. Lee of Farmington Hills, 48, collected a hole-in-one on July 5 at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford. Lee aced the 128-yard 4th hole.

Reault hooked on battling the best anglers

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

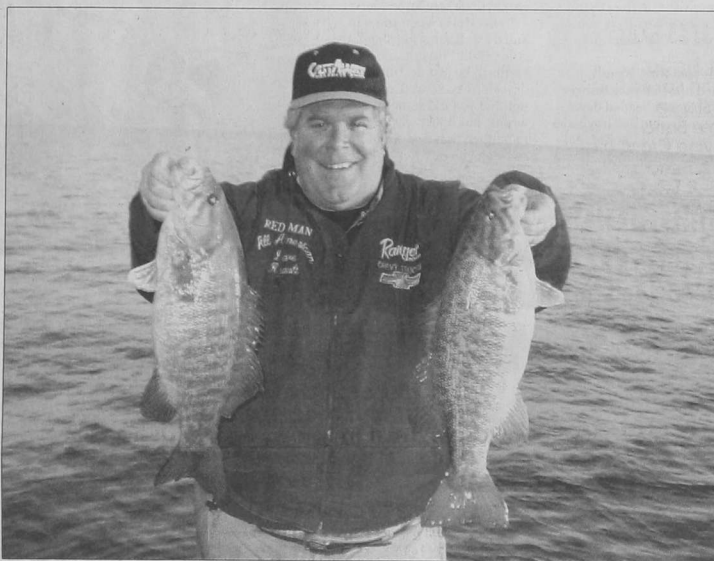
It's summertime in Michigan and it's a good bet you can find Livonia native Dave Reault aboard his reliable 20-foot Ranger Bass Boat determined to come away with the biggest and most talked about catch of the day.

Broker by day and fisherman by all other remaining hours, Reault, 53, will again put his skills up against the best anglers and co-anglers around when he travels to the East Coast and Lake Champlain to take part in the 2010 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Northern Open July 22-24. Normally, Reault would be a participant in this weekend's FLW Bass Fishing League on the Detroit River, but the close scheduling of the two tournaments wasn't going to allow the veteran angler to give his best at both sites.

"I like to fish them all, but this time I just had to make a choice," said Reault, who estimates he takes part in some 15-20 fishing tournaments each year. "I'm competitive and I enjoy fishing, so it's a pretty good match."

"I've been fishing in tournaments for about 20 years — back when Red Man (chewing tobacco) was sponsoring them," Reault continued. "I won my first tournament back probably 40 years ago on Newburgh Lake."

Reault said he enjoys competing in the BFL sanctioned events because it is the "top level local trail" fielding various divisions ranging from novices to grizzled veterans.



Livonia resident Dave Reault proudly displays his catch from recent tournament action.

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Local players spark 14U Dodgers to district title, feature local flavor

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sparked by Observerland-area talent and many players new to travel baseball, the Concealed Security 14U Dodgers are one step closer to reaching the American Amateur Baseball Congress pinnacle.

Concealed — featuring a near-perfect game by pitcher Austin Stevens of Livonia Stevenson — went 5-0 July 7-10 at the 14U Sandy Koufax District Tournament in Coldwater.

That propelled the team to this week's regionals in Rockford, Ill., against teams from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan. The Dodgers were slated to open the double elimination tourney with a Thursday game.

If the Dodgers (coached by Stevenson's Rick Berryman and assistant Lou Pironello) get through the regionals, they will move on to the AABC World Series.

In the championship game Saturday, Concealed (18-13) rolled to a 10-2 romp over the Kalamazoo Storm behind a 17-hit attack.

Leading the charge with a 3-for-4 performance was Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin), who batted .615 for the districts.

Stevenson's Rodney Bies went 2-for-3, while Mitch Sykes (Livonia/Novi Catholic Central) and Brandon Waack (Plymouth Canton) each registered one hit and two RBI.

Picking up the win was starter Brett Davis, with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ scoreless relief from Alex Deyonker (Franklin).

Stevens' no-hit gem Friday against Coldwater keyed an 18-0 victory in Round 4, advancing the Dodgers into the district final.

Only a walk on a full count came between Stevens and a perfect game. Ball four came on a sharp bender that the umpire later told Pironello clipped a corner of the plate and should have been a strikeout.

"The umpire said he blew the call on a 3-2 pitch that fooled him," Pironello said.

Nisun had a 3-for-3 day, scored three runs and drove in two to again pace the offense. Sykes tripled in



Celebrating after capturing the AABC Sandy Koufax districts last weekend in Coldwater are the Concealed Security 14U Dodgers.

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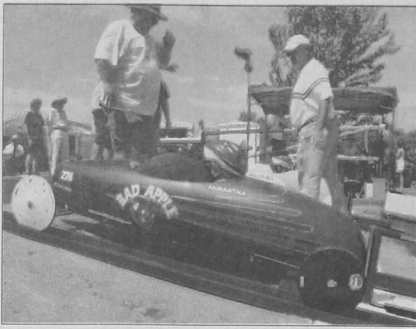
has amassed 405 points in the National Derby Rally Series, good for first place in the United States. She tacked on points during recent visits to Iowa (Sioux City, Des Moines) and Kansas City, Mo.

"They say she's the one to watch," her dad said. "... It's nice to hear that. She's had several people comment that in the four years she's been racing she's come from a nobody to one of the top five drivers in the country."

"That's saying something. She is determined to come out a winner."

Samantha said the trip to Akron is nothing new, having participated in previous national competitions. But this year's Michigan champion has fine-tuned her technique, which could spell trouble for opponents.

"I think I've improved by being able to drive straight and get lower in my car," Samantha noted. "And to be more focused at races."



Samantha Howell gets ready to roll at last month's All-American Soap Box Derby Race in Saginaw. Her car now sports the nickname "Bad Apple" and was repainted purple by Canton High School students. The paint job earned second place at the recent Detroit Autorama.

James Howell said his daughter is able to do that because "she's stretching, so she gets lower in the car and gets better aerodynamics."

He added that when Samantha won the All-American race in Saginaw, "we didn't have the fastest car of the day. But she outdrove the other driver. Experience

took over and experience won the race for her."

Meanwhile, the Howells hope there will be many more races around the corner, which is why they are looking for a sponsor to help their "Bad Apple" soap box derby entry continue competing.

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Riverside skaters roll into nationals

Eight local figure skaters from Riverside Arena Skating Club in Livonia have qualified to compete at the 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating National Championships to be held in Lincoln, Neb. from July 25 through Aug. 8.

These skaters represent Riverside Arena Skating Club and practice at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

Qualification for the national championship occurred from June 26-30 at the Great Lakes Regional Championships held in West Chester, Ohio. The Great Lakes region represents Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The skaters who have qualified and will be competing in the national championships are:

- Pirro Marko, gold medalist in Primary Boys Figures and qualifier in Primary Solo Dance.
- Jayanthesh Kalmat, silver

medalist in Primary Boys Figures and bronze medalist in Primary Boys Free Skating.

- Chloe Lamay, gold medalist in Elementary Girls Loops and qualifier in Primary 'A' Girls Figures.

- Valentyna Stadnik, silver medalist in Juvenile/Elementary 'B' Team Dance (with partner, Ryan Heersink).

- Ian Heersink, gold medalist in Juvenile 'A' Boys Figures, bronze medalist in Elementary Boys Loops and qualifier in Juvenile/Elementary Boys Free Skating.

- Ryan Heersink, gold medalist in Juvenile 'B' Boys Figures and silver medalist in Elementary 'B' Team Dance (with partner Valentyna Stadnik).

- Jillian Heersink, qualifier in Sophomore 'A' Women's Figures and Freshman/Sophomore 'B' Women's

Figures.

- Alexei Castillo, gold medalist in Open 'A' Inline Creative Solo Dance.

The 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating Championships will be available for viewing live online. More details on the live broadcast will be available on <http://www.usarollersports.org>.

Skaters enter events in one or more categories (Singles, Pairs, Figures, Solo Dance, Team Dance, Precision, or Show skating) and are judged on content and manner of performance.

This includes the skater's ability to do identifiable, difficult content items, like jumps, spins, and footwork, while utilizing those movements in an artistic interpretation of accompanying music.

Skaters may choose to skate in a variety of categories or concentrate on only one.

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"You make quite a few friends out on the water meeting people from all over, and I really enjoy that social part," Reault said. "The reason so many people like coming over here is because we have so many great places to fish. Lake St. Clair is stocked with fish

and the Detroit River is always enjoyable."

Reault said he has four BFL titles to his credit, including a pair of wins on the Detroit River. The others have come on Lake St. Clair and the Grand River.

This past May, Reault hitched up his trusty Ranger Bass Boat and headed down to Arkansas and DeGray Lake to participate in the BFL All-American Tournament. It was

the second time Reault qualified for the prestigious event, and even though his finish was less than stellar, the experience will be treasured forever.

"Sometimes when you win and do well things just end up going right," Reault said. "It seems to be just destiny. Other days don't go so well and it's not that it did something wrong, but it just wasn't going to happen that day. All of it is self-enjoyment."

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two runs, while Waack chipped in with a 2-for-2 performance along with two runs and three RBI. Commerce Township's Brett Davis (five RBI) homered among three hits.

Concealed's earlier wins in the districts were 4-1 over Kalamazoo, 21-5 over Freemont, Ind., and 12-7 over Olivet.

In addition to Nisun, locals who stung the ball throughout the districts included Stevens (.538), Waack (.417) and Deyonker (.333).

No matter what happens at the regionals, Pironello said it has been a rewarding season of "overachievement" because of all the first-year travel players.

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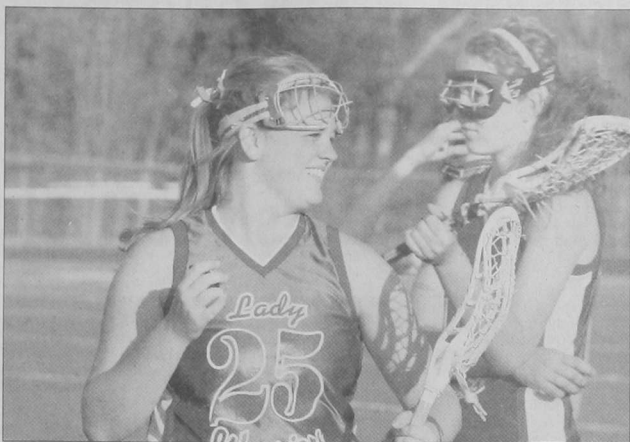
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Kylie Miller (left), shown from the 2010 season playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team, took part in the June 19 GLAM Hall of Fame game at Detroit Country Day. She also received a \$1,000 college scholarship from the PCS Boosters Board and will attend Michigan State University in the fall. At right is Lady Warriors' teammate Sarah Coleman.

Kudos cap Lady Warriors' swan song

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Nyquist is slowly getting used to the idea of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors combined girls lacrosse team closing up shop.

Beginning next season, separate varsity squads will represent each of the three high schools located at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Nyquist said the swan-song season featured plenty of things to remember, including a very competitive record (10-9, including 1-1 in the regionals. PCS defeated Northville 11-10 in double overtime for the team's first-ever regional win).

"The 2010 season was fairly successful," Nyquist noted. "As with most teams, unless you go undefeated, we could have won a few more games."

"But we were competitive in most of the games this year."

Others noticed, too. For example, seniors Kylie Miller,

Laurn Ebersole and Jennifer Herzfeld represented the Lady Warriors in the Girls Lacrosse Association of Michigan Hall of Fame Game.

The GLAM showcase took place June 19 at Detroit Country Day.

Miller, meanwhile, was named recipient of the PCS Booster Board's annual scholarship award. She will use the \$1,000 award toward her college career at Michigan State University, where she is considering a career in the medical field.

"While many times we judge a successful season by the wins and losses," Nyquist emphasized, "I think that awards such as All-Conference, team recognition, Academic All-Conference, Hall of Fame (Game) participation and academic scholarships are what truly indicate a successful season."

Four members of the team were named to the All-KLAA team, including Ebersole,

Katie Hill, Stephanie Bower and Lauren Allard. Meanwhile, Miller, Lauren Manner and Taylor Birman were honorable mention picks.

The solid season and individual achievements have Nyquist excited about the growth of lacrosse on campus in 2011, even though the Lady Warriors are no more.

"Next year we will have three teams, Plymouth, Canton, and Salem," he continued. "Each team will hopefully also have a JV team as well. We are hoping for a big turnout in the spring to for this exciting sport."

"This year we had over 80 girls on the (Lady Warriors) team and next year we are hoping for at least 40 to 45 at each of the three schools."

For updates about the girls lacrosse program, please visit <http://www.eteamz.com/pcsladywarriors/>.

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Rams climb to top of league standings

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams surge to the top of the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League standings has certainly been spearheaded by pitching.

It was a little more than one week ago that right-hander Brandon Sinners tossed a no-hitter in a thrilling 1-0 triumph by the 20-and-under Rams over the 22-and-under Blue Knights. And now Monday evening, Rams hurler Tyler Higgins proved nearly as unhittable as he allowed only one hit and no earned runs in six innings of work in the Rams 8-1 victory over the 20-and-under Thunder. Sixteen of the 18 outs Higgins recorded were on strikeouts.

The Rams staked Higgins to a quick 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the first inning off loser Javon Bean. Four more in the second upped the margin to 6-0 and gave Higgins all the run support he would need to lead his teammates to their 20th win of the season.

Offensively, the Rams (20-6-1) were paced by Brad Guenther and John DiLaura with three hits apiece. DiLaura drove in four runs and Guenther knocked in two and scored three times.

Aaron Cieslak, Sam Ott, Cam Walker and Evan Piechota each added a hit to the Rams 10-hit attack.

On Sunday, the Rams took both ends of a doubleheader with the 22-and-under Bulls, squeaking out a 4-3 triumph in the opener before needing just five innings to capture the nightcap 10-0.

In game one, the Rams pushed across the tying and winning runs in the top of the seventh inning. Down by one at 3-2 heading to the seventh, the Rams got a lead-off double by Cam Walker, who promptly moved to third on a ground out by Jeff Sorenson, and came home with the tying run on a single by Scooter Williams.

Following a walk to Brett Mazmanian, Brad Guenther delivered the winning RBI with his second hit of the day, a dou-

ble down the rightfield line.

Starter Mike Schypinski made the lead stand up as he tossed a hitless seventh to help the Rams to their 18th win of the season. Schypinski scattered seven hits, fanned 10 and did not yield a walk in the complete-game performance.

Game two saw the Rams snap a scoreless tie with four runs in the fourth inning. That outburst was too much for the Bulls to handle as they yielded six more in the fifth to hand the Rams the mercy-shortened victory.

Walker, Cieslak and Bobby Thomas were the hitting stars for the Rams as they each cracked two hits in three trips to the plate. Walker drove in two runs and scored once, Cieslak scored two runs and Thomas chipped in with one run scored and one RBI.

Sorenson, Williams, DiLaura and Piechota all contributed to the heavy-hitting Rams attack.

Sinners notched the victory on the mound, tossing five innings of three-hit baseball. He struck out seven and walked none.

SPORTS CAMPS

Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

Instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and Harrison star Matt Coleman. There will be a cheerleading camp the same day.

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Take a step back in time at Founders Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Fairy hoop toss and ball-in-a-cup will be all the rage this weekend at Warner Mansion in Farmington.

If you visit, you'll get a chance to play the two games, along with the "big hoop roll," and the more easily recognized badminton, croquet and horse-shoes.

"They were popular in Victorian times, in the late 1800s and early 1900s," said Sharon Bernath, a docent at the former home of Michigan's Governor Fred Warner. She's also in charge of the vintage lawn games, one of several activities held during Founders Festival at the Farmington landmark.

"This is the second year we're doing them. We did them on Sunday last year, but we're going to do it all three days this year because they seemed popular. They are nothing real spectacular but I think people enjoy them and they are something different."

Just because they're "simple" games, it doesn't mean they're easy to master or aimed solely at children. Bernath encourages adults to visit the various game stations that dot the mansion lawn during the festival, which began today, Thursday, July 15 and runs through Saturday, July 17, in downtown Farmington and at the mansion, located on Grand River Ave., northwest of the downtown district.

Miss Oakland County and her court will assist with the games on Saturday and anyone who tries all six can take home a prize.

Bernath said some of the games aren't as easy as the look.

"The big hoop roll — you try to roll the hoop as far as you



Youngsters play with a vintage game during Founders Festival at Warner Mansion in Farmington.

can without it falling down. You use a stick and you have to run with the hoop, keep it balanced. I enjoy trying the hoop roll but I'm not very successful. It takes a lot of energy."

Fairy hoop toss consists of two sticks and two ribbon-decorated hoops, about 12 inches in diameter. Players toss their hoops to one another, catching them on their sticks.

The wooden cup was a popular toy for boys in the mid-1800s. The objective is to place the ball in the cup without touching it.

"I tell them to hold cup in hand and with the ball on the string hanging down, to try to lift it up and get the cut under the ball. That way it won't bounce out," Bernath said. "The amusements of the time are simple, but they are kind of fun."



The Warner Mansion is decked out in red, white and blue during Founders Festival in Farmington.

CAKE AND PARASOLS

In addition to the games, the mansion will be open for tours, a flea market will be held Friday-Saturday, and birthday cake, celebrating Gov. Warner's 145th birthday, will be served Thursday.

Storyteller Rosie Chapman will bring history to life at 1 and

2 p.m. Saturday. Maria and Annika Taylor will take on the roles of Warner's daughters in vignettes they've written about the family at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the mansion gazebo.

The parasol drill team, Warnerettes, will march in the Botsford parade at 10 a.m., Saturday, along Grand River Ave. from Brookdale to Liberty.



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The fashion show is the centerpiece of activities at Warner Mansion during Founders Festival.

Bernath created the group specifically for the parade last year.

"It's just to get together, be in the parade and have a good time doing something different. Sometimes we twirl our parasol, open and close it, point it this way and that."

Members dress in long black skirts and white blouses and sport Gov. Warner buttons and straw hats.

Mansion volunteers have considered using vintage clothing in their Founders Festival fashion show, but opted for contemporary styles to save on cost. The second annual fashion show will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, in front of the mansion. City clerk Sue Halberstadt said the show will take on a "home grown" twist this year by showcasing fashions from Dress Barn and hair and make up styling from Beyond Salon.

"Rachel Willnus will provide derby hats. They are incredible," added Halberstadt, who will join other local women to model the fashions. "It was a stunning fashion show last year, but this year we decided

we wanted to do something for Farmington businesses."

In addition to the activities at Warner Mansion, events will be held throughout downtown Farmington. A sampling:

- Crafter's Marketplace will offer works by more than 135 artists.

- A four-mile run starts at 9 a.m., at Shiawassee Park, located at Power and Shiawassee roads.

- The Meijer Go Playground, located on State Street and adjacent parking lots, offers family-oriented interactive entertainment, playground, crafts and more.

- Uprising Steel Band, Killer Flamingos and Infinity Hour are among the bands scheduled to play.

- Thousands of rubber ducks will float down the river at 3 p.m., Saturday, in Shiawassee Park. The Rubber Duck Race is a fund-raiser for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation.

For more festival information and schedules visit www.foundersfestival.com.

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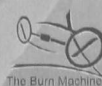
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Two Farmington Hills artists will exhibit their works July 21-24 at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Andrea Anderson weaves all of her own material — some of it is made from recycled plastic — and will be on hand with fiber art. Sandra Happel of Farmington Hills will exhibit ceramics.

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs is actually four art fairs in one taking place simultaneously throughout the city. Each is independently juried and has its own character. They are the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, located in the streets surrounding Burton Carillon Tower at North University; the State Street Area Art Fair located in the center of the action; the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair with two locations on State Street and Main Street; and the South University Area Art Fair filling out the entire South University area.

There will be children's supervised art activities throughout the art fairs. The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will host the Art Activity Zone with hands on projects for adults and children at the north end of the Ingalls Mall Lawn and The State Street Area Art Fair will offer the Art Activity Zone on Maynard and Jefferson.

Stages with continuous entertainment will be located at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair under the tent on the Ingalls Mall Lawn. Street performers also will be scattered throughout the Street Art Fair. Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair will host

the 107.1 Main Stage at Church and Willard and the The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair's performance stage will be on Liberty between Main and Ashley.

Art demonstrations will take place throughout the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair. Look for the emerging artists areas in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

Art fair hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 21-23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. For visitor information call (800) 888-9487 or visit www.a2art-fairs.org.

New at this year's art fairs are the A2 Art Trolleys presented by VisitAnnArbor.org. The fleet of authentic trolleys will travel a loop between all of the four art fairs. The trolleys will run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will have eight different stops. A one-day wristband for the trolley is \$1. Children 12 and under ride for free.

Also new this year is a fourth park and ride shuttle giving fairgoers the opportunity to park conveniently and ride to the art fairs in air conditioned comfort. The new shuttle will be located at The Maple Village Shopping Center at Jackson and Maple Roads, just off of M-14. Parking is free and the round trip cost for the shuttle is \$4.

Other park and ride shuttles are located at Pioneer High School, across from U-M Stadium, on Main Street near Stadium Boulevard



Wearable art by Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills

and at Briarwood Mall, near Sears, on State Street and Eisenhower Parkway.

Shuttle service hours are 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday. Shuttles run every 10 to 15 minutes.



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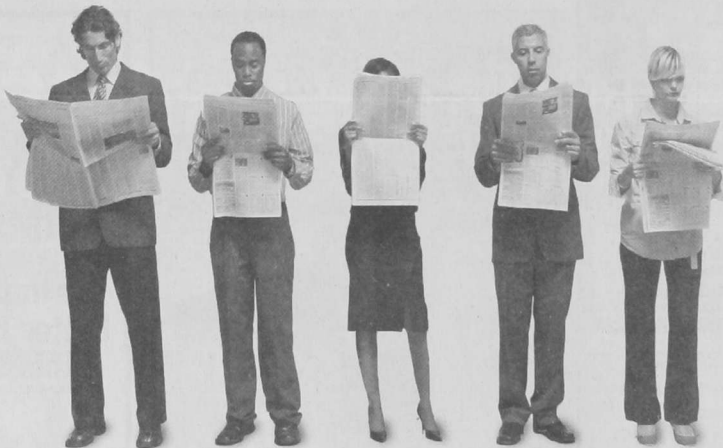
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Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
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Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
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Featured artists are Bethesda, Chosen, The Cast and Crew and Please Promise. These young, energetic Christian-based bands will perform a variety of musical styles, including rock, punk, independent and praise. Their music is geared for the young and young at heart.

First Step and Cass Social Services will be on hand along with representatives from several local churches, as well as service groups from Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Each will staff a display table.

The local Kiwanis Club will sell popcorn, candy bars, water and soda pop from its Snack Wagon.

For more information call the church at (734) 453-5280 or visit www.pfumc.org.



Chosen is one of four bands that will play in a free concert Saturday, July 17, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Church fills backpacks for needy students

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is collecting school supplies for families that need a little economic help this fall.

"As the economic conditions are still difficult for some families, we want to find as many ways to help as possible," said the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor.

The church partnered with Webster Elementary School, a Livonia Public School, the past year by giving backpacks to kids, supplies to teachers and Christmas presents to needy families. Members also cleaned the school grounds, donated books for March is Reading month and brought ice cream to the school's end-of-the-year party.

"We feel very fortunate to have a partner in the community like Principal (Shellie) Moore and Webster Elementary," Lackie said.

The church is collecting pencils, paper, spiral bound notebooks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, and small Kleenex packs. The collected items will go to needy students in the Livonia Public Schools and Webster Elementary.

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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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Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Gouletos

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www.nativitygochurch.org

(Catholicism.org)

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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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Northville, MI

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Traditional Worship

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours

Evening Service • 7:00 p.m.

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CONGREGATIONAL

North Congregational Church

36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills

(bet. Drake & Halsted)

(248) 848-1750

10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School

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Ministers

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JULY 15-21

Bethany West

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 17
Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Monthly breakfast meeting, social, and educational assistance to divorced, separated and singles of all faiths through peer-to-peer ministry. It is a non-profit volunteer organization, and is part of the ministry of the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese Of Detroit
Contact: (734) 513-9479
Cherry Hill Seventh day Adventist
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 19-23
Location: 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Raindrops to Rainbows, a free Vacation Bible School for children in preschool through age 13, will include a science lab, puppet show, weather station, Bible Stories, crafts and snacks
Contact: (734) 524-0880; www.CherryHillFellowship.com
Livonia Church of Christ
Time/Date: Deadline for contributing books is July 18
Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is conducting a used books drive for Gods Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that helps needy families with clothes and food. It's accepting trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVD's and books on CD (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer) mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer). No dirty, moldy, water-damaged books, books with excessive highlighting or writing, pages missing, excessive damage to cover, or encyclopedias or magazines will be accepted. Bible donations under the awning. These donated items will be traded to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families.
Contact: (734) 427-8743
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Saturday, July 17
Location: Corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Free "Family Sports Night"
Contact: (313) 534-9000
Riverside Park Church of God
Date/Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, July 16-17
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Flea market and yard sale
Contact: (734) 464-0990
St. Paul's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 19-23
Location: 27475 Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: Creation Celebration Vacation Bible School is aimed at children, age 3, through those entering fifth grade and will include music, recreation, snack and story time. The service project will consist of collecting items for the Michigan Humane Society. Program fee is \$5
Contact: Call (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@

ries. Register at www.grouppbspro.com/vbs/e/beearebiblechurch
Contact: Carrie Bulbuk at (734) 266-0311 or e-mail to davidbulbuk@att.net
Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 26-29
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Soccer mini-camp for boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game. Fee of \$10 per student includes instruction, snacks, and soccer ball to take home. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items are not required to enroll.
Contact: Linda Hollman, outreach director, at (734) 522-6830; FAX: (734) 522-5949; register at christoursavior.org
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., July 25
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Annual Mass in the Grass service, followed by cake and beverages in celebration of the Rev. Wayne Knockel's 10th anniversary of ordination.
Contact: Arlene Williams at (734) 422-7106
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., July 26-30
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: High Seas Adventure Vacation Bible School for first through sixth grade students; free
Contact: (734) 466-8694
Living Peace Church
Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m., Sunday, July 25
Location: Freedom Park, located at the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer, in Canton
Details: The church invites Canton area residents to a picnic. Church members want to meet residents and hear their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food available free of charge. Children's activities will be provided. Additional picnics scheduled Aug. 22 and Sept. 5. Living Peace Church will begin meeting for worship Sept. 12 at Field Elementary, 1000 S. Haggerty, in Canton.
Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com

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Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seventh Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.
Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615
Nicole's Reval
Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org
Crafters wanted
First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville
Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now
Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org
Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5
Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-

parkchurch.org
St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023
Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730
Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767
Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participants in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906
St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

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CHARLES RODERICK LECTKA

Age 84. Died July 7, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Janice. Loving father of Jill and John. Loving father-in-law of Cindy. Proud grandfather of Mallory, David, and Anna. Visitation was Sunday, July 11 at 2:00 P.M. A Memorial Service was held Sunday, July 11 at 3:30 both at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150. In lieu of flowers, donations in Chuck's memory to Mt. Hope Church or the National Parkinson's Foundation.



JOEL GOEBEL

Of Plymouth, age 41, died Sunday, July 11, 2010 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. A Memorial Service will be held 2p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, G7234 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc, Pastor Will Stenke officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Maple Grove. Visitation 1p.m. Saturday until the time of the service at the church. Joel was born at Pointe, MI on November 9, 1968. He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, golfing and coaching hockey. Surviving are sons, Logan Philip and Brayden Keith; Sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Tito Delfavero, Parvatis, Phil and Eleanor Goebel; Grandmother, Helen Goebel; Niece, Carolyn Centofanti; Nephew, Tony Centofanti; Aunt, Diana Manly; Uncles, Tom and Bill Goebel; Many cousins. He was preceded in death by nephew, Aaron Philip Centofanti. Your condolences may be shared with the family at: swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

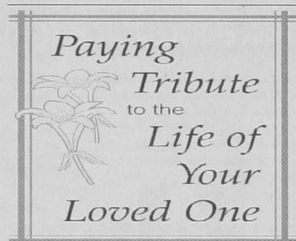


MARIE MALLAMS

Age 78, passed away July 10th with her family by her side. Former wife of the late Thomas Eugene Mallams Sr. for 31 years. Beloved mother of Kassie Kavanaugh, Andy (Cindy) Mallams, Lisa (Chris) Sprow, Tom Jr. (Sandy) Mallams. Proud Grandmother to Nicole, Tiffany, Justin, Brian, Jonathan, Joey, Michael, Danielle and Chelsea. Great-grandmother to Stevie Jo, Destinee, Brett, Ashley, Ava, Chloe and Russell. Great-great-grandmother to Logan, with new baby sister Madalyn on the way. Also survived by best friend Maggie. Our hearts are broken but her legacy of love will remain within us forever. Visitation Thursday from 6-9pm and Friday at 10am with services immediately following at 11am. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home. 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland.

RICHARD E. MOFFITT, SR.

Age 82, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 11, 2010. Arrangements by: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington



PAMELA MARIE MISENAR

63, a long time resident of Farmington Hills, MI was granted her angel wings on July 8, 2010. After a long and very debilitating illness, Pamela was granted her eternal peace, with Family by her side at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, MI and is joined into her eternal life with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Pamela was born in Detroit, MI on May 29, 1947, the first born child and beloved daughter of David and Helen Misenar of Farmington Hills. She is survived by her Mother Helen, and siblings, David (Mariou), Maxine, Daniel (Brenda), Annette (Billy) who are crushed and heartbroken at her passing, but delighted in the thought that she joins her Father David and two other siblings, Clare and Donald, in the Kingdom Of Heaven. Her many surviving Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends, whose lives were touched in so many thoughtful and personal ways by her, grieve for her and miss her sorely. Pamela's entire work career was in the health insurance industry. Her career gifted her, a real and very compassionate outlook on life. Pamela loved "crafting", party planning, entertaining and Christmas Time. Pamela always put a great deal of thought and effort into the very personal things she did for those she loved. Her "personalized" photo albums reflected those qualities. Those that attended her Christmas Parties know the legends. Her parents 50th Wedding Anniversary, an exquisite and memorable affair, is but an example of her thoughtful, caring ways. Pam was active in social circles in her early years. A member of the "Detroit Tip Topper Club" for women 5' 10" and taller, she was a real socitee frequenting many charity events and fundraisers, and being spotted about town and at the "Detroit Yacht Club" with dashing young men. A finalist in her share of beauty pageants, she was beautiful both inside and out. A member of the Young Republicans, she loved political action and discussion. In later life, as a long term breast cancer survivor, she was active in the movement to bring about more awareness to women as well as participating in charity events where she could. As a final thoughtful act, she gifted her body to Wayne State Medical College, for the further study of CJD/P. The rare illness that so debilitated her body at the end of her memorable life. We will be celebrating Pamela's life with a Memorial Mass to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Powers Road, Farmington, MI on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 10:30 AM. The Mass will be followed by a great party that Pamela planned, held at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 at 11:30 AM. Memorial donation by check are requested to be made "In Honor of Pamela Misenar" and sent to GBS/CIDP Foundation, The Holly Building, 104 1/2 Forrest Ave., Narberth, PA 19072 or online at: https://www.gbs-cidp.org.

sppc-email.org

JULY 22-28

Bell Creek Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 26-29
Location: 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia
Details: Vacation Bible School; free for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade
Contact: www.bellcreek.org or (734) 367-4632
Berean Bible Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, July 26-30
Location: 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Free Vacation Bible School "High Seas Adventure" is open to all kids age 4 through completed 5th grade. Each day includes singing, crafts, games, snacks and Bible stories.

AUG. 5-11

St. Aidan Parish

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7
Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Fifth annual church tour will visit National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Detroit. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch at Pasquale's in Royal Oak.
Contact: Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535 or David Conrad at (734) 425-5950, ext. 203

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

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Olive oil makes summer dishes sizzle

The emphasis is on olive at new oil and vinegar store

Italian food tops the list of favorite cuisine for many individuals — and for good reason. Chef Fabio Viviani, a contestant on the Bravo network's



Chef Fabio Viviani

Top Chef and owner and executive chef of Firenze Osteria Italian Restaurant and Martini Bar in Los Angeles, Calif.,

knows that the combination of fresh ingredients, flavorful herbs and healthy, high quality olive oil makes Italian cuisine a go-to choice for al fresco summer dining.

To bring families together for a summer meal, Chef Fabio has created delicious summer recipes that can be made indoors or on the grill. All of them include olive oil, which is revered for its taste and has long been a part of healthy cooking.

Because olive oil is low in saturated fat and is naturally cholesterol-free, it adds flavor while boosting nutritional value.

You can swap it out for butter or margarine and cut fat in recipes by 25 percent. Use three-quarters of a teaspoon of olive oil for every one teaspoon of butter or margarine.

Olive oil is rich in antioxidants, also known as polyphenols, which have cancer-fighting properties, especially when consumed as extra virgin olive oil.

Enjoy the classic Italian taste of olive oil every day:

- Serve a simple appetizer of fresh bread with extra virgin olive oil. Pour the oil in a bowl for dipping and season with cracked pepper or fresh herbs.

- Create a simple yet flavorful marinade of classic pure olive oil combined with either lemon juice or wine vinegar to flavor meats, poultry and fish.

- Toss your favorite unsalted nuts in a sandwich bag with extra light tasting olive oil to coat lightly, then add a sprinkle of salt for an extraordinary taste.

For more recipes created by Chef Viviani, visit www.BertolliOliveOil.com.

ROASTED TOMATO & ZUCCHINI SALAD

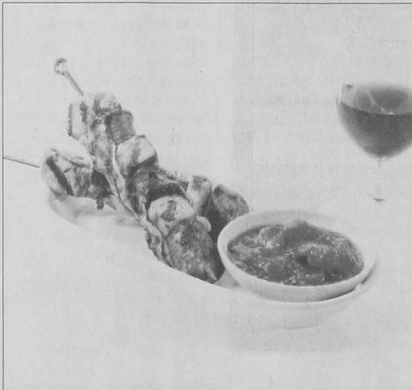
by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

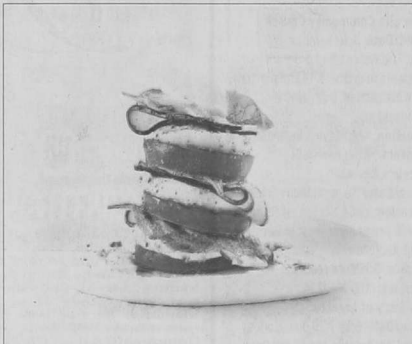
6 Roma tomatoes
4 zucchini
Extra virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
Salt and pepper (to taste)
2 6-ounce balls of buffalo mozzarella, cut into 1/2-inch slices
Approximately 10 large leaves of fresh basil
Shaved Parmesan cheese
Dressing
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon paprika

Cut tomatoes into 1/2-inch slices, and zucchini lengthwise into 1/2-inch ribbons. Season both with minced garlic, salt and pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Roast on grill with cut side up for about 10 minutes, or until nice and evenly roasted.

To assemble the salad: Place the tomato, zucchini (folded) and mozzarella on top of each other, like a tower, with a basil leaf in between layers. Season layers with salt and pepper and a drizzle of dressing. Sprinkle with shaved Parmesan on top.



Grilled Chicken Skewers with Sausage and Pancetta



Roasted Tomato & Zucchini Salad

GRILLED CHICKEN SKEWERS WITH SAUSAGE AND PANCETTA

by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

3 chicken breasts (cubed)
5 to 6 sausages
8 to 10 thin slices of pancetta
Sauce
20 cherry tomatoes (cut in half)
Handful of fresh basil (chopped)
4 tablespoons extra light tasting olive oil
Salt and pepper (to taste)

Alternate pieces of chicken and sausage on metal or bamboo skewers and brush with olive oil. Wrap skewers with slices of pancetta, approximately two pieces per skewer.

Place on grill. Grill until chicken is cooked, approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

In a cast iron pan on grill, place cut tomatoes, basil and olive oil. Sauté until tomatoes are almost stewed. Season with salt and pepper.

Place the cooked skewers on a plate and top with cherry tomato sauce. Garnish with fresh chopped basil.

Note: If using bamboo skewers, soak skewers in water for one-half to one hour, to avoid burning on the grill.

by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

18-ounce filet mignon
8 ounces farro or couscous
10 cherry tomatoes, quartered
1 zucchini, diced
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
5 to 6 leaves basil, sliced in half lengthwise
1 cup shaved Parmesan
1/2 cup pine nuts
Salt and pepper

Season filet with salt and pepper and grill to medium rare. Let the meat rest. Slice meat when you are ready to serve.

Prepare farro by cooking in salted boiling water for 12 min-

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Mix farro with the remaining ingredients in serving bowl. Serve on plate and place sliced filet on top.

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FILET WITH FARRO SALAD

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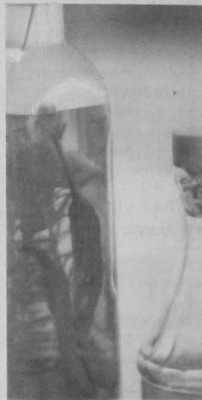
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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shelve the fudge sauce and hold the butter.

Shasta Fase can introduce you to healthful, tasty alternatives for your ice cream sundae, that next stack of pancakes and everything in between.

Fase and Cory Delong, opened their second Old World Olive Press store in downtown Plymouth last week. Both the new location and their existing store in Rockford, located north of Grand Rapids, carry cooking oils — with the focus on olive — balsamic vinegar, spice blends and rubs.

"People come in and have various levels of experience with olive oil," Fase said. "Some have a little knowledge and some are more expert. We pride ourselves in working within their realm of knowledge."

Chefs may know exactly what they want, with little assistance needed. Others rely on the store owners' expertise.

"We ask what types of foods they like to eat. It helps in choosing an olive oil. If they make a lot of sauces, for example, there is one oil I know that is specifically good for sauces," she said.

The store's owners work with an importer to obtain oils and vinegar from around the globe. They look for "first press" oils from quality olives.

"Commercial grade oil is often pressed two or three times. They're just looking at how much oil they can get out of the olive. What we want is, we press that olive one time, so we get the purest, freshest oil."

Fase said one of her favorite oils is made in central California from arbequina olives.

"It's exciting when you get

people in the store and you say, try this. It's from the U.S. Oil from each country has its own flavor because of how the olives are cultivated and grown, how it's pressed. All of those factors determine how the oil tastes."

Fase also sells flavored oils and vinegars, including a chocolate vinegar and a natural butter flavor oil.

"I've used the natural butter flavor on pancakes in place of butter. The chocolate vinegar is wonderful over fresh strawberries or ice cream."

Fase encourages customers to taste the store's products.

"It's like a tasting room, with cups out for sampling."

The Old World Olive Press is located at 467 Forest; (734) 667-2755. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. The Olive Grove, 23622 Farmington Road in Farmington, also offers natural olive oils, vinegars and artisan pasta; (248) 476-4460.



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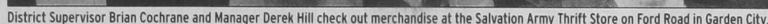
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Check with lawyer on rolling easement

Ted and Lynne Porter, who oversee operations, are retirees and members of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, which operates the store in Plymouth's Old Village area. The



Ted Porter hangs a piece of art in the thrift store run by the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

At the First Presbyterian Thrift

The Plymouth church store supports various charities in southeast Michigan and overseas mission work.

The Porters enjoy their time on their volunteer job. "So it's become one of our passions," he said. "We enjoy the whole atmosphere of the thrift store."



complicated, but do you have any information about that?

issue concerning a Fifth Amendment takings claim for unjust compensation and it remanded certain issues to the Texas Supreme Court including a Fourth Amendment issue dealing with search and seizure. The Texas Supreme Court was asked: (1) whether Texas recognizes a "rolling" public beachfront easement without proof of prescription, dedication, or customary rights; (2) whether such easement is derived from common law or the State Act; and (3) whether and to what extent a land owner is entitled to compensation. These are all questions which remain to be decided but you should be concerned about the nature of a rolling easement and retain experienced real estate counsel to advise you.

A: A new law has taken effect in New York state that aims at protecting repossessed homes from becoming eyesores by requiring banks to maintain the properties during the foreclosure process but before they legally own the home. The new law allows municipalities to perform maintenance work on the foreclosed properties and bill the lender if the property remains unkempt. Enforcement falls to the municipalities and the average fine for failing to comply ranges from \$500 to

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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

Challenging fun for ALL ages

Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Meadow
- 6 Ski lift
- 9 Dune buggy kin
- 12 Result
- 13 "Exodus" hero
- 14 Coffee holder
- 15 RN's boss
- 16 Dixie st.
- 17 Picnic hampers
- 19 Cartoon voice — Blanc
- 21 Aquarium purifier
- 23 World's fair
- 25 Two-finger sign
- 26 Madame Bovary
- 30 Decree
- 32 Inbox filler (hyph.)
- 33 '9 to 5' actress
- 36 Dyes
- 37 Non-earthling
- 38 San wearer
- 39 Big family
- 40 Impractical
- 41 Slaps the cuffs on

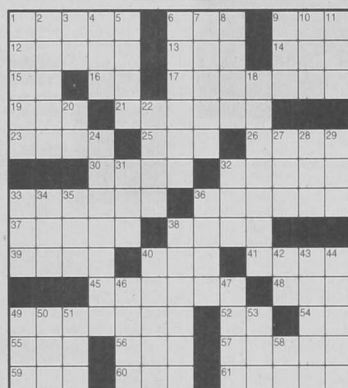
DOWN

- 45 "I" trouble?
- 48 Pond maker
- 49 Wooden containers
- 52 Ouch!
- 54 Tacoma loc.
- 55 Greek P.
- 56 Mai — (rum drink)
- 57 Fixes potatoes
- 59 Nutritious grain
- 60 Prince Valiant's son
- 61 Hide away

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ABED UMA RIPE
WINE NIP ERGO
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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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