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## CONNECTION Cancer concert

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the site for a benefit concert by Michael McDermott at 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

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## Back to school!

The Plymouth-Canton Public Schools and the Plymouth Salvation Army are partnering to provide school supplies for the upcoming school year with its third annual Back 2 School Blitz from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

Local donors can help by donating new school supplies at the Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 S. Main, in Plymouth. The Salvation Army serves the Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville communities.

Items needed include, among other things, red, black and blue pens, yellow highlighters, school supply boxes/bags, erasers, rulers, scissors (with rounded corners), glue sticks, binders, graphic calculators (for high schoolers), folders, notebooks and backpacks.

Families needing school supplies can call (734) 453-5464 to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance. For more information, e-mail laurie\_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call (734) 453-5464.

# New memorial honors fallen Marines

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a somber, patriotic tribute to fallen U.S. Marines who died in Fallujah, Iraq, a new memorial will be dedicated during a ceremony set for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Veterans Memorial Wall in Heritage Park.

Troops of the 1st Battalion 24th Marines, along with Canton Township, will remember 22 battalion members who died and hundreds more who suffered injuries, said U.S. Marine Sgt.

Todd Caccamo, a Canton Township trustee who served with the battalion in Fallujah in late 2006 and part of 2007.

"We had 22 Marines who were K.I.A. (killed in action)," Caccamo said. "We saw aggressive, sustained action for a number of months over there."

The memorial, made of black marble with images of Marines in action, lists the names of the 22 who died, said Caccamo, who took a one-year leave of absence to serve overseas.

"I was with a mobile strike platoon," he said. "We did combat patrols, we

did raids and we did a host of other applications."

Members of 1st Battalion 24th Marines from Michigan and Ohio plan to honor their own during Saturday's ceremony. The Canton Veterans Memorial Wall is located in an area of Heritage Park directly behind a building at 1150 S. Canton Center that houses township offices and the public safety department.

"We will take time to honor all of those whose names appear on the Canton Veterans Memorial Wall,"

Caccamo said. "This service and dedication is not just for our fallen, but for all veterans past, present and future. But, most importantly, it is for their families who must continue to endure and give every day."

"I have seen the memorial. It is a moving and fitting tribute to our brothers," Caccamo said, inviting the public to join Marines "in ensuring their past and future sacrifices will never be in vain."

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Finn Stubin makes a basket during the Tiny Tots event at Heritage Park Monday. Hundreds of youngsters took part in the mini-Olympic-style event.

## Youngsters master 'Olympic' efforts

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fresh off his success on the golf course, Dylan Pusilo was all smiles at Monday's "kiddie Olympics" event sponsored by Canton Leisure Services in Heritage Park.

"The putt-putt was fun, I got it in the hole!" an excited Dylan proclaimed. "I like to have fun."

Dylan was one of hundreds of youngsters, ages 2-6, who had fun at the third annual event, sponsored by the township as a kind of "end of summer" event designed to get youngsters outside for some fun and exercise one more time before the rigors of school resume.

The event included an obstacle course, football toss, baseball hitting, Frisbee toss and other activities. It was staffed by Leisure Services staffers, Youth Volunteer Corps members and others who helped make it a positive event for the area's youngsters.

"I just think it's something fun to take preschoolers outdoors on a summer morning," said Theresa Krueger, Leisure Services' preschool coordinator, who designed the event a few years ago to coincide with the Beijing Olympics. "We wanted something to hook up with the Olympics, that would allow kids to connect with the



Four-year-old Mackenzie Rovik makes it through the tunnel in the obstacle course.



Joe Stubin, 4, takes a whack at the Tee-Ball.

Olympics their parents were watching on TV."

Dylan's mom, Danielle Pusilo of Canton, said she and her children — Dylan and Kaylan — look forward to the

event, which they've attended each of its three years.

"We really enjoy it," Danielle Pusilo said. "The kids get some outside time, and it's a great way to sort of end the summer."

Nichole Passmore's son, Zachary, just turned 3, which put him in prime "kiddie Olympic" territory. The Passmore family is active in a lot of activities through the Summit on the Park and enjoys this particular event.

"It's great for the community," Passmore said. "It's an opportunity for kids to get out and get active."

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## Driver crashes van through bar window

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Deana Brotherton stood just a few feet away when a full-size Chevy van came crashing through the front of the 4 Friends Bar & Grill she manages on Warren east of Sheldon.

"In all honesty, the way our country has become more violent, I really thought a pipe bomb had come through the window," she said. "Because of the sound and the percussion (of breaking glass), I fell to the ground thinking a bomb had gone off."

The incident happened about 6:10 p.m. Friday, causing minor injuries to four people who were treated at the scene by Canton paramedics, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said.

"It could have been much worse," he said.

Authorities were investigating what caused an elderly female motorist to drive the van into the front of

the bar, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Brotherton said she had heard that the woman may have mistakenly believed she had put the van in reverse when she stepped on the gas pedal.

Despite extensive damage to the front of the building, Brotherton said the bar had reopened within three hours due to a quick response by Belfor, a property restoration company that boarded up the damaged area until more extensive repairs could be made.

Brotherton also credited her employees for their response to the incident.

"It's unbelievable how people pull together when something like this happens," she said.

Canton resident Glenn Moore said he and wife Terri had gone to 4 Friends Bar & Grill with friends Mark and Sandy Potrzebowski and Tim

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Workers at 4 Friends Bar & Grill said they thought at first a bomb may have gone off when a van crashed through the front window Friday night.

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# Stewart launches independent bid for state Senate

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Attorney John Stewart is staking out the middle ground in the battle to represent the 7th District in the Michigan Senate.

"People are tired of extremism. People are tired of partisanship," said Stewart on Friday. "I can bridge the partisan divide."

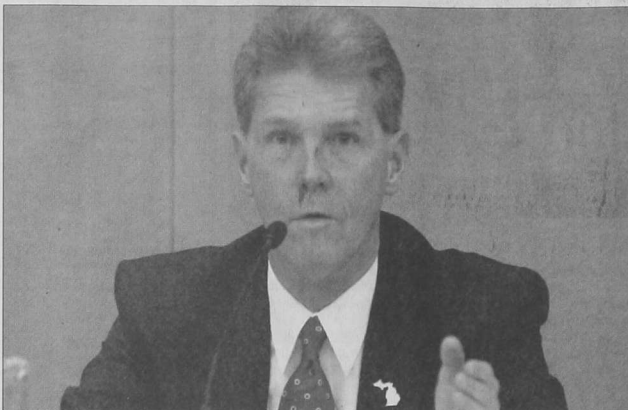
Stewart, 61, is an independent candidate for the state Senate in a district that includes the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a portion of eastern Canton, and stretches from Northville to southwestern Wayne County and east to Grosse Ile. It's a three-way battle to replace term-limited Republican Sen. Bruce Patterson; engineer Patrick Colbeck of Canton won the Republican nomination Aug. 3; and Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, a former state representative, had no primary opposition.

Stewart has been a Republican and a Democrat, but independent is a label that Stewart wears most comfortably.

He was a Republican state House member for six years, through 2006, but more recently has been aligned with Democrats. He considered a bid for the state Senate as a Democrat, but decided against it when the Rep. Marc Corribeau, D-Northville, announced his candidacy in January. The two share a voter base, Stewart said, and would likely have split it.

When Corribeau dropped out of the Senate race in May, Stewart saw his chance. He and supporters collected 2,544 petition signatures — over 1,000 more than needed — to put him on the ballot as an independent.

Stewart says he's a known quantity, and from the mainstream. He's had the same office on Main Street in Plymouth for 26 years, and is a regular at Kiwanis Club of Colonial



Plymouth attorney John Stewart, a former Republican state representative who switched to the Democratic Party when he left office in 2006, is trying a run at the 7th Senate seat as an independent.

Plymouth meetings and First Presbyterian Church services.

"I'm accessible. There's no mystery about John Stewart," he said.

Stewart paints himself as fiscally responsible and touts his six years on the House appropriations committee as experience that will help him tackle the state's finances.

Abolishing the personal property tax, a tax on the value of business equipment from computers to heavy machinery, is toward the top of his list.

"You repeal the personal property tax, you attract high-tech businesses, you attract manufacturing jobs," he said.

That would cut state revenue by about \$1.8 billion annually, in Stewart's estimation; to balance the budget, he favors consolidation in state government (state departments, for example, should not each have

and says the 22-percent surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax should be repealed.

On other issues, Stewart:

- Calls for stable funding of public education, and says he's worried that recent funding cuts are leading to larger class sizes.
- Favors consolidation of the services used by school districts, and of some school districts themselves, as ways to save money. "Overdue," he said of the latter.
- Rejects further cuts in state revenue sharing to local units of government, which, he said, have led to the loss of 2,400 firefighter and some 2,000 police officer jobs statewide since 2001.

Stewart said his Downriver roots — he grew up in Wyandotte and two sisters were teachers in the area — and the fact that he collected petition signatures in that part of the district will help him win voters there.

Stewart and wife Beth have been married for 31 years and live in Plymouth Township. She is the executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. They have two grown daughters, Laura Terrel and Sarah Stewart, both of whom live in Charlotte, N.C.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, Aug. 8, *Canton Observer* should have listed Lori Levi's husband as Brian.

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**Wednesday Children's Concerts**  
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Wednesday, August 18...Tom Seley

Farmington native Tom Seley is excited to bring his musical program that's appropriate for kids ages 7-12. Seley will play his popular songs while kids and their families sing along. In Birmingham, Seley started an after-school sing-along every Tuesday at his school when vocal music was canceled due to budgetary constraints. After two years of playing songs with the kids, he decided to write an album, *Eat Your Veggies and Read Your Vegetables*, specifically for 7- to 12-year-olds. He realized little quality music existed specifically for this age group. Younger kids enjoy Raffi, Barney and Sesame Street; but once kids reach the age of 6 or 7, they consider this music "baby-ish." Popular music on the radio, with its boyfriend/girlfriend themes, is not yet appropriate for these kids. Passionate about filling this need for fun and appropriate music, Seley, a longtime guitarist and singer/songwriter, has written 30 songs for tweens. His music is available on his website, at CDbaby.com, and on iTunes. To learn more about Seley and listen to his music, visit [www.MrSeley.com](http://www.MrSeley.com).

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The Randy Brock Group was formed in 1996 as a power trio with Randy Brock on guitar, Mike Rowe on Bass and Brian Deming on the drums. The line-up now features Sam Galizia on drums and Tony Karam on keys.

For the past 12 years, the band has been a staple of the Detroit live music scene developing their style and talent and have gained a reputation as one of the hardest working bands in Detroit.

In addition to local venues, Randy and the band have played all over the country and opened for some of the most legendary names in music such as Journey, Ted Nugent, Eddie Money and CCR.

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### Chieftette car wash

The Canton Chieftettes hold a car wash Tuesday at the Plymouth Super Center, 400 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

A portion of each car wash price will be donated to the Chieftette organization throughout the entire day. The Chieftette Squads will be on site from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4-8 p.m. Donations gratefully accepted.

### Jazz quartet

Prepare to swing as the Tony Lannen Quartet returns to the Biltmore Studio Theater inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This upcoming bassist is the 2010 American Federation of Musicians' Diversity President's Youth Award winner.

The group consists of Tony Lannen on bass, Ian Finkelstein on piano, Max Bowen on guitar and Jesse Kramer on drums. Group leader Tony Lannen will soon be returning to New York City where he is on scholarship at the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music. The quartet has just released their debut CD "Setting the Standard" It is available on CDBaby.com.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. General-admission tickets are \$10 and are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460 or on-line at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater) or at the door. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

### Ladies camp out

Just the ladies are invited to sleep under the stars at Canton Leisure Services "Girls Only Camp Out" on Friday, Aug. 13 in Preservation Park. Mothers, daughters, and friends are encouraged to pitch a tent together at this unique outdoor event.

Scheduled activities for the ladies, include scavenger hunts, crafts, and games. In addition, participants will also cook over a camp fire and enjoy a gourmet s'mores



### Last of 'Phantom'

Producers are offering special ticket deals as 8th Wonder Theatre's production of "Phantom: The American Music Sensation" enters its final weekend. The production is being offered 10 a.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. Friday, for a '\$5 or more' donation at the door. Tickets for the remaining weekend shows are still available from \$15 to \$17. These shows will feature Broadway actress Maria Couch as Christine. These shows will be presented 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15. 8th Wonder's profits feed directly into scholarships and service awards for both incoming and continuing students at Eastern Michigan University who are studying music, theatre, or dance.

station. Campers may begin pitching their tents at 3 p.m. and activities are scheduled to kick off at 5:30 p.m.

"This first-time girls only camp out gives the ladies a chance to enjoy nature, breathe fresh air and spend quality time together at a great price," said Jeanette Williams, Recreation Specialist. "With the cost of travel, participants won't have the expense of gassing up their vehicles and going to a far off destination to have a great camping experience."

All activities will take place at Preservation Park, located at 500 Ridge Road in Canton, MI, and are weather permitting. There is a 10 percent fee of \$20 for Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents and pre-registration is required.

To register or learn more about "Girls Only Camp Out," visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about

preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at [www.plymouthchristian.org](http://www.plymouthchristian.org) or call (734) 459-3505.

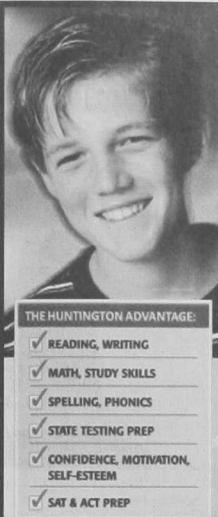
### Church picnics

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

Picnics will be held 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.

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### Rifle play

**1** Police patrolling the Cinnamon Pointe apartment complex, northwest of Lotz and Cherry Hill, noticed a group of juveniles playing with a rifle in a garage.

Officers stopped and found that the gun wasn't loaded during the incident, which occurred shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday on Cassia Court.

A mother of one of the boys told police the gun was supposed to be in a bedroom. She said it had been passed down from her father. Police took the rifle and were holding it for safekeeping.

### Trailer taken

**2** The owner of K.I. Construction, a company on Koppernick northwest of Warren and Haggerty, reported one of his construction trailers was stolen between 5 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday.

The man told police the trailer was last seen parked outside the business Friday evening. It contained a lawn mower, tree saw, shovel, ladder, roof scraper and some plywood.

The trailer was described as 5-by-12 feet with plywood sides and front, and it also had a black chain link fence. The right rear tail light was broken.

### Camry stolen

**3** A man who lives on Uptown Avenue, northeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge, started to leave for work only to realize his 2009 Toyota Camry had been stolen prior to 7:45 a.m. Aug. 4.

He told police he remembered locking the car, but he said he may have then left his keys in a door to his residence.

### Dog attack

**4** A woman who lives on Napier south of Ann Arbor Road called police after she said a neighbor's German shepherd attacked and killed her dog, a bichon, Friday evening.

The woman said she initially took the injured bichon to a veterinarian for treatment, but it died. According to a police report, the woman didn't want to press charges.

Police talked to the owner of the German shepherd, who said the dog rarely is outside but occasionally gets loose. The owner was advised to keep the dog secured, tethered or on a leash.

### CRIME WATCH



### Stolen rifle

**5** A man visiting Heathmore Court, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, came to the Canton Police Department to report that an AK-47 Airsoft rifle and its carrying case had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in front of a friend's house between 11:30 p.m. Aug. 4 and 10 a.m. Aug. 5.

The man told police he thought he had locked the doors of his Mercury Grand Marquis, but police found no signs of forced entry.

### Pot patrol

**6** Canton police confiscated what was described as a large bag of marijuana and arrested a suspect during a traffic stop that occurred about 1:30 a.m. on southbound Haggerty near Palmer.

Police noticed the vehicle had no registration sticker on the license plate and stopped

it. Three people were inside the vehicle.

Police smelled marijuana on a back-seat passenger who admitted he had earlier smoked the drug. He asked not to be arrested and told officers he was awaiting sentencing on another marijuana possession charge.

The suspect was arrested. Police also found what was described as a marijuana pipe.

### Car break-ins

**7** Police went to the Bryn Mawr, southwest of Warren and Canton Center, after a witness reported seeing a large "boat type" vehicle fleeing the scene where two cars had been broken into last Thursday. The car was described as brown and possibly an older Cadillac or Oldsmobile.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## Suspect arraigned in Rite Aid robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Tecumseh man has been arraigned on criminal charges following allegations he robbed the Rite Aid pharmacy on Canton Center south of Geddes, seizing narcotics and fleeing into a wooded area where police say he was captured.

Jeremy James Hurt, 30, was jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond during his arraignment Monday afternoon by 35th District Judge Mike Gerou on charges of armed robbery and larceny in a building. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Hurt faces an Aug. 20 preliminary exam to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Charges against Hurt followed reports the Rite Aid store had been robbed around 3 p.m. Saturday by a white male suspect who approached a female pharmacist, handed



Hurt

her a note, indicated he had a gun and demanded narcotics, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

"He ordered the pharmacist to show him where the narcotics were," Schreiner said.

The suspect jumped over the counter and, amid threats of violence, the pharmacist complied with his demands for prescription drugs kept in a secure area, Schreiner said.

The suspect then fled Rite Aid and was seen by witnesses running southeast into a wooded area, authorities said.

Canton police quickly cordoned off the area, brought in a tracking dog and closed in on the man.

A short chase ended when one of the responding officers found the suspect lying in a grassy area, police said.

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## CRASH

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and Noreen Lauster before the accident happened.

"We were just shaken by the incident," he said. "It was a very surreal experience."

Moore said the group heard what sounded like "a loud explosion."

"Our reaction was to hit the ground," he said. "We did not realize what happened until it

was over."

Moore could only wonder what might have happened if the group had sat at a table closer to the window — a spot he said he probably would have picked if he, instead of his friends, had arrived first at the bar.

Moore also said one of his friends, Sandy Potrzebowski, had worn her angel necklace for the first time Friday evening.

"We must have had an angel watching over us," Moore said.

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# Injury prompts Canton grandma to ask for playground safety

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman whose grandson was injured on a Heritage Park play structure has criticized the equipment as unsafe for children.

Brenda Jablonski's 9-year-old grandson, Ethan Zadorski of Deerfield, climbed a three-pronged structure while she was looking away, then fell and hit his face on a wooden section protruding nearly halfway up one of the support beams.

Jablonski rushed Ethan to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she said doctors used 15 stitches to sew up the boy's bleeding cheek.

"There's a small piece of his cheek that's gone," she said. "My grandson is scarred for life."

Jablonski, who has lived most of her 46 years in Canton, had taken Ethan to the Heritage Park playscape early last week along with her own daughter, 10-year-old Ashley, and Ethan's sister Cheyenne, 6. Ethan climbed up the wooden structure, which has tires attached to it, only to fall.

"I took him to what I thought would be a safe place to play," she said. "I don't know why they ever built something like that."

Abe Vinitski, a Canton parks supervisor, said he checked with the equipment manufacturer and was told that, in 30 years, the company had "never heard of an injury like that."

Still, he said, "Our No. 1 priority is the safety of our children on the playgrounds."

Vinitski said the township has two audits each year by a certified playground inspector, and he said Canton



Ethan Zadorski fell after climbing up this piece of playground equipment — hitting his face on a wooden section that protrudes nearly halfway up a support beam.

employees frequently look for safety issues on play equipment.

"Through our inspection process, we are constantly monitoring the safety of our playground equipment to make sure we have safe playgrounds for our kids," Vinitski said.

Jablonski, accompanied by Ethan's mother, said she met with township employees Friday to discuss issues such as making the play structure safer.

"I want to make sure they alter this equipment, at the very minimum," she said, adding later, "I personally

wish they would take it out altogether."

Jablonski acknowledged that Ethan, who lives on a farm, is a rough-and-tumble boy who loves to climb. She said he has even hinted he would like to be a stunt man when he grows up, and she said he "hardly cried at all" when he fell and injured his face.

"He's always going to climb," Jablonski said. "For a little boy, he's a tough guy."

Yet, she said, "a piece of his cheek is gone, and he's never going to look the same."

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## District adds 3 high school teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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While looking at an overall decline in the number of students overall in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, administrators watching a sharp spike in high school enrollment were at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting asking for more teachers.

Using a show of hands rather than a formal vote, board members voted 5-1 (Trustee John Jackson was absent) to approve the hiring of three additional teachers at the high school level to help deal with an enrollment nearly 200 students higher than administrators had projected during budget talks in March.

At the time, Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, had projected some 6,210 students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. However, as staffers began dealing with schedules a month prior to the start of school, they discovered they're scheduling for some 6,400 students. As Trustee Adrienne Davis pointed out, that's a significantly higher number than

the 5,400 that were registered at The Park in 2004.

"The Park is growing," Bihun told board members Tuesday. "It's a thousand kids difference (from 2004-05). That's a huge growth."

Bihun told board members higher class sizes would be necessary to deal with the increase if the new teachers aren't added. Classes would be tight, Bihun said, even with the addition of the three teachers; without them, class sizes in the district's CORE courses — math, English, science — would rise, if only slightly. Students are already on waiting lists for elective courses, some of which are either full or were cut in the face of a reduction in staffing that accompanied budget discussions.

The additional high school teachers would also alleviate a prospective hike in class sizes in the district's Smaller Learning Communities program, which helps keep class sizes down among freshman and sophomore courses.

Bihun pointed out that, even after adding the three full-time teachers he was

requesting, the district would still meet the staffing reductions called for in the 2010-11 budget.

"I can feel comfortable with it," board President Steven Sneideman said. "The difficulty is there have been times in the past we thought we would exceed (projections) and then (the extra students) didn't show up."

Board Secretary Judy Mardigan, the only dissenting vote, was concerned with the budget complications and preferred to see how the numbers shook out closer to the start of school.

"I understand there's a need," Mardigan said. "Historically, those numbers have dropped. I would suggest you wait to see how it plays out."

Staffing at the other levels in the district is down, Bihun pointed out, particularly at the elementary schools, where the district has cut 11 teachers. The head count from September 2009 at the district's 16 elementary schools is down nearly 400 students.

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# Police, residents strengthen their ties

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although they live in a quiet, well-kept subdivision on Canton's far northwest side, Fred and Linda King realize they and other Hampton Ridge North residents can't assume their neighborhood is immune to crime.

Fred King, a Ford Motor Co. retiree who chairs a neighborhood watch group, cited the theft of money, a laptop computer and other items from autos, along with a forced entry into an unoccupied home, as among the more recent crimes in the subdivision near Ann Arbor Road and Napier.

The residents encourage

each other to leave night lights on, they keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity, and families going on vacation alert neighbors to check on their homes. If they notice something amiss, they call Canton police.

"It's their job to check it out," King said, "and they do."

Hampton Ridge North has one of Canton's 31 Community Watch groups with close ties to township police, in hopes of discouraging crime or solving it when it happens.

"I think both the Canton Public Safety Department and ourselves would agree that it's important for the residents to be the eyes and ears of the police department," King said. "That's what we encourage

here — first to recognize suspicious behavior and then to have the courage and support to call it in."

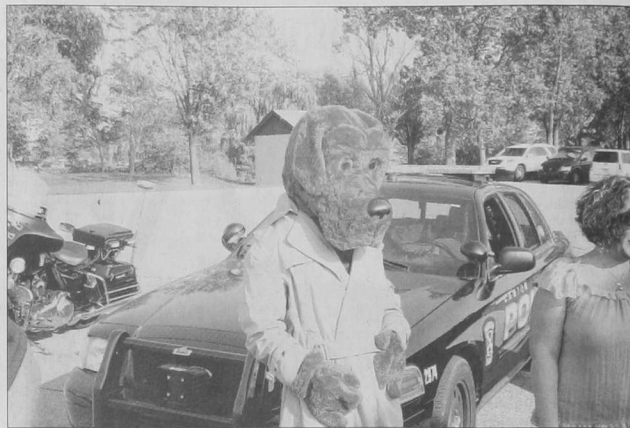
Just last week, nearly 300 Community Watch activists joined Canton police and firefighters for an informal gathering, National Night Out, intended to strengthen their ties. Part of a nationwide event Aug. 3, the three-hour evening allowed children to visit with crime-fighting dog McGruff, get an up-close look at police and fire vehicles and play in inflatable bouncers.

Children and adults scarfed down hotdogs as they talked with police officers and firefighters, and a disc jockey kept the mood upbeat by spinning tunes.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski called National Night Out and, more importantly, Community Watch as important ways to help educate residents to make the township a safer place. Gajeski also keeps in touch by sending e-mail and cell-phone alerts to residents who sign up for services such as Nixle.

"It helps because I send out information on what's going on, and it goes out to the Community Watch people," Gajeski said. "It's just one more thing that helps them when they're looking out for things in the neighborhood. It results in more calls to us, and it helps us do our jobs more efficiently. The police can't be everywhere at once."

National Night Out came after public safety officials recently released results of a community survey indicating that 98 percent of respondents feel safe in Canton. Though



Crime-fighting dog McGruff made an appearance at National Night Out, a gathering of local Community Watch residents, police officers and firefighters.

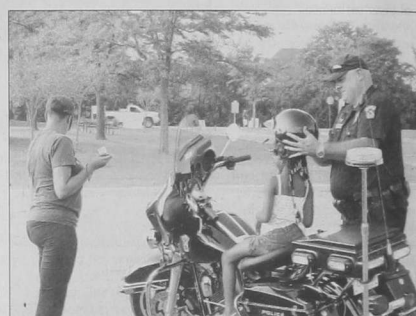
informal and mailed to just 400 homes, local authorities said the survey nonetheless provided one snapshot of local attitudes.

King said Hampton Ridge North's neighborhood watch program has empowered residents to play a role in protecting their 130-home subdivision. Program leaders serve as block captains to keep other residents involved and to welcome new residents.

And when there's trouble, they call Canton police for help and feel confident it will arrive.

"The police department has just been great," King said.

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# MoveOn rallies, seeks support for anti-corruption pledge

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About 30 MoveOn members gathered at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh Tuesday afternoon to urge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to support the group's Fight Washington Corruption pledge.

The pledge calls for overturning the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling that government may not ban political spending by corporations in candidate elections. MoveOn.org said the pledge calls for lawmakers to pass the Fair Elections Now Act to "empower grassroots fueled candidates and radically erode corporate lobbyists' influence."

On Tuesday, MoveOn members stood along the northwest corner of Six Mile and Newburgh, not too far from McCotter's Livonia office, holding up signs that read "Support Fair Elections," "Overturn Citizens United" and "End Corporate Welfare."

Janet Moore of MoveOn said the group also wanted lobbyist reform to prohibit congressional members from working for companies as lobbyists for at least five years.

"From now to the election, we're trying to get elected officials to sign onto the pledge," Moore said.

Marcina Cole, MoveOn's council coordinator in Oak Park, said the pledge is part of the group's campaign to make government work for the "98 percent of the people who aren't represented by corporate lobbyists."

"Some of us don't have jobs; some of us are in foreclosure," Cole said. "We want accountability in Congress. We want change, and we want it now."



Protester Gloria Parrello of Plymouth attended the rally to remind people about the need for the Fair Elections Now legislation.

Jill Farber-Bramson of West Bloomfield said she was picketing because of the Citizens United ruling. Companies are now allowed to fund billions into campaigns, she said. "That takes away the elections from the people," she said.

Khaya Davidson of Farmington Hills said she had time to show up that day at the rally. "We want to end tax cuts for the rich," she said. "Government is being hijacked by corporate interests."

Edward Lilly of Farmington Hills said he wanted "elected officials to represent us, not lobbyists."

Ken Hymes of Redford also

wants the Citizens United ruling overturned. "I'd like to see a government of the people, by the people and for the people," Hymes said. "People need to get involved and hold people accountable."

Hymes added that the supply-side trickle-down economy "doesn't work." "The disparity of wealth is why we are at where we are today," Hymes said.

Joanne Hughes of Livonia carried a sign that read "Support Fair Elections." "I'm concerned about the special status given to corporations in our elections," Hughes said. "I would like corporate America to have less power in our elec-

tions."

Gloria Parrello of Plymouth also attended the rally to remind people about the need for the Fair Elections Now legislation. "(The ruling) allows companies to make big contributions to candidates," Parrello said.

Moore said that they visited McCotter's office after the rally and informed his office about their efforts to fight corporate corruption. Moore said she expected the group will follow up with his office at a later date.

McCotter could not be reached late Wednesday for comment on the Fair Elections Now legislation.



Kent Hymes (left) of Redford would 'like to see a government of the people, by the people and for the people.' Next to him is Janet Moore of Clarkston.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Totally team AYP success a credit to all

For the first time in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools history — “history” being a relative term, since No Child Left Behind isn’t all that old — all three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park reached adequate yearly progress as prescribed by federal regulations.

Considering it’s the third-largest school district in the state with some 19,000 students, that’s a pretty impressive achievement. Neither of the state’s two largest districts — Detroit and Utica public schools — made it.

There’s a lot of credit to spread around when considering success at such high levels. In order for the district to reach AYP, all three high schools, all five middle schools and all 16 elementary schools had to make the grade, put together through a complicated formula that includes achievement on MEAP tests, the Michigan Merit Exam and a variety of other factors that might leave even the federal government a little befuddled.

The bottom line, though, isn’t as fuzzy: For the first time, all three PCEP high schools made the grade. The performance was made possible when some of the subgroups at Salem High School finally did the same, the one area that had been holding the school back. The elementary and middle schools have regularly achieved AYP success and this year the district’s subgroups all did the same.

The news is almost equally as possible at the district’s last non-AYP school, Starkweather. The alternative education center made big strides in participation and grew in graduation rate, though it hasn’t yet hit the federally mandated 80-percent level yet.

While the news is good all around, so is the credit. You have to start with the students, who continually work hard while beating the tar out of state and countywide averages. You definitely have to credit the teachers, who’ve never worked harder to make sure they’re putting students in the best possible position to learn. The district’s Smaller Learning Communities at the freshman level give teachers a more intimate group to teach. They take all the details, study them, then adjust their teaching strategies to give students the best chance to soak it all in.

The district’s leadership team is also largely responsible, starting with Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel and Deputy Supt. Ken Jacobs. Dr. Cindy Swift, the district’s assistant superintendent for instruction, heads up the instructional team that includes Director of Elementary Education George Belvitch and Director of Secondary Education Mike Bender.

And you’ve got to tip your hat to the district’s Board of Education. Trustees have made millions of dollars worth of cuts over the last eight years or so, and thus far have largely been able to keep the cuts out of the classroom. Board members have made it clear student achievement is their top priority and have used whatever sway they have with district employees — through planning, budget recommendations and other means — to be certain Plymouth-Canton students are consistently put in a position to succeed.

Managing a district of this size — 25 buildings, 19,000 students — in these economic times is a challenge on the best days. Managing a district of this size and still ensuring student success is all the more impressive, given the circumstances.

Everyone — board members, administrators, teachers and, especially, the students — should take a bow.

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#### Do you think negative political campaigning works? Why or why not?

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**Bill Serchak**  
Milford



**“I don’t think so. It makes me want to vote against someone who’s putting on the negative commercials.”**

**Karen Stark**  
Livonia



**“No, it doesn’t work, because it makes you wonder why someone would have to be negative. Can’t they say anything positive about themselves?”**

**Judy Milner**  
Canton



**“It hasn’t worked for me, because I already harbor some negative feelings about some of the candidates.”**

**George Koprowicz**  
Canton

### LETTERS

#### Clueless and misguided

These are clearly the two words that came to mind when I read both Letters to the Editor submissions in last week’s edition that were from Keith Martin and Mitch Smith. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but Mr. Martin does not have his facts correct and Mr. Smith is clearly misguided on how a prosperous economy functions.

The Plymouth-Canton School district is one of the best systems in our state. The article that appeared in last Thursday’s edition about the district achieving Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) status is a much better depiction of our local school system.

As the article stated, PCCS has long been a top performer in the various achievement tests such as MEAP, the Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT. This additional recognition only gives Dr. Fiegel, the administrators and teachers an additional reason to be proud of their work. They are definitely not failing us as a community.

This is not to say that they should rest on their laurels. Continuous improvement should be the motto for each and every one of us. The school board, administrators, teachers and community should all rally around Dr. Fiegel to give him our support as he continues to lead our great school system and build stability within it. Yes, Mr. Martin, I agree with you on one point, PCCS and the rest of us all need accountability.

Now on to the letter titled “Code Speak.” Mr. Smith addresses how he feels that we should encourage prosperity through taxation. Not sure I buy into his argument here. Not many business people, high income achievers, entrepreneurs and investors would agree either. Why would anyone want to take risks and be successful if your gains were going to be taken from you? This would be counterproductive.

Granted, there are those that are corrupt and don’t reinvest their gains in a way to further enhance the economy but they should not be “broad brushed” into one category with those high earners that are respectable and labeled all as “evil.” When people with higher incomes make investments, start businesses, contribute to charity, buy goods and buy services, it all helps the economy as a whole grow and flourish for all. Jobs are created and sustained by these actions.

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Overtaxation is only a deterrent to prosperity. If we continue the current tax and spend mentality, it will only prohibit an economic turnaround not enable it. The government spending path we are on now only gives us a false sense of security and soon the walls will come crumbling down further than what has happened in the past few years.

We need to empower our workforce to earn great wages not penalize them when they do. Excessive taxation will not accomplish this ability.

**Mark Hutchins**  
Canton

#### Lucky to have Fiegel

On May 12, 2008, after a six-month search, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education selected Craig Fiegel as superintendent.

Fiegel was selected based on what board members described as his experience as an educator, administrator and with school budgetary issues. “We are very pleased to present Dr. Fiegel as our district’s new superintendent,” said Board of Education President Judy Mardigian. “He is certainly very capable and I believe he has all the qualities and experience our district needs at this time. The Board of Education has committed a great deal of time to this process and we believe it was worth it. I am comfortable we have selected the right person for the job.”

One of the biggest challenges Dr. Fiegel has is learning about the district and the people of the community. He appears to have succeeded at everything he was asked to accomplish with the exception of playing school board politics.

In less than two years on the job, if I hadn’t read the headlines “Scores drop on Fiegel’s report card,” I would have thought we are lucky to have someone like Dr. Fiegel running the third largest district in the state.

- A balanced budget
- Educated the community on the budget
- Good leadership on balanced budget and “did a good job with innovative ideas”
- Climbing student achievement scores on MEAP and other tests

- Innovative way of paying to replace the district’s aging bus fleet
- High scores in business services
- High scores in administrative services
- High scores in community relations
- Good marks in Salem High School expansion
- Good marks in negotiations and employee relations

- Curriculum Development — “Doing quite well”
- “Making excellent progress”
- Improving diversity
- Fiegel has “out of the box thinking”

The board went into private session to criticize Dr. Fiegel, for the article didn’t mention any of his “failures.” Apparently the Board of Education didn’t have the courage to condemn him in public. “Sneideman wouldn’t be specific about the complaints” in long range planning, other than to say he needs to “increase collaboration with the board and staff.” What does this mean?

The facts suggest our community schools have a great superintendent who based on objective and unbiased results is doing a great job in an relatively short time. Rather than making headlines for a dropping “report card” based upon the board’s subjective review, we should be acknowledging and hailing the great progress we are making under his leadership and offer him a contract extension.

We are lucky to have Craig Fiegel in these difficult economic times.

**David J. Winter**  
Plymouth

## If Michigan’s crises don’t motivate voters, what will?

Apathy was the landslide winner in last week’s Michigan primary election.

Despite months of hype about the tough nerd and the Tea Party, the angry mayor and the ex-Marine, more than three-quarters of the state’s voters — the voter participation rate was not quite 23 percent — greeted the election with a collective yawn.

Plymouth Township voters did slightly better, with just over 31 percent casting ballots.



**Matt Jachman**

Lines at polling places were short or nonexistent, and voting in many cases took not much more time than ordering lunch at a fast-food drive-through.

The field of gubernatorial candidates was whittled from seven to two, even though the vast majority of voters didn’t bother to make their voices heard.

In local state House and Senate races, even a meager showing was enough to move some candidates to the November ballot, because so few people bothered to vote in the first place. Apathetic voters give motivated voters a disproportionate share of power in deciding who gets to the next round.

There are so many pressing prob-

lems in the state — high unemployment, a near decade-long recession, falling (still) state revenue, the further decline of Detroit and other urban centers, cuts in vital local services like police and fire protection and a pending (again) state budget fiasco — one would think the electorate would be especially motivated.

With so much at stake, voters must do their part, and the people we pick to lead us out of this mess must have the confidence that comes from knowing the majority is in their corner.

But with so few taking part in the process, it’s hard to see how political solutions will have the oft-demanded “consent of the governed.”

Some blame Michigan’s closed pri-

mary system — in which, unlike in the general election, voters can’t cross party lines — for at least some of the primary disaffection. It’s not an ideal system, but it doesn’t do voters any good to drop out of it.

Those who do, if they bother to vote in the November election, will find their choices have been narrowed for them, often by a small minority of voters.

On the other hand, meeting people who take their citizenship seriously enough to vote was reassuring.

Among those who turned out at the polls Tuesday in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, many said they were motivated by a sense of duty, even though they weren’t uniformly

thrilled by the candidates in the race for governor or any of the local races.

“That’s what you do on election day,” Garon Stephens of Plymouth said after casting his ballot at the Cultural Center.

With only 82 days until the general election, the outcome of which will play a large role in determining whether our state recovers or continues to stumble, here’s hoping more of Michigan’s 7.2 million voters adopt that view.

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## Understanding is key to investment

An article about the finances of a variety of school districts around the country stated that some school districts (none in Michigan) have been involved in sophisticated financing techniques in order to cover budget shortfalls.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Unfortunately, the programs did not turn out as advertised. In fact, instead of saving money, it has cost these districts millions of dollars.

The strategy utilized by the districts was very complex and sophisticated and required a variety of banks and financial institutions. Basically, they used variable interest rate debt obligations to finance the school district as opposed to using fixed-rate obligations, which school districts have traditionally used. In addition, the schools locked in these financing deals with high ongoing fees to financial institutions for decades. If the school districts had utilized traditional fixed-rate debt obligations, the fees paid would have been significantly less to the banks and financial institutions involved in this strategy.

There are some lessons to learn examining the mistakes made using the exotic financ-

ing transaction.

For as long as I've been involved in the financial world, I have preached to investors the importance of understanding the cost of any financial transaction. Investors should know the costs involved to buy, sell and hold every investment. Costs and fees are important to understand before entering into any financial transaction.

One thing became quite clear in reading the article and that is the school boards never understood the costs and fees involved. Furthermore, the school officials did not seek the advice of someone independent — who would not be making any fees on the transaction — is beyond me.

This is similar to individuals who go to financial advisers who sell them commission-based products and do not understand the conflicts of interest involved. I believe all investors must be able to identify all conflicts of interest with anyone who is recommending products to them or who is recommending other types of financial services.

Another lesson can be learned by looking at the board members who were interviewed after the financing deal had imploded. The gen-

eral view was that because the investment vehicles were very complex, the board members never truly understood them or the risks involved. This applies to institutions as well as to individuals. No one should ever become involved with an investment that they do not understand. When investment vehicles are so complex that an investor does not understand what is involved, it's a sure sign he/she should avoid that investment.

At a minimum, whenever you enter an investment, you must understand how you can make money, how you can lose money and how you can get your money out when you want.

Some of the best investments I've ever made are the ones I walked away from. In order to protect our money as individual investors, we must stay within our comfort zone and invest in what we truly understand.

Understanding an investment, identifying conflicts of interests and seeking independent advice will not guarantee success as an investor, but it certainly will increase the chances.

Good luck!

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### AROUND PLYMOUTH

#### Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, a sponsored project of the Plymouth Symphony, will be holding auditions for the 2010-2011 season on Friday, Aug. 27, at Evola Music on Haggerty in Canton.

Under the direction of conductor Nan Washburn, the Celebration Youth Orchestras provide a unique,

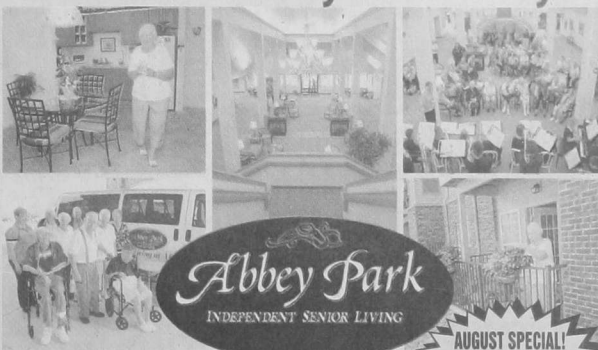
enriching and exciting musical experience for aspiring young players throughout southeast Michigan, especially in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Belleville, and Westland.

The CYO currently offers a full program of three orchestras and a flute choir, workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and composers, as well as yearly side-by-side perfor-

mances with the professional musicians of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Jane Libbing at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras office at (734) 451-2112 or e-mail her at [jane@plymouthsymphony.org](mailto:jane@plymouthsymphony.org). Check out the CYO website at [www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org](http://www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org).

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DREAM CRUISE ROLLS  
INTO TOWN, B6Area grid teams  
have fresh startBY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The actual kickoff is still two weeks away, but a new football season got under way Monday in Farmington and around the area with the start of practice.

"It's always exciting," North Farmington coach Todd Schultz said. "You get a fresh start, a fresh team. You always have faces changing, but you get a new shot at a new season. I think everybody gets excited for that."

The dean of area coaches is Farmington Harrison's John Herrington, who begins his 49th year in coaching and 41st as head coach of the Hawks.

Herrington, whose teams have won a dozen state titles, said it didn't seem like nine months had passed since the end of last season.

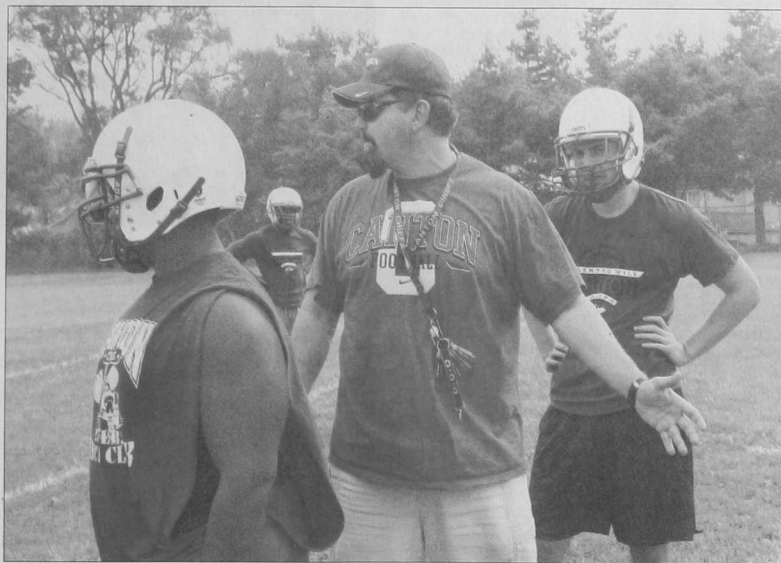
"I don't feel we've been away much with the summer program, the passing league and the camps," he said. "It doesn't feel like it's been that long."

"It will seem like it Thursday when we put the pads on. We've been doing all this touch football during the summer."

The first day is always long at Farmington High. Coach John Bechtel and his staff start at 8 a.m. passing out equipment.

That's followed by two meetings and lunch before the Falcons hit the field at 2:30 p.m. The second session takes place in the evening.

Bechtel, who begins his 13th season



Canton players Robert Lincoln and Austin Golles listen up while Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler instructs them on an upcoming drill during the first official day of practice.

## Back to work

Football officially begins for 2010 high school squads

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth football players lined up to do sprints to begin the afternoon practice Monday, the first day Michigan high school grid squads could hold official practices.

On the backs of T-shirts was the Wildcats' new slogan — "Bleed For Your Brothers."

"The only thing it can do is breed togetherness and family," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about the phrase. "Hold each other accountable. That's what they're going for."

Sawchuk, new offensive coordinator Marquis Mosely and other coaches are now helping the players gear up for today — when full pads can be worn — and Saturday's annual "Black and Silver" intrasquad scrimmage (11 a.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park turf field).

"We want a good tempo (on day one), be ahead of where we were in our (summer) camps and be ready to go when the pads come on," Sawchuk said. "As we get into Thursday, a lot of the teaching stuff with the X's and O's should be in."

"Then it's just executing and we move

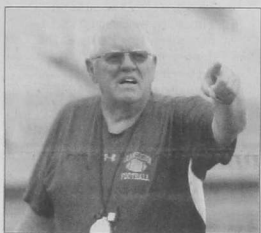
on from there."

Plymouth will be looking ahead to the regular season opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, against campus rival Salem, where head coach Kurt Britnall is starting his second year at the helm.

Other football fields at PCEP were also in full swing Monday, with the Rocks and Canton Chiefs also going through opening sessions on an overcast, humid day with afternoon rain instead of scorching sun.

Following Canton's practice, junior lineman Cory Peters swigged some

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John Herrington begins his 41st season as Harrison's only head coach.

Hills mom  
wins O&E  
tourneyBY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Pattison can't remember the last time she was in the winner's circle.

"I think it was my first ever ... no, it was many years ago," said the stay-at-home mom from Farmington Hills, who captured the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows. "I normally don't play in tournaments and I do not play well under pressure."

Pattison, however, ran away from the field in the championship flight with a 75, five shots better than Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills and defending champion Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

Pattison, a Dearborn High grad who played golf at Winthrop College (S.C.), is an 8-handicap.

She played an efficient round with birdies on the par-3 fifth and seventh holes. She didn't have any double bogeys. "I was getting up and down, I had some good chips, I was scrappy," Pattison said. "I did not hit great, but I got up and down. I kept it in play."

Pattison plays regularly in the Tuesday night Swift League at Salem Hills and does get out occasionally during the twilight hours at



Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills won the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

Salem's Verduce had  
all the right answersBY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marge Verduce was The Answer Lady of Salem High School's athletics department ever since it started in the early 1970s.

Salem athletes, coaches and parents could always rely on the longtime athletic department secretary to steer them in the right direction whenever they needed information about schedules, physicals and anything else, for that matter.

Sadly, those answers now will have to come from elsewhere following Verduce's Aug. 1 death at age 71 following a lengthy battle against cancer.

"I would always go in and talk with her when I dropped stuff off," 2010 Salem graduate Chris Kordick said. "So about twice a month, I would chat with her. She never mentioned anything that she was sick. She always looked healthy."

Kordick said Verduce "was the face of the athletic department for the students. She'd always greet me with a smile and always asked if there was anything I needed."

Veteran Rocks softball coach Bonnie Southerland described Verduce as a unique person with a wealth of knowledge who "went out of her way to help out the coaches in any way she could."

Southerland added that over her 25 years as a Salem coach, Verduce always had her finger on the pulse of the department.

"I know I can speak for the coaches at the Park when I say if we needed anything, all

we had to do was ask Marge," Southerland said. "We always knew Marge would have the answer."

According to Tom Willette, co-athletic director at PCEP, Verduce's work ethic was something to behold.

"Marge was a tireless worker who had a passion for high school athletics," Willette said. "Her dedication to the job was unquestionable."

"She will be missed for her work abilities, but more importantly because of (the) impact she had on all of the student-athletes and coaches over her nearly 40 years at PCS athletics. She was a great lady."

Willette echoed what anybody else who ever stopped by the Salem athletic department is saying in the wake of her passing.

"How do you replace someone with the knowledge and experience that Marge had?" Willette asked. "You don't."

Verduce, a Northville resident, would have turned 72 in October. She continued serving Salem athletics while receiving treatment for her cancer.

She is survived by daughters Catherine Verduce and Marie (Steven) Frankowiak, son Michael Verduce and grandson Mark Frankowiak. Services were Friday at Northrop-Sassman Funeral Home in Northville.

Cards of sympathy can be sent to the Verduce family at 41324 Windsor Court, Northville, MI 48167.

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## SIDELINES

## U-M grid captains

Mark Moundros of Farmington Hills was named a captain of the 2010 University of Michigan football team Monday.

Moundros, a former North Farmington standout, and fellow fifth-year senior Stephen Schilling were elected by their teammates.



Moundros

Schilling of Bellevue, Wash., will represent the offense, and Moundros was selected as the defensive captain.

"This team chose two worthy seniors to represent this program as captains," coach Rich Rodriguez said in a press release.

"Mark and Stephen are great representatives of the University of Michigan, both as students and football players."

"They will work with our other seniors to lead this team throughout the season."

A three-year letterman, Moundros will be a two-way performer for the Wolverines. He practiced at linebacker throughout the spring and is the team's starting fullback.

Moundros has recorded 15 special-teams tackles during his career. He has rushed the ball three times for 14 yards and one touchdown, and he has caught four passes for 13 yards and one TD.

Schilling has started more games than any other Wolverine, starting 36 of a possible 37 games. He played left guard last year after starting at right tackle for two seasons.

Schilling was an All-Big Ten honorable mention in 2009 and the co-recipient of the Hugh R. Rader Jr. Award as Michigan's top offensive lineman.

## WMU netter honored

Junior Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) was among three Western Michigan University players named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team.

Moccia, who helped the Broncos to a 16-11 dual match record and the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals for the sixth year in a row, was joined by teammates Rachel Denny (Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart and Jill Pastunink (Zeeland West).

It was a record 16th straight season the Broncos had a player earn the honor, which no other NCAA Division I program can match.

Players must carry a 3.5 grade-point average or better for the current academic year to be considered.

Moccia, an Academic All-MAC selection carrying a 3.9 grade-point average in biomedical sciences, finished the 2009-10 season 19-14 in doubles and 14-23 in singles.

She has 105 career wins entering her senior year.

## O&amp;E men's golf sign-up

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493, or visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com).

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# Mary Angela Run will benefit Angels' Place

The eighth annual Mary Angela Run will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

For the third year, the event will benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit organization that provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

The event, which includes chip-timed 5K and 10K runs and a one-mile fitness walk/children's run, is done in memory of the

Mary Angela DiGiovanni.

"Mary Angela was a caring and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people, and we believe that Angels' Place has the same ideals," race coordinator and Mary

Angela's aunt, Sue Vincent, said.

"We have had a great turnout every year with nearly 1,000 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

The event has raised approximately \$40,000 each year for the past seven years for charitable causes.

The 23-year-old DiGiovanni, who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003, was a University of Michigan public health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need. Her family has pledged that her life will continue to reach out and help others.

"We're grateful to the DiGiovanni family and all of their relatives who have put

so much time and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angels' Place," said Cheryl Loveday, Angels' Place executive director.

"This event has always proved to be a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and everything that she believed in. It will be a blessing to all of the people who benefit from Angels' Place."

Registration is now open with a standard entry fee of \$25, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run, or to register for the event, please visit [www.angelsplace.com](http://www.angelsplace.com).



High school football teams won't practice with full pads until Thursday, including Canton's Chiefs. But at least they were on the field beginning Monday as work begins in earnest for the 2010 season.

## PRACTICE

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water while waiting for a ride home. He was glad that football was back: "It's really something, coming out here and smelling the fresh grass and fresh paint."

Meanwhile, Peters said the first practice was grueling and repetitive, but a necessary starting point as the Tim Baechler-coached Chiefs look to once again play deep into the postseason.

"Our expectations are to go the states again and win it this time," Peters said. "Most importantly, we just want to

get back into shape and get the season going."

Canton also will scrimmage Saturday (8 a.m. at PCEP), while Salem's scrimmage takes place Saturday evening.

The Chiefs' season opener is Aug. 27 at Walled Lake Central.

**HISTORIC DAY**

A couple of miles east on Joy Road, Plymouth Christian Academy gridders Eric and Daniel Jipping relaxed after taking part in Monday's first practice for PCA's new football program.

"It's going to be fun," said Eric, a junior lineman. "I think it (football program) will stick and we'll have a team for years to come. I think we're all excit-

ed to have this opportunity to play football."

Concurring was his younger brother, freshman Daniel, who isn't sure where he might play when the Eagles open Aug. 27 at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"It's definitely a special thing, the first year," Daniel said. "I'm just glad to be a part of it."

PCA football coach Mike Rumschlag and Athletic Director Rick Swilley so far have 15 players to work with, but continue to look for additions to the roster.

"We're looking to get more kids to come out for PCA," Swilley said.

# Coach's Corner splits AAABA games

Coach's Corner/Canton Sports was fighting elimination Wednesday in the 66th annual All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament following a 7-4 loss Tuesday night in Johnstown, Pa.

The 20-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative opened with a 4-1 victory over Columbus (Ohio) on Monday, but it dropped into the losers' bracket after host Johnstown Delweld rallied in the eighth inning Tuesday.

Coach's Corner was 32-8 going into its third game at noon Wednesday against Chicago Metro, which also was 1-1 after it beat Maryland Tuesday, 5-0.

Coach's Corner had a 4-2 lead and starting pitcher Tom Hansen (Madonna University) was cruising along going into the eighth inning Tuesday.

Delweld sent 11 men to

the plate and scored five runs on three doubles and a single to take the lead. Matt Donaldson's bases-loaded double made it 7-4.

Hansen started the eighth but didn't get an out. The loss went to reliever Kevin Delapaz (Canton), a pick-up from the NFWB Cobras. Austin Delmotte came on to finish the game.

Coach's Corner had 12 hits with Garrett Gumm, Brad Lineberry, Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills) and Garrett Rebaun getting three apiece.

"We played extremely well; we just lost," Coach's Corner assistant coach Frank Corey said. "Our kids played their hearts out."

"We outplayed them the whole game. We had 'em right there and let it slip away. We didn't get any breaks, and they put the hits together. They had one lucky inning."

Pelletier had RBI singles in the first and third innings, scoring Gumm and Lineberry, who doubled in front of

Pelletier to score Gumm (double) in the third.

Coach's Corner got its fourth run in the seventh after Gumm, Drew Adamec and Lineberry loaded the bases with consecutive singles. Pelletier hit into a double play, but Gumm still scored his third run of the game.

In the opener Monday, MU's Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) struck out 14 and pitched a complete game. He allowed three hits and three walks over nine innings.

MU's Spencer Sarel led an 11-hit attack by going 4-for-5; Adamec and Gumm added two hits each.

Delmotte and Dan Stoney had RBI singles, and Pelletier knocked in a run with a fielder's choice.

"We played really well that game, and we had great pitching from Gooding," Corey said.

Coach's Corner took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and added another in the ninth. Gooding struck out the Columbus side to end the game.

## FOOTBALL

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as head coach, said the coaches were especially eager to get started with practice.

"We spend the off season shuffling paper and watching film," he said.

"Administratively, there's a lot to get ready for. Sometimes, it's the first day of practice when you remember why it is you do this thing."

"From the players' perspective, the kids worked hard this off season. Today was kinda the reward, because it's what they've been working for."

"Nobody has lost a game and expectations are high. The goal of every program is to build on those expectations."

Schultz and the Raiders focused on defense Monday. After switching from a 5-2 last year, it's their second year of running the 4-3.

"Last year everything was new," said Schultz, who enters his 23rd season and seventh as North's head coach. "This year the guys at least had a year under their belts, running this defense, and it was nice they had remembered a decent chunk of it."

"We like to go defense the first day we're allowed to hit. We want to come ready to hit and get 11 guys to the ball. We do make that a priority on hitting day."



Harrison's Gairus Coleman hauls in a pass on the first day of practice.

"Our goal is to get most of the offense and defense in by Wednesday, which is an awful lot in three days," Bechtel said. "When we get the pads on Thursday, we can start refining and getting better at the details of all this stuff."

Herrington thought it was a good sign when all 56 players arrived a half hour before practice began.

"They were out there doing things on their own before the 8 o'clock start time," he said. "They're self-starters. They want to win and have a done great job in the summer and all off season."

Schultz had a *carpe diem* message for his players at North. It was time to get serious about the sport and a season that will go all too quickly.

"Before you know it, you're doing the walk down the tunnel at Holland Field for the last time as a senior," he said. "We're expecting our kids to pay well in every opportunity we have, to be thankful for the opportunity to play this great game."

The Falcons will have a veteran team with nine starters back on offense and defense, many of whom begin their third year of varsity ball.

"It was good to see those kids in a senior role," Bechtel said. "The maturity of our football team is so much higher than it's been the last couple years. It just puts everyone in good spirits."



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## GOLF

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nearby Whispering Willows after her 2-year-old Jessica goes to bed.

"The greens were nice," Pattison said. "They rolled great today, faster than normal, but they were quite nice."

For her efforts, Pattison won the first-place trophy and \$110 gift certificate. Pattison also said she will be back to defend her O&E title in 2011.

"I was having a good time," she added. "And it was nice to have another walk (Uthna Murray) out there with me. I had a nice time."

Horning took runner-up honors, along with a \$90 gift certificate and trophy when she defeated Macinkowicz in a two-hole playoff.

In the first flight, Livonian Alice Stanley captured low gross honors with a 91, two shots better than Kathy Konkel of Northville and three ahead of Canton's Lu Stockton.

Stanley and Konkel each



Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills shot an 80 at Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Open at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS**

**Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows Championship Flight (low gross):**

1. Jennifer Pattison (Farmington Hills), 75; 2. Deb Horning (Bloomfield Hills), 80 (won playoff); 3. Susan Macinkowicz, 80; 4. Suzanne Mader, 81; 5. Whitney Drake, 82; 6. Cindy Hill, 83; 7. Jane Kersjes, 84; 8. Jackie McFarlane, 85; 9. Ellen Howell, 86; 10. Linda Murray, 87; 11. Audrey Hopkins, 88; 12. Cynthia Pinkard, 91; 13. Pat Witek, 96.

**Low net:** 1. Madij (Detroit), 2. Joan Macinkowicz (Cherfield Township), Kersjes (Plymouth) and Hill (Ypsilanti).

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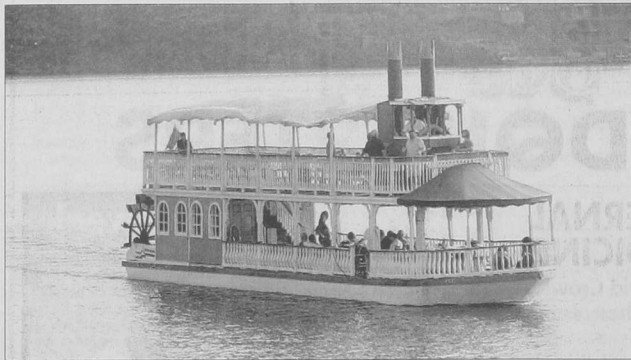
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



The Princess Laura offers cruises around Belleville Lake noon to midnight, seven days a week.

## Riverboat cruises path to family fun

**Observer:** Tell us about your business.

Princess Laura: We have a beautiful tour boat that is a replica of an 1880s riverboat. We feature lunch and dinner tours on beautiful Belleville Lake and we also do private charters and group tours. We have many specialty cruises such as our upcoming Motown Cruise on Friday, Aug. 13. This is a 2-½ hour moonlight tour featuring a DJ playing Motown music. We also have a Blues Cruise on Aug. 27 where our DJ will be featuring Rhythm and Blues. These both include light snacks, and are both BYOB.

Princess Laura Riverboat is also great for family outings. On Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 1 p.m. we offer a one-hour tour for only \$6.50 per person. On Thursday evenings beginning Aug. 26 we have a Pizza Tour with Pizza from Benito's. The cost is only \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children under 12. It includes a 1-½ hour tour with a whole pizza for every two people.

**Observer:** How did you get started?

Princess Laura: When I left my job on the railroad my really good friend in Kalamazoo had a tour boat and it looked like a lot of fun. I bought my first boat 1990, The Silver Queen on Silver Lake near Ludington. We went

### PRINCESS LAURA RIVERBOAT CRUISES

**Business Name:** Princess Laura Riverboat Cruise Company

**Address:** 380 N. Liberty, Belleville, MI

**Your name and title:** Dale and Linda Shaver, owners

**Business opened:** 2009

**Hours of operation:** Noon to midnight, 7 days a week

**Business specialty:** Riverboat cruises

**Business Phone and/or website:** (734) 325-6636; www.princesslaurariverboat.com

**E-mail:** princesslaura53@gmail.com

down south near Louisiana for while, then Indianapolis. I really missed the beauty of Michigan and decided to come back so I bought the Princess Laura in 2007.

**Observer:** Why did you locate your business here?

Princess Laura: Belleville Lake is a beautiful waterway and has great docking facilities. The people and the City of Belleville and the surrounding area have been very welcoming and helpful. The area has a great population base that has been very supportive.

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

Princess Laura: We offer a great low-cost activity that is really different from what people usually do. It gives people and families an opportunity to enjoy the lake and beautiful boat ride. Our Friday and Saturday night Dinner Cruises are a great way

to spend a summer evening. We offer a choice of chicken or baby back ribs with a special price for children under 12. Both the Cruises and our service are only the best. We pride ourselves on taking care of our customers and they always leave happy. We have a lot of return business and we get a lot of customers from referrals.

**Observer:** How has your business changed since you opened?

Princess Laura: Business has been increasing steadily. We have three times the passengers this year than we did last year. Our business has been growing fast as more and more people find out about us.

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

Princess Laura: We expect to continue to grow especially as Michigan gets stronger. We love it here and look forward to serving the areas for many years.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Pork progress

Michigan pork production takes center stage on Monday, Aug. 16, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Rotary Club of Canton. Mary Kelpinski of the Michigan Pork Producers Association will address the group at noon at the Carrabba's Italian Grill located at 1900 N. Haggerty in Canton.

Titled "The Pork Industry: More Than Just the Other White Meat," the speech by Kelpinski will showcase the industry's rural economic impact plus ongoing programs to enhance the



Kelpinski

nutritional quality of pork, to protect the environment and to treat livestock humanely. Due to new technologies and management systems, U.S. pork producers have trimmed pork's fat content 31 percent since 1983.

"Like other industries facing strong competitive pressures, we're working to constantly improve our ability to provide tasty, affordable and nutritious pork products in a responsible manner," Kelpinski said. "I'd like to thank the Canton Rotary Club for giving me an opportunity to discuss how pork producers are providing quality pork products, benefiting the local economy and being responsible neighbors."

Kelpinski is one of 68,000 U.S. pork producers in the United States. Michigan pork production generates over \$343 million to the state's economy and supports 5,300 jobs.

### Making the grade

The recession continues to take an extraordinary toll on school systems as sweeping budget cuts are enacted in cities and states nationwide. Dhara Patel, owner of Cartridge World-Canton, is looking to help schools in Canton combat these serious challenges by encouraging them to

reuse their printer cartridges rather than buying new.

"Although school systems have cut back on many things, the demand for ink is a necessary aspect of the everyday educational curriculum," said Patel. "We look forward to working with school administrators in Canton to help them reduce their operating expenses and budgets during this economic downturn."

With 650 locations throughout North America, Cartridge World, a printer cartridge retailer, has struck a chord with schools nationwide for its ability to save significant money on printer cartridge costs. "School administrators can either bring their empty ink and toner cartridges into our store at 5924 N. Sheldon Road or have them picked up and exchanged for remanufactured and refilled cartridges," explains Patel.

Besides being an affordable alternative for schools to stay "ahead of the curve" when it comes to increasing budget constraints, reusing printer cartridges also teaches students the importance of reusing and recycling to protect the environment. In North America alone, more than 350 million cartridges are discarded in landfills, and that number increases by 12 percent annually.

For more information, contact Cartridge World-Canton at (734) 254-0544.

### Volunteers needed

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

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

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the biannual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The expo runs 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn first-hand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc., and Sign-A-Rama, both located in Canton.

### Golf classic

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a golf outing, and this year's is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Golf enthusiasts from throughout the community will gather at Pheasant Run Golf Club to participate in this fun event. The outing offers an opportunity for businesses to invite potential clients and/or to network with fellow businesses and community leaders. Over 200 golfers, volunteers and sponsors participate in this annual event.

The Chamber offers a wide variety of sponsorships which are filled with opportunities for you to promote your business. Whether you're a beginner or expert golfer, you are welcome to participate. Golf packages include: Tee & Green sponsor, 18 holes of Golf with cart, Breakfast, Lunch at the turn, Dinner with Program, goody bag, and prizes.

Golfers will have an opportunity to participate in longest drive and hole-in-one contests.



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The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the semi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Summit on the Park.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place teams. In addition, Special Olympics offers Closest to the Pin Contest on several of the par 3 holes. Golfers will have the opportunity to win cash.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

### Eat with Phil

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts "Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for breakfast is \$10 (advance member registration) \$20 (nonmember) and includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages and guest speaker presentation. This breakfast is open to the public.

The breakfast will feature guest speaker Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor. Topic of discussion will be "Canton Happenings" and what he sees as Canton's future.

"Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Xuech Snow PC and PNC Bank. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.



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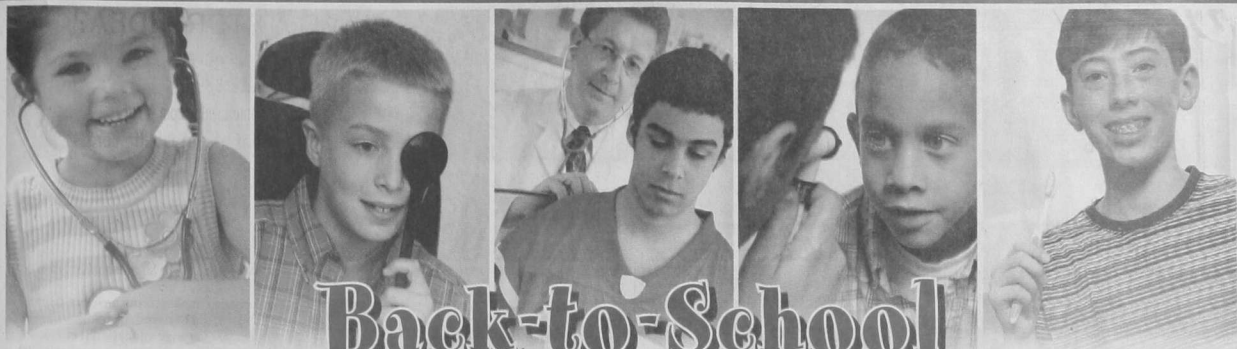
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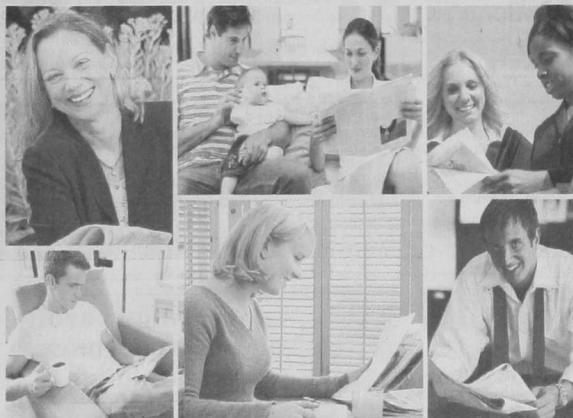
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## Rev your motor and head out to Woodward Dream Cruise

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's about 35 miles from Canton — give or take a few — to the epicenter of the Woodward Dream Cruise in Royal Oak.

MapQuest Livonia to Royal Oak and you're looking at about a 20-mile trip. It's about the same for Farmington Hills and about 30 miles for Westland.

That's a whole lot of driving to attend an event that's all about more driving.

Is it worth making the trip to the world's largest one-day vehicle cruise, exhibit and all-around nostalgic auto heritage event, now in its 15th year?

Yes, because if you own a vintage or collectible car or like watching them, you'll be in Motor City paradise. If not, you'll still find plenty of fun activities during Woodward Dream Cruise week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 17 and leading up to the big event on Saturday, Aug. 21.

We've picked out a few favorites:

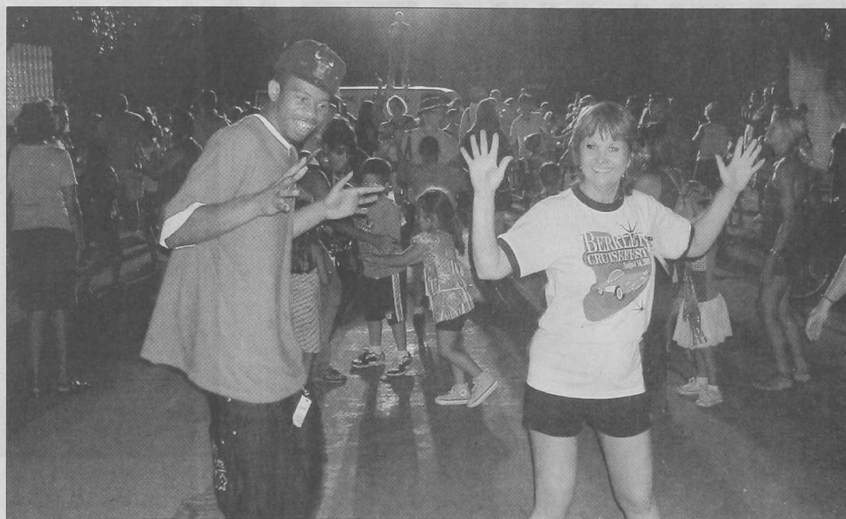
### JUST FOR KIDS

No, you won't find youngsters behind the wheel at the second annual Kids Cruise in downtown Royal Oak, but they will get a chance to climb in trucks and touch emergency vehicles at the Explore-A-Truck display during Kids Cruise, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Fifth and Center Streets.

New this year is a climbing wall and musical "petting zoo" that allows children to touch and handle instruments. Kids will get a chance to make a no-die art project, try face-painting and play on a giant, inflatable slide. The Mydolls, The Detroit School of Rock and Pop, Casual Smile and the Hype Syndicate will play live music. An outdoor showing of the movie, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, wraps up the fun at sundown.

### DINE AND DRIVE

All week Hunter House in Birmingham will serve retro music and cars along with its famous sliders.



Dancers strut their stuff at last year's Berkley CruiseFest.



Parents and kids alike admire the heavy equipment at the Explore-A-Truck display during Kids Cruise, Aug. 17 in downtown Royal Oak.

The diner on Woodward, just north of Maple, will kick off classic car viewing and patio dining on Monday, Aug. 16. British Bike Night starts at 6 p.m., followed by Toppermost with Beatles tunes from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17. Laughing Mad Men Classic Rock runs 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 18-19, with an Elvis Presley tribute planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, followed by Toppermost from 7-10 p.m. The Whatabouts join the line-up from noon to 4 p.m. on Dream Cruise day. The sliders all come topped with grilled onions, ketchup, mustard and dill pickles and range from \$1.80 for a hamburger to \$2.80 for a double cheeseburger.

### DANCE, DON'T DRIVE

Put on your dancing shoes and head to 12 Mile, west of Woodward in downtown Berkley for a little family fun with the Tri-Community

Coalition's annual street dance. The street will be closed to moving vehicles, letting dancers kick up their heels to DJ'd music from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

"We are a substance abuse prevention nonprofit for Berkley, Huntington Woods and Oak Park. We've done this as long as there's been a Dream Cruise," said Judy Rubin, executive director. "We started it because we thought it was great family drug-free, smoke-free, alcohol-free event. Dancing is sort of a language unto itself and music is fun."

The dance is a part of Berkley's "CruiseFest" that includes sidewalk sales from noon to 5 p.m.; a parade at 6:30 p.m.; children's activities from 6-9 p.m.; a performance by Sereious from 7:30-9 p.m. and a 70s-80s party from 9:30-11 p.m. — all on Friday, Aug. 20.

"It's a wonderful event. There's food, music. We're just one little piece of it," Rubin noted. "It's a fun and healthy slice of Americana right here."

### BIG HAIR ANYONE?

Forget the engine exhaust. The air will be thick with hairspray fumes Friday, Aug. 20, near Nine Mile east of Woodward in Ferndale.

That's OK. It just means the 3rd Annual Beehive Jive, sponsored by Paul Mitchell Schools, is underway. The fund-raiser for FernCare Free Health Clinic, runs 1-5 p.m. and consists of professional hairstylists creating piled high hairdos, while onlookers donate and vote for their favorites. Winners are announced at 4:30 p.m. as hair models take to the stage.

"It draws a lot of people. It's fun and gets area salons involved," said Lynn Crinson of Paul Mitchell Schools, Sterling Heights. "Three hours sounds like a long time, but everyone is so excited, the time goes by quickly. They get creative, putting flowers in, using swatches, hair extensions, whatever they need to use. It's awesome."

Students from the school are on hand to create beehive hairdos for visitors.

"Women who get fed up looking at cars can come play with us."

### LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Blaring sirens are music to Anthony Rucido's ears. The Dearborn Heights man coordinates an emergency vehicle show during Cruisin' Michigan Avenue, an annual summer event in Western Wayne County, and this year

is handling the annual show in Ferndale on Friday, Aug. 20 during Dream Cruise.

"It's not offensive, but it's loud. If you're into it you'll be excited. If you're an emergency vehicle aficionado, it will be like a Christmas gift," said Rucido, describing the Lights and Sirens cruise that will take place at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Woodward between Nine Mile and 12 Mile.

"All the (emergency) vehicles on display get a chance to drive on Woodward, turn around and come back to Ferndale."

Approximately 54 emergency vehicles will be on exhibit from 1-8 p.m. Friday in the Nine Mile area, east of Woodward.

"There's a retired gentleman from Redford bringing a 1953 restored police car. Detroit police is bringing an electric car. We have a 1967 Dodge made into a tactical mobile unit," Rucido's named a few favorites.

The Detroit Fire Department will have a restored 1937 unit on view. It's now used as a hearse for firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

"It's a great variety of vehicles."

### THE BIG DAY

Mustang Alley, a collection

of vintage Ford Mustangs, will replace the emergency equipment display in Ferndale on Saturday, Aug. 21. The community's 16th annual Ferndale Classics & Cruise Legends Vehicle Show also will run from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Live bands play every evening in Ferndale from Thursday, Aug. 19 to Woodward Dream Cruise Day. Look for Western Wayne County's own Paisley Fogg to take the stage at noon on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Cruisers will show off their vehicles from morning until early evening, through Ferndale to Pontiac and every city in between, but for food, cars, and displays all in one place, there's no better place than Memorial Park, on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

"There will be about 300 or so classic cars, vendor displays, a food court and GM will have a display," said Greg Rassel, Royal Oak director of recreation and public service, describing the action at Memorial Park.

Several car clubs also will display their hot rods, classic wheels, custom and collector vehicles at Northwood Shopping Center, at the south-west corner of 13 Mile and Woodward.

Visitors can park in and around Memorial Park or take a free shuttle from the Consumer's Energy parking lot on Coolidge (east of Woodward) just south of 14 Mile.

For more about Woodward Dream Cruise events visit [www.woodwarddreamcruise.com](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com).

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## Starts in the Park

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Aug. 12

**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Summer music series features Farmington Community Chorus  
**Coming up:** The Saline Fiddlers on Aug. 19  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

## Trinity House Theatre

**Time/Date:** Hans York, Aug. 21; Cairn to Cairn, Sept. 10; Stewart Francke, Sept. 11; Matt The Electrician, Sept. 16; Pat Terry and John Austin, Sept. 18; Marilyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24  
**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

## Village Theatre at Cherry Hill

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** Tony Lannen Quartet performs jazz; 101 general admission  
**Contact:** Tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villageattheatre](http://www.canton-mi.org/villageattheatre)

## FAMILY

## Bakers Keyboard Lounge

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program

**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, [www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com](http://www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com)

## Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

## Detroit Zoo

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

**Land Rover of Farmington Hills**

**Time/Date:** 3-8 p.m. Aug. 19

**Location:** 38200 Grand River, Farmington

**Details:** Organization for Bat Conservation presents live bat demonstrations, live nocturnal animal exhibits (owls, sugar gliders, and flying squirrels), educational exhibits, bat-themed activities for kids and Rob Mies, conservationist from Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science

**Contact:** obcbats@aol.com; [www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org); (248) 474-9900

## FILM

## Orchestra Hall

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Aug. 26

**Location:** 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Screening of the silent film, "Louis," with live musical accompaniment by Wynton Marsalis, renowned pianist Cecile Licad and a 10-piece all-star jazz ensemble; tickets \$19-60  
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**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 13-14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "The A-Team," \$3 admission  
**Coming up:** 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, and 4:40 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, "Eclipse"

**Summer matinee series:** "American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West," Aug. 12, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26; shows at 1 and 7 p.m.; tickets \$3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

## Redford Theatre

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 21

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit

**Details:** "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," tickets, \$4

**Coming up:** "Laurel and Hardy Film Festival," 8 p.m. Aug. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 28; \$6

**Contact:** [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com)

# Friday's Concert for Darfur raises awareness, funds

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Veronica Allen, Amy Hall and Dan Totzkay are taking their humanities class studies to heart.

The three Livonia residents and Churchill High School graduates organized an awareness-raising benefit concert for Darfur, Sudan, starting at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13, at The Barn, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Admission to "And Yet ... Darfur Benefit Concert 2010" is by donation. Performers include Spencer Kitchen, Steve Schriener, Serein, Adeline, Good Luck Varsity, and PK Fire with a mix of acoustic solos, rock and rock alternative music.

The former students attended the same advanced humanities class during their senior year at Churchill and learned about "the Holocaust and other genocides," Allen said.

"We learned about Darfur. So, two of my friends and I decided to have a benefit concert," she explained.

Totzkay had always been interested in learning about Darfur but also was "disgusted" to learn the deaths of innocent civilians continue

Totzkay said the concert is as much about raising awareness as it is collecting money for [www.savedarfur.com](http://www.savedarfur.com).

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"When we learned about it, we had deep feelings about it, about how horrible it was. I'd known about 'Save Darfur' for awhile," he said. "Amy, Veronica and myself had been good friends from class. Amy knew a couple of bands and wanted to try and organize something like this. We thought it was a good idea."

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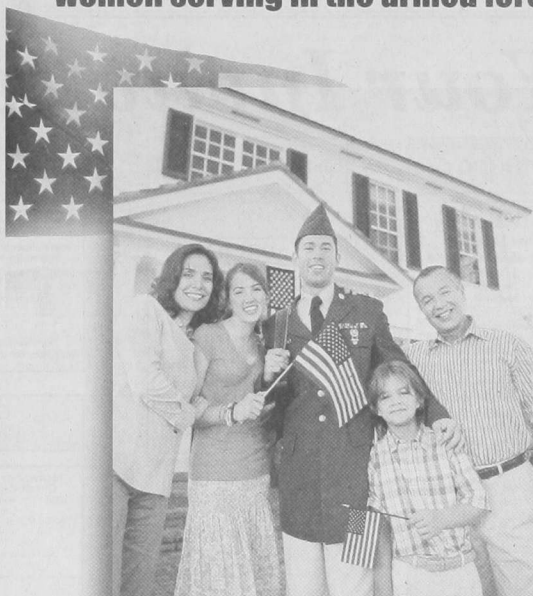
"A couple of years ago was when people knew all about it. It (the violence) has been the worst this year, but people don't even know it's going on."

Totzkay, Allen and Hall will talk about Darfur in short presentations between some of the musical performances.

The musicians are from the Livonia, Plymouth and Canton areas.

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## Art &amp; Ideas

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 18

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

**Details:** "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shaq Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

## City Gallery

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 9

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

**Details:** Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

## Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 28

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists; featured artist at the Northville Art House store is Ann Avery, fiber artist  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

## AUDITIONS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18

**Location:** Reno Hall's Studio

164 on the University of Detroit

Mercy's McNichols Campus, 4001 W McNichols, Detroit

**Details:** Non-equity auditions for "Proof." To audition, provide a recent headshot, resume, one modern monologue and be prepared for cold readings. Participants must register through the UDM Theatre Company's Facebook. Search for "Proof Auditions" at [www.facebook.com/udmtheatre](http://www.facebook.com/udmtheatre)

**Contact:** Greg Grobis at [grobisg@udmrcy.edu](mailto:grobisg@udmrcy.edu) or at (313) 993-3273

## COMEDY

## Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times

Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)

## JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays,

Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends: 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays,

Thursdays: 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Andy Hendrickson, through Aug. 14; Nate Bergatze, Aug. 18-21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28

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

## Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Dwayne Gill, Aug. 12-14;

Kevin McPeck, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28

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

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

## CONCERTS

## The Ark

**Time/Date:** Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, Aug. 12; The RFD Boys, Aug. 13; Marcia Ball, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; The Global Jazz Project, Aug. 17; Open Stage, Aug. 18; Trina Hamlin, Aug. 19; Beth Nielsen Chapman, Aug. 20; Lonesome County, Aug. 21; Suzanne Westenhoefer, Aug. 22; Todd Snider, Aug. 23; Baskery, Aug. 24; Sumkali, Aug. 26; The Siegel-Schwab Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Strawbs, Sept. 9; The Spring Standards, Sept. 10; Billy Bragg, Sept. 11; Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Sept. 14; Toad The Wet Sprocket, Sept. 15-16; Vishten, Sept. 19; Aimee Mann, Sept. 21; The RFD Boys, Sept. 24; The Chenille Sisters, Sept. 25

**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

## Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

## Magic Bag

**Time/Dates:** Neon Escape CD

release party, Aug. 13; The Ultimate Retro Party with the Mega 80's, Aug. 14; Paul Thorn, Aug. 17; Damage Inc., The Metallica Tribute, Aug. 20; Jon Anderson, Aug. 23; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28

**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

## Orchestra Hall

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Aug. 15

**Location:** 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble; tickets \$25-\$75

**Contact:** (313) 576-5111; [www.detroit-symphony.com](http://www.detroit-symphony.com)

## Riverfront Plaza

**Time/Date:** 8:10-30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13

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## AUG. 12-18

## Bible text seminar

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 14  
**Location:** Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia  
**Details:** Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will present "The Gospel According to Snoopy - an interactive seminar on the trustworthiness of the biblical text." The seminar will have something of a CSI quality to it, requiring participants to think carefully, as if they were detectives evaluating evidence. Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple  
**Contact:** Scott at Berean48150@scbglobal.net  
**Blood drive**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15

**Location:** St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy Road, Westland  
**Details:** The American Red Cross needs all blood types. A pint of blood can save up to three lives. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome  
**Contact:** For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057  
**Hosanna-Palooza**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 14  
**Location:** 9600 Laverne, Redford  
**Details:** Music festival with a wide variety of live Christian music - including contemporary Christian rock bands as well as more traditional fare. Carnival games, a craft fair and concession stands also will be available. Free admission. Craft fair spaces are available for \$30 or \$40  
**Contact:** (313) 937-2233  
**Mom to mom**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 14  
**Location:** Prince of Peace (ELCA) Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** The event includes a bake sale and trunk sale. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit local service projects. Participants may donate clothes to sell, or fill a bag the church provides with clothing, for

\$2. It does not accept or sell dresses or high heel shoes. Trunk sale participants park their cars in the parking lot, open their trunks, set out tables and sell mom to mom items and other household wares. Prince of Peace members can rent one space for \$10; non-members rent for \$15. This includes one parking spot for a car and one spot for wares. Additional one-car spots are \$10 each for both members and non-members. Mom to mom sellers keep their profits. Prince of Peace uses all parking spot proceeds for its service work at organizations such as the local Salvation Army, Bolde Food and Clothing Center, Wayne County Family Center, and to fill Thanksgiving baskets and provide Christmas gifts to needy children in the Wayne-Westland school district  
**Contact:** Mary Rose Cartright at (734) 722-4363 to donate clothing and/or to reserve a trunk sale parking spot or for more information; or leave a message for her at the church at (734) 722-1735  
**Rummage and bake sale**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 13-14  
**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Huge selection to choose from. Free admission. Includes lots

of kids' stuff, holiday and household goods, books, records, games, outdoors, sporting goods, appliances, and more  
**Contact:** Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249

## AUG. 19-25

## Family Fun Fair

**Time/Date:** 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22  
**Location:** Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000  
**Summer-Fest**  
**Time/Date:** Aug. 20-22  
**Location:** Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland  
**Details:** Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Contact:** (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

## AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

## Financial Peace University

**Time/Date:** Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31  
**Location:** In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.  
**Contact:** [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/) or call (248) 553-3380  
**New church**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville  
**Details:** Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway  
**Contact:** The Rev. Billy J. Hales,

(734) 486-3210; RSVP to [pas-torhales@yahoo.com](mailto:pas-torhales@yahoo.com)  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Time/Date:** Aug. 27-29  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family  
**Contact:** Register at (734) 464-0990

## SEPT. 2-15

## Prayer service

**Time/Day:** 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-1760; [www.unityoflivonia.org](http://www.unityoflivonia.org)

## ONGOING

## AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096  
**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto: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.  
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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 for information  
**Nicole's Revival**  
**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:** 4171 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.CantonCFC.org](http://www.CantonCFC.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncfc.org](mailto:info@cantoncfc.org)

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Sister Judie Ann Ruggiello has organized Halloween parties for needy children in her work with Sisters of Christian Love.

## Midlife career change leads woman to Catholic order

BY BILL EMERICK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When she was just 12 years old, Judie Ann Ruggiello answered the call and entered the convent at Fatima Hall, run by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, in Dayton, Ohio. Little did she know at the time it would take almost 40 years before she would realize her dream of becoming a nun.

Now known as Sister Judie Ann, the mother of six children has entered into a new phase of her life, as founder of the Sisters of Christian Love. Admittedly a small group — just her and Sister Susan at the moment — Ruggiello is nonetheless doing big things through her ministry of helping the poor of Detroit and the surrounding area.

### RAISING A FAMILY

She's survived not only being widowed with six kids under the age of 12, but also the recent death of one of her sons. Through all of life's challenges, Ruggiello has managed to remain focused on her work.

"God has blessed us," she said of her ongoing ministries of feeding the poor and helping children (and their families) stricken with cancer. "I know we're doing the right thing, otherwise we couldn't do it."

Living and working out of the former rectory at St. Joseph's Church, located off Gratiot in Detroit, Ruggiello and a small group of volunteers assemble and distribute lunches five days a week to the needy who populate the city streets. Monday through Friday, they pack between 75 and 100 brown paper bags — each with the inscription "God Loves Us Constantly" — and drive through the neighborhoods in a van, handing out the meals to anyone who asks. Each lunch includes a sandwich, a drink, fruit and a treat, as well as a heart with a cross on it.

"The thing that makes our ministry unique is that we go to the people on the street," Ruggiello said. "They don't come to us like at a soup kitchen."

Through a patchwork of donations and Ruggiello's own pocket, the group also distributes socks, underwear and hygiene kits. "We could do more, but it's just too costly," she said.

While the recipients are certainly grateful for the food, Ruggiello is cognizant of a greater need: "The big thing they need is love," she said. "Anyone can give them a sandwich, but they really need a hug and to know that someone loves them."

The journey to Sisters of Christian Love for Ruggiello, a native of Pontiac, has had its share of twists and unexpected obstacles. She had plans of becoming a nun when she entered the Ohio convent, but following her high school graduation, "I met this Italian guy," and she abruptly changed direction. She married Paul Ruggiello and they had six children together.

Her husband died in 1976, leaving her with the children between the ages of 3 and 12. She found work with an alarm company to provide for her family, a job that allowed her to work from home. Eventually, she made the switch to working in medical record transcription and struggled to raise the kids to adulthood.

### FELICIAN CALLING

Ruggiello said she was "very involved" in her local parishes of St. Ephram and St. Michael, both in Sterling Heights, so it wasn't surprising when she heeded the call again in 1994 and joined the Felician-Franciscan Congregation in Livonia. While there, she enrolled at Madonna University and earned a degree in pastoral ministry.

Still, Ruggiello had a restlessness that she could be doing more.

"They (Felicians) weren't doing what I was interested in doing," she said. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to go into the contemplative life (cloister) or work with the poor. The Felicians didn't offer either of those."

Ruggiello got her answer one day when she saw a family with young children searching for food in a Dumpster. "That's when I knew I wanted to work with the poor," she said.

That desire led her to found the Sisters of Christian Love in November 2005. From a humble beginning, Ruggiello is hoping to grow the group to at least four members by the end of this year. That number would allow her and her fellow nuns to go from an association of the fel-



Sister Judie Ann at a memorial luncheon in the park with Chuck, whose girlfriend was killed. The poor rarely can afford a funeral service, so this helps provide closure.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

While the Sisters of Christian Love are always in need of monetary donations, Sister Judie Ann would also appreciate any of the following items for her ongoing ministries:

Detroit Zoo passes  
Thanksgiving basket items  
Bottled water  
Fruit cups  
Personal hygiene items

lowing to a full-fledged order, supported by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Someone who's been touched by Ruggiello's devotion to her ministry is Lynette Mitani of Farmington. Mitani, 64, is a tutor at Madonna University in Livonia and first heard Ruggiello when she spoke to the congregation at St. Lucy Church in Troy earlier this year. Mitani made it a point to introduce herself to Ruggiello afterward.

### 'PASSION IN HER VOICE'

"You could hear the passion in her voice," Mitani said. "I was so impressed with her. She's very strong in (requesting) what she needs to accomplish her goals."

Mitani has since joined the group of volunteers that work through the Sisters of Christian Love in its ongoing ministries.

"Her heart is so that it encompasses the whole picture," Mitani said. "I don't understand except for the grace of God how she accomplishes her mission. Sister is truly serving a population that most people would not consider."

Although the two women never crossed paths before this year despite their shared connection at Madonna, Mitani said she can see the strength Ruggiello gained during her 12-year association with the Felician order in Livonia.

"She is a woman of fortitude and grace," Mitani said. "She learned a lot from the older Felician nuns. She needed to be prepared for this."

Ruggiello said living at the former St. Joseph rectory has its challenges, as the building is old and in need of repairs. Still, she feels blessed to have a home base to continue her ministries. Besides the lunch program, the group provides support to families with children stricken by cancer. Whatever is needed, be it transportation, spiritual support or all the way to funeral arrangements, Ruggiello and her volunteers provide it. She also brings the Eucharist to home-bound Catholics.

Her life took a turn for the worse this summer when her son, Joe, died July 4 of cancer. Although Ruggiello has comforted others who were mourning, "it's different when you sit next to your own son," she said.

Through it all, the Sisters of Christian Love continue to alleviate the suffering they see around them.

"If it weren't for people helping and volunteering, we couldn't have kept going," she said. "I haven't been here a lot for the last two months" while caring for her ailing son.

Ruggiello said she hopes to recruit new members, and is always on the lookout for donations of any kind. Her address is Sisters of Christian Love, P.O. Box 32694, Detroit, MI 48232 and her e-mail address is srjudieann@comcast.net.

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## CALENDAR

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### Crafters wanted

#### First United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 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 [funbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:funbazaar@gmail.com). Learn more about Village Banking at [www.FINCA.org](http://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](http://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

#### St. Thomas a Becket

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

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show  
**Contact:** [craftshow@abeckct.org](mailto:craftshow@abeckct.org) or (734) 844-1232

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

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

### St. Edith Church

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

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the 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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### GAROLD F. BOVIA

Age 84 of Albion passed away August 6, 2010 in Pinckney, Michigan. He was born February 12, 1926 in Gypsum, Ohio to Garold Francis and Elsie Thelma (Bernore) Bovia. His first wife Helois Johnson Bovia died August 5, 2001. On February 4, 2006 he married Alice J. (Wilbur-Shaw) Bovia who survives. He worked as a Letter Carrier in Wayne and Westland for over 25 years where he retired in 1986. In 1989 he came to Albion. Garold was a member of the Marshall Assembly of God Church and a leader of the Royal Rangers. He enjoyed bowling, reading, traveling and especially his family and friends. He is survived by his wife Alice J. Bovia of Westland; 29 Grandchildren; 50+ Great and Great Grandchildren; Step-Children Dianna Browning, Alvin Shaw Jr. and Donald Knisley; a sister Thelma Elliott of Temperance, MI and brothers Roland Bovia and Marvin Bovia both of Toledo, OH. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. at J. Kevin Todd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion with Rev. Harry Borsheim officiating. Burial was at Hunt Cemetery in Clarence Township, MI. Visitation for family and friends was Monday, August 9, 2010 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Assistance with Memorial contributions can be made to: Arbor Hospice or Cancer Society envelopes are available at the funeral home.



### LESTER S. BOWDEN

Age 84, of Livonia, MI and the late wife of FL passed away peacefully in Florida on July 31st, 2010. Les was born on August 7th, 1925 was the oldest of 7 children. He was the husband of Jane Bowden (Wisner). He proudly served his country as a medic in the 28th Regiment, 5th Division in the Marine Corps during WWII. Les was present on Mount Suribachi the day the flag was raised on Iwo Jima. Les married his wife on April 15, 1944 and spent 66 years together. He was a longtime business man, starting Les Bowden and Associates Insurance Agency in the 1960s. Les loved his wife and family. He also loved caring for his Pomeranian dog, Pepe. His passion was boating, traveling and business. He is survived by his beloved wife Jane Bowden, his daughter Darlene Sweeney, his grand children, Don (Erica) and Debbie (Jason); and great grandchildren David, Aidan and Reid. A memorial service will be held August 17 at 12pm at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions made to the Michigan Humane Society.



### ANN MARGARET (KRUSZEWSKI) HUNTER

Age 92, died on August 9, 2010 at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia where she resided for the past 2 1/2 years. She was born in Lansing, Michigan on August 22, 1917 to Maria and Stanley Kruszevski. She was preceded in death by her husband Maxwell and her son Stanley Hunter; she is survived by her daughter Patricia (John) Haines, her grandchildren Marie Wolton, Mattawan, MI; Mark (Sara) Hunter, Northville; Kristen Hunter, Taylor; Stanley (Julia) Hunter, Endicott, NY; Inga Hunter, New Hartford, CT and 5 great grand children. She was a member of the Wayne Garden Club and the Wayne-Westland Senior Choir. Instate Thurs., 12:30PM until Mass of the Resurrection at 1PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, MI. Family will receive friends Wed. 4-8PM at the UH Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Contributions can be made to St. Mary Outreach Center, Michigan Humane Society or Marywood Nursing Care Center.

### GENE "RED" RUFUS JOHNSON

Of Westland, MI, age 69, passed away suddenly Friday August 6, 2010. He was born November 21, 1940 in Pike County, KY. Son of John M. and Ollie (Hall) Johnson. Gene came to Michigan in 1956. On May 17, 1958 he married Geneva Cross and she survives. Gene worked for General Motors spring and bumper division in Livonia for 25 years, retiring in 1989. He became an ordained minister in 1975 and became the Pastor of the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church in 1984. Gene was affiliated with WYAA for many years. His fellowship with God, his church and his family were the most important things in his life. Besides his loving wife of 52 years, Geneva. Survivors include; two sons, Bobby (Susan) Johnson and Ritchie Johnson. One daughter, Angela Johnson, two grandchildren, Joshua and Ashley, one sister, Della (Tony) Valerian and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two infant sons, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services were Tuesday August 10, 2010 at the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church in Canton, MI. Burial followed in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. Memorial contributions in Memory of Gene Johnson made to the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5668 Denton Rd., Canton, MI, would be appreciated. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti, MI. Please sign his guestbook at: [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com)

### MARY ELIZABETH KITSON "BETTY"

Age 78, of Farmington Hills, passed away July 29, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME.

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### GENEVIEVE LASH

LXINGTON, Age 79, died Saturday, August 7, 1979, and was buried at Lexington. She was born November 24, 1930 in Hamtramck, daughter of the late Joseph & Mary "Marie" (Planko) Micuda. She and Leon Lash were married August 20, 1954 in Hamtramck. Genevieve was a member of St. Edward on the Lake, Lakeport. She was retired as a pharmacist at K-Mart. Surviving are her husband, Leon. One son, Christopher of Lexington. One brother, Cass Micuda of Sterling Heights. One granddaughter, Stephanie Lash and one great grandson, Aedan. She was preceded in death by a son Mark on November 28, 1979 and a brother, Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 A.M. Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at St. Edward on the Lake. [www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com)

### LUANA I. ROHLIN

Age 64, August 10, 2010. Dear wife of David for 43 years. Loving mother of Tamara, Joel and Alexis. Grandmother of Alexander and Dyke. Sister of Dr. Marilyn Van Dyke, Erwin (Ann) Johnson and the late Walton Johnson. Also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Retired as a Nurse Educator from Garden City Hospital, Past President of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Southeastern Michigan Chapter. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Friday 10am at the John N. Santeau & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Interment will be at Friends Quaker Cemetery in Queensbury, New York. [www.santeaufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeaufuneralhome.com)



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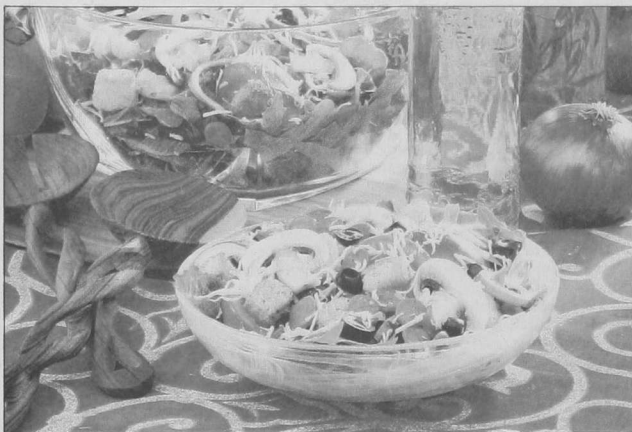
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Croutons dress up a salad.

## How to dress a naked salad

No salad deserves to be naked. After all, a dish that can deliver so much taste and nutrition in one meal should always be served with style. With all the healthy convenience items available in supermarkets, it's easy to live up to a lonely bowl of lettuce. Here are some easy ideas from Mrs. Cubbison's Test Kitchens:

**Chicken Nugget Caesar Salad** — Toss chopped romaine lettuce with bottled Caesar dressing; top with boneless chicken nuggets. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and Caesar Salad croutons. A kid-pleasing meal in minutes!

**Hamburger Salad** — Toss iceberg or green leaf lettuce with diced tomatoes and pickle slices. Top with grilled, cut up beef, turkey or vegetarian burgers. Drizzle with light or fat-free Thousand Island dressing and top with fat-free seasoned croutons. Great for low-carb diets.

**Baja Fish Taco Style Salad** — Place baby salad greens in a bowl and spoon bottled black bean salsa over the top. Sprinkle grilled fish fillet pieces over the salsa and top with shredded cheddar cheese, a dollop of sour cream and seasoned croutons.

**Pepperoni Pizza Salad** — Arrange a bag of mixed salad greens in a large salad bowl. Top with thinly sliced red onion, tomato wedges,

sliced pepperoni, and shredded Italian blend cheese. Add sliced, fresh mushrooms if desired. Pour a 1/2 cup of bottled Italian dressing over all ingredients and serve with cheese- and garlic-flavored croutons.

**Steak and Potato Salad** — Start with leftover grilled steak and oven roasted red potatoes. Cut the steak and potatoes into bite sized chunks. Toss meat and potatoes with sour cream, chives and cracked black pepper in a bowl; cover and chill. Serve over fresh salad greens and top with garlic- and French bread-style croutons.

**California Chicken & Fruit Salad** — Use bagged salad greens and freezer section breaded chicken strips that have been heated and chopped. Add fresh strawberry slices, halved, fresh grapes, and peeled navel orange sections. Sprinkle shredded Monterey Jack cheese and fat-free seasoned croutons and serve with light vinaigrette. A perfect light lunch.

**Vidalia Onion & Spinach Salad** — Toss a bag of baby spinach with thinly sliced sweet onions and chopped, hard-boiled eggs. Serve with vinaigrette and garlic- and French bread-style and croutons. Sauté fresh garlic slices in butter and spoon onto the salad if desired.

Courtesy Family Features

## Five best-kept secrets to shaping up

When it comes to helping people get into shape, no one does it better than health and fitness expert Denise Austin. She has simple advice that makes a big difference when it comes to making smart decisions about food and fitness.

Here are five of her best-kept secrets:

1. **Breakfast Is best.** Consider incorporating smart substitutes at meal times, especially breakfast. Start the day with a delicious twist to bacon — try turkey bacon, which has loads of flavor with less fat. Austin recommends turkey bacon with at least 50 percent less fat than pork bacon. One of her go-to morning pick-me-ups is a quick and easy turkey bacon breakfast sandwich.

2. **Hire a workout Spy.** E-mail your workout log to a supportive friend every week and you'll be more likely to stick with your exercise program.

3. **Girl's Night IN Is good for you.** There's a new excuse for girls' night. Research from the Harvard Medical School shows that women who maintain close ties with their gal-pals enjoy such health benefits as lower blood pressure, increased immunity, and even longer life expectancy. So get the gals together at least once a week for some good food and good fun! For extra sizzle, try a new recipe each time — like the Turkey Cobb Lettuce Wraps with Turkey Bacon or other delicious suggestions on [www.kraftrecipes.com](http://www.kraftrecipes.com).

4. **Be A Kid Again.** Mix up your workout routine by jumping rope to get your blood pumping and oxygen flowing. To be a jump rope pro, stay light on your feet and do small jumps in place. Pump it up by shifting your weight from your right foot to the

left while you circle your arms. For a real challenge, jump with both feet together and crisscross your arms in front.

5. **Helping Others Can Help You, Too.** According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, people achieve a higher level of mental and physical health by helping others. Join the Oscar Mayer Good Mood Mission, [www.goodmoodmission.com](http://www.goodmoodmission.com), to share your good mood and learn how America has helped donate 3 million pounds of food to Feeding America.

### GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST SANDWICH

Prep Time: 5 min

Total Time: 10 min

Makes: 1 serving

1/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product

1 English muffin, split, toasted

1 low-fat cheese slice

1 slice turkey bacon, cooked, cut crosswise in half

Cook egg product in skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat 3 minutes or until set, stirring occasionally. Spoon onto muffin half; cover with cheese, bacon and remaining muffin half.

Courtesy of Family Features

Easy-to-make breakfast sandwich

## Scottish shortbread recipe revisited

An incorrect version of one of the Scottish shortbread recipes ran in the *Observer* Aug. 5. Here's the recipe again, with the correct amount of sugar:

### PEG DUNLOP'S SHORTBREAD

3/4 cup of white granulated sugar

1 cup of butter

1 egg yolk

2 1/4 cups of flour

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Mix in one egg yolk. Add flour and mix until a semi-stiff dough forms. Press in 8- by 8-inch pan. Prick with fork at one inch intervals and bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles while still warm.

This dough also makes good cut out cookies. Roll to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Or you can put it through a cookie press. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

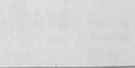
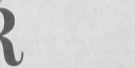
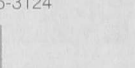
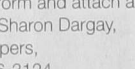
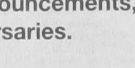
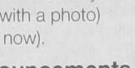
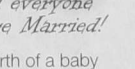
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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Why? (2 wds.)  
6 Stubborn dir.  
11 Tugged  
12 Go over again  
14 Poles' connector  
15 Smears  
17 Enlisted person  
18 "Paleo" opposite  
19 Open meadow  
20 "Mad Max" Gibson  
21 Novelist — Ferber  
23 Hoedown honey  
24 Name in chesscake  
25 Mongol ruler  
27 Insert mark  
28 Ave. crosser  
30 Sequel's sequel  
31 — a ride  
32 Note before mi  
33 Roman foes  
35 Woody's son

## DOWN

- 36 Adams or McClurg  
37 Golfers' helper  
38 Off. helper  
42 Less than one  
43 Mouths, in zool-ogy  
44 Kind of system  
45 Moon of Jupiter  
46 Wide-awake  
48 Blizzard maker  
49 Snuggle  
51 Warehouses  
53 Red Sea country  
54 Get going

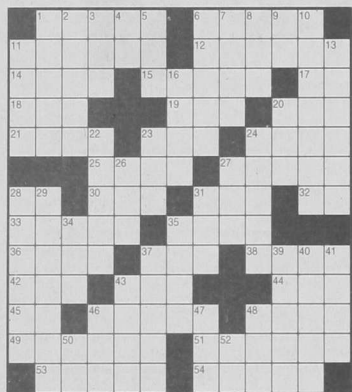
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5 Weird  
6 Thin porridge  
7 Ms. McEntire  
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9 Search —  
10 More gung-ho

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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RUE ACID HOUR  
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DRUMS FAR DEE  
OARS RUB FEAR  
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TO GAWAY  
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Level: Beginner

## Here's How It Works:

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

## Word Search — Boating

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anchor dock life vest safety ship  
boat engine motor sail starboard  
buoy lake port sea vessel

## CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Security. **714-516-8408**

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car gar. bsmt, private pool.  
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**Homes For Rent** **4050**  
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS:** Newer  
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rent to own. **734-658-8823**

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## Homes For Rent

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After 10pm. **313-600-1122**

**INKSTER:** Remodeled 3 bdrm  
brick ranch, fenced yard, utility  
room, bad credit okay, option  
avail. \$550. **248-768-1823**

**LIVONIA - Sharp 3 bdrm**  
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age, option avail, bad credit  
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# HIGHER JULY AUTO SALES LEAVE INDUSTRY IN STRANGE TERRITORY

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By Dale Buss

The U.S. auto market has entered something of a twilight zone with the release of July's numbers, which showed an overall sales increase of about 5 percent over July 2009.

"Dealers told us that they saw buying customers, not tire-kickers," said Albert "Ali Castignetti, vice president and general manager of the Nissan Division of Nissan USA, which saw a 15-percent gain for July. "They needed a car and they were credit-worthy.

So why strange? Well, even July's positive results weren't particularly encouraging overall, given the dark clouds forming over the U.S. economy again. And auto sales motored along last month even while most other economic signals faltered.

What's more, short-term comparisons of this year's vehicle sales with last year's are becoming meaningless because of the extreme comparisons against last summer's extraordinary, one-time sales bump from the federal "cash for clunkers" rebate program.

The comparisons of this July versus last July were skewed somewhat because the rebates of up to \$4,500 became available for the last five days of July 2009. For August and September, making comparisons will be even more potentially misleading.

"August sales could show some strength, but the year-to-year

comparisons will be unusual because of the cash-for-clunkers factor," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com.

So far this year, through July, OEMs have sold about 6.7 million vehicles in this country, about 15 percent ahead of last year's pace.

For the most part, July sales results were unremarkable. They totaled about 1,050,000 units and produced a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 11.6 million units. That was somewhat lower than the SAAR predicted by most analysts, who focused on the fact that American consumers were beginning to come to showrooms again and were swimming in generous incentive offers once they got there.

"We thought this month would be a better sales month, so that is somewhat disappointing," Caldwell said. "It started out so strong. But it was better than June," when U.S. automakers sold 983,000 units and the SAAR was 11.1 million.

Caldwell had predicted that "incentives would draw in a lot of people, and to some extent they did." But, she added, "there's still consumer hesitance. The bottom lines for people, personally, haven't changed a lot in terms of their income and how they feel. People are still struggling."

Emily Kolinski Morris, Ford's chief economist, agreed that "slow



--GM was one of the big winners in July. Its new Buick Regal sedan is one of the reasons.

employment gains, uneven credit-market improvement and declines in home values have led consumers to spend cautiously, particularly on big-ticket items like vehicles." And she noted the industry's concern particularly about recent declines in consumer-confidence indices.

Yet both Morris and General Motors Chief Economist Ted Chu made a case for a continued expectation of a steady recovery in U.S. auto sales based on economic fundamentals.

"The underlying trend of modest economic recovery continues," Morris said. Chu said that "every month we have [a SAAR] below 12 million, we believe pent-up demand will continue to accumulate. As long as employment keeps on crawling back slowly and gas prices remain below \$3 a gallon O sales will rise on a gradual basis."



Chevrolet's new Cruze sedan is one reason GM looks for continued momentum.



The Cadillac SRX is enjoying a sales explosion.

Pointedly, none of the major automakers changed their long-running forecasts for a full-year 2010 sales result of between 11.5 million and 12 million sales, including heavy trucks, which would comprise a gain of around 10 percent or more over 2009 sales of 10.6 million units.

"We're cautiously optimistic about the rest of the year," said Nissan's Castignetti.

And several OEM executives in particular remained bullish about steadily growing strength in sales of pick-ups, some of their highest-profit vehicles. New offerings of heavy-duty diesel models by Ford and GM, coupled with the prospects of some recovery in the U.S. housing market and pent-up demand by small-business owners, are sparking some promise in that segment

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