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Great galleries

Staff photographer Bill Bresler captured the spirit of the dedication of a new memorial to 22 fallen Marines which took place Saturday in Heritage Park.

See Bresler's work and some of the men and women who serve our country with a visit to www.hometownlife.com.

Also take the time to view galleries on the Kelly Miller Circus in Plymouth, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and Saturday's Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer.

Biggest losers

Casting agents for the television show "The Biggest Loser" are holding an open casting call in Canton.

Casting directors will be on hand at the Gardner-White store, 39453 Ford Road, in Canton, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

They're looking for individuals and teams of two, which could be parent/child, siblings or married couples. Ideal applicants would have 100 pounds or more to lose, with outgoing personalities, looking to "take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle." Participants compete for a shot at \$250,000.

Potential applicants are reminded not to line up more than three hours before the opening time and to bring a non-returnable photo. Producers are aiming to see the first 500 people in line. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents and at least 18 years old by Sept. 24.

Find details at www.thebiggestlosercasting.com.

GOP picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Let's Fix Michigan Together" summer picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 31, in Plymouth Township Park.

The picnic will feature state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton),

state Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia).

Primary Republican candidates, November candidates and Republican elected officials are encouraged to attend, along with family members, friends and supporters. A \$10 donation is suggested per person. The park includes a sprayscape, a playscape and fishing. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served.

Plymouth Township Park is located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha in Plymouth Township.

A fitting tribute

Memorial honors 'Band of Brothers'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rhonda Beeler never wanted to be a "Gold Star Mother," but now that she is one, she wears the designation proudly.

Beeler, of Napoleon, a small Jackson County town, earned the title in a way for which mothers are never prepared — through the death of her son, Lance Cpl. Brett Beeler, who died Dec. 7, 2006, while serving his country in the war in Iraq. "Gold Star Mother" is the designation given to the mother of a fallen Marine.

Beeler stood tall Saturday, along with the Gold Star Mothers of several other Marines, as her son and 21 of his "Band of Brothers" from the 1st Battalion 24th Marines, all killed while fighting in Iraq, were honored with their own memorial near Canton Township's War Memorial in Heritage Park.

The black marble memorial was dedicated in an hour-long ceremony that saw a couple of hundred people turn out — many in uniform, most of them veterans or families of service members — to honor the ultimate sacrifice of the 22 Marines from this single unit.

Beeler, who attended the ceremony with her daughter, was proud to see so many of her son's "brothers."

"This (memorial) means Brett and the others won't ever be forgotten," a tearful Rhonda Beeler said. "I didn't really lose a son. I truly gained a 'band of brothers.'"

It was a theme that carried the ceremony, orchestrated and emceed by Marine Cpl. Brian Vella, a Canton native and fellow member of the battalion who organized nearly every aspect of the creation of the memorial. Vella, who attended Canton High School through his sophomore year, spent three years following his own deployment to Iraq raising money (some \$45,000), coordinating the design and even handling some of the landscaping himself.

"These guys gave the ultimate sacrifice for us, and this (memorial) is the least I could do for them," Vella said.

The memorial is emblazoned with images of Marines, along with the iconic image depicting the loss of a Marine — a rifle standing on end



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Annette Nealey reacts to the unveiling of the new memorial in Canton's Heritage Park honoring 22 Marines killed in Iraq, including Nealey's son, Cpl. Troy Nealey, who was 24 when he died.



Julia Lockaby sees her son's name, Lance Cpl. William Spence, on the new memorial. Spence died Dec. 28, 2006, in the battle for Fallujah.

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Here are the 22 Marines who died in the war in Iraq who are honored on the new Canton memorial:

Lance Cpl. Nicholas Miller, Silverwood
Lance Cpl. Luis Castillo, Lawton
Lance Cpl. Troy Nealey, Eaton Rapids
Lance Cpl. Tyler Overstreet, Gallatin, Tenn.
Staff Sgt. Marcus Golczynski, Lewisburg, Tenn.
Pfc. Brett Witteveen, Shelby
Lance Cpl. Brett Beeler, Jackson
Lance Cpl. Joshua Hines, Olney, Ill.
Cpl. Christopher Esckerson, Vassar
Sgt. Bryan Burgess, Garden City
Sgt. Brock Babb, Evansville, Ind.
Pfc. Bufford (Kenny) Van Slyke, Bay City
Lance Cpl. Jeremy Shock, Tiffin, Ohio
Lance Cpl. Richard Buerstetta, Franklin, Tenn.
Lance Cpl. Matthew Pathenos, Ballwin, Mo.
Sgt. Thomas Gilbert, Downers Grove, Ill.
Pfc. Tarryl Hill, Shelby Township
Pfc. William Spencer, Paris, Tenn.
Lance Cpl. Jonathan Thorsberry, McDowell, Ky.
Cpl. Mark Kidd, Milford
Cpl. Jacob Neal, San Marcos, Texas
Lance Cpl. Minhee (Andy) Kim, Ann Arbor

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Driver charged with murder in fatal Canton car crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 28-year-old Farmington man faces a possible life sentence after being charged with second-degree murder, among other things, in the fatal crash that claimed the life of a 25-year-old Westland woman Sunday.

In addition to the second-degree murder charge, Robert Bojaj was charged in 35th District Court with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michigan State Trooper Rocco Daversa takes notes at the arraignment of Robert Bojaj, the Farmington man charged in the fatal accident that claimed the life of 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland.

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Second Canton Walmart brings 300-plus jobs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walmart officials are scheduled to open a second Canton facility in the fall, and will hire more than 300 people to help staff it.

The new location, at Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, is designed to give shoppers at the southern end of Canton and in Belleville an alternative to the other Canton Walmart, located on Ford Road near I-275.

Store manager Dan Austad said original plans called for 300 hires, but now it would appear the 159,000-square-foot store will hire closer to 350, plus an additional number of part-time workers for the holiday season.

The store is expected to open in late October.

"There are a lot of jobs coming," Austad said. "We're very excited to be able to offer that to the community."

Austad acknowledged the store will be "one of our smaller ones," at 159,000 square feet, some 30,000 square feet smaller than the Ford Road store.

However, the new location will still offer a variety of items, including a grocery store, bakery, deli and produce section.

"Walmart has been an active Canton community partner for several years," Austad said. "We are excited to offer more services and selection to our customers and bring good jobs with career opportunities to the area."

Austad said employees are needed in all areas of the new store, including several supervisory positions. Walmart benefits, which he said are available to eligible full- and part-time associates, include health care insurance with no lifetime maximum. Walmart also offers a 401(k) plan and profit sharing contributions, whether an eligible associate contributes or not, store discount cards, stock purchase program and life insurance. Additionally, associates are eligible for company performance-based bonuses.

The majority of associates will begin work immediately to help prepare the store for its grand opening in late October, Austad said.

Austad said the new store will have no impact on the existing store on Ford Road, which will remain open. The new location, he said, simply provides another option to shoppers.

"We've done the homework on it, and we're able to offer that area more of a selection," Austad said. "The way it is now, people have to drive a little

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CRASH

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causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death, all 15-year felonies. The second-degree murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison, if convicted.

Bojaj was arraigned in a video arraignment before 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou Monday. He was held on a \$50,000 (10 percent) bond, placed on house arrest, and ordered to wear an electronic tether. He faces an

Aug. 27 preliminary hearing, also in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Bojaj is charged with killing 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland in an accident on northbound I-275 near Koppernick in Canton Township around 1:40 p.m. Sunday. Michigan State Police said they have a witness who reported a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed before the accident. A blood-alcohol test was administered to Bojaj.

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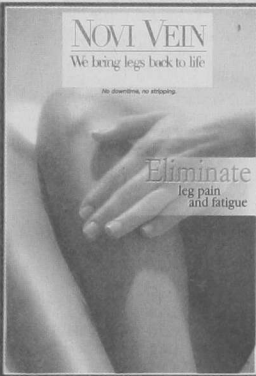
WALMART

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ways to get to the (Ford Road) store. This is a great location, and it's a great opportunity for shoppers who haven't shopped Walmart to see what it's all about."

Applications and potential employees will be called to participate in the interview process, Austad said. Interested applicants can apply at a kiosk in the store's Customer Service Center or online at Walmartstores.com/Careers/5761.aspx.

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Dance auditions

Central City Dance Center is hosting open auditions for dancers, singers and gymnasts in southeast Michigan, seeking experienced performers for Canton's Holiday family tradition, the Central City Christmas Spectacular. Auditions are scheduled Saturday, Aug. 21:

- For dancers ages 6-8, 11-11:45 a.m.; ages 9-12, noon to 12:45 p.m.; and ages 10-adult, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- For singers, adults and children, 2:45-3:30 p.m.
- For gymnasts, all ages, 1-1:30 p.m.

Auditions are held at Central City Dance Center, 8004 Sheldon Center in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-0400. The audition process can be found by visiting www.CentralCityDance.com and clicking on the Christmas Audition link.

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

Taste of Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill showcases historical photos from the Canton Historical Society through Aug. 30 in the Gallery @ VT. Experience a rare and unique glimpse into Canton's past history with a visit to see this special exhibition of photos and artifacts. "A Taste of Canton" presented by the Canton Historical Society, showcases unique and rarely seen images and artifacts of Canton during its early years. This historical visual display, part of the Canton Historical Society's "Canton Heritage

AROUND CANTON



Scooter surprise

Kelly Fortin of Gibraltar and Canton's Ron Ruedger were the lucky winners in a drawing conducted by staffers at Dick Scott Dodge. The drawing was done as part of a Customer Appreciation Contest where customers could enter their name to win an Aprilia Scooter just for taking a test drive. Scooters were provided by Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles in Canton.

Collection," features black and white photographic reproductions representing various people and places of Canton. In addition to the photographs there are over 100 artifacts on display. Some of the items on exhibit are accessories that were used by men and women, 1910 Silver Plated brass euphonium and trumpet, and a fan block signature quilt made by the woman of Denton Methodist Church.

The Gallery @ VT is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during public performances at the theater, and by appointment.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillage-theater.org.

Prison effects

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a support group for those with incarcerated loved ones, hosts "Incarceration: Who is Affected?", a seminar with Envoy Stephen Johnson, correctional ministries director for the Salvation Army-Eastern Michigan Division, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. The talk will center on showing participants who is really affected when someone

goes to prison. The public is welcome; the seminar is free, though donations will be gratefully accepted.

For more information, visit www.hope4healinghearts.com or e-mail Bonnie at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or call (734) 646-2237.

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 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.

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

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 performances 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@plymouth-symphony.org. Check out the CYO website at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org.


Class reunions

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

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

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rosemoving.com or call (248) 473-8988.



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Susan G. Komen 3-Day walker Sara Gilbert of Plymouth, right, gets a big greeting from her aunt, Judy Caroselli, and Andrea Logan, both of Plymouth, when she hits Kellogg Park Saturday.

Throng energizes cancer contingent

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kerie Zale watched her best friend's mom, Diane Grolitti, lose a battle with breast cancer in 1999. Zale herself lost her own parents — her mom to lung cancer in 2001 and her dad to lymphoma in 2006.

So it shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone that Zale, a Plymouth resident, joined the Breast of Plymouth team in last weekend's Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure 60-mile walk for breast cancer. Zale and her best friend, Lisa Culp of Marshall, had vowed to make the trek one day and, although Culp couldn't make it, Zale decided "one day" had finally come.

"We always said we were going to walk it," said Zale, who found plenty of support from her husband, Andy, and their children, 8-year-old Cooper, 6-year-old Avery and 2-year-old Jake. "It was better than I expected. Physically, it's tough, but it's amazing the support you see on the streets. The support is what keeps you going."

Zale and her Breast of Plymouth teammates were among some 1,900 walkers who made the annual 60-mile,

three-day trek to raise money for and awareness of breast cancer research. The walkers hit downtown Plymouth, as they do every year, a little more than halfway through the second day of the walk.

And, as they always do, they found thousands of people lining the streets, misting them with spray (much appreciated in very hot temperatures), offering water bottles and cheering them on.

Wendy Headland of Westland walked her seventh 3-Day as a seven-year breast cancer survivor, having been diagnosed at the age of 40. She headed up her team — Genetically Twisted — because her aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer at 31, and her own mother fought it off twice, diagnosed first at age 34, before being hit with ovarian cancer at 61.

"We need to raise awareness," said Headland, who runs marathons and is a fitness instructor. "The new generation needs to know it's out there, and it can strike at any age."

Headland's team suffered some injuries — her daughter-in-law tore the meniscus in one knee, another member

suffered from blistering on the bottoms of both feet — but made their way into Plymouth to the cheers of the adoring throng.

"The hardest part is between cheering stations," Headland said. "You live for Saturday afternoon, to come to Plymouth."

That's what Rebecka Clifton of Royal Oak discovered, too. Clifton has had a few friends under the age of 40 affected by breast cancer and decided she'd walk.

By the time she hit Plymouth, the walkers had done some 33 miles, and the support of the crowd came as a welcome sight.

"The crowd support here is awesome," Clifton said. "The energy you get walking through a crowd like this is amazing. It energizes me."

While the walkers are happy to come through Plymouth, and locals are proud to support the walkers, that pride goes both ways.

"I'm proud of my mom because she's doing the walk," said 8-year-old Cooper Zale of his mom, Kerie. "She's saving lives."

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MEMORIAL

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inside a lone pair of combat boots. It was designed by Suzette Moore, who works for Inch Memorials in Northville.

"I've been in the memorial business for six years, and this is the first time I've been able to be involved in such a humbling experience," Moore told the crowd. "I don't even have words to tell you how honored I am to have had anything to do with this."

The memorial was erected on a piece of Heritage Park provided by Canton Township officials. Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, himself a sergeant in the Marine Reserves, noted the sacrifice of

his "Brothers in Arms."

"All of those 22 men were volunteers," Caccamo said. "You don't join the Corps for a job ... there are many more ways that are easier and safer. These men gave their lives ... and they'll never be forgotten."

While Mother Nature did her best to dampen the event — dumping heavy rains at the start of the ceremony — nothing really could dim the pride felt on the site of the newest memorial.

"You can't have a memorial without a proper site," Vella said. "I can't think of a better place than this park ... where thousands of people will come and see that 22 Marines made the ultimate sacrifice."

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Evie Burgess, of Westland, and Annette Nealey, of Eaton Rapids, view the new memorial. Their sons, Sgt. Bryan Burgess and Cpl. Troy Nealey, both died in the fighting in Fallujah.



A U.S. Marine Color Guard posts the colors at the beginning of Saturday's dedication ceremony for the new Marine memorial in Heritage Park.



Gold Star Mothers stand and are recognized for their sacrifices.



Evie Burgess of Westland and Annette Nealey of Eaton Rapids, view the new memorial. Their sons, Sgt. Bryan Burgess and Cpl. Troy Nealey, both died in Iraq.

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Canton fire officials said discarded wood-staining rags spontaneously combusted and caused this fire in a shed in Canton.

Discarded rags cause shed to burn

A backyard shed caught fire Tuesday evening on Candlewood Drive on Canton's north end after a homeowner placed rags he had used for a wood-staining project in a bag, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said. "It's a classic case of spontaneous combustion," he said.

The fire occurred shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday in an outdoor shed on Candlewood Drive, near Morton Taylor and Joy roads.

The shed was fully engulfed in flames when Canton firefighters arrived to douse the blaze, Rorabacher said.

No one was hurt, and the fire was contained to the shed.

"Anytime you use wood-finishing products, always put the rags in a well-ventilated area before you dispose of them," the fire chief said. "Do not throw them in the regular garbage."

Westland mall hosts hazardous waste collection on Aug. 28

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents have an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household waste and maybe get in a little shopping.

Westland Shopping Center is joining with Wayne County in hosting their second annual Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The collection, which is done from vehicles, will be on the west side of the mall at Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in the parking lot behind J.C. Penney.

"Based on the line up last year, I would get there early, they kept it open later last year," said Westland Council President James Godbout. "We appreciate everyone's patience. They did a great job of routing people so that they didn't interfere with the mall traffic."

Household hazardous waste that will be accepted includes household paint, antifreeze, stains, dyes, floor wax, noncontrolled substance pharmaceutical waste, automotive and dry cell batteries, fire extinguishers and nail polish. The collection will also accept computer CPUs, monitors, printers, keyboards,

cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, appliances, refrigerators, tires, microwaves, concrete, explosives and ammunition.

For information about disposing non-accepted materials, call the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936. For more information about the household hazardous waste collection, call the Wayne County Department of Public Services at the same number.

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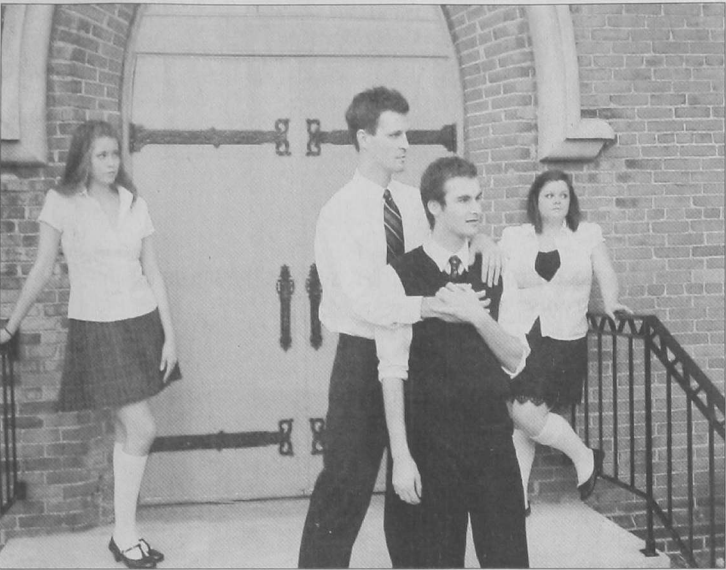
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Gabriela Grandos of Canton (from left) as Ivy, Eric Briggs as Peter, Joshua Perry as Jason and Abigail Hill-Kennedy as Nadia in Dynamic Stage Productions' "Bare-A Pop Opera."



Canton resident Gabriela Grandos and Joshua Perry rehearse a scene from "Bare-A Pop Opera," produced by Canton-based Dynamic Stage Productions.

Company goes 'Bare' in final production

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jami Krause knows the subject matter of "Bare - a Pop Opera" is controversial, dealing with a variety of teen issues such as sexuality and insecurity.

She's just not afraid of it.

Krause and her partner, Kyle Farr, and their Canton-based Dynamic Stage Productions present "Bare" this weekend at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti. The play is a musical Krause cautions is for mature audiences because it's a coming-of-age story that focuses on a group of high school seniors at a Catholic boarding school. As the students struggle to find their identity, they strive to define themselves in terms of their sexuality, religion and relationships.

And while the controversial nature worries Krause "a bit," she's excited about the presentation.

"The music is so beautiful and the story is so real," said Krause, who started DSP with Farr a year ago. "It was unlike any show I had seen before and I thought it would be a challenge to try and do a show like this. One of my favorite things about bare is that it doesn't sugar coat the real teenage issues that are brought up within the show. It's very realistic."

The show relies heavily on local actors, who poured in for auditions after DSP posted audition flyers and on-line information. Most of the lead actors, Krause said, will be making their stage debuts with "Bare."

One of them, Gabriela Grandos, a 19-year-old from Canton, won't be making her first stage appearance. Grandos, a 2009 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, has done a few stage productions at the Village Theater in Canton. She was cast as Ivy, whom she describes

as a "misunderstood ... the pretty, popular mean girl."

Grandos, the daughter of Maria and Mike Grandos of Canton, said playing Ivy is a challenge.

"I was never really that girl in high school, so it's fun to play something that's not really me," said Grandos, now a student at the University of Michigan. "She's really not happy with herself, and the audience gets to see that. It's a challenge, because you have to show the audience her mean side and her insecure side. It's a really rewarding role."

"Bare" helps close out DSP's season, which has also seen Farr direct "Fame" and "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." The final performance in the season is "Pinkalicious," a children's production at the Plymouth Community Arts Council next weekend.

It could be DSP's final production before an expected merger

with Destination Theatre, which will produce a new company, D2Productions, which hopes to open with "Hairspray" in the fall.

"We really just thought that merging would help make both groups stronger," Krause said. "Each organization could bring their skills and talents together to produce exceptional community theatre."

For now, they'll settle for producing "Bare," and the actors are excited to hit the stage.

"It gets a message across, that everyone has issues - alcohol, drugs, sexuality - and it's OK to be going through them, because everyone is," Grandos said. "I listened to the music and thought, 'Oh my God, I have to do the show.' It's very modern, kind of a pop-rock style, but it also has some really beautiful ballads. It has amazing music."

LAST SHOWS

What: "Bare - a Pop Opera" presented by Dynamic Stage Productions

When: Aug. 19-21 at 8 p.m.; Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.

Where: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti.

Tickets: information can be found at www.D2productions.org

What: "Pinkalicious" presented by Dynamic Stage Productions

When: Aug. 26-27, 7 p.m.; Aug. 28, 3 and 7 p.m.; Aug. 29, 2 p.m.

Where: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 775 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

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MILITARY NEWS

Combat training

Army Pvt. Nicholas P. Wojcik has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

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Wojcik, a 2009 graduate

of Plymouth High School, is the son of Kevin Wojcik of Canton.



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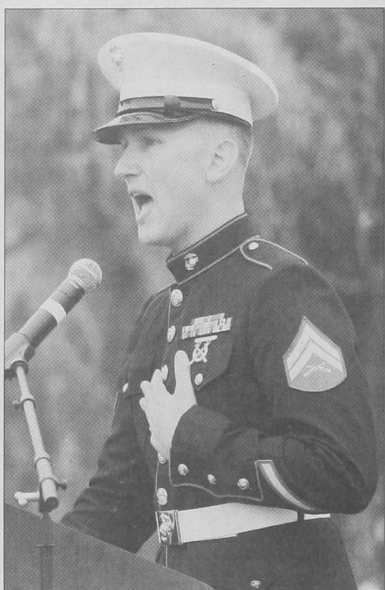
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OUR VIEWS



Cpl. Brian Vella speaks about his brother Marines of the 1st Battalion 24th Marines, honored by the new memorial located at Canton's Heritage Park.

Patriotic pride Marine memorial honors ultimate sacrifices

There are a lot of people deserving of thanks and praise for the new monument that now stands in Canton's Heritage Park.

Mother Nature isn't one of them, but just about everyone else involved in the project distinguished themselves in a manner befitting their dedication to country and community.

Members of the 1st Battalion 24th Marines gathered Saturday to pay tribute to 22 of their fallen brothers, Marines killed fighting the war in Iraq. The black marble memorial now stands as a permanent reminder, an etched-in-stone tribute to their valor, to their patriotism and to their courage.

The bulk of the credit goes to U.S. Marine Cpl. Brian Vella, who grew up in Canton and spent his freshman and sophomore years at Canton High School. Vella has worked tirelessly for three years, raising more than \$45,000, commissioning an artist to design the memorial, even smoothing out the landscaping to get it built.

He did it out of an abiding love for his "Band of Brothers," 22 of whom died serving their country, a sacrifice Vella wasn't willing to allow to go unmarked.

But the effort wasn't Vella's alone. He got a lot of help from Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo and the rest of Canton's officials, who graciously made the space in Heritage Park available for the monument. The township board has shown its patriotic side, pushing forward with township business even when Caccamo took a year off to serve in the Marine Reserves.

Vella said "you can't have a memorial without a proper setting." He couldn't think of a better place — and neither could we — for the memorial where, as Vella put it, "thousands of people will see it and know that 22 Marines made the ultimate sacrifice."

The memorial itself is stunning, designed by artist Suzette Moore, who works at Inch Memorials in Northville. It's most notable piece is the combat boots with the rifle on-end, the traditional marker used to memorialize fallen Marines. Moore called it a "humbling experience" to be included in the design and construction of the memorial.

Mother Nature didn't do much to enhance the procedure. It was brutally warm to start with, and heavy rains drenched the first part of the proceedings, raising the humidity and the heat index.

In true Marine fashion, though, they overcame, they adapted and they carried on, paying proper tribute to the men who died in Fallujah, Vella's "Band of Brothers," many of whose mothers — proudly bearing their "Gold Star Mother" status, a designation given the mothers of Marines who die — were in attendance.

Pastor Harold Raymond, speaking to the couple of hundred people who gathered, wondered aloud why there weren't more, pointing out "the thousands of people who could have been here are home safe ... because of the sacrifices of those who serve."

He's right. And now, through the efforts of Vella and Canton Township officials and everyone who donated to make the memorial a reality, those sacrifices will be forever remembered.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think tax breaks for certain industries, such as the movie business, are a good idea? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"It's a great idea because it produces jobs here, keeps the money here and helps people who work in jobs such as the food catering industry."

Richard Karpinski
Canton



"Absolutely. I've been jobless for awhile, and the opportunities in Michigan are very difficult. We need more jobs."

Tom DeMurry
Canton



"I do think it's a good idea. It stimulates the economy, I think."

Bryce Fincham
Canton



"If there is an opportunity to increase the economy and to generate revenue by bringing in industry not here already, it would be advantageous to give the tax breaks and, therefore, provide an incentive to come here."

Nile Byrd
Canton

LETTERS

Continuity important

The Plymouth-Canton school community is to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement on the tests that are part of the final determination on whether schools make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). For all of the schools, with the exception of the Alternative Education program, to make AYP is indeed remarkable because it means that all subgroups within each of the schools are performing at levels consistent with the requirements of No Child Left Behind.

Accomplishments such as these do not occur by accident. Rather, they are the result of a well-conceived curriculum, effective teaching strategies which meet the learning needs of each student, and, of course, highly skilled teachers and administrators as well as parents who care deeply about the accomplishments of their children.

The board and administration are also to be commended for constructing a workable budget for the upcoming school year. Given the inadequate funds being provided by the state, the district has still been able to build a budget that meets the essential needs of the instructional program for students. One only has to look at surrounding districts to see the magnitude of the cuts that have taken place over the past year or two. This hasn't occurred in Plymouth-Canton and all of us in the community should be grateful for the skillful work that has been done on the budget this year.

What the future holds for the Plymouth-

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Canton Community Schools is somewhat uncertain, particularly when you look at future funding problems, enrollment trends, health insurance costs, facility needs and the expected turnover in central office staff and other district building administrators. With all of the changes that are on the horizon, now is the time for the district to be concerned about being able to sustain the gains that have been made over the past couple of years.

One should not underestimate the importance of continuity in the planning processes and procedures at the central office level. To that end, I believe it is incumbent upon the

board to secure the services of the current Superintendent of Schools by extending his contract. The district has done exceptionally well under his leadership and extending his contract will help to provide continuity that will be essential in the upcoming years.

Bill Weber
Plymouth

Freedom just a word

I was struck by your article "Exhilarated" Levi turns her focus to November," Aug. 5, where Lori Levi is quoted as describing herself as "unapologetically pro-God, pro-life, pro-gun and pro-freedom."

So-called pro-lifers are actually people that are anti-choice and as such are determined to deny Americans the freedom to choose and therefore are actually anti-freedom. Since the right to an abortion is the law of the land, pro-lifers are also against established law, not something you want to see in a state representative sworn to uphold the law.

When a politician proclaims to be pro-God in a country that mandates separation of Church and State, one has to wonder if that politician, once elected, will support and maintain our guaranteed rights to freedom of religion and freedom from religion.

I guess I am just wondering what Ms. Levi means when she says she is pro-freedom since it appears that for Ms. Levi, freedom is just another word ...

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Bravery on display in weekend of courage

Every year, the Michigan 3-Day breast cancer walk produces really cool stories, stories of courage and of hope, of perseverance and determination.

My favorite story this year is of a guy I didn't even meet, a walker named Timothy Grzecki, a member of a Westland team called Genetically Twisted.



Brad Kadrich

The team was headed by Westland resident Wendy Headland, a seven-year survivor of breast cancer who's had so much cancer in her family she could be the poster child. According to Headland, Grzecki had lost so much skin on the bottoms of his feet he could scarcely walk, but he wanted to at least make it to Plymouth, the favorite cheering station for most of the thousands of walkers who've come through town over the years.

He wanted that adrenaline rush. He wanted to experience that, and he wanted to go as far as he could, even on battered feet.

And while his was a compelling story, it's hardly the only one. Blisters rule the weekend. Limbs and joints ache. There

was evidence of physical support. braces made of traditional metal and the home-made kind, Ace bandages wrapped around knees and held in place with lengths of white medical tape.

They walk with a limp, and they walk with ice packs on their heads. They walk shortly after surviving the disease, and they walk while fighting the disease.

They cover a distance in three days on foot that I couldn't make in a car. It bugs me to walk 100 yards or so to my Dumpster, yet these people trek 60 miles. I don't know that I've walked 60 miles in my life, much less a single weekend.

However, that will change next year. After listening over the years to the Dan Dwyers and the Ed Hingelbergs, to the Debra Madonnas and the Dorothy Twinneys who've told me what a life-altering experience it is, I succumbed to the enthusiasm of Twinney, who marched with "Breast of Plymouth" and agreed to walk next year. Someone get the defibrillators.

And if you thought you'd witnessed all the courage you could see in Plymouth, it was nothing compared to the courage and conviction to display a few miles away in Canton Township's Heritage Park. That's where Marine Cpl. Brian Vella unveiled his three-year labor of

love, a memorial to 22 member of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines who died fighting in Fallujah, Iraq.

The bravery of the 22 Marines who died — and many more who were injured — was etched in the grief of their mothers, "Gold Star Mothers," as the moms of fallen soldiers are called. Their courage was recalled in the words of their brothers, the Michigan Band of Brothers, left behind to carry on their work.

It was immortalized in the black marble etched by Suzette Moore, an artist with Inch Memorials in Northville, who designed the memorial with images of soldiers and the traditional icon of the fallen soldier — his rifle standing in his empty combat boots and inscribed with the names of the 22 Marines.

Vella's words and the unspoken yet trumpeted message delivered by the 3-Day walkers resonated loud and clear: Neither these fallen Marines, nor the victims — and survivors — of the fight against breast cancer will be forgotten.

Nor should they be.

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College options abound, make you more marketable

Anyone who doubts the importance of a college education needs to look at the recently released unemployment numbers. Whenever the numbers are released most tend to focus on the unemployment rate. Although, the unemployment rate is an important number it doesn't tell the whole story. For example, even though we lost jobs in July, the unemployment rate did not rise. The reasoning is that to be counted as part of the unemployed one must be actively looking for a job. People no longer looking for a job are not considered unemployed. The reason we lost jobs in July, yet the unemployment rate remained the same, was because so many Americans no longer felt it was worthwhile to look for gainful employment.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

When you look deeper into the unemployment numbers you will see why a college education is so important.

Currently, the unemployment rate nationwide is 9.5 percent. However, that number is not evenly divided throughout our society. The unemployment rate among people who do not have a high school diploma is 13.8 percent. The unemployment rate for those with a high school diploma is 10.1 percent, unemployment for those with some college is 8.3 percent while the unemployment rate for those who have graduated from college is 4.5 percent. What these numbers demonstrate is that having a college degree makes you more marketable in today's world.

We have all heard stories of college graduates who are unemployed or, in fact, underemployed. However, they are the minority. The majority of college graduates are working full time.

The value of a college education is substantial and as the numbers show, it is much easier to find employment when you have a college degree. Even in these difficult times, it is the college graduate who is able to find employment while those who have less education have few options.

In addition, there is no question this trend

will continue into the future. The majority of new jobs being created require a higher level of education than a high school diploma.

We live in a changing world and as the only way to be competitive, from an employment perspective, is by obtaining higher education. After all, think about how global our economy has become. Ford Motor Co. now has more employees abroad than it has in the United States. General Motors sells more cars abroad than it does in North America. In fact, when it comes to automobiles, the United States is no longer the largest auto market in the world. We have been replaced by China.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that it is just in the manufacturing sector where jobs are being outsourced to other countries, that is not the case. Many services are now performed abroad. When you call a helpline there is a good chance that you're calling another part of the world. Technology and the Internet allows jobs to be performed abroad.

I believe the United States can compete and thrive in this new economy. However, anyone

who thinks the old economy will return is sadly mistaken. There will be good jobs in the future, however, they will require college degrees.

For those still in high school, it should be clear that the pathway to success and the American dream must be to continue education past high school. For those who don't, the jobs of the future will be low-paying, minimum wage jobs.

It is not too late to change course. There are more options with regards to obtaining a college education than ever before. There are numerous higher education programs that are available to meet just about any situation. Whether it's taking courses online, through a community college or choosing another option, the investment you make in yourself by obtaining a degree is something that will pay dividends well into the future.

Good luck!

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SPOTLIGHT ON TRIATHLETES

'Legs' Benedict

Canton triathlete turns up speed in Ironman quest

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chris Benedict's schedule is busy. Let's see, he coaches and plays hockey. He sails, having recently taken part in the annual Port Huron to Mackinac race. He is a business owner, engineer and family man.

Oh, yeah, almost forgot. Benedict is a tireless triathlete, an "Ironman" who Sunday will run, swim and bike at an Olympic quarter-triathlon in Port Huron.

You might have seen him working out for the grueling event, riding his bicycle along Hines Drive or running along neighborhood streets.

"It's about getting off the couch. I never thought I'd be able to do something like this. Now I'm right in the mix."

The 5-10, 225-pound Canton man plans on using this weekend's Olympic triathlon as training for the big kahuna — The Great Floridian — a full Ironman triathlon outside Orlando in October that he hopes to complete in 12 hours.

"The Ironman is the granddaddy in distance," Benedict explained. "It's a 4,000-meter swim, which is 2.4 miles, followed by a 112-mile bike ride and then you finish with a marathon (a 26.2-mile run)."

JUST WARMING UP

Meanwhile, Sunday's event is like an appetizer for the

THE BENEDICT FILE

Who: Chris Benedict, 44, of Canton.

What: He is an Ironman triathlete, who Sunday will take part in an Olympic-distance quarter triathlon in Port Huron.

Next: Benedict will take on a full triathlon, at The Great Floridian outside Orlando in October.

Background: Benedict holds an M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan and owns the Benedict Bldg. Co. based in Canton. He plays adult rec hockey in Novi and coaches the Plymouth Stingrays' Midget A and AA travel teams.

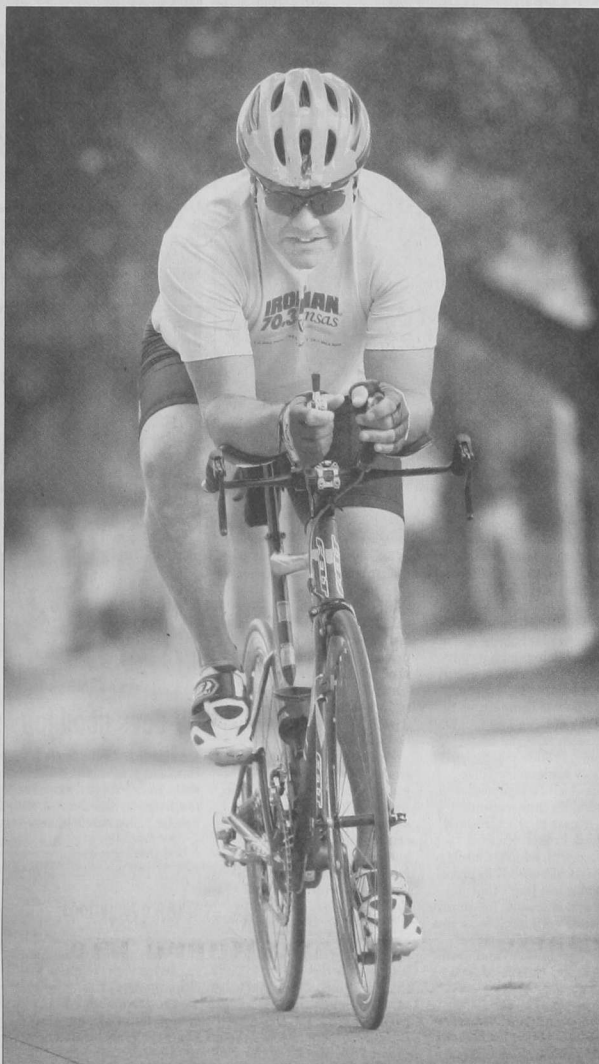
Family: Chris and wife Beth have two sons, Cam, 17 and Everett, 15. Both attend Plymouth High School.

main course. Benedict, 44, will embark on a .9-mile swim, 25-mile bike ride and 6-mile run in rat-a-tat fashion in the city he grew up in.

"A lot of these athletes are ratcheting their way up," to gear up for the Ironman competition, he said. "If you're a person that goes out and jogs for an hour, chances are pretty good you could go into an Olympic event and finish pretty well."

"I'm not what would be considered a real fast competitor in the Olympic distance."

Please see **BENEDICT, B3**



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When Chris Benedict started competing in triathlons, he rode a giant mountain bike that was more conversation piece than anything else. These days (above), he trains on a lightweight carbon fiber bicycle.



'I think I was one of the least-likely people to succeed at this sport, marathons and triathlons.'

CHRIS BENEDICT, Canton ironman

Workout rigors routine for Ironman exec

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



It's easy to see that Jeff Forester (center) enjoys the payoff of being an Ironman. Here, the Plymouth resident and other participants at the 2009 Florida Ironman in Panama City can't contain excitement about embarking on "a long day of racing."

If at first you don't find Jeff Forester, don't worry.

He's jamming some extra workout time into his daily grind to prepare for his next triathlon. These days, the 37-year-old Plymouth man, known by some as "Ironman Jeff," is in training mode for the Nov. 21 Arizona Ironman.

Forester — a consultant to Fortune 500 companies — sometimes squeezes in a 4,000-yard swim during lunch, thus extending the work break to 90 minutes.

Or he might leave the office early in order to complete a four-mile bike ride before midnight strikes.

With that kind of dedication and creative time management, not to mention having a triathlete wife, it's no wonder Forester is looking to participate in all 12 North American

Ironman races by the time he turns 45.

One race he won't compete in this year is late October's The Great Floridian, in which Canton's Chris Benedict is participating.

"I do not know Chris," Forester said. "But I applaud his efforts. It looks like it will be hot and humid in October near Orlando. I wish him luck."

IN THE LOOP

Actually, wife Christine Forester's own commitment to the run-swim-bike world (she just completed her first half Ironman) probably lessens any guilt Jeff might feel about his unrelenting workout schedule.

"The time you spend training will often be at the cost of time with those you care about most," Forester said. "Make sure they understand you are not abandoning them."

Please see **FORESTER, B3**

THE FORESTER FILE

Who: Jeff Forester, 37, of Plymouth.

What: He is a triathlete who will compete in November at an Ironman event in Arizona.

Race history: Since 2007, Forester has racked up many miles: four marathons; numerous Sprint and Olympic distance triathlons; two half and one full Ironman competitions.

Misc: Forester is employed as senior manager at Accenture, where he works as technical architect for a broad range of Fortune 500 clients.

Family: Jeff's wife, Christine, also is a triathlete. She just completed her first half Ironman, finishing 36th out of 78 women in her age group. "I am very proud of her."

Essential: Forester's advice to those thinking about endurance racing include proper nutrition, training and exercise, as well as creating a training plan and following it. "Make it realistic to your lifestyle."

SIDELINES

MU hosts golf fund-raiser

Early registration is still open for Madonna University's annual Scholar-Am Classic to benefit the student scholarship fund, Friday, Sept. 17, at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Early Birdie rates (including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and \$700 per foursome. Those who sign up early can have two strokes shaved off their foursome's score and also golf with a Madonna scholar, professor, dean, board member or coach.

A busy fun day is planned. The schedule is as follows: 11:30 a.m., check-in; noon, lunch at clubhouse; 1 p.m., shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cocktails and raffles; 6 p.m., dinner and awards.

For more information, contact Alan Pinon (734-432-5556, apinon@madonna.edu) or Ann Cleary (734-432-5421, acleary@madonna.edu).

Whalers making waves

After a trial run in 2009-10, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSPD-FM (88.1) "The Escape" as their radio home for the upcoming season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin covering the Whalers this year with a special broadcast during Plymouth's first preseason game against Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, during "The Clash at the Coliseum" in Chelsea.

The station will resume its broadcast schedule with coverage of the Whalers' season opener, set for Thursday, Sept. 13, in Windsor.

Pete Krupsky remains Whalers play-by-play voice, with Sean Baligan providing analysis of home broadcasts. Also, WSPD will carry the bulk of the Whalers games this season with a minimum of preemptions. All regular season and playoff games will be streamed online at www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Baseball tryouts

The Motor City Giants 10U travel baseball team is hosting tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 21, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, both days at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan in Canton.

To pre-register or for more information, e-mail giants-baseball@wowway.com or call Coach Zaia at (734) 812-8780.

Wilson's on par

Recently retired counselor and former Salem golf coach Rick Wilson competed in the Seniors West Championship at Avon Oaks C.C. in Olmsted, Ohio.

Wilson shot an even-par 72 to tie four other golfers in the 55-59 age bracket. Also, he qualified to play Oct. 1 in the Ohio Intrastate Challenge Match at Firestone C.C. in Akron, Ohio.

O&E men's golf

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 on both tournaments, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

Balconi Invite good way to begin boys soccer season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The local high school boys soccer season kicks off Saturday with the annual Gary Balconi Invitational Tournament, hosted by Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

And according to Chiefs head coach George Tomasso, what better way to get a good read on the 2010 squad than playing three highly competitive matches in one day.

"I think it's a fantastic competition

between eight schools," Tomasso said. "You really get an understanding of what you need to work on to be successful."

"Beginning the year with a tournament like this really puts your season into perspective on where you'd like to go with your team."

In 10 a.m. tourney openers, Canton will face University of Detroit-Jesuit. Also at 10 a.m., Salem takes on Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Plymouth squares off against Midland Dow while Dexter tangles with Walled Lake

Northern.

All eight teams will play again at 11:45 a.m. and the tourney concludes with the championship tilt at 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, because of the heavy slate — three contests per team in a condensed time frame — Tomasso said the Balconi Invite gives coaches a chance to take a look at the entire roster during game situations.

The Balconi Invite is a tournament that celebrates the pioneering work of Balconi, who as an athletic director launched the invite in the early-to-mid

1990s — further putting soccer on the map at PCEP.

Last year, Canton nipped Salem 3-2 in the title matchup. The Chiefs outscored the Rocks 5-4 in the shootout, to garner the final margin of victory.

Games will be played among four locations. Those include: the PCEP Soccer Stadium; Football Varsity Stadium; Field 4 and Freshman Field, both located at the corner of Canton Center and Joy Road.

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Back for another rip

Proben set to again battle golf's longest hitters

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Another year older, a few yards farther and Thomas Proben finds himself in familiar territory.

Proben, a native of Redford, recently punched his ticket for a return trip to the prestigious Re/Max World Long Driving Championships by banging that little white golf ball farther than a whole host of competitors in regional action held in Conneaut Lake, PA.

"I qualified in the 45 and over (Senior Division) and am also going to compete in the Grand Champions (55 and over) division," said Proben, who along with his brother, Bob, have made the Proben name synonymous with golf throughout Michigan. "I hit it 320 (yards) my first time and won it, then hit it 322 the second time but lost. In the third round I hit it 336 yards and was able to get the third and final qualifying spot."

That achievement has Proben licking his chops at a second opportunity to showcase the talents that very few golfers, even half his age, carry in their bag of tricks.

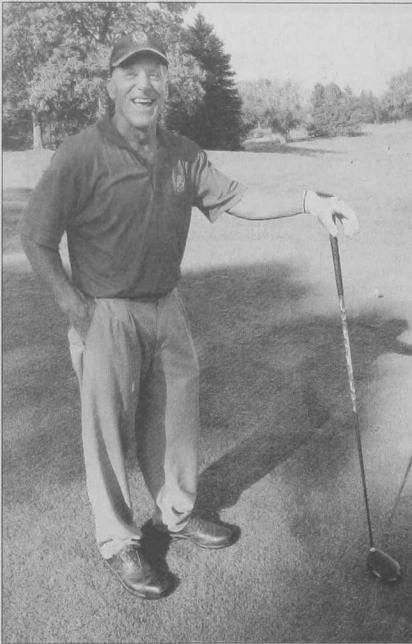
"I had only about two months to prepare for all of it last year," said Proben, whose efforts resulted in a seventh-place finish in the Super Senior (53 and over) Division. "I really didn't hit my best. I was a little disappointed in myself, but it isn't easy hitting a 50-inch driver. That kind of length forces your body to contort in so many unusual ways."

"But this time around I've had much more time to work on my swing," he continued. "I've always said there are three key points in a golf swing — posture, balance and the plane of the swing. I had to improve in all three to become a better long driver."

It was just a year ago that Proben was encouraged by friends in a church league to enter a regional long driving contest and find out just where he stacked up against boomers his own age. Ultimately, he seemed more surprised with his achievements than his companions were.

"I remember they kept saying 'Man you're hitting it long. You should enter one of those long driving contests,'" Proben said. "I did, but I really didn't know what to expect."

"Now I just know I'm more confident because I know what to expect," continued Proben, a graduate of



A seventh-place finish in the Super Seniors Division (53 and over) had Thomas Proben smiling last season. The Redford native will look to improve on that mark later this fall.

Thurston High School who went on to play college golf at Eastern Michigan University. "I gained that valuable experience of competing last year and of how to compete, so I feel I'm ready."

Between now and mid October, Proben said he will not only work on the finer points of his swing but also spend more time working with fitness instructor Mark Sanford. Proben credited Sanford with adding muscle to key parts of his body in preparation for last year's tournament and is seeking to improve that one key intangible for this year's performance.

"He's got me lean and mean," Proben said of Sanford. "All I got to get is more body mass over the next 11 weeks."

Proben estimates he has added another 20 yards to his mammoth tee shots that regularly travel some 330 yards through the air. Proben is entered in two separate categories — the Grand Champions, which includes contestants 55 years of age and older, and the Senior Division which pits those 45 years of age and over against one another.

"The Grand Champions division will be televised nationally and I'm excited to be a part

of that one," he said. "I'm more confident hitting the 50-inch driver this year because I've been hitting balls every week since last year. Even in the snow I was out there at Carl's (Golfland) hitting under the heated tees."

Proben was introduced to several sports at a very young age by his father Eddie. Baseball, ice hockey, speedskating and football all grabbed center stage at one time or another before golf peaked his interest once he began caddyng at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

He became a member of the Eagles golf team at Thurston before doing the same at EMU. It was while he was at EMU that Proben got his initial taste of what a long driving championship is all about. He entered two Mid-American Conference events and came away the winner each time.

His next opportunity to return to the winner's circle will occur Oct. 27 - Nov. 5 at the Mesquite Regional Sports and Events Complex in Mesquite, Nev.

"I'm looking forward to it because it's like a family atmosphere out there," Proben said. "We're all friends rooting each other on."



Cup champions

The Canton Celtic U12 boys soccer team captured the Michigan Challenge Cup U13 Boys Silver Division, held Aug. 13-15 in Lansing. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Justin Savona, Christian Freitag, Ryan O'Meara, Gabriel Segovia-Plate, Cameron Troszak, Max Frederick and Matthew Weiner. In the back row (from left) are Austin Andres, Riley Alexander, Nathan Rodwell, Coach Pete Alexander, Zion Beaton, Brayden Ison, Quinn Loosle and Shane Rusinek. Not pictured is Matthew Rockafellow.



JV does good job

The 2010-11 JV Canton Chieftettes pom pon squad collected plaudits for their efforts at the recent Mid American Pom Camp at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. The squad includes: (front row, from left) Olivia Turfe, Monique Watts, Emily Schreiner, Nicole Fuerstnau, Jessica Kuznicki, Megan Moncion, Kelly Sundberg, Stephanie Lyle; (back row, from left) Katie Olmsted, Molly Denzer, Malak Beydoun, Kayla Tulus, Natalie Koivula, Jessica Price, Megan Webster, Caitlin Wakefield, Kelly Powell, Michelle Conklin, Jessica Farhat and coach Brittney Kopia.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 17.

For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July.

To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The tryout schedule includes:
Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net; or mournier@livonia.k12.mi.us);
Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mb1r1218@aol.com);
Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mb1r1218@aol.com);
Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhirst at wd219@aol.com);
Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make-up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mb1r1218@aol.com).

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Practice focuses on natural solutions

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

Wellness Evolutions: I am in the natural health business and see myself primarily as a wellness coach and alternative healer/psychotherapist. I have a private practice where I see individuals and families for diverse problems, especially relationship issues, depression, anxiety, weight management, and many types of functional issues not easily addressed by standard medicine. I look for the underlying cause of dysfunction and ill health and do a variety of functional testing based on stool analysis, saliva testing and urine testing. I create lifestyle programs that include eating plans, exercise, nutritional supplementation, stress management, energy psychotherapy, and Mindlink, an energy therapy from Germany that helps people transform complex, layered issues from the unconscious mind.

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

Wellness Evolutions: While I was in the Air Force working as a hospital administrator, I spent two years studying naturopathic medicine, nutrition, wellness, herbology, detoxification methods, massage and exercise physiology during my vacation time both in graduate classes and in home study courses to begin preparing myself as a wellness consultant and coach. I left the Air Force with a master's degree and a certification in the natural healing arts and decided to set up my first clinical practice in wellness and lifestyle management in Minneapolis, helping people become healthier by changing their diets, adding the proper nutritional supplementation, exercising properly, reducing stress and sleeping better. As time went along, I found myself adding various mind and emotional therapies to address additional needs of my clients.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Wellness Evolutions: I spent three years in the above practice and then met my husband to be, Tom Borg. In 1987 I moved to Canton, to marry him and start my second natural healing practice. The second year after moving to Canton, I found the Center for Humanistic Studies in Detroit, now called the Michigan School for Professional Psychology where I started my core courses toward a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. I finished my doctoral program through Union Institute and became



Dr. Elizabeth Borg of Canton has been practicing holistic health and alternative healing since starting her practice in 1983.

a fully licensed psychologist in 1994. I now have a fully developed wellness and psychotherapy practice in Plymouth.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Wellness Evolutions: Unlike most psychologists, I treat the whole person, body, mind, emotions and spirit. I have a specialty in transpersonal psychology which address spirit and consciousness beyond the ego, unlike traditional psychology which stays mostly within the confines of the personality. I also believe that to alleviate psychological disorders, the body's physiological and functional pathways must be addressed. Healthy lifestyles help create healthy minds.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Wellness Evolutions: In today's society, there are more people who have gotten sicker and certainly more inflamed and fat which I attribute to introduction of high fructose corn syrup, sedentary living/computer living, other serious changes in the food supply since the 80's and many more toxins in the environment. Older people are on too much medication for things that could easily be helped through lifestyle changes and diet which make them more toxic and break down their bodies faster. I have been in business long enough to see patterns, both in young people and in seniors and it is alarming. Many of these trends I am now seeing, I did not see in 1983. I am seeing stress syndromes far more intense than in 1983 and more dysthymia, which is a chronic state of depression and unhappiness that seems to permeate all aspects of life. From my perspective, I believe America as a great country could be sinking in a hidden way, via the food supply and lifestyle practices that make

WELLNESS EVOLUTIONS

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Name and Title: Elizabeth W. Borg, Ph.D.

Hometown: Canton, MI

Date Business was started: 1983

Number of employees: 2

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Business Specialty: Holistic health and alternative healing

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us around 23rd on the list of developed countries for quality of health. My job is to help people get control over their health through enlightened choices and behavioral change.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Wellness Evolutions: I don't think it has affected my business as much as others. Health is like food and shelter; you got to have it. Health is wealth. What I have seen over 27 years is just a whole lot of more competition in the natural health business, including medical doctors jumping aboard the complementary bus. The internet and social networking sites have been a big boon to my business and anybody that doesn't have a web presence will probably be out of business eventually.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Wellness Evolutions: Business is a practice — you practice providing the best products and services possible to meet the needs of your customers and clients. Best business means the best personal development you can create for yourself because you can't take anyone where you haven't been. Keep your continuing education going and get "your files up to date" because this world is changing at great speed and it is easy to get left behind.

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

Wellness Evolutions: I'm working right now to create an expanded web presence with informational products such as special reports, articles, teleclasses and webinars. I am developing social networking for business and eventually plan on having 1-3 specialty niche membership sites where people can participate in forums, have an archive of materials and resources to draw upon. I plan to re-expand my speaking and teaching activities and create hard copy education materials in addition to virtual information.

one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Limited to 10 members/1 member per business category. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. The third member to make a reservation will be asked to bring bagels or donuts.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

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 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.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Happy anniversary

Pet Nanny, Inc., is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a full-service, professional pet-sitting company dedicated to providing top quality care for pets.

Jan Conner started Pet Nanny, Inc. in 2000 and has successfully run her business for clients and their pets from Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Ann Arbor.

Pet Nanny, Inc. is insured, bonded, and a member of the Better Business Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. The company strives to live up to its motto, "We love your pets when you have to leave them," and its mission, "To Pamper and Spoil." Pet Nanny, Inc., offers vacation and overnight visits, as well as providing daily dog-walking for people who work all day.

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Jan Conner also has experience with raising Paw with a Cause dogs for the handicapped. She raised dogs for five years, all who are in-service. Today she volunteers for Homeward Bound Rescue in Canton and fosters dogs in her home till adopted.

Conner's personal pets are Ginger, a Golden Retriever; Maya, a Husky/Shepherd mix; three cats and fish. In the past, her family also has lived with ferrets, hamsters, guinea pigs, pet rats and an iguana.

For more information, visit Pet Nanny, Inc., on the Internet at www.pet-nanny.com or call (734) 981-6108.

Resource workshop

Judson Center and The Guidance Center, as part of Building Community Partnerships of Western Wayne County and Downriver, are hosting Building a Bridge into Adulthood, a resource workshop to highlight the needs of foster youth as they age out of foster care and attempt to live independently.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 27, at Wayne County Community College



Jan Conner's Pet Nanny Inc., has been providing pet services for clients in Plymouth and Canton since 2000.

District Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

The keynote speaker for the event is Cherish Thomas, a foster youth who has aged out of the foster care system and is currently enrolled in University of Michigan MSW program. Hear her speak first hand about the struggles that a foster youth experiences while learning to be an independent adult. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the challenges facing youth during a panel discussion with current and former foster youth, and James Novell, Program Manager for the Foster Care Review Board.

The event will also include workshops to help provide foster youth with the resources they need to prepare for adulthood and independent living. Participants include: Fifth Third Bank; Green Path Debt Solutions; Roslind Davis from the Youth In Transitions Program; Sally Foster, who will present on Financial Aid for College; and RoShondra Jones from Legal Aid and Defender, who will discuss important legal documents adults need (birth certificates, Social Security cards, etc.).

Building a Bridge into Adulthood is open to foster youth, as well as social workers, foster parents and members of the community who are interested in learning more about how to help prepare foster youth for adulthood and independence.

For more information or to RSVP contact James Krizan at Judson Center via e-mail at james_krizan@judsoncenter.org or call (313) 255-8264.

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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.



LaJoy

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 Xuereb Snow PC and PNC Bank. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

First Fridays

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford in Canton.

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Livonia woman pursues new dream through reality show



Kathleen Neumann (left) of Livonia ended up on the beach with contestant Susan Master of Worthington, Ohio, for their first modeling shoot while competing on TV Land's reality show, 'She's Got The Look.'

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Neumann was a "fashion model virgin" in desperate need of a handbook six months ago.

"It's not as easy as it looks. There is a method to the madness," said the Livonia woman, recalling her first photo shoot. "Getting certain emotions out on camera; I'd never played with that or experimented. I didn't know I had good or bad angles. I didn't know to point my toe — rule number one is always point your toe. There were a lot of basic things I didn't know."

In her 42 years the single mom hadn't strayed far from her native Farmington, her job in a family insurance business, her son and their dog. Yet there she was, on an unseasonably cool winter day earlier this year, striking pose after pose on a beach in Los Angeles, Calif.

"I wasn't super excited to crawl into a bathing suit for the photo shoot. They don't let you pick out a suit. They throw one at you. You don't even get to look in the mirror," Neumann described her first modeling challenge on the reality television show, *She's Got The Look*.

"But just having my hair and makeup done — I was on cloud nine with that. I felt so blessed to be there, that I had made it so far even though I didn't have experience."

ON TELEVISION

Neumann will re-live her "priceless" journey when the show's third season debuts Wednesday, Aug. 25 on TV Land. She is among 10 women, all age 35 and over, who will appear on the show, demonstrating their modeling potential through various photo shoot and cat walk challenges. The winner earns a contract with Wilhelmina Models, Inc., and a photo spread in *SELF* Magazine.

"I was the shortest girl on the show. Girls who are 5'5" and 5'6" didn't dream about being models," Neumann noted. "That didn't happen (growing up) in the '80s."

When a friend encouraged her to audition for this season's show, Neumann figured she had nothing to lose. She hadn't watched the program, but that didn't stop her from heading to Columbus, Ohio, for the first series of interviews.

She told the casting group she had devoted her life to raising her son, Anthony, then a high school senior, and it was time to spread her wings. She got a callback the next day for another on-camera interview and then went home to Livonia. A few weeks later she was summoned Los Angeles for a weekend stay of physical and psychiatric exams.

"They called five days later, it was January, and they said pack your bags. You're going to L.A."

TESTING HER WALK

Supermodel Roshumba Williams, celebrity stylist Robert Verdi and Sean Patterson, Wilhelmina president, quickly whittled 20 contestants to 10 finalists after watching the women walk.

"I was totally winging it. I guess I walk well," Neumann said.

The finalists moved into a loft where they shared one large bedroom, two mirrors and the constant glare of lights and production cameras.

"They did a great job of casting us. We got along so well. I expected it to be catty but it really wasn't. People were very supportive."

Neumann said she didn't feel stressed about losing or winning the competition because modeling was "a new opportunity," and not a long-pursued dream.

When she was told to physically illustrate the word "obsequious" during one late-night photo shoot, Neumann wasn't sure about its definition but "laughed so hard that night" she couldn't help but enjoy the challenge.

She can't say if she won this season's competition — viewers have to watch the show to find out — but says the experience helped her boost her courage.

"My confidence level is up. I've made new friends and I've pushed into a new arena. I've been in corporate America since college, so this is fun. It's the artsy side of things. I want a part of that. A dream was born — not an old dream but a new dream."



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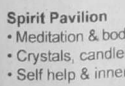
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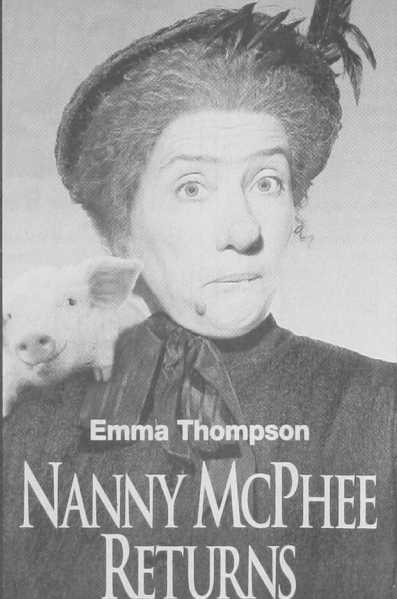
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Time/Date: Through Sept. 9
Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier
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Northville Art House
Time/Date: Through Aug. 28
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
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Contact: (248) 344-0497



'Pictured Rocks' by Jennifer Berkemeier, is among the photographs on display through Sept. 9 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

AUDITIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 23-24
Location: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Details: "Dirty Work at the Crossroads or Tempted, Tried, and

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends, 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Nate Bergatze, through Aug. 21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Kevin McPeck, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
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CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: 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-Schwalm Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Straws, Sept. 9; The Spring Standards, Sept.



The Saline Fiddlers will perform Thursday, Aug. 19 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.



"Little Girl" by Northville fiber artist Ann Avery. Her work is featured in the Northville Art House store this month.

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
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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
Magic Bag
Time/Date: 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

Stars in the Park
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 19
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Summer music series features the Saline Fiddlers
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; Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24

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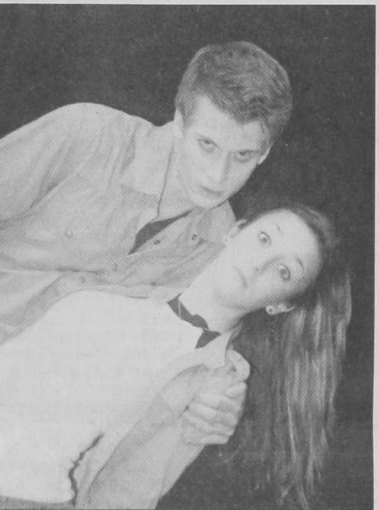
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Get a bee hive style during Woodward Dream Cruise activities Friday, Aug. 20 in downtown Ferndale. Students from Paul Mitchell School will be on hand to create the piled-high hairstyles, while professional stylists go comb to comb in the third annual Beehive Jive contest. The fun runs from 1-5 p.m., east of Woodward at Nine Mile. The Woodward Dream Cruise officially gets underway at 9 a.m. for 12 hours of vintage and collectible auto cruising and displays, Saturday, Aug. 22, along Woodward from Ferndale to Pontiac.



Vampire spoof

Tyler Dean and Molly Wallace poke fun at the 'Twilight' saga in 'Love Sucks the musical: A Vampire Musical Parody,' 7 p.m. Aug. 19-21 at Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

GET OUT!

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

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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; (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 Cecilie Licad and a 10-piece all-star jazz ensemble; tickets \$19-60

Contact: (313) 576-5111; www.detroitssymphony.com

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 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

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Eclipse," \$3 admission

Summer matinee series: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad,



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit International Jazz Festival presents 'Louis,' a silent film featuring young actor Anthony Coleman, on Aug. 26.

Mad World," Aug. 19, and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26; shows at 1 and 7 p.m.; tickets \$3

Contact: (734) 451-0870, 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

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MUSEUMS

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Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: Through Oct. 24

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Coming up: "Margaret's 1910" honors philanthropist Margaret Dunning's 100th birthday with a look at life in 1910

Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

THEATER

Barefoot Players

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 21

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Fourth Wall improv troupe; tickets are \$10 and include refreshments

Coming up: 10 p.m., Aug. 27-28, "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," the "unauthorized" parody of the Peanuts comic gang. The 75-minute show is performed without intermission; \$10

Contact: (734) 560-1793 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com

Canton High School

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 19-21

Location: 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: "Love Sucks the musical: A Vampire Musical Parody," tickets, \$10

Contact: (734) 788-7949

Still Got It Players

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 25-26; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28; and 2 p.m., Aug. 29

Location: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: "Larceny and Old Lace," a spoof on a classic; tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-58; \$13 for seniors, 60 and up and students, under 19; \$12 per groups of 15

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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

Back to school party

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr. off of Joy between Lilley and Haggerty Roads
Details: Free Fun, games, food and school supplies will be given to students who are in need. RSVP by Aug. 26
Contact: (734) 404-2480
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 ses-

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sions on saving, spending, debt and investing.
Contact: 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 pastortales@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

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit
Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts

Contact: To schedule an audition, call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net

Picnic

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Prayer service

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
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

Rediscovering Catholicism

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew

Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.
Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnau-joks@hotmail.com

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.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Taylor, Belleville

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Season of giving: Church throws summer Christmas party for youth

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Christian Service Commission at Our Lady of Loretto Church celebrated Christmas last month with boys at the Methodist Children's Society Home in Redford.

"We trimmed the gym for Christmas, got all red and green tablecloths, put up an artificial tree, and made it like a real Christmas," said Dee Taranowski, commission chair.

Members treated boys at the residence to a midsummer party complete with Christmas cookies and gifts. They started the outreach event last summer at the encouragement of former pastor, the Rev. Ralph Besterwisch.

"He was stressing how we need to find ways to spread our beliefs in the community and not just to our own parish. It's not like we're trying to make them Catholics, but we want to share and get along," Taranowski said.

"The kids love it. We have all kinds of snack food that they don't get living there. We have music and this year we had them fill out a Christmas list with three items they've like and we bought one of them for each boy."

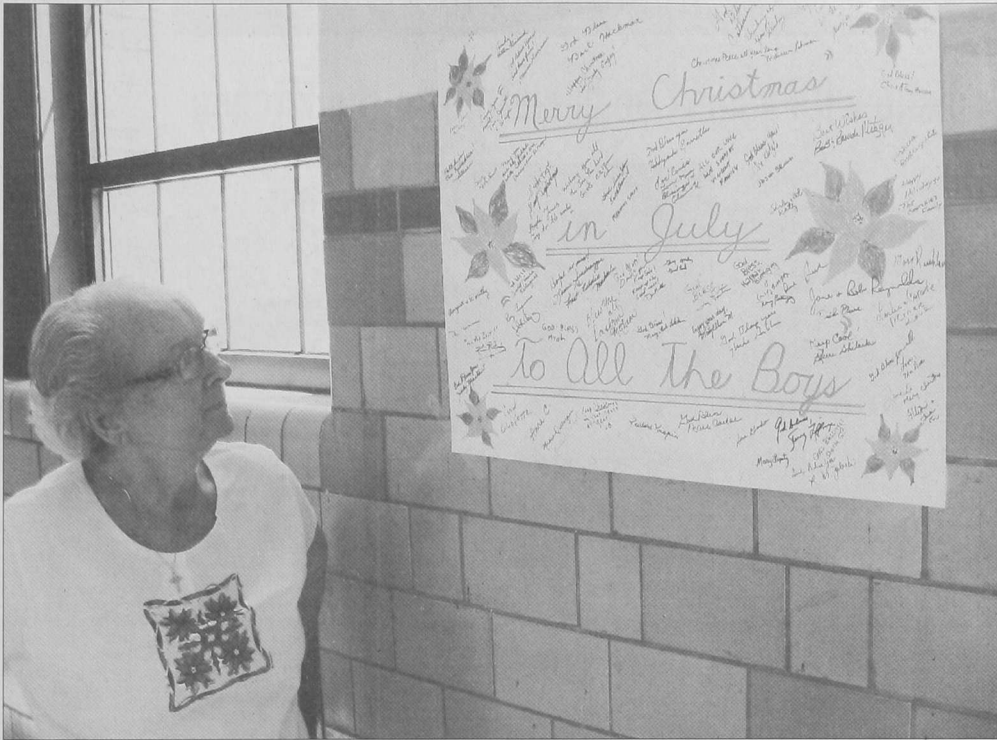
The commission received financial help from the parish to buy gifts for approximately 55 boys. Members also wrote greetings to the youngsters. The Methodist Children's Society Home offers foster and adoption services, literacy programs and residential care, with a focus on helping children who have been physically, psychologically or sexually abused or neglected by their parents. Children's Village, the residential program, cares for boys, 10-17, who need a highly structured setting and team treatment approach involving caseworkers, program administrators, nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist and pediatrician. Children and teens live in cottages with staff on site.

"I've lived in Redford 30 years and I had always just seen the front of the Home," Taranowski said, adding that she got a closer view of the site for the first time last summer. "The grounds are beautiful. There are 74 acres with all these cottages and a chapel."

Taranowski said the summer Christmas party has been "a lot of work" but rewarding for volunteers.

The church's Christian Service Commission also visits a downtown Detroit soup kitchen four times a year, helps handicapped individuals to Mass every month, collects gifts for the needy at Christmas and gives away food baskets at major holidays. A few members also organize an annual Advent tea for women.

"Christian service is very active in our church. I'm proud of it and I think we accomplish a lot."



Pauline Krispin, a volunteer from Our Lady of Loretto, reads greetings written to boys at the Methodist Children's Society in Redford.



A teen singing group under the direction of Matt Yocum (left) prepares to perform at Our Lady of Loretto's summer Christmas party at the Methodist Children's Society Home in Redford.

CALENDAR

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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: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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

for those in need

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

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. 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 fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9

Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale

Contact: (734) 721-5023

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@abecket.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: MOMS 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

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GERALDINE BURGESS

Age 77, August 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Frank Burgess for 45 years. Loving mother of Lisa R. Burgess. Dear sister of the late Juanita Milia. Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 21st at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington. Memorial contributions to Salem United Church of Christ. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

KAREN J. FOULKS

Age 62, South Lyon, passed away, August 12, 2010 at her home in the care of her loving family. Memorial service held Thursday, August 19 at 2pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

KENNETH GRAVES

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, Michigan and more recently of Dyer, Indiana, passed away August 14, 2010. Ken leaves behind his beloved family: wife Diane; daughter Aimee and husband Rand Tucker; daughter Angela, son Joseph and wife Kimberly; grandsons Trey, Ethan, and Abraham; step-mother Thelma Graves; siblings Sharon Byers, Deborah Bean, Patricia McLouth, Mike Haynes, Diane Graham, and Jerry Haynes; along with a host of friends, neighbors, and colleagues whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew; mother, Sylvia Haynes; father, Norman Graves; and step-father, William Haynes. A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 1 P.M. at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48374 with Pastor Rand Tucker officiating. Instead of flowers, those desiring may make tax-deductible memorial contributions to the RememberThePoor Fund through the Hyde Park Vineyard Church, 1507 E. 53rd St., #883, Chicago, IL 60615. Ken was a 1971 graduate of Adrian High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1975. He worked as a senior managing financial consultant at IBM. Moved by the goals of justice and mercy, Ken recently launched rememberthepoor.net to help the Church to remember the poor.

RONALD B. ROBINSON

OF Farmington, MI, age 65, passed away on August 15, 2010. Ronald was born on August 22, 1944 in Detroit, MI to Myles and Florence (Hedrick) Robinson. Survivors include his mother Florence Robinson, and siblings Sandra Testerman, Carol Stevenson, Bill Stevenson, Douglas Robinson, Timothy Robinson, and Robin Robinson. Ronald is preceded in death by his father Myles and his brother Bryan. A Simple Farewell will be held Saturday August 21 at 12:00 PM at Borek Jennings, Lamb Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Narcotics Anonymous. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel where the family will gather with friends 2 hours prior to service. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ronald's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

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FOOD

Thursday, August 19, 2010

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Cooking with yogurt adds culture to the kitchen

Yogurt has been a versatile part of culinary history for thousands of years. This cultured milk product has good bacteria that can help boost digestive and immune system health — all while making taste buds happy, too.

There are plenty of ways to enjoy all the great taste and benefits of yogurt:

- Smoothies — Blend yogurt, fresh berries and a touch of honey for a good-for-you breakfast or snack.
- Salad dressings — Mix plain yogurt with your favorite herbs and spices.
- Cereal toppers — Try yogurt with your favorite cereal or granola for a fresh twist on a traditional breakfast.
- Cool soups — Use yogurt as the base for a refreshing chilled soup. This Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts has all the velvety richness of a full-cream soup but it's made with low-fat, high-calcium yogurt and is as cool as, well, a cucumber. It's also got crunch and plenty of snappy flavor, making it a great first course for a warm-weather meal or as the main event for lunch.



Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts.

CHILLED CUCUMBER YOGURT SOUP WITH FRESH DILL AND TOASTED WALNUTS

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 2-3 hours for chilling
Servings: 6-8

- 5 cups lowfat plain yogurt
- 2 cups peeled, diced cucumbers
- 1 cup chopped, toasted walnuts
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 teaspoons minced fresh garlic, pressed into a paste with fork
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 6-8 fresh dill sprigs

1. Combine all ingredients except dill sprigs. Cover and chill 1-4 hours.
2. To serve: Portion the soup into cups or bowls and garnish with dill sprigs.
Tip: To toast nuts, place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake in a 350°F oven 12-15 minutes, tossing them halfway through the baking time.

Recipe courtesy Terese Allen for Organic Valley.

KHEERA RAITA (CUCUMBER IN YOGURT)

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes plus chilling time

- Servings: 4-6
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds
 - 1 1/2 cups grated cucumber
 - 1 1/2 cups plain lowfat yogurt
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. Dry-roast the cumin seeds in a small frying pan until they turn dark brown. Cool, then coarsely grind them with a spice grinder or mortar and pestle.

Dry-roasting the cumin seeds in a hot skillet lends an authentic roastiness to the flavor here, so don't skip this step.

2. Mix all ingredients together in a serving bowl.
3. Chill before serving.

Recipe adapted for Organic Valley from "Eat Smart in India: A Travel Guide for Food Lovers," by Joan Peterson and Indu Menon (Ginkgo Press, 2004). It's a soothing cold sauce with spicy Indian curries and other dishes. Or try it as a simple dip for the naan, Indian flatbread.

AVOCADO YOGURT SALAD DRESSING

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes
Servings: about 1 1/2 cups, or 10-12 servings

- 1 avocado (1 large or 2 small, fully ripe)
- 1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped (or, cilantro or parsley)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice to taste

Salt and pepper

Peel avocados and cut flesh into chunks. Combine with remaining ingredients and use a food processor, blender or hand-held stick blender to puree the ingredients until smooth. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Use as a dressing for tossed salads or a dip for fresh vegetables.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor Sharon Dargay

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CITY BITES

Chili lovers

Plymouth — Registration has begun for this year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, which runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

Winners will take home more than \$2,000 in prize money, and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff presented by the International Chili Society. The world champ wins \$25,000.

Along with the traditional Red Chili competition, participants can enter Chili Verde (Green Chili) and salsa contests. A Best Booth contest and Peoples Choice winners will also be awarded prizes. New this year is Battle of the Businesses. Area businesses will market themselves while having a great time competing against other businesses making chili. The public votes on its favorite.

Just want to come and sample chili? More than 60 different kinds will be available for a donation of \$1 per sample.

Twenty restaurants will compete at the "Restaurant Chili Challenge," offering bowls for \$4 and samples for \$1. Past winning restaurants include 1999 Tavern, The Picnic Bazaar Market, The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, Station 885, Boulders Restaurant (now Plymouth Roc), Plymouth Pub, Doyle's Tavern, and Plymouth

Crossing.

All money raised during the event will be shared by Habitat for Humanity and The Miracle League of Plymouth.

To register or for more information call Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, e-mail her at glrchili@sbglobal.net or visit www.GreatLakesChili.com.

Harvest time

Farmington — Visitors to the Harvest Moon Festival next month will get a chance to sample craft beers and wine paired with food, in addition to roast corn and pork.

The 1st Annual Beer & Wine Tasting with Food Pairings is slated for Thursday, Sept. 23. Select craft beers, including brews from the Great Lakes region, and more than 30 fine wines will be paired with food prepared by students at the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute. Fare from local restaurants will be available at the Harvest Moon dance on Friday, Sept. 24 and the Harvest Day pig roast, featuring roast corn, starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$8 on site, and are good for any one day admission during the three-day festival. For more information call (248) 473-7276 or visit www.downtown-farmington.org.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS, RECIPES

Make our mouths water.

We'd love to see photos of your juicy red tomatoes, your overflowing zucchini vines, your fragrant oregano and basil plants — or any other vegetables, herbs and fruits you've grown this summer.

Share a photo of your vegetable garden — feel free to pose among the plants — and send it along with a favorite recipe to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is a jpg attachment. Include your name, city of residence and any thoughts you'd like to share about this year's backyard crop. We'll show your hard work in an upcoming issue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This ranch, listed at \$99,900, is at 15106 Arcola St. in Livonia. The brick home has three bedrooms, a finished basement and a two-car detached garage.



This home, listed at \$84,000, is at 6038 Belton in Garden City. It's a three-bedroom bungalow of aluminum and brick with a two-car detached garage.



This ranch, listed at \$81,000, is at 9920 Rockland in Redford. It's of brick/vinyl with three bedrooms and a finished basement. There's a two-car garage.

You can get a lot of home for \$80,000 to \$100,000

First of a four-part series on home prices.

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

There was a time when buying a home in a community like Plymouth Township for under \$100,000 was unlikely, but times have changed.

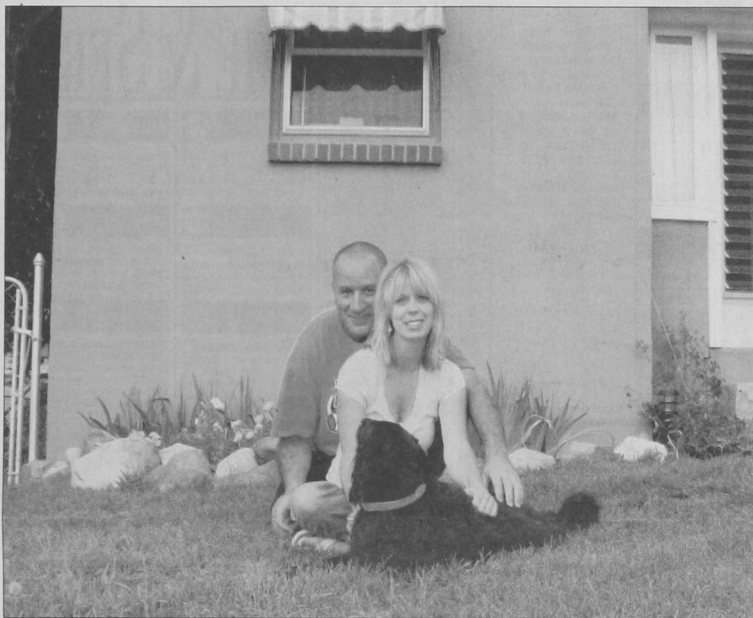
Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, who covers much of western Wayne and south Oakland, said, "I can tell you prices are all over the board, mostly because of the foreclosures and the short sales."

"First-time buyers are out there and the interest rates are so good. That's really the price range that's moving," Austin said of homes priced at \$80,000-\$200,000.

At around \$100,000, a local buyer can get three bedrooms, one and a half or two baths, and a family room in a well-maintained neighborhood. Such a home will also have a basement and one- or two-car garage, "depending on the neighborhood. Condos are going to be mostly two-bedroom at that price," said Austin, who works from her Canton home.

An analysis of sales data for May 8-Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by market manager Fran Green.

In the \$80,000 to \$99,999 price range, data showed: three Plymouth homes on the market, four sold in the past three months; nine Plymouth Township homes on the market, six sold in that time; 23 Canton homes on the market, 13 sold in that time; 86 Livonia homes on the market, 53 sold in that time; 54 Redford homes



Tina and Mike Zuccarini were able to move into a Plymouth Township home in the Lake Pointe area for under \$100,000 last fall. They share their new home with four-legged friend Lola.

on the market, 18 sold in that time; 77 Westland homes on the market, 30 sold in that time; 35 Garden City homes on the market, 20 sold in that time; nine Farmington homes on the market, five sold in that time; and 36

Farmington Hills homes on the market, 17 sold in that time.

Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Northville recently sold a one-bedroom starter home with some 900 square feet. On

the other end, she also sold a much larger 3,600-square-foot home: "This year, I'm everywhere" on prices and home sizes, she said. "I just sold a condo in Farmington and it's between all that. I think they're moving to

areas where they couldn't before because the prices have come down some."

Realtor Bart Patterson agrees the chances of selling your home are improving.

"Now's the time to do it," said Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "It should sell fairly quickly in today's market. Now's a good time to put the house on the market. It will sell."

As Patterson peruses local real estate listings from his office, he sees a variety from \$80,000 on up to \$500,000 in western Wayne County and the Farmingtons. In Livonia, there are three-bedroom homes, mostly bank-owned or short sales, for \$80,000 or a bit more.

Buying in western Wayne at \$80,000 to \$100,000 would have been an "impossible dream" a few years back but is now possible, said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Smith has two employees who bought and were helped by the federal tax credit and lower home prices.

"You can get some nice homes," Smith said. The other side is that homes are worth less, but he and others in the field encourage owners to hang in there.

"We do believe the market's coming back," but it takes awhile, Smith said.

Low interest rates help buyers right now, pegged at 4.25 to 4.5 percent for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The Federal Housing Administration is involved to some degree, Smith said, and veterans are eligible for loans at 3.5 percent to 5 percent.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 3-7, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2670 Croftbill Dr	\$10,000
	673 Hamlet Rd	\$80,000
	3156 Wakeland St	\$55,000
Beverly Hills	15562 Birchwood Ave	\$59,000
	16244 Kirkshire Ave	\$78,000
Birmingham	740 Ann St	\$165,000
	5446 Southlawn Blvd	\$195,000
	376 Ferndale Ave	\$350,000
	1731 Hazel St	\$110,000
	1421 Stanley Blvd	\$214,000
Bloomfield Township	2523 Aspen Ln	\$197,000
	4602 Coachmaker Dr	\$175,000
	715 L Long Lake Rd	\$119,000
	273 Eileen Dr	\$185,000
	560 Fox Pointe Ct	\$490,000
	413 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$535,000
	1158 Hill Line Tr	\$360,000
	1321 Knollcrest Cir	\$165,000
	1910 Long Pointe Dr	\$175,000
	148 W Kingsbury Rd	\$315,000
	915 Tarian Tr	\$255,000
	4113 Telegraph Rd	\$25,000
	2726 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1,000,000
	444 Waddington St	\$700,000
Commerce Township	6035 Wing Lake Rd	\$250,000
	204 Woodedge Dr	\$174,000
	2320 Edgemere St	\$31,000
	8588 Golf Lane Dr	\$258,000
	2409 Ivy Hill Dr	\$248,000
	5638 Plantation Dr	\$292,000
Farmington	23186 Hawthorne St	\$90,000
Farmington Hills	44951 Bunker Hill Dr	\$193,000
	22455 Colgate St	\$21,000
	29539 Colony Circle Dr	\$168,000
	27170 Edgemoor Ave	\$194,000
	32580 Heathstone Rd	\$165,000
	35310 Hillside Dr	\$100,000
	21971 Jacksonville St	\$9,000
	29709 Kenloch Dr	\$309,000
	35402 Old Homestead Dr	\$187,000
	30241 Olde Fountains Dr	\$220,000
	32127 Ravenscroft St	\$152,000
	27170 River Ridge Tr	\$156,000
	21543 Riverwalk Ct	\$255,000
	31245 Squirebridge St	\$240,000
	37838 Turnberry Ct	\$465,000
	31915 W 14 Mile Rd	\$70,000
	25207 Westmoreland Dr	\$120,000
	30072 White Hall Ct	\$275,000
	28553 Willowood Tr	\$150,000
Keego Harbor	3130 Kenrick St	\$85,000
	3219 Kyroff St	\$33,000
Lake Orion	304 Hampton Woods Ln	\$270,000
	3974 May Center Rd	\$253,000
	1215 Slater St	\$79,000
Milford	2954 Hampshire Dr	\$110,000
Northville	1048 N Center St	\$277,000
Novi	51042 Almal Ct	\$50,000
	1322 E Lake Dr	\$535,000
	22077 Greenview Ln	\$230,000
	1697 Harbor Cv	\$220,000
	23959 Harvest Dr	\$236,000
	40415 Heatherbrook	\$177,000
	25917 Portico Ln	\$124,000
	22817 Renford St	\$55,000
	41024 S Mcmahon Cir	\$100,000
	42741 Sandstone Dr	\$196,000
	39718 Village Wood Cir	\$49,000
	39620 W Nine Mile Rd	\$57,000
Oakland Township	5209 Belmonte Dr	\$243,000
	2909 Hastings Ct	\$240,000
	3563 Inverness Dr	\$318,000
	3355 Ordam Ct	\$111,000
	3150 Silverbrook Dr	\$165,000
	2207 Summerlin Ct	\$325,000
	5281 W Buell Rd	\$300,000
Rochester	217 Charles Rd	\$160,000
	1879 Flapstone Cir	\$105,000
	521 Ludlow Ave	\$160,000
Rochester Hills	150 Chalmers Dr	\$284,000
	295 Colford Dr	\$160,000
	3293 Crooks Rd	\$50,000
	3156 Fantail Dr	\$224,000
	56 Grosse Pines Dr	\$240,000
	3535 Hogan Cir	\$50,000
	3582 Hogan Cir	\$50,000
	1085 Maple Leaf Dr	\$233,000
	3673 Mystic Vly	\$299,000
	3219 Palm Aire Dr	\$258,000
	4224 Pine Trail Dr	\$231,000
	273 Sandpiper Rd	\$173,000
	1920 S Shore Dr	\$163,000
	1513 Tracyway	\$537,000
	20202 Alexa Dr	\$147,000
	2948 Woodelm Dr	\$100,000
South Lyon	25225 Coach Ln	\$70,000
	927 Fairfield Ct	\$124,000
	341 Hampton Ct	\$86,000
	25500 Meadow Ct	\$40,000
	24690 Wedgewood Dr	\$280,000
Southfield	24405 Connecticut Dr	\$120,000
	19950 Dorset St	\$47,000
	25524 Elmora Pl	\$145,000
	19564 Hazelhurst St	\$64,000
	20110 Lacrosse Ave	\$124,000
	19689 Raleigh Cir N	\$28,000
	29850 Spring River Dr	\$70,000
	26912 W 12 Mile Rd	\$55,000
	18124 Westover Ave	\$105,000
Troy	3877 Appaloosa Dr	\$279,000
	1712 Beech Lane Dr	\$215,000
	2595 Charnwood Dr	\$279,000
	1773 Cromwell	\$177,000
	5828 Dawn Ridge Dr	\$175,000
	934 Durham Ct	\$210,000
	6480 Gynedebourne Dr	\$314,000
	4855 Heatherbrook Dr	\$190,000
	8000 Houghten Dr	\$158,000
	858 Norwich Dr	\$140,000
	1853 Parrot Dr	\$265,000
	2993 Roundtree Dr	\$75,000
	3175 Talbot Dr	\$144,000
	3445 Talbot Dr	\$135,000
	22077 Cheboygan Ct	\$150,000
	4746 Chivrea St	\$95,000
	3048 Cooley Blvd	\$86,000
	7615 Flamingo Dr	\$360,000
	664 Forest St	\$90,000
	1434 Gloria St	\$79,000
	31531 Grandview Ave	\$110,000
	1220 Judith St	\$82,000
	30401 Ledgerfield Ave	\$112,000
	3631 Madison St	\$45,000
	208 N Bay St	\$52,000
	2008 N Walton St	\$75,000
	488 S Marie St	\$15,000
	1366 Windham St	\$49,000

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Canton	2468 Amber Dr	\$175,000
	42115 Boulden Ct	\$145,000
	39960 Finley Dr	\$112,000
	7078 Foxcreek Dr	\$171,000
	43632 Guel Dr	\$118,000
	45523 Glenmary Blvd	\$273,000
	48815 Greenwood Cir	\$250,000
	7965 Kaiser St	\$130,000
	7357 Kingsbridge Rd	\$188,000
	7357 Kingsbridge Rd	\$193,000
	44992 Prestbury Rd	\$175,000
Garden City	47793 Royal Pointe Dr	\$336,000
	46953 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$170,000
	1293 W Crystal Cir	\$177,000
	2941 Brown Ct	\$88,000
	28654 Cambridge St	\$100,000
	1433 Ralph St	\$55,000
	29444 Sheridan St	\$65,000
Livonia	12159 Arcola St	\$38,000
	34820 Fairfield Dr	\$230,000
	14020 Fairway St	\$10,000
	26681 Jones Ct	\$332,000
	11220 Karen St	\$105,000
	36920 Kingsburn Dr	\$284,000
	15641 Norwich St	\$100,000
	19606 Renaissance St	\$91,000
	19999 Riga St	\$91,000
	8889 Stonehouse Ave	\$115,000
Northville	19415 Whitby Dr	\$190,000
	18058 Blue Heron Dr	\$285,000
	44848 Broadmoor Cir S	\$292,000
	19368 Gardene Way	\$140,000
	50223 Cressnut Ct	\$20,000
	335 Linden St	\$480,000
	16103 Northside	\$107,000
	19543 Northridge Dr	\$299,000
	45900 Northview	\$320,000
	16453 Sherwood Ln	\$299,000
	19301 Smock	\$302,000
Plymouth	334 Arthur St	\$480,000
	11873 Chandler Dr	\$320,000
	201 N Mt St	\$195,000
	9424 North Fern Ave	\$115,000
	203 Pinewood Dr	\$47,000
	42023 Rivercreek Dr	\$130,000
	14710 Terrace Ct	\$147,000
Redford	10000 Berryn	\$60,000

Permit may be needed for antenna

Q: I live in a condominium and I am wondering what restrictions are permitted by the FCC if the antenna that I have must be on a very tall mast to get a signal.



Robert Meisner

A: If you have an exclusive use area that is covered by the rule and need to put your antenna on a mast, the local government, community association or landlord may require you to apply for a permit for safety reasons if the mast extends more than 12 feet above the roof line. If you meet the safety requirements, the permits should be granted. The FCC's rule on this only applies to antennas and masts installed wholly within the antenna user's exclusive use area. Masts that extend beyond the exclusive use area are outside the scope of the rule. For installations on single family homes, the exclusive use area would generally be anywhere on the home or lot and the mast type provision is usually more relevant in these situations. On the other hand, if the owner of a condominium in a building with multiple dwelling units needs to put the antenna on a mast that extends beyond the balcony boundaries, that installation would generally be outside the scope and protection of the rule, and the condominium association may impose any restrictions it wishes including an outright prohibition because the FCC rule does not apply in that situation.

Q: I am a co-owner who has been harassed by our association attorney who is apparently new at collections. The attorney has not given me any opportunity to dispute the debt, since I think it was wrongly calculated. Do I have any recourse?

A: You may have a number of avenues to pursue, the first of which is against the attorney for violations of the Fair Debt Collections Act, because he or she must give you a notice that you have 30 days to dispute the debt, among other requirements. If you do not receive that notice, there is a violation of the act for which the debt collector, namely the attorney, could be culpable for damages as well as attorney fees suffered by you. In addition, the very assessment levied, if not properly calculated, could be a basis for you to defend the claim. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium association attorney who can point out to you your rights and remedies.

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

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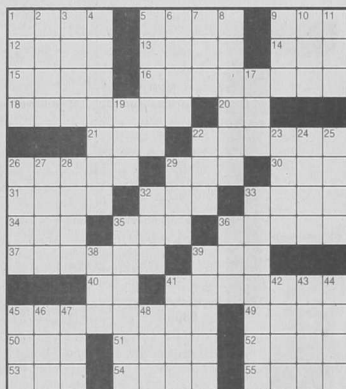
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LIVONIA: PERISH-WIDE GARAGE SALE TOOLS, furniture, household, collectibles, vintage, garden, decor, purses, jewelry, religious electronics & books. 8/20 & 8/21, 9-7. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 29125 W. 6 Mile just E of Middlebelt. No early sales.

LIVONIA: We're back again. 32014 Maine, N. of Joy, W. of Meridian. Toys, clothes, even furniture from American Girl Dolls. Great variety of items for adults too. Everything in Great Condition. Sat. Aug. 21, 9-5. Follow the signs!

LIVONIA: Wed, Thurs, Sat. 10-4. CLOSED Friday. 29860 Mason St. Lots of old items. 2 bks. N. of Schoolcraft, W. of Middlebelt.

MILFORD: 1791 Bristol Dr., off Hickory Ridge & Honeywell Lake Frs-Sat. Aug. 20-21, 9-4pm. Household items, clothes & dishes + much more! \$1 upwards.

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MILFORD: 923 Squire Lane, off Summit St. Thurs-Sat. Aug. 19th-21st, 9am-5pm. Lots of great stuff!

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PLYMOUTH: Yard Sale Extravaganza Items for young, small, big, tall. Toys for infants, toddlers, furniture from American Girl Dolls. Garage, Office, Garden. Friday (8/20) ONLY. 9am-4pm. 9400 Oakridge, SE of Beck/Ann Arbor Rd.

PLYMOUTH: 2 of 2 huge Autos, Thurs-Sat. 9-5. K-1 teaching materials, quality clothes & 12-14, kids stuff, household. 10163 & 6201 N. Canton Center, bwn Ann Arbor Trail/Ann Arbor Rd.

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SOUTHFIELD: Aug. 19-21, Thurs-Sat. 9-5. 21790 Glenora, W1195, ELahser Furniture, household electronics, art, work jewelry.