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CONNECTION School finances

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hosts a public meeting at the Plymouth District Library 6-8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) designed to provide information about the impact of school funding cuts on students.

Parents and community members will have an opportunity to stop in at anytime to view a P-CCS video about the impact of cuts, to ask questions and to write letters to their state representatives. P-CCS staff members are donating letter writing materials (envelopes pre-addressed to state legislators, stationary, etc.) to provide interested participants with a convenient opportunity to write to their state legislators (sample letters will be provided).

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Flipping out

Renowned pancake-flipping company Chris Cakes returns to Cherry Hill Village for a village association fundraiser.

Chris Cakes, which holds the Guinness World Record for flipping 555 pancakes in an hour, will serve customers from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 5, during the second all-



you-can-eat pancake event in as many years. Last year, more than 200 people attended the event, scheduled again at Preservation Park, on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill,

alongside the Canton Farmers Market.

Chris Cakes is known for tossing high-flying pancakes, and the event also includes sausage, orange drink and coffee.

Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Children 4 and under are free. To buy tickets or for more information, visit www.mychv.com.

Preschool camp

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Programs is now enrolling for Preschool Summer Camp.

The camp runs for four weeks, Monday, July 11, through Thursday, Aug. 4. Preschool Summer Camp is designed for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds who will be entering kindergarten in the fall.

Three-year-olds will attend Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-year-olds will attend Tuesdays and Thursdays and 5-year-olds will attend Monday through Thursday.

All classes will be in the mornings 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road, in Canton.

For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit our website at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.



The 24-man U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon will make an appearance at Canton's 20th annual Liberty Festival.

Marines to drill at Liberty Fest

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 20th annual Canton Liberty Fest will have a decidedly military feel when it kicks off next month.

Canton Township officials have landed an appearance by the prestigious U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon for Saturday, June 18, the festival's final day.

The team is a 24-man rifle platoon of the U.S. Marine Corps which performs unique silent precision exhibition drill. The purpose of the platoon is to exemplify the discipline and professionalism of the Marine Corps. The team first performed in 1948 as a one-time show, but received such overwhelming response it became part of the routine parades at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., where the platoon is stationed.

"We're ecstatic to get them," Canton Township Recreation Coordinator Jon LaFever said. "We've been trying to get a



WELSH PHOTOGRAPHY

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Canton Thursday, June 16, for the opening of the 20th annual Liberty Festival.

military performance or display. It could be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see them."

During their performance, the Marines execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished, 10.5-pound M1 Garand rifles with fixed

bayonets. The routine concludes with a unique rifle inspection involving elaborate rifle spins and tosses. All drill movements are done with superfluous spins of the rifle, making the Silent Drill Platoon's drill unique from other Marine units' drill movements.

Members of the Silent Drill Platoon are handpicked to represent the Marine Corps. The platoon is based at the historic Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., "8th & I," the oldest active post in the Marine Corps.

LaFever said the request went out to the Marines in September. The process, he said, is an arduous one, during which the Marines consider a variety of factors, including their own schedule. LaFever said the scheduling of an appearance by the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, which is also scheduled to be in town for the festival,

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Canton set to observe Memorial Day

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton will pause on Memorial Day to remember and honor those who died, ended up missing in action or became prisoners of war while defending freedom and fighting in this country's wars.

A memorial ceremony has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, at the Canton Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in June of 1993 in Heritage Park, behind the township administration building on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

The public is encouraged to attend.

The day also includes a pair of patriotic concerts by the BeckRidge Chorale set for 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, on the township's far west side at Cherry Hill and Ridge.

Vietnam veteran John Spencer, president of the Canton Veterans Memorial



Canton's Veterans Memorial is the setting for the annual Memorial Day observance.

Association, said local veterans and their supporters have paused every year since 1990 to salute those who often made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"It's to honor those who died serving our country and those who were prisoners of war or missing in action," Spencer said.

Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton

Chapter 528, other veterans and their supporters will gather at 1 p.m. at the Canton Veterans Memorial, which contains brick pavers with 36 names of local servicemen who died or became missing in action or prisoners of war.

Of those, 26 served during the Civil War, three during World War II, four in

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School board eyes hike in class sizes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whatever teachers remain in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools next year are going to have larger classes to teach.

After Tuesday's special meeting of the district's Board of Education, the only questions remaining seem to be how many teachers will there be and how many more students will each of them have to teach.

Though board members made no decisions Tuesday, they did hear administration proposals to raise class sizes up to two students per class at the elementary level, by nearly five students at the middle school level and almost four students per class at the high schools.

Mike Bender, the district's director of secondary education, said the administration will try to keep the sting of budget cuts out of the classroom as much as possible.

"We have wonderful programs in place, and we hope

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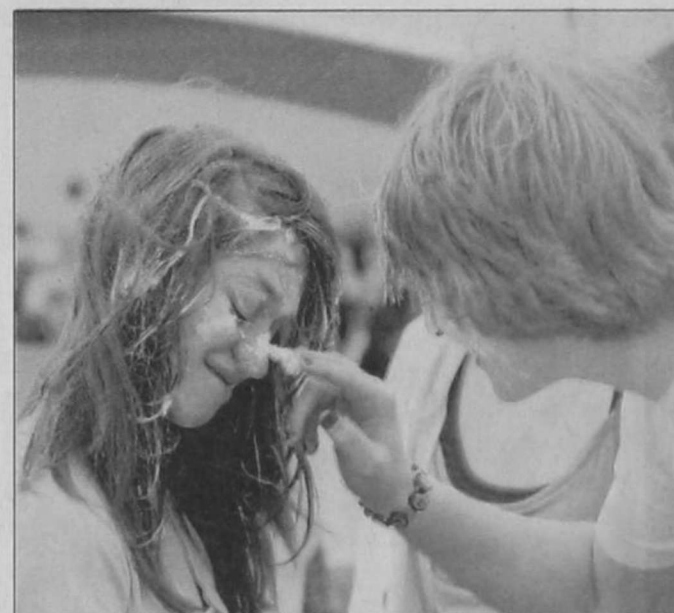
to be able to continue them," Bender told the board. "Our funding causes us to look more closely and have a greater focus on requirements at the state level and at our federal accountability."

Under the administration's recommendation, class sizes at the elementary level would jump by two students per class. For instance, the student-teacher ratio in grades 1-2 would jump from 26 to 28. At the middle school, ratios would climb from 30.25:1 to 35:1; at the high schools, it would jump from 31.5:1 to 35:1.

At those levels the district, fighting an \$18 million deficit, would be able to drop 22 teachers and save \$1.6 million in middle school teachers and another 26 teachers, with a savings of \$1.95 million, at the high school level.

Elementary school savings will depend on whether the board decides to close Fiegel

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ANN ESPINOZA

'Life' lessons

Ricky Lenczewski smears whipped cream on friend Angie Ciotti, a \$1 donation to "pie in the face to save 2nd base" during Canton's Relay for Life. Mother Nature didn't do a whole lot of cooperating, but the rain didn't do anything to dampen the spirits of hundreds of walkers. For the story and photos, please turn to page A3.

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AROUND CANTON

"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

Website concert
Date/Time: Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m. to midnight

Location: Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth
Details: Local musician Kim Gnagey of Plymouth will launch her new website, KimGnagey.com, with a special concert, which will feature Gnagey's original music. The event includes music from Master Dan Vigil, Megan and Tom do the Blues, Kim Gnagey and Friends, and FOUR BLOCK EMPIRE.

Contact: (734) 207-9600

Scrapbooking event

Date/Time: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main (south of Ann Arbor Road)
Details: Scrapbookers and card-makers are invited to a 12-hour National Scrapbook Day workshop. Scrapbookers can choose between a full day or half day. The cost is

\$40 for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., or \$25 for a half day. In addition to getting scrapbooking time, meals, and goody bags, attendees will be helping to support the Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program.
Contact: Cassie Hull by May 16 at (734) 612-9000 or e-mail cassiekh@gmail.com.

Library friends

Date/Time: Monday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.
Location: Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.
Details: The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is \$25. The featured speaker will be Wall Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, *The Girls from Ames*, and *The Last Lecture*, as well as *Highest Duty*, a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon.



Violin lessons

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free violin workshop starting June 16 for children ages 7 to 11 years old. It's the third consecutive year TLSF is providing free music workshop for local children. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to young children. The four-week workshop will be held at Canton Administration Building Meeting Room. No previous violin experience is required. The participants of this workshop will have an opportunity to perform violin music with current TLSF members in the end of the workshop. Students must provide their own violin. The registration deadline is June 1; to register or for more information, e-mail tlisf@thelittlestars.org.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries. No tickets will be available at the door.

All Saints Camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5
Location: All Saints Catholic School, Canton
Details: All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment summer camps for students enter-

ing 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.
Contact: For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at www.allsaintscs.com or e-mail msswider-ek@yahoo.com.

Police have summer plans for traffic enforcement

In an effort to keep motorists safe this summer, the Canton Police Department has numerous special enforcements planned to occur on the roadways in our community.

Through September, police officers will work 14 Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) special enforcements, and conduct eight "Click it or Ticket" seatbelt enforcement zones.

"Canton participates in these special details, funded by the Office of Highway Safety Planning, as a means of educating the public: seatbelt use saves lives—drunk or impaired driving ends lives," Canton Police Sgt. Jim Harrison said.

"By providing strict enforcement of both, we hope to bring awareness to the community."

Seatbelt enforcement zones will have signs alerting motorists of the enforcement action

in progress. Michigan law states police officers can stop a motorist solely for not wearing a safety belt in the front seat of a vehicle. They can also stop a motorist if a child ages 4 through 15 is not properly restrained regardless of where they are riding in the vehicle.

Also according to Michigan law, drivers can be arrested for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. Upon conviction, drunk drivers can face a variety of penalties including costly fines, legal fees, driver responsibility fees, court costs and higher insurance rates.

"If you've had too much to drink, rather than get behind the wheel, make a smart decision to designate a sober driver, take a cab, or spend the night at a friend's house," Harrison said.

Residents reminded of collection guidelines

In order to ensure the timely pick-up of refuse and yard waste, Canton officials are urging residents to adhere to Canton's collection guidelines.

According to the guidelines, all refuse and yard-waste containers must be 32 gallons or less and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Any container over 32 gallons and weighing more than 50 pounds will be tagged by CWR.

During 2011, CWR will continue to accept oversized containers; however, starting January 2012 any container that does not meet the guideline will not be collected, officials pointed out.

Refuse cans must be made of metal or plastic with two handles and a tight fitting cover. Yard-waste containers must be clearly marked and placed separate from refuse on your regular collection day. Yard waste stickers for reusable containers are available in the Public Works Engineering office, the Treasurer's Office or at the Division of Public Work's Building located on Sheldon Road.

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Walkers ignore rain in successful Relay



Jim Harper and Cyndy Canty from Magic 105.1 address the crowd during the fight-back ceremony.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cancer survivors, their families, friends and supporters had to borrow the old post office motto, but they still managed to dodge the rain-drops well enough to take part in last weekend's Canton Relay for Life.

Mother Nature did her best, producing a rain-soaked weekend, but Heritage Park still filled with dozens of teams and hundreds of walkers determined to continue the fight against cancer.

"Our relay is a very important part of this fight," said Sarah Cousineau, the event chairperson, who pointed out last year's relay raised more than \$275,000. Totals for this year's relay were not yet available, but Cousineau was confident the relay could top the \$280,000 goal organizers had set.

Much of the event was familiar, with the opening ceremony and "Survivor Lap," and the traditional Luminary Ceremony. WMGC 105.1-FM radio personalities Jim Harper and Cyndy Canty were on hand, and the event added a "Caregiver" Lap along with the Fight Back ceremony.

"It's our way to say thank you and recognize the amazing group of people who help our cancer survivors with their fight," Cousineau said.

Though totals weren't yet available, organizers were confident the Canton Relay for Life would retain its position as one of the top fundraisers.

"The dollars raised through the efforts of the Relay For Life of Canton help support the mission of the American Cancer Society," said Jamie Mitchell, associate director, Great Lakes Division, Southeast Michigan Area Service Center of the American Cancer Society.

"Without this event ... we would not have dollars to support the much needed research programs all across the country and especially right here in our own backyard at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University."

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Vicki Blitz of Garden City, a five-year cancer survivor, was all smiles at the Canton Relay for Life.



Cancer survivor Carol Jackson, owner of Dance Connection Dance Studio in Canton, dances while her son, Rob Carron, pushes.



Madeleine Awell from Team Fighting Spirit gives Mackenna Savers green hair for a \$2 donation.



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Inkster man gets prison in home invasions

BY DARRELL CLEM
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An Inkster man will spend nine to 15 years in prison for a pair of home invasion incidents that led to his swift capture by Canton police after he crashed a getaway car.

Marlo Darius Brown, 36, was sentenced Friday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Patricia Fresard after a jury convicted him in late April on charges of second-degree home invasion, first-degree attempted home invasion, receiving and concealing stolen property and fleeing a police officer.

Brown's conviction followed allegations he threw a landscaping brick through a window of a home in the 1500 block of Morton Taylor and fled the scene when a resident screamed and called 9-1-1 for help around 7 p.m. Jan. 18.

He crashed a getaway car at Morton Taylor and Saltz and tried to escape on foot before he was captured by Canton police. Authorities said he

had earlier committed a home invasion on Barchester, near Lilley and Warren.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said home invasions in general leave victims feeling as though they "lost that sense of security" in their own homes — and he said prison time for offenders can send a message.

"It sends a very strong message that you take a very strong risk breaking into a place and violating the sanctity of that home, because the penalties can be harsh," Nemecek said. "In this case, it seems that the penalty was very appropriate."

Nemecek lauded what he called "a good case of police work" that ultimately led to a conviction and a prison sentence.

"These are the kinds of things that can happen to make sure justice is served," he said.

Fresard sentenced Brown as a fourth-degree habitual offender, and she could have imposed penalties ranging up to life in prison. Brown already

had spent several years in prison for past crimes related to delivery of cocaine, breaking into a vehicle and damaging it, and receiving and concealing stolen property.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Brown had been discharged from prison in December — just one month prior to the latest incidents in Canton.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has credited Brown's capture to a quick response by township police, who rushed to the Morton Taylor scene, trailed a getaway car and caught Brown after he crashed and tried to run away.

According to Fresard's court clerk, the judge sentenced Brown to nine to 15 years for second-degree home invasion, one to five years for first-degree attempted home invasion, one to five years for fleeing and eluding a police officer, and two years' probation for receiving and concealing stolen property.

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Police seek GameStop robbery suspect

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A masked gunman who robbed the GameStop store near the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads is being sought by Canton police.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the incident, which Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said happened shortly after 8:30 p.m. last Thursday.

"A masked gunman came into the store and ordered

an attendant to give him the money that was in the store," Schreiner said. "He was given an undisclosed amount of cash, and he then ran out of the store."

The gunman ordered two employees to the floor during the incident. GameStop is a video game and entertainment software retailer.

It wasn't known whether the suspect got into a car or fled the scene on foot.

Witnesses described the gunman as a black male, pos-

sibly in his mid-20s, with a short afro hairstyle. He wore a long-sleeve shirt, a ski mask and baggy jeans.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made by calling Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP, logging on to the website at www.1800speakup.org or texting CSM along with the tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

CRIME WATCH

Drunk driving x 3

A woman driving her car with two flat tires while she was drunk — with her young child buckled in a car seat in the back — was arrested by Canton police for her third drunken driving offense and child endangerment, a police report indicated.

The incident unfolded after a police officer spotted a 2004 Toyota Matrix swerving on the roadway on westbound Ford near Canton Center shortly after 12:30 a.m. May 11. The car was leaning due to two flat tires on the passenger side, and the tires had been shredded as the woman continued to drive.

A police report said the car left the road on the right shoulder before the woman pulled over and stopped on Ford near Ridge. She got out of her car and told police she didn't know what was wrong with her car.

Police also noticed damage to the front bumper on the passenger side. The police report indicated the woman initially denied she had been drinking, then said she had consumed drinks a few hours earlier.

The driver allegedly told police she was going to pick up a friend. Police said the woman erred when she was asked to perform tests such as counting backwards and saying her ABCs.

The woman told police she had a back injury and was taking prescription drugs for it, but a test showed her blood alcohol level at .149 — well above the legal limit, according to a police report.

Police arrested the woman and turned her child over to a great-grandmother. The suspect's car was impounded and her license plate confiscated.

High-speed chase

Canton police arrested a man after he led them on a high-speed chase before crashing into a ditch on Warren east of Lilley, a police report said.

The incident began when an officer spotted a vehicle with no taillights about 9:35 p.m. Saturday on southbound Haggerty near Koppnick. The driver turned west on Warren and pulled over when the officer activated his emergency lights.

The driver told police he was on his way to his girlfriend's house but didn't have his driver's license. A background check revealed that the man had a suspended license.

The man was asked to get out of his car, but he suddenly sped off at a high rate of speed, driving onto the right shoulder, cutting into traffic and forcing other drivers to brake to avoid hitting him.

The driver went into a ditch at Coventry, jumped a curb and came to a stop near Meadowbrook Drive.

The man complained of pain to his shoulder and back. He was taken to a hospital, where he was examined and released before he was taken into custody to face charges.

A police report indicated the car was heavily damaged.

Drug suspect

Police arrested a man following allegations he had heroin and drug paraphernalia with him when he was stopped near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center around 7:40 p.m. Monday, a police report said.

Police pulled the driver over after noticing a malfunctioning brake light on his silver Chevrolet Malibu, then learned he had a suspended license.

Police placed him in a patrol car, but the man said he needed his wallet from his vehicle. Police went to get it and found several syringes, a glass pipe and a spoon with suspected heroin residue. The driver admitted he had heroin, needles and a spoon. He was facing charges.

Retail fraud

Police arrested a woman for retail fraud following a report she tried to steal jewelry from the Kohl's store on Michigan Avenue at Beck Road. The incident happened about 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

A loss prevention officer notified police after she saw the defendant select a bracelet and go into a fitting room, where she is accused of concealing it in her pants. She later selected another bracelet and went to the housewares department, where she placed it on her wrist.

The woman went to the counter with her mother, who paid for certain merchandise but not the jewelry the defendant had taken. The suspect was taken into custody after she left the store without paying for the items.

Tailgate taken

A man contacted police to report that the tailgate of his Ford F-350 was stolen while it was parked in his driveway on Greenleaf, northwest of Haggerty and Cherry Hill, between 8 p.m. Monday and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

He told police he woke around midnight and heard his dogs barking. He said he looked outside but didn't notice anything suspicious. He found the tailgate was missing when he left home for work in the morning.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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MARINES

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may have played a role in the Marines' decision to come here.

"Bringing the Vietnam wall here certainly helped us," LaFever said.

The wall is coming to Liberty Fest during its first trip to Michigan, culminating the tireless efforts of local veterans and their supporters.

The V-shaped memorial — not to be confused with others such as The Moving Wall — will stand 6 feet tall and stretch 288 feet across ball-

field No. 3 on the north side of Heritage Park.

The wall, three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains 58,227 names of Vietnam troops who died serving their country.

"When you see those names, it brings tears to your eyes and a lump to your throat to think of all these men and women who died," said John Spencer, a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran and Canton resident.

Spencer and Vietnam veteran Dennis Bielskis, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton

Chapter 528, discussed the project on a recent cold, over-cast Thursday morning as they stood near the Heritage Park site where the wall will stand.

The traveling wall is expected to draw large crowds from across southeast Michigan. Bielskis said the wall comes to Canton 11 years after The Moving Wall was here for Liberty Fest.

"The people I've talked to are all excited about this," Bielskis said.

Observer Staff Writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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The U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon 24-man rifle team which performs unique silent precision exhibition drill. The team first performed in 1948 as a one-time show, but received such overwhelming response it became part of the routine parades at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., where the platoon is stationed.

Groups to see fee hikes for school use

BOARD

FROM PAGE A1

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education took a small step forward in their battle against a looming \$18 million deficit Tuesday by approving an administration recommendation for changes to how the district's buildings are used and increasing what groups pay to use them.

Changes proposed by the Community Education Department to what buildings are used, who uses them and how much revenue is generated could amount to some \$86,000 in increased revenue, according to department supervisor Betty Bloch.

"Not only would we cut back on staff and hours, we're looking at consolidating our programming," Bloch told Board of Education members at their meeting Tuesday. "We're looking at maximizing the use of our rooms."

Highlights of the plan:

- The district would consolidate programs such as youth basketball, swim lessons and other classes to three of the district's five middle schools and the high school park. Some 800 Plymouth-Canton

students are involved in youth basketball. The idea would be to maximize the use of racquetball courts in the Canton High School North building for things like dance and exercise classes.

The district would also increase fees to cover the "real cost" of the use of facilities, Bloch said.

- The use of the buildings by "inside groups" such as scout troops would be changed. Each building would limit use for its students/PTO groups to one night a week. Overtime charges for set-up and tear-down (if needed) would be passed on to the groups, unless the group provided volunteers for that work.

Scout groups who use the buildings after 6 p.m. would only be allowed use of the gym on a first-come basis. Additionally, a \$10 fee per meeting would be charged (scout groups currently aren't charged for use of the buildings).

- The biggest change could come for outside groups who currently aren't charged for using the facilities and would see a \$10-per-hour fee established. For instance, Special Olympics groups aren't charged for some 200

hours a year in gym time, and another 36 hours in the pool. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps (176 hours) and the Plymouth Community Band (110 hours a year) would also be affected.

- Groups such as the YMCA, the middle school pom team, All Saints Catholic School, AAU teams, churches, the Chinese school and various dance groups who use the auditorium at Salem High School would all see increased rates.

The problem, as Bloch pointed out to board members, is these groups aren't likely to be none too pleased with the rate increases, which will need "strong support" from the district.

"If we are to do these things, it will require strong support from the administration," Bloch said. "These groups will not be happy."

Board members gave the administration a "thumbs up" vote on instituting the changes.

"These are different days," trustee Barry Simescu said. "We have to keep the cuts away from the classroom, and this is a good effort at doing that."

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MEMORIAL

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Vietnam, two in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, Spencer said.

The last name added to the memorial was U.S. Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett, who was killed in February of 2010 in Afghanistan. The site also includes names such as Nelson Pooler, a Civil War prisoner of war who lived to return home and serve as Canton Township supervisor, Spencer said.

The Memorial Day ceremony is expected to include a welcome, the pledge of allegiance, a prayer, remarks from Spencer, the reading of a poem, the singing of *God Bless America*, an honor volley and the playing of taps.

Area residents are invited to attend to show their respect during a ceremony that is expected to last no longer than a half-hour.

Also that day, the BeckRidge Choral's performances, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Village Theater, are billed not just as a concert but as a tribute to honor

those who died in service to their country. Last year, the special program sold out the 400-seat theater, and extra chairs were set up in the theater lobby with a video feed from the theater.

The performances, titled "Because of the Brave," are expected to span about 90 minutes.

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River Day plays host to multiple celebrations

Multiple celebrations are scheduled to take place during Canton's June 4 River Day event as Canton celebrates 25 years of river cleaning efforts, the grand re-opening of the Lower Rouge River Recreational Trail and the grand opening of the newly restored I-275 Metro Trail.

The event will take place rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road and volunteers of all ages including residents, students, and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

Although most of the activities will take place at the trailhead, a special restoration project has been planned at Heritage Park. The following is a list of activities and locations:

- **Heritage Park Restoration Project:** From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Canton staff will be working with volunteers to help establish "grow zones" around Heritage Park ponds.

- **Volunteers are needed to help plant shrubs and seed with wet meadow wildflowers and grass along the banks of the ponds. All volunteers should come dressed for the weather; jeans and boots are recommended. Registration will begin promptly at am at the clock tower located in front of the Heritage Park Pavilion. Scout troops planning to participate need to call Canton's Public Works Division in advance at (734) 397-1011.**

- **Group Bike Ride:** A special group bike ride up to the Cherry Hill Rest Stop for the I-275 Metro Trail grand opening will also take place. The ribbon cutting ceremony at the rest stop is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., so all bike riders must check in at the trail head by 9:30 a.m. to ride to the ribbon cutting.

- **Free Raptor**

Demonstrations: Leslie Science Center will be on-site demonstrating their Raptors Program, including an up-close look at a Bald Eagle. All raptors used in the program have come through the River Raisin Raptor Center. Having suffered permanent injuries and unable to survive in the wild, these non-releasable wild birds have been trained to help their wild relatives by educating people about the issues facing raptors today. The free demonstrations are scheduled to take place at the trailhead at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

- **Children's Mountain Biking 101:** The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association will be at the trailhead to provide basic bike and helmet fitting advice, and will also take groups of parents and children on a guided tour of the trail system. Participants can bring their own bikes or there will be bikes available to ride for no charge from the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association.

- **Birdhouse Building:** As in past years, a birdhouse-building tent will be set up for children of all ages to build their own birdhouses out of donated wood.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, multiple give-always will also be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and participants will receive a River Day T-shirt, light breakfast and a hot dog lunch. Please note, breakfast and lunch will both be served at the trailhead and food will be limited to a fist come first served basis.

This year's River Day event is hosted by Canton Township and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, Absopure, Chet's Rent All, Heavenly Hot Dogs and TEA. For more information or to pre-register for the event, call (734) 397-1011.

Gig gives local actor chance to live out dreams

BY JILL HALPIN
CORRESPONDENT

Katrina Chizek, bitten by the acting bug when she first hit the stage 15 years ago in a local production of *Les Misérables*, has never looked back.

"It was my first big show and I realized how much I liked it," Chizek said of her performance with the Whistle Stop Players, a performing arts group from the Plymouth Community Arts Council. After touring local schools to perform, "I knew this was what I wanted to do," she said.

Chizek, a former Plymouth Township resident now living outside Los Angeles, was



Chizek

in town this week to visit her parents, Phillip and Kathleen Chizek. This month, she heads west where she will spend the summer performing at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Mich. This will be Chizek's third summer working at The Barn, one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country.

According to Chizek, working all summer long at The Barn is a tremendous opportunity for aspiring performers. The Barn is renowned in the acting community, turning out a wide variety of television and movie actors, Chizek said. As a third-year apprentice at The Barn, she will sing, dance and act in eight plays as well as work in the technical production department.

"We (apprentice actors) do everything, from set production to costumes design to performing. I even learned how to weld," Chizek said. Actors must audition for a position at The Barn, but once accepted



Former Plymouth Township resident, whose parents still live in town, will spend the summer performing at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Mich. This will be Chizek's third summer working at The Barn, one of the oldest professional summer stock theater companies in the country.

they are eligible to begin earning points toward their Actors Equity card and become a member of the Actors Equity Association. The AEA is the labor union that represents actors and stage managers. After this summer season, Chizek will be eligible for her card.

Obtaining her Actors Equity card is somewhat of a milestone for Chizek.

THE RIGHT STEPS

"It means I'm taking the right steps, following the right path," she said. Although apprentices work long and hard hours, "so many people who have been through The Barn have made it big," that it makes it worth the effort, she said. The Barn also provides an opportunity to work closely with Broadway actors and directors, attracting former apprentice actors who often visit throughout the summer. Barn alumni include Jennifer Garner and Lauren Graham. Working closely with professionals has only reinforced Chizek's desire for the spotlight.

"It just means so much to work with people who have already made it in the business

and to develop a connection with them," she said.

Chizek recalls a Barn performance of the award-winning rock opera, *Rent*, which was written by former Barn apprentice Jonathan Larson. Larson won both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for the powerful show, which deals with both AIDS and drug addiction among struggling performers. After the show, a slide show featuring Larson's work at The Barn from the 1980s was shown. "It was just so fantastic, so powerful for everyone," Chizek said.

Acting is not Chizek's only passion. She is also a singer who has performed on stage with the Fullerton Civic Opera in Orange County, Calif. Chizek is currently working with Grammy Award-winning producer Bob Cutarella to produce a pop-rock CD on the way and three singles on iTunes including a cover of Blondie's *Call Me*, and the original *Good Enough*.

PASSION FOR SINGING

Chizek said singing is her first passion and she is grateful for the opportunity to work with a legitimate music producer. "It's been cool to work

with someone who has had success in this business," she said.

In fact, Chizek's first "big break" came because of her strong voice, said her mother, Kathleen.

"Katrina was in the fourth grade, performing with a school group at Farrand Elementary," when a classmate's aunt with ties to the New York Repertory Orchestra approached them, Kathleen Chizek said, impressed with Katrina's strong voice.

"She said that Katrina had a gift and encouraged us to get training," she said. Katrina began vocal training with a local voice coach, and then joined local performing groups such as Plymouth Community Arts Council's Whistle Stop Players.

Jennifer Tobin, arts coordinator for Canton Township and former executive director and youth theatre director with PCAC, remembers working with Chizek.

"I always say that there are kids who have it and kids who want it. And then there are the kids who both have it AND want it, and those are the ones that make it. Katrina obviously has it," said Tobin. "She is just a little fireball of energy and talent."

A 2005 Salem High School graduate, Chizek headed to California after graduation, noting, "I knew I had to either go to New York or California" to reach her goal of performing on stage.

Chizek earned a bachelor's degree from California State University-Fullerton in 2010 and was able to take part in local theater productions around the Los Angeles area while attending school. She credits Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir teacher Jennifer Kopp with providing encouragement but noted that her passion for performing has been her driving force.

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Bookstock sets record for opening-day sales

This year's Bookstock is breaking records.

The week-long used book and media sale, which continues through Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, raised more money for literacy and education programs on its first day than ever before in its eight-year history, said Beverly K. Phillips, assistant director of public relations for the Jewish Community Relations Council, which co-sponsors the event.

"It's great; it's fabulous. We're doing very well," she said. "It took years to build, but now that it's in its ninth year, people are familiar with it, and they want to be there."

Organizers said they have more than 230 tables of donated books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records at bargain-basement prices. That's 66 more tables than last year. They stopped counting after they reached 100,000 items.

From 3-9 p.m. today, those who buy three books can get a fourth for free. Books will be sold for half price Sunday, May 22, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock has generated more than \$530,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past eight years. This year, Bookstock established three Bookstock Scholar Awards, which will be given to outstanding library science students at Wayne State University. Bookstock proceeds will fund one of the \$2,000 scholarships, while the others will be provided by



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"It's a very feel-good thing," co-chair Janet Berman said, adding that organizers take people's donations, give them a tax receipt, categorize and sell them, and turn them all in to dollars for literacy and education projects.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, *Detroit Jewish News*, *Hour*

Detroit magazine, Schostak Brothers and Co., the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations.

Laurel Park Place is on Six Mile Road east of I-275. The sale is open during regular mall hours.

For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.

Radio station hosts Ragbirds in concert

Student-run radio station 88.1-FM presents The Ragbirds, with special guests Serein, at the Salem High School auditorium Saturday.

Led by dynamic and energetic front woman and multi-instrumentalist Erin Zindle, The Ragbirds utilize an arsenal of instruments from around the world. The Ragbirds are a fusion of folk rock and pop hooks over danceable world rhythms stirred with a Celtic fiddler's bow.

Surrounding Zindle's earthy-sweet voice is the whirlwind of guitarist T.J. Zindle and dynamic bassist Brian Crist, spinning over the world-beat grooves of drummer Loren Kranz and percussionist Randall Moore. Zindle skillfully switches between violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion and percussion, all while dancing around the stage, drawing the awe of audiences across the country.

The Ragbirds albums have received local and national praise, hailed "highly impressive" by USA Today and touted as "astounding international eclecticism" by Reveal Arts. The Ragbirds were formed in 2005 with the release of "Yes Nearby." The world-travel-themed "Wanderlove" (2007) was Homegrown Music Network's number-one selling album in the fall of 2008. The 2009 international release of "Finally Almost Ready" saw the band invade Japan with the single "Book of Matches" reaching number one on the charts in Osaka.

In 2010, The Ragbirds reached yet another milestone in their young careers when they independently marketed and sold their 10,000th album.



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Erin Zindle and Tim Dziekan play with the Ragbirds, an Ann Arbor-based band. The five member group plays world music that gets folks dancing.

The Ragbirds have performed in more than 30 states to the tune of 150-plus shows a year. Crisscrossing the nation in their converted diesel bus that runs on recycled waste vegetable oil, these festival favorites have performed at Rothbury, 10,000 Lakes, Summer Camp, Ann Arbor Folk Festival, Hookahville and more, and have shared the stage with Rusted Root, Railroad Earth, Toubab Krewe, Hot Buttered Rum, The Duhks and others.

Station officials also announced Serein will also perform. Serein is a Plymouth-

based band made up of students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Their debut CD, "As It Is," was produced in Ann Arbor by Jim Roll. Their CD is available on iTunes and they are working on a full-length CD to be released this summer.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. They're available at the station's office at Salem High School. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at 881TheEscape.com. The show is at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. All the profits from the show will benefit WSDP.

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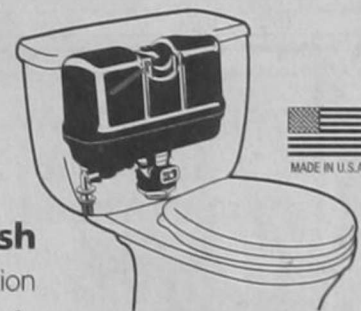
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Secretary of State revs up motorcycle safety message

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson rumbled into the parking lot at Oakland Community College on a black and orange Harley-Davidson 1200 Sportster.

"It has 1,200 cc's, so it wants to go!" Johnson said. "It doesn't like 25 miles per hour."

While the motorcycle was on loan from Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, it's not the first for the Oakland County Republican. Johnson has been riding motorcycles since she was 12 years old, when she saved up her babysitting money and bought her own. She was the first female to receive the motorcycle endorsement in Oakland County and the state of Michigan.

Now, there are more than 500,000 motorcycle riders who are endorsed in the state, and Johnson said she's sure there are many more who aren't.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH

On Tuesday, Johnson selected the OCC Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills to promote Motorcycle Safety Month and to urge riders to update their skills by taking training courses, which are offered at OCC, Macomb Community College and Schoolcraft College. She also encourages all motorists to share the road and be aware of each other.

"With the warmer weather and increases in gas prices, I think you're going to see a lot more motorcycles on the road," she said.

Since 2007, the number of Michigan residents with motorcycle endorsements has increased from 506,000 to 553,000.

Yet, safety reminders during May — designated as Motorcycle Safety Month — are still important.

Johnson said 127 motorcycle riders were killed in vehicle-



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson rode a Harley-Davidson from the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership on Grand River to OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, where she held a press conference on motorcycle safety.

motorcycle crashes last year in Michigan.

TO GET ENDORSED

To earn a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license, the rider must successfully complete a knowledge test and a safety course or a skills test with a third-party tester. There are 29 public and private providers in the state.

The Secretary of State's office is working to increase the number of motorcycle training providers.

A safety course is required for riders who are 16 or 17 years of age and for adults who fail the skills test twice.

"Safety is a rider's number one priority. Even riders who have years of experience can be surprised at what they'll learn at a motorcycle safety course," Johnson said.

The Michigan Motorcycle Safety Program is administered by the Department of State. For a list of motorcycle training programs and for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

"An endorsement isn't just a recommendation from me. It's the law," Johnson said. "The best thing you can do for rider safety is to get your endorsement on your driver's license."

Oakland County Sheriff

Mike Bouchard joined Johnson at Tuesday's press conference, saying safety is key among his motorcycle patrol unit and for all riders.

Bouchard, also an avid motorcycle rider, said safety is a real concern.

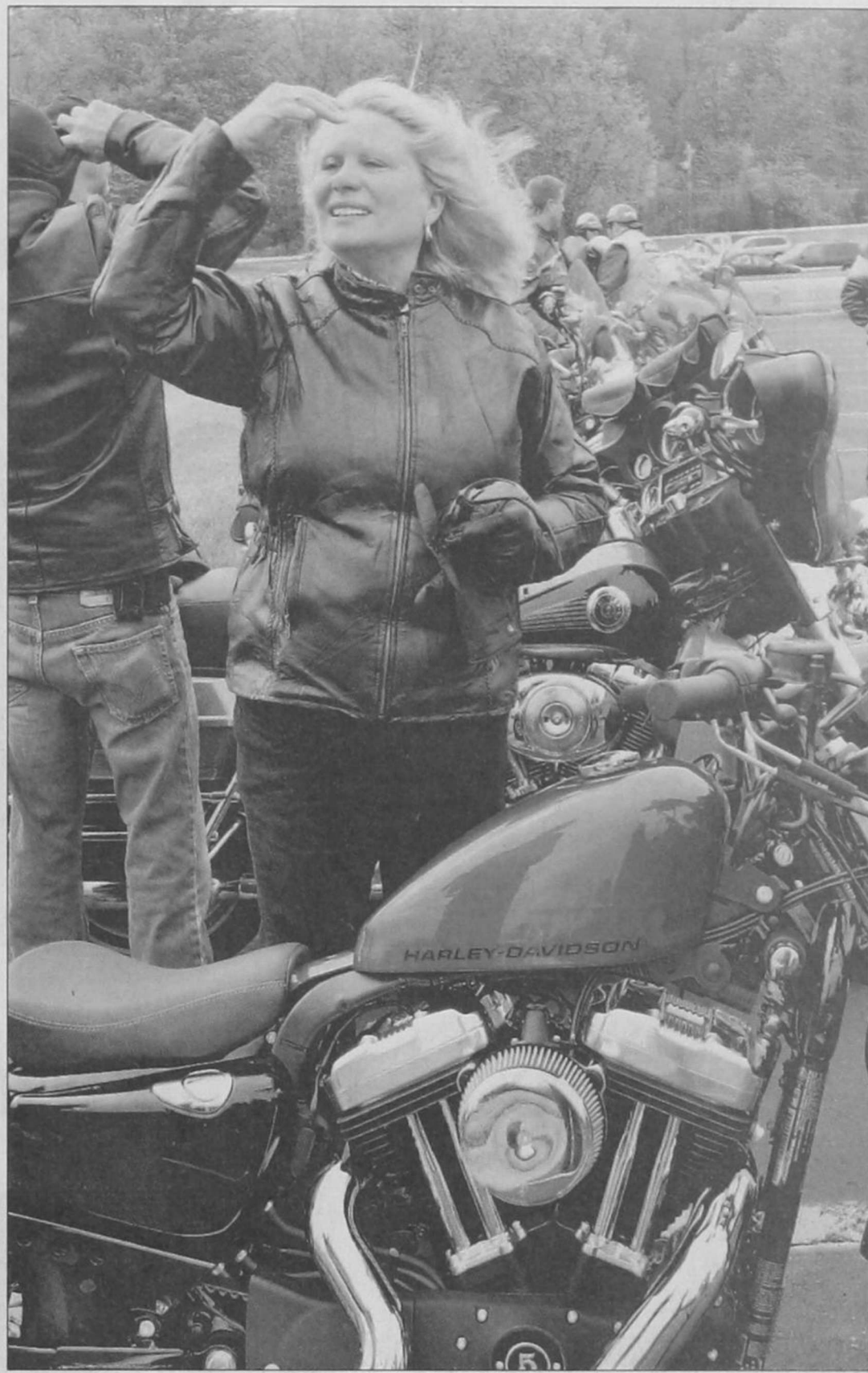
"For me, motorcycle safety is not an abstract concept," he said, noting that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department has lost members to motorcycle accidents. "Safety is not something that we overlook."

ABATE

Vince Consiglio, rider coach and president of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of Michigan, said between 60,000 and 75,000 riders have received motorcycle safety training in the Detroit area since 1981 through ABATE volunteer rider coaches and safety programs.

ABATE is a nonprofit that aims to preserve the overall rights and promote the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists. Instructors are needed; anyone interested in learning how to become a rider coach may visit www.abateofmichigan.org and click on "safety."

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Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, as she took off her helmet at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.



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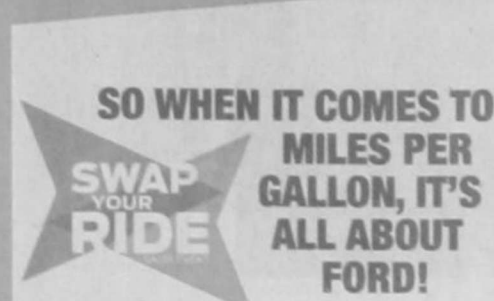


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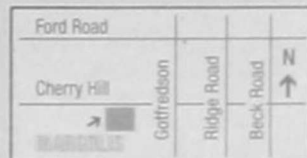
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The Spring Senior Expo drew visitors from all around Metro Detroit.

Area residents take in Spring Senior Expo

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 1,000 seniors and area residents converged Tuesday on the Spring Senior Expo at the VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

Sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College, the eighth annual expo featured 65 exhibitors promoting their services in all areas affecting seniors' lives.

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View a photo gallery and video montage of the expo at hometownlife.com

Exhibitors brought their expertise and information on finance, retirement, housing, legal issues, health care, identity theft and more to this year's event. Fitness demonstrations on Zumba and line dancing, as well as strength training for seniors, were a big draw.

The Entertainment Network of Southfield hosted the Senior Feud, a fun spoof of the original show *Family Feud*. The high-tech game show system with questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes made for a great closing to this year's expo, according to attendees.

Seniors said they enjoyed everything from Senior Feud to pastries prepared by Schoolcraft College.

Paul and Sue Adams of Farmington took in the expo. The couple looked for housing opportunities for Paul's parents. "We're just here to collect information for them on senior care housing," Paul said. "It's helpful to have conversations with people here to discuss options." Paul also wanted information on long-term care insurance for himself.

"Having people here with all this different information has been helpful," Sue Adams said.

INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE

Susan Nye of Livonia wanted to gather information to help friends, one who wanted information about a Social Security issue, and another who wanted real estate information.

Nye said the expo was "a great event with a wonderful setup."

"There's information here for everybody, and you can talk to people," Nye said.

Ruth Williams of Redford said she gives the event "a good grade."

"There's a lot of good information here," she said. Williams said she wanted health and medical information for herself.

"I want to figure out how I can stay here longer on this Earth," Williams said with a smile. "I think it's excellent. And the freebies don't hurt."

HEALTH INQUIRIES

John Elkins, a senior service liaison for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, said many expo visitors were inquiring about the senior emergency room at the hospital, while others were commending the hospital for the room. Others, who did not have a doctor at the hospital, wanted information, Elkins said.

"We have people here asking about the hospital, and we are getting feedback on the emergency room," he said. "Two women told us they went there last year, then went to a different hospital and they talked about how different it was. One of the unique things about it is you get a geriatric assessment."

Elkins said he thought the event had an excellent turnout.

Look for a video montage of expo-goers produced by photo-journalist John Heider on the web at hometownlife.com. A Fall Senior Health and Living Expo is planned in October. Look for details in upcoming editions of this newspaper and on the web at hometownlife.com.



Line dancers cut a rug at the Spring Senior Expo.



Hometownlife.com Web Editor Larry Ruehlen helps Diana Hage of Westland set up a Facebook page.



Dr. Adam Mashike of Mashike Chiropractic Wellness Center shows Ruth Williams of Redford how to have a healthier spine.



Sharon and Bill Armbruster of Canton take a break to read the Observer.



Susan Nye of Livonia speaks with Brett Phillips of Plymouth RE/MAX.



Marilee Weinlander of Dearborn and Bob Hayrup of Westland had a good time at the Expo.

Fundraiser benefits vacation home dedicated to military personnel

A restaurant in Plymouth Township is hosting a fundraiser Saturday for a Michigan vacation home reserved for use by military personnel.

The Blum's Landing Bike & Classic Car Show is 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday at the Bennigan's at 40441 Ann Arbor Road, just west of I-275 and east of Haggerty.

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For more information, visit www.blumslanding.org; for a Bennigan's coupon to direct money spent there on Saturday to Blum's Landing, visit alrpost32.com.

The show is being sponsored by the American Legion Riders of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Opening MESP account is great gift for grads

High school graduations are upon us. Congratulations to graduates and their families for completing an important part of their life's journey. A high school education is a stepping stone leading to some post secondary education — either college or trade school.

The great majority of people recognize that in this ever-changing society, a high school education is not sufficient. I encourage all high school graduates to continue to pursue their education, because now is the time to get the skills and tools needed to be successful.

Along with graduation season also comes the issue of finding an appropriate gift for the high school graduate. Because I believe in the importance of continuing education past high school, I encourage gift givers to consider a con-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

tribution to the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.mises.com). The MESP is a college savings plan that is considered to be one of the best in the country. It is easy to estab-

lish and requires only a \$25 minimum to get started.

The benefit of an educational plan like the MESP is that the money grows tax-free for as long as it remains in the plan. Once withdrawn, as long as the money is used for a qualified education expense, which includes just about anything that relates to education, there are zero tax consequences. In addition, you don't have to worry about where the

graduate ends up attending college because the money can be used at any public or private institution in the country.

I recognize that graduates would much rather receive an iTunes gift card or one from Best Buy. However, what they like shouldn't be the only consideration. After all, they're high school graduates, which means they're adults now and need to start learning to think and act like adults.

A lot of people may think a contribution into the MESP would be a great gift, but they don't want to go through the hassle of opening the account. I recommend the parents of high school graduates open an account through the MESP and then notify family and friends that if they wish to contribute, the account information can be given to them. Then, all anyone who wishes to contribute needs to do is

send a check. This way, the parents of graduates are making it much easier for friends and relatives to invest in the graduate's future.

It's always amazing to me that college costs rise faster than just about anything in our society other than health care. The cost of a college education has spiked and we all know that with more budget cuts down the road, costs are not getting any cheaper.

As you think of ways to honor the high school graduate for a job well done, one of the greatest gifts you can give is to help them take the next important step on the way to a successful future.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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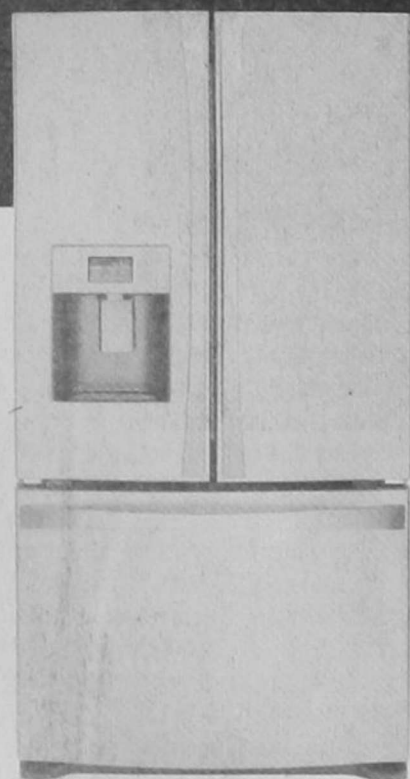
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OUR VIEWS

Avoid tragedy Talk to teens about dangers of drinking

It's prom and graduation season — time for parents to remind their teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

The statistics are sobering. One person is killed every 30 minutes in an impaired driving crash, and someone is injured every 26 seconds, according to the southeast Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunken Driving.

But underage drinking poses other risks as well. Don't think it's safe to let teens drink just as long as they don't drive.

Drinking impairs teens' decision-making skills, causing them to do things they ordinarily wouldn't. Furthermore, the consequences of their actions — having sex, becoming violent, committing a crime — can affect them the rest of their lives.

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Don't worry about repeating yourself. Even if you've had the conversation before, bring it up again. Send clear, consistent zero-tolerance messages. Discuss the dangers of drinking and driving and alcohol poisoning.

If your teenager wants to have a party at your house, make it clear to guests that alcohol and any other drugs are not allowed.

Lock your liquor cabinet and hide or throw out all prescription medications.

Monitor the party area, restricting the entry and

exit areas to keep an eye on what is brought in. Define the party area and don't let guests in other areas like bedrooms or the garage.

Set a beginning and an end time to the party.

Be prepared to call parents if a guest brings alcohol or other drugs to the party, or if he or she appears to be under the influence — just as you would want another parent to call you if your child showed up drunk at their house.

If your teenager wants to go out on in the evening, check in with him or her throughout the night and when he or she gets home.

Have a "code" phrase your teen can say to you over the phone that means he or she wants to be picked up from a party where alcohol and drugs are being used or other risky behaviors are going on. Do not push your teen for an explanation.

If you go out, let your teen know where you will be and how you can be reached.

Be a good example. What you do is just as important, if not more so, than what you say.

If you serve alcohol at your teen's graduation party, make sure no one under age 21 has access to it. Have a responsible adult serve all alcoholic drinks or don't serve any alcohol at all.

If you drink, drink responsibly by limiting the number of alcoholic beverages you consume.

Let teens see that people can have fun without drinking.

Do everything you can to prevent your teen from becoming the next statistic. Graduation and prom should be remembered as happy times, not times of regret.

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Canton



"I think it has been a good thing. It's better for employees' health and the people around them. Everybody benefits."

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LETTERS

Helmet health

I feel that the issue of not wearing helmets on bikes is affecting our community greatly. People who do not wear helmets have a high chance of damaging their brain and spinal cord.

My neighbor used to be very athletic and would ride his bike for miles on end. Until one day, when he was not wearing a helmet, he hit a bump on the sidewalk and went flying. His spinal cord was severely damaged. He is now paralyzed from the waist down and has difficulty moving his upper body.

My neighbor was one of the many who have suffered from damage to their spinal cord or brain. No one should have to suffer as my neighbor did. I greatly encourage others to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

Laws on wearing bike helmets should be enforced more because do you really want to risk it? If I did not wear a helmet, I would be very angry at myself from how I was living. Not wearing a helmet doesn't show others you are cool or a rebel. It just shows you are not wearing a helmet ... and what will that ever do for your life?

Will it show you accomplished anything? Because it won't, the only thing you will accomplish is that you accomplished putting your life on the line, and you might even die. Does that sound "fun?" I didn't think so.

Start teaching your children to wear bike helmets. We would all like more birthdays in the world, not less. When we teach them to wear bike helmets, it will help them be more safe than not wearing them. Save the world, wear bike helmets.

Taylor Smith
Canton

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Kids section needed

I am writing to you in regard to the newspaper itself. I believe that if you add a kids/teens section, then it might increase newspaper sales.

I know that not as many people have been buying, but if we add a kids section, then it will appeal to all ages.

In the kids section, you could include games, coloring contests, new kids' movies and articles that kids would enjoy.

Some games could include tic-tac-toe, or a crossword puzzle that's not too hard. Overall, just some games that are easier for kids/teens.

For the coloring contests, you could have kids either color in what you draw, or you could have them draw their own. After they do it, they could send it in and they could win a small prize if theirs was good enough. You could include movies that are PG and under and include a short summary

of them. For example, the new movie *Hop* could be one. If there are no movies, then you can include books.

Lastly, the articles could be like, "Five bunnies saved from fire." Just something like that, that kids would enjoy to read and not get bored or confused by big words.

So, in all, if you start writing a kids section, you might be able to increase newspaper sales. Kids will be able to read the newspaper and enjoy it as much as adults. They will finally have something to read without having to use a book or magazine.

Let's bring this generation back to reading newspapers!

Hanna Cohen
Canton

Colbeck's courage?

Where was the courage, Sen. Colebeck?

On the floor of the Senate, you voted against HB 4361, the major reform legislation that raises taxes on citizens to give businesses a \$1.5 billion tax cut. But your most important action was to vote for the same bill in committee (Senate Journal #41). Are you trying to have it both ways?

In committee, you had your greatest opportunity for leverage. You could have sought lower tax rates to soften the pension tax blow on seniors, or minimize the cuts to school districts, or cut back on the unnecessary tax break for big business. But instead you gave the governor exactly what he sought and you tried to cover your committee actions by voting against the bill on the floor for final passage.

Do you think you can fool some of the people some of the time? Every time we pay more in state taxes, we won't be fooled.

Richard Dawn
Canton

Their guy in place, board should stay out of the way

When the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously two weeks ago to offer the interim superintendent position to Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez broke into applause, smiling widely at what she correctly viewed as a victory for the board.

It was important, everyone felt, to have unanimity on this selection, to not only make sure trustees get the right person, but also to show they actually can work together, come to a consensus and vote in unison on something — anything — that moves the district forward.

They got it, and good for them. It



Brad Kadrich

was clear board members came into the interview process having looked at the candidates and, while they may have come in predisposed to hiring Hughes, they gave their attention and consideration to the three internal candidates.

Trustee Steven Sneiderman was the only one who voiced concern about making the decision the same night, but he acquiesced in the name of unity and voted with the rest of them.

There was good reason for the happiness, the smiles and the congratulatory mood: They got the right guy, and they worked together to get him. Now there's one more thing they must all agree to do: Stay out of the guy's way.

Hughes, who most recently was the deputy superintendent in the Michigan Department of Education

and helped write much of the curriculum the state requires districts to teach, knows what he's doing. He's done it every which way, heading a small district (2,500 students in Haslett) and a large district (18,000 in Dearborn). He's hired people, fired people, been involved in negotiations and legal issues.

He's never been in a district with the kind of three-school high school campus Plymouth-Canton employs, but if you're worried about his knowledge, know this: He helped design the current leadership model in place at the park.

He's worked with a variety of school boards, so nothing the oft-tumultuous P-CCS board throws at him is likely to be a surprise. Hopefully, when this board — as it has been wont to do at times — strays into his bailiwick, he'll have

the gravitas to nudge trustees back into their roles.

For now, the board wants Hughes to focus on filling key positions, and I heard an idea the other day that makes perfect sense (Full disclosure note: It isn't my idea, I heard it from someone who didn't want to say it out loud yet), given the fact most observers believe Hughes will be in place for the entire 2011-12 school year. As Hughes goes about filling jobs such as that of Deputy Supt. Ken Jacobs and Assistant Supt. for Instructional Services Dr. Cindy Swift, he should hire people on two-year contracts. That will allow the people hired to have a little job security, but will also give the new permanent superintendent, likely to be hired to start the 2012-13 school year, the chance to bring in his own staff should he not be comfortable with the people who


are in place.

While he sorts all of that out, Hughes is making a good first impression. People within the district are at least initially impressed. There's no longer any doubt who's running things in the district. Jacobs, who had been functioning as chief operating officer since November, is out of the picture due to a surgeon's knife, while Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel has faded gracefully out of the picture to give the new guy a chance to succeed.


First impressions are important, and Hughes has made a good one. Hopefully, it's been good enough to keep the board out of the way.

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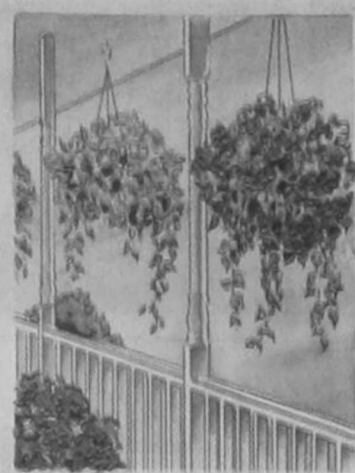


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D1 regionals set for Friday

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Less than two weeks after the Observerland Relays, another huge track and field meet is being held at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with Friday's Division 1 regionals.

Boys and girls teams from 16 schools will convene, beginning with the boys pole vault event at 9 a.m. — when field events get started.

Preliminary events begin at 12:30 p.m. with the boys and girls 100-meter dash; finals will begin at approximately 3 p.m. or about 45 minutes after the last semifinal event and conclude with the 1,600-meter relay races for both boys and girls.

Admission is \$5 for students and adults. Passes will not be honored and concessions will be available.

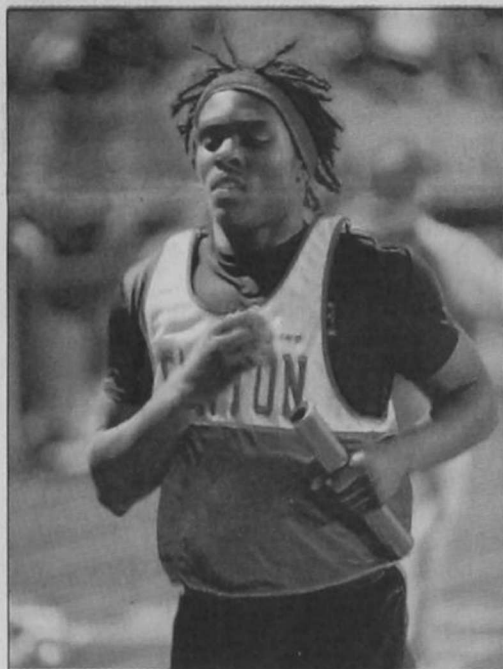
Host Canton and other PCEP schools Plymouth and Salem will be joined at the Region 5-1 meet by Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cody, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Several teams are coming off solid showings May 13 at the KLAA conference meet.

Stevenson and Canton placed second and third in the boys race, only trailing victorious Novi. The Wildcats also won the girls race, followed by Churchill, Franklin, Plymouth and John Glenn in places 2-5.

Medals will be awarded to the first eight finishers in each event.

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THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Canton junior sprinter Kevin Buford, shown during the recent Observerland Relays, looks for another excellent showing at Friday's Division 1 regionals.

Late goals foil PCA kickers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For much of Tuesday's girls soccer game, it looked like Plymouth Christian would exact some revenge against Ann Arbor Greenhills — the very team that ousted the Eagles in the 2010 Division 4 district finals.

But a 1-0 lead evaporated midway through the second half when Greenhills junior forward Lauren Satterwhite scored twice within a three-minute span and the Gryphons went on to earn a 2-1 victory and a share of first place in the MIAC Blue Division (with 6-1-1 records).

"The first half we played really well," Eagles head coach Miki Djerisilo said. "And the second half ... we didn't win 50-50 balls in the middle of the field."

Greenhills was able to finally stretch the field (PCA carried the play earlier) and some of the Eagles' defenders strayed from their assignments.

For the first 60 minutes or so, PCA was in shape to gain a stranglehold on the division lead. Senior midfielder Annette Somercik scored on a penalty kick midway through the first half for a 1-0 lead.

BACK TO BACK

That held up — in large part because of stellar, aggressive goal-keeping by senior Brianna Harris — until 22:37 remained in the contest. Sophomore midfielder Kristen

Mikhail sent a crossing pass from the right corner in front to Satterwhite for the chip-shot tally.

Then with just under 20 minutes left, Satterwhite struck again.

The tie-breaking goal started with a corner kick from freshman midfielder Shari Jacobson inside the goal area and Satterwhite used a bicycle kick to redirect the ball into the cage.

"What I told them (Eagles) was stay away from free kicks and corner kicks because they're pretty good at that part," Djerisilo said.

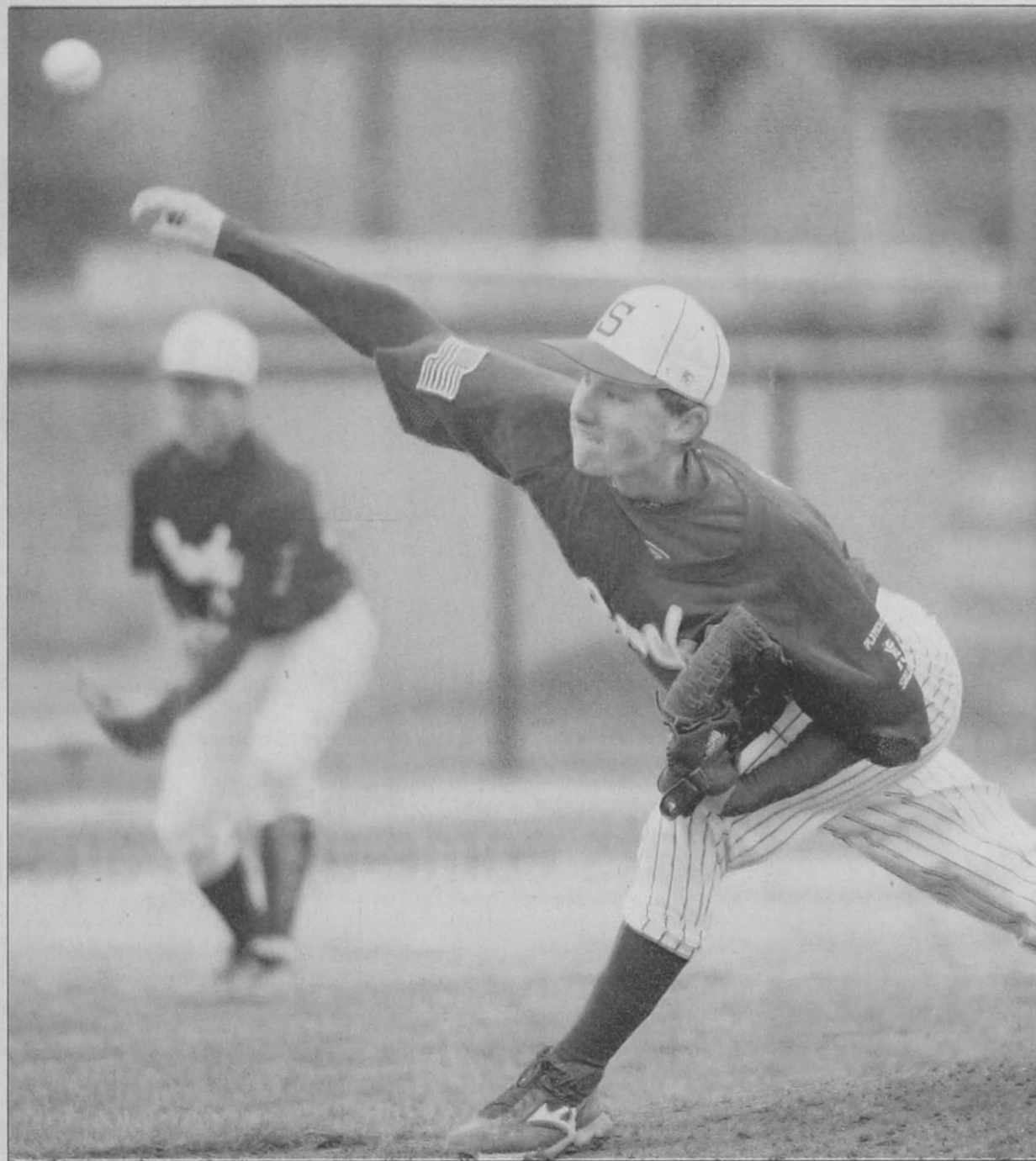
PCA had few if any dangerous scoring opportunities the rest of the way. Freshman forward Martha Mullett raced up the middle after taking a through ball from junior forward Rachel Zandee, but the Greenhills goalie scrambled out to cut off the rush.

"They know what they have to do to win games," Gryphons head coach Jessie Seaver said about the comeback. "We've had a rough season due to injuries and stuff. But once they're motivated they know what to do, so it's really all on them."

Seaver said her team always gets fired up to play the Eagles.

"They're always excited to play them," she said. "The girls know each other, they've been playing each other

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



Salem pitcher Matt Rowland (No. 4) sends the ball toward home plate during Monday's KLAA crossover baseball game against Wayne Memorial. Rowland pitched a complete game as the Rocks won 8-4.

Rocks winning, having more fun

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes for Salem's Drew Thompson, whose red-hot performance on a cool, dreary afternoon spearheaded the Rocks to Monday's 8-4 KLAA crossover baseball win over Wayne Memorial.

The senior shortstop missed virtually all of his junior season because of a knee injury. But he is making up for lost time — and his team is the beneficiary of his strong all-around play. Against the visiting Zebras, Thompson tripled to trigger a four-run third inning and capped the victory with a three-run homer to left field in the sixth.

And he helped starting and winning pitcher Matt Rowland with a defensive gem in the fourth, taking

a throw from sophomore center fielder Demetrius Dunlap and firing a strike to third baseman Kyle Penn to cut down Wayne baserunner Shane Wilson for a key double play.

"It feels great. I'm so happy to be out there with my friends again," Thompson said following the victory. "Last season it kind of hurt, watching and trying to root them on as best I could. But now it feels really good being out there with my team again."

Rowland and the rest of the Rocks are glad he's back, too. With Thompson in the lineup, Salem boasts an airtight defense and improved offense. Monday's game provided plenty of evidence.

WINNING WITH BALANCE

"We hit the ball pretty well. Drew had a great home run to left field,"

said Rowland, a senior who pitched all seven innings to win his third game of the season. "We had good defense as well. A couple good plays by Scott Devine and Kyle Penn and Devin Price. The outfield played great."

Second baseman Devine jump-started the Rocks with a double in the opening inning off Wayne pitcher Kyle Casey (who also pitched a complete game). Devine moved to third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by catcher Brett Ramirez.

The Rocks (11-8 overall) then padded their lead to 5-0 in the third, although all four runs were unearned due to porous defense by the Zebras.

With one out, Price reached base

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**



Setting a new Plymouth school team record in boys golf with a 2-over-par 290 at the Bedford Invitational were (from left) Ryan Rieckhoff, Josh Heinze (with golf bag), Kyle Rodes, Craig Whatley and Kyle Melnick.

Wildcats tear up tournaments

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With three tournament victories and a team record to boot, Plymouth boys golf coach Chris Moore understandably is pumped up for the state districts to begin.

"Three tournaments in four days and we won all three," Moore said. "What a great weekend for Plymouth golf. Each and every kid on this team has put in a lot of practice to get their games where they need to be as we enter the last part of our season."

Optimism is flowing — and right-



Moore

Ottawa Lake).

• Monday's tourney at Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion.

Of course, the highlight was the

fully so — following the string of tournament wins, including:

• Friday's JV tournament at Bedford Hills in Temperance.
• Saturday's Bedford Varsity Tournament (at The Legacy in

Please see **GOLF, B4**

SIDELINES

Tyler-made

Plymouth Whalers alum Tyler Seguin, who attended high school at the Park, scored two goals and assisted on two others Tuesday night to pace the Boston Bruins to a 6-5 win over Tampa Bay in Game 2 of the NHL's Eastern Conference Finals.

Seguin, drafted second overall by the Bruins in last year's NHL Entry Draft, also scored a goal in the series opener.

Golf for Rocks baseball

The third annual Salem Baseball/Golf Outing is slated for Saturday, June 25, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

For \$110 per golfer (paid registration before June 1) or \$125 per (after June 1), there will be 18 holes of golf on the Classic Course, a hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and raffle.

Also, for those who do not plan on golfing, dinner will be available for \$50 per person.

All proceeds will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club. Hole sponsorships also are available.

Please call or e-mail either Jeff Vergolini (734) 612-7027; jeff_vergolini@wowway.com or Danny Devine (734) 751-4012; salemrocksbasketball@gmail.com.

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner will take place immediately following golf.

Salem alumni game

At noon Sunday, June 26, will be the second annual Salem Baseball Alumni Game, at the varsity field.

All it costs is \$20 to play, which includes a commemorative T-shirt and lunch (hats will be available for an extra \$20).

Go to www.salemrocksbasketball@gmail.com to obtain a registration form (or for more information). Players will be asked to give favorite memories of their Salem varsity baseball careers.

Driving around bases

Hines Park Lincoln of Plymouth is bringing Lincoln's Drive Smart For Your School program to PCEP in an effort to raise up to \$6,000 for Canton, Plymouth and Salem baseball.

For every person who test-drives a Lincoln vehicle May 21 at Salem High School, Hines Park Lincoln and Ford Motor Co. will donate \$20 to PCEP baseball.

"Hines Park Lincoln knows how important extracurricular activities are to our high school students, and as part of this community we want to help," said Rhonda Sabatini, sales manager. "This is why we're excited to raise money for Plymouth, Canton and Salem baseball, meanwhile introducing parents, teenagers and other drivers to our lineup of high-quality vehicles and innovative safety and smart technologies."

Hockey open house

Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena is hosting open house and registration from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday for the Canton Victory Hockey Association.

Prospective players and their families are invited to learn about the association, plus get a free hot dog, pop and open skating 1-2:50 p.m.

There are other perks to those who visit the open house. Early signups will receive an open skating pass good for the entire summer; the first 70 kids to sign up for Learn to Play, Mini-Mite and Mite hockey leagues will receive fee equipment for the season (limited sizes available).

For more information, call (734) 487-7777 or visit www.cantonhockey.org.

Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Avenue (south side), near Canton Center Drive.

Healthy 'Cats score 16

With lingering injuries having subsided, the Plymouth varsity boys lacrosse team enjoyed a rare blowout Monday night — a 16-2 rout of Howell in a KLAA crossover dual meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Enjoying a spectacular game was Phil Flesch, who scored seven goals.

Chipping in with three goals and an assist was Ken Fanelli while Drew Leist also had a four-point night (one goal, three assists).

"We finally have everyone healthy and everyone finally played a complete game," Wildcats head coach Brian Walsh said about his team (4-10 overall, 1-5 in the Kensington Conference).

Other goal scorers were Conor Downey, Ethan Christensen and Colin Clemons while Jeremy Cigile and Alex Miller each assisted.

Senior goalkeeper Mike Justus played the first three

BOYS LACROSSE

quarters before playing attack in the fourth. Brad Conley finished the game in the net for the Wildcats.

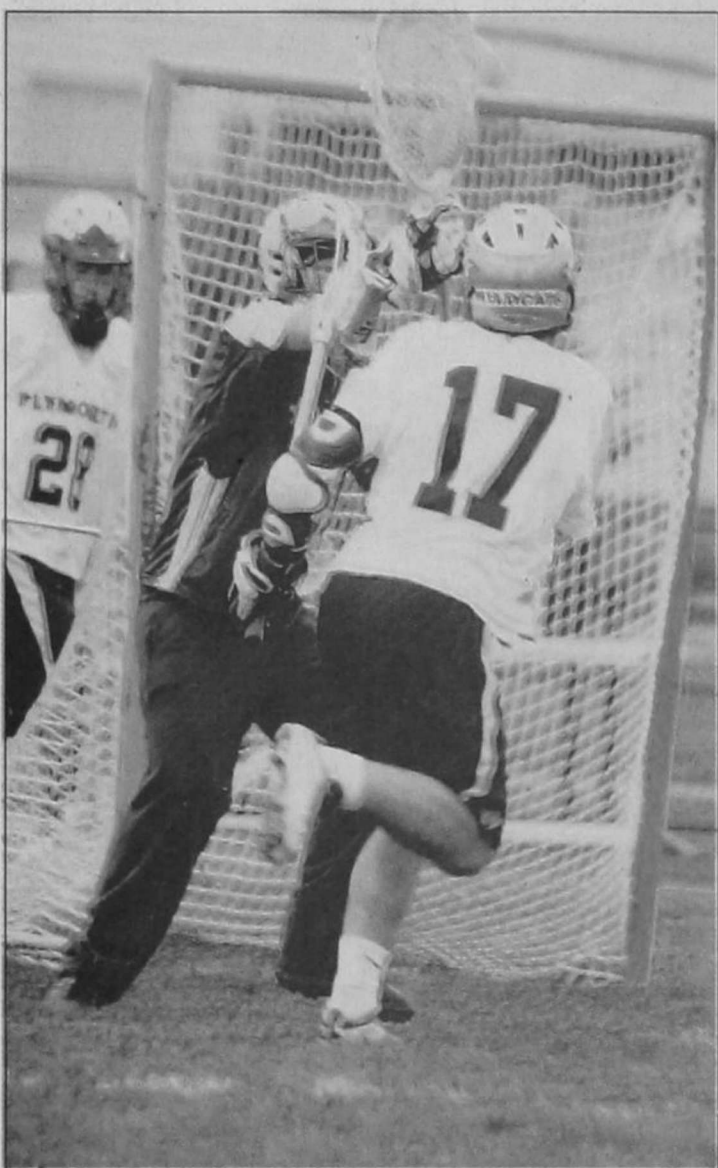
Ken Durham led Plymouth with eight ground balls, followed by Christensen (seven), Shaun Austin (seven), Ben Burkman (five) and Miller (five).

On faceoffs, top performers were Tyler Zalewski and Chris Jones.

In other KLAA cross-overs on Monday, Salem beat Huron Valley 13-10 while Canton lost 14-10 to Hartland. The Rocks and Chiefs are 7-7 and 6-5 overall, respectively.

The Wildcats also won Saturday, 7-6 over Walled Lake Western.

Scoring four goals was Tyler Jasin, with Cigile and Downey each registering one goal and two helpers.



MAGGIE WALSH

Plymouth's Phil Flesch (No. 17) fires home one of his seven goals Monday against Howell in a KLAA crossover boys lacrosse matchup.

SOCCER

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for all four years. It's always a big game."

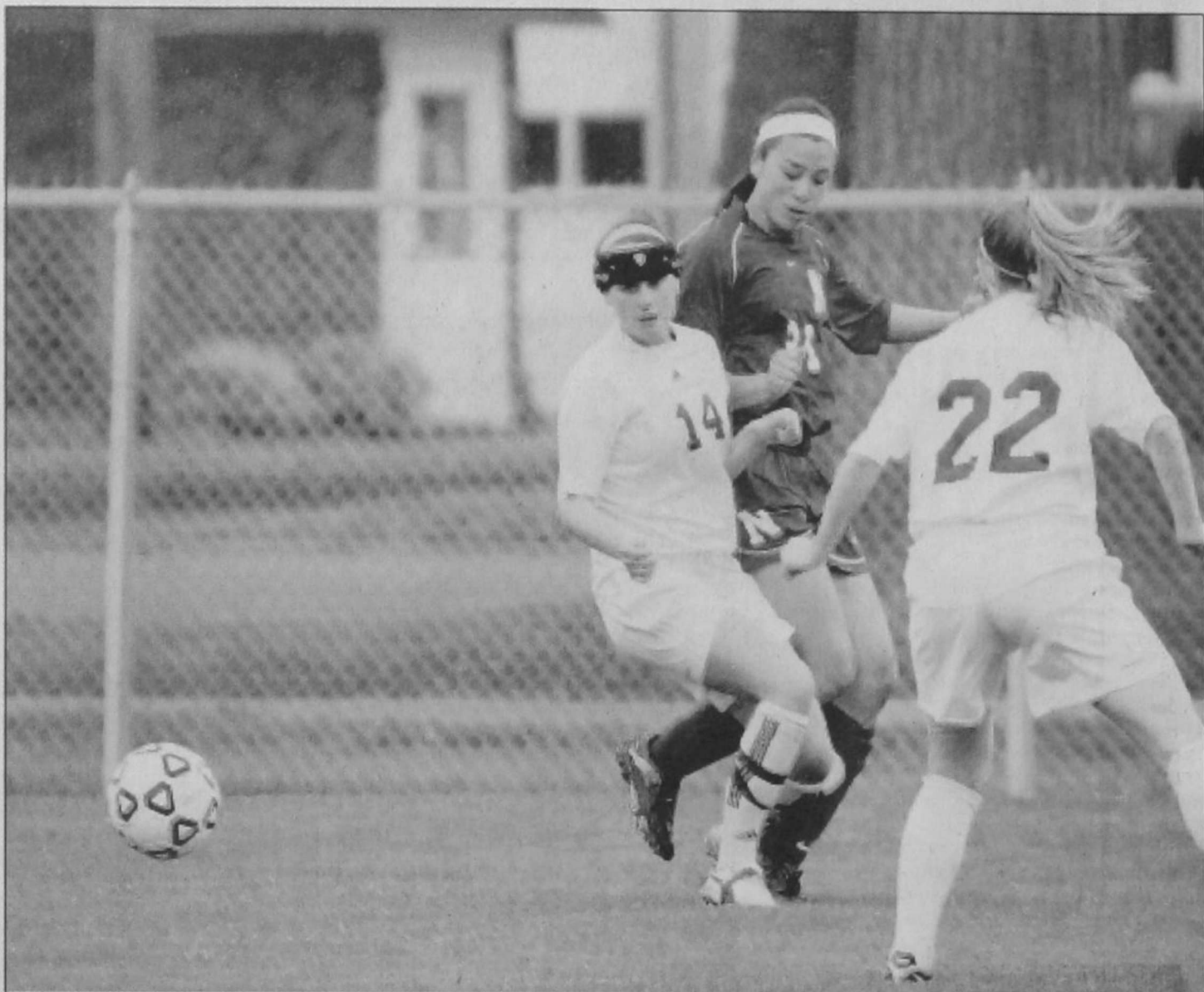
Djerisilo, meanwhile, said his team can learn from the loss and be ready for the D4 districts, hosted by PCA and

including Greenhills. Play begins Tuesday, May 31.

"What I told the girls," Djerisilo said, "I know exactly what we should be working on, and we have a couple games where we can work on it."

"But it's good to know them, good to know their strengths."

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ED HENGESH

Keeping close tabs on the ball during Saturday's varsity girls soccer match are Plymouth's McKenzie Hengesh (No. 14), Stephanie Dillon (No. 22) and an unidentified Novi player.

'Cats come up big against tough foes

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the going gets tough, those tough Plymouth Wildcats get going.

That was the KLAA South Division girls soccer team's M.O. in 2010 and, judging from recent results, this year's state tournament could bring more of the same.

Last week, after defeating state-ranked Canton and then Livonia Churchill, the Wildcats faced visiting Novi, the team they lost to in the 2010 Division 1 state finals.

Saturday's game finished 0-0, with Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich calling the first half "the best we've played all season."

Neschich added that the rematch was "a fast-paced,

well-played game with both teams getting quality scoring chances."

Senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, whose brilliant play in last year's postseason keyed the Wildcats' march to the finals, was outstanding yet again in keeping Novi off the scoresheet.

The Wildcats (Plymouth, that is) defeated Canton 3-2 May 10 and followed up with Thursday's 1-0 victory over the Chargers to improve to 8-2-4 overall and 5-1-2 in the KLAA South entering Tuesday's game against Wayne Memorial.

"From start to finish (against Churchill), we just came out and really controlled the game," Neschich said.

Senior forward-midfielder Jennifer Babcock tallied the lone goal against the Chargers

(6-4-2, 5-2-1).

The string of strong performances against quality opponents is giving Plymouth plenty of confidence as districts approach.

Plymouth is hosting a district that begins Tuesday, May 31, with other teams including Canton, Salem, Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Garden City and Livonia Franklin.

"There are so many good teams in that district," Neschich said. "You can't look past anybody. It's going to be one game at a time."

Like last year, he has Williams in goal and strong players in the backline and midfield such as seniors Katie Moss and Katelyn Quinlan.

"But we're a little bit stronger offensively this year than we

were last year," Neschich noted.

Returnees such as Babcock, senior forward McKenzie Hengesh and sophomore mid-fielder Zoe Foster are being bolstered by talented freshmen such as midfielders Alyssa Dillon and Maria Farmer, among others.

"Definitely Alyssa Dillon is making a difference up top for us and the back line, they're just stepping it up," Neschich said. "They're taking care of business. Kate Moss has been doing a great job for us back there."

As for Hengesh, who scored her share of key goals down the stretch in 2010, "She's coming on like she needs to at this time of the year. She probably had her strongest game of the year (against Novi)."

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Salem turns it around in victory over S.L. East

Starting the rally with the equalizer was Kristina Klusek, who finished a nice play from Emily Barfuss and Emma Tardiff (who made the pass to Klusek). Getting that sequence going was Salem's hustle to win a 50-50 ball.

Tardiff and Klusek combined for the go-ahead marker, too. Klusek's nice cross set it up and Tardiff "made a great run into the box and put it past the keeper," said Salem head coach Joe Nora.

Wrapping up Salem's scoring was Klusek, off a beautiful

cross from Barfuss. "Kristina hit a solid volley the keeper couldn't get to," Nora noted. Ali Eggenberger and Jamie Hunley divided goalkeeping duties.

"We kept with the game plan and kept plugging away," said Nora, about the comeback win. "I'm proud of the way we finished off the game."

"(But) we need to play a more focused first 20 minutes. We're getting better and gaining confidence every day."

With the loss, South Lyon

East dropped to 9-8-0 and 1-8-0 in the Central.

CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 0: In a KLAA South Division contest Tuesday night, the host Chiefs routed Westland John Glenn.

Ally Krause sparked the Canton attack with three goals, while Robyn Mack chipped in with two. Also scoring for the division-leading Chiefs (7-4-1, 7-2-0) were Kaitlyn Murphy, Jen Learst and Kaylin Berinti.

The Rockets fell to 5-7-0 and 2-7-0.

Blazers again in Catholic League finals

Livonia Ladywood is back in a familiar place — the Catholic League girls soccer championship final.

Catherine Garber scored off a free kick in the 64th minute to break a 2-2 deadlock Tuesday night as the Blazers downed host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 3-2, in a league semifinal between state-ranked teams.

Ladywood, now 11-1-6 overall, advances to Saturday's final against Wednesday's game between defending state champion Birmingham Marian and Madison Heights Bishop Foley. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Ladywood.)

"It was a big win for us against a quality opponent," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team earned its third league final in four years. "(Notre Dame) Prep has as good of attack that we have seen this season. (Katrina) Stencel and (Taylor) Timko are big timers for them."

Stencel opened the scoring in the 27th minute off a through ball from Timko, but Ladywood's Kelly Capoccia answered with a one touch finish off a cross from Dominique Sarnecky to make it 1-1 just a

minute before halftime.

Paige Brennan gave the Blazers a 2-1 lead in the 51st minute off an assist from Capoccia. Catherine Garber started the play with a free kick that Capoccia headed back across the goal that Brennan volleyed into the back of the net.

In the 60th minute, Stencel notched her second of the match when she finished a corner kick from Lauren Jabara to make it 2-1.

Alexandra Arnoldy made six saves for the fifth-ranked Irish (Division 3), who slipped to 11-4 overall.

Maddie Reed made four stops for the Blazers, who are ranked No. 7 in Division 2.

"I thought our girls adjusted well to the pace of the game," Shingledecker said. "We did a good job taking away what they wanted to do, but at the same time we were able to get ourselves into good locations offensively. We're excited to move onto the Catholic League final."

LUTH. WESTLAND 3, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Taylor Wiemer tallied two goals and added one assist Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (7-3-1, 4-0-1 MIAC Red) rolled past host Southfield Christian (0-6

MIAC Red).

Rhianna Francis also scored for the Warriors, while Angela Morrison and Merritt Solomon each contributed assists.

Morrison and Claire Oppenlander combined on the shutout in goal for Lutheran Westland.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Kayla Zawol had two goals, while Amal Musleh added a goal and two assists Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville (5-9) blanked Southfield Christian.

Sadie Zachos also contributed a goal and assist for the Trojans, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Other Clarenceville goal scorers included Ashley Murphy, Rachel Kirschweg and Karley Flores.

LADYWOOD 8, LUTHERAN NORTH 0: Dominique Sarnecky scored three goals in the opening 14 minutes Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood (10-1-6) whipped Macomb Lutheran North (5-7-1) in a non-league match.

Other Ladywood goal scorers included Erin Cronyn (21st minute), Deyana Walker (22nd and 51st minutes), Jenna Urso (first-ever at 39) and Emily Huddleston (51st to end the match).

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Rocks have big day at Madonna Invite

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rain prevented Salem from playing for the Madonna Softball Invitational championship. But a 3-0 record at Saturday's tournament has Rocks head coach Bonnie Southerland feeling good about her young and improving squad.

"I'm very proud of how they played this weekend and how they are progressing at this point in the season," said Southerland, whose team took an 11-11 record into Wednesday's key twinbill against division rival Novi.

"It's a very important time. We are still in the race for the division."

Salem is one game out of first place in the KLAA Central with a 4-4 record.

At the Madonna invite, the Rocks defeated Novi 6-4 to win their pool and advance to the title game.

The rain forced the cancellation of that contest, which will

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not be made up, Southerland said.

Against Novi, freshman pitcher Kristin Zink went the distance for the victory.

Salem scored three runs in each of the third and fifth innings.

Sparking that win were senior Kelli Janiczek (two doubles, RBI), senior Heidi Schmidt (double), junior Alexis Powell (run-scoring double), senior Lizzy Mazorowicz (single), freshman Emily Marcero (RBI) and sophomore Elliott Mitchem (three RBI).

The Rocks started the day with an 11-2 rout of Dearborn Divine Child, with winning pitcher Schmidt going 4-for-4 to help her own cause.

Marcero (2-for-3) and freshman Madison Koval (3-3, three RBI) also helped carry the attack.

The next game was a 4-3 victory over Belleville, with Schmidt striking out eight and not walking a batter for the win.

After a three-run second gave Salem an early 3-1 lead, the Rocks scored the eventual game-winning run on a homer by Powell.

Belleville cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth and threatened to catch the Rocks, but unsuccessfully so.

Both Canton and Plymouth did not advance out of pool play.

SALEM 10, WAYNE 0: Marcero had a no-hitter until the fourth inning as she hurled the Rocks to this five-inning mercy victory on Monday.

She gave up just two hits and struck out 11, and also collected three singles and an RBI on offense. "It was a great game for Emily," Southerland said.

The 15-hit attack also featured Mazorowicz' 3-for-4 day with two RBI, and a 4-for-4 game by Schmidt (with an RBI). Other key contributors were sophomore Katie Meade (2-for-3) and Powell (double, two RBI).

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BASEBALL

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on an error and Thompson brought him home on a triple to right-center. Then the third strike to Tommy Rodriguez bounced to the backstop, allowing Thompson to score and Rodriguez to reach first.

An infield single by Brad Trublowski, a wild pitch and walk to Penn loaded the bases. After a force at home plate, Dunlap stroked the first pitch to center for a two-run single, opening up the five-run edge.

Wayne tried to come right back in the fourth and did score a run, on Wilson's double to deep right-center field, which scored Brandon Harnos (who walked).

Shane Kommer than hit a deep fly ball to Dunlap and Wilson tried to move up a base. But the Dunlap-Thompson-Penn relay foiled that plan.

The Zebras (10-12 overall) sliced the deficit to two runs in the sixth, briefly stirring hopes of a comeback. Stephen Gush singled and Jacob Lefler launched a two-run home run down the line in right to make it a 5-3 ballgame.



Camping under a fly ball in center field on Monday is Salem sophomore Demetrius Dunlap (No. 21).

QUICK RESPONSE

But Salem didn't take long to answer right back, to the lament of Zebras head coach Chris Bailey.

On the first pitch of the bottom half of the sixth, Casey's inside pitch clipped Devine.

After a fielder's choice, first baseman Price singled and Thompson belted the ball through the wind and over the fence. Just like that, the Zebras faced an 8-3 deficit.

"When you start getting a little bit closer like that (5-3 following the Lefler homer), you got to go out the next inning and you got to shut down a team," Bailey said. "That's a momentum shifter right there. We could have come back into the dugout still down 5-3."

That made it a too-little, too-late scenario in the seventh. Wayne loaded the bases on a double by Jordan Lowry, single by Casey and walk to Harnos and Lefler singled to right to score Lowry.

Another run would have scored on the hit, except for

the fact that a Wayne baserunner got tagged out between second and third for the final out of the game.

"We just got to learn how to close out games a little bit," Bailey said.

Meanwhile, the Rocks are finishing strong, in terms of individual games and the season itself. In fact, Thompson can't wait to see how far they can go when districts roll around.

"I think we're that good of a team that we can win districts for sure and see where it can take us after that," he said. "I think we have a good enough ballclub where we can do some good things."

Wildcats win two

Plymouth defeated separate opponents in a Saturday baseball doubleheader.

The Wildcats (15-8 overall, 8-5 in the KLAA) blanked Belleville 10-0 behind the pitching of senior Harrison Michels and the hitting of senior center-fielder Mike Nadratowski.

Michels went the distance (six innings), giving up one hit and fanning five.

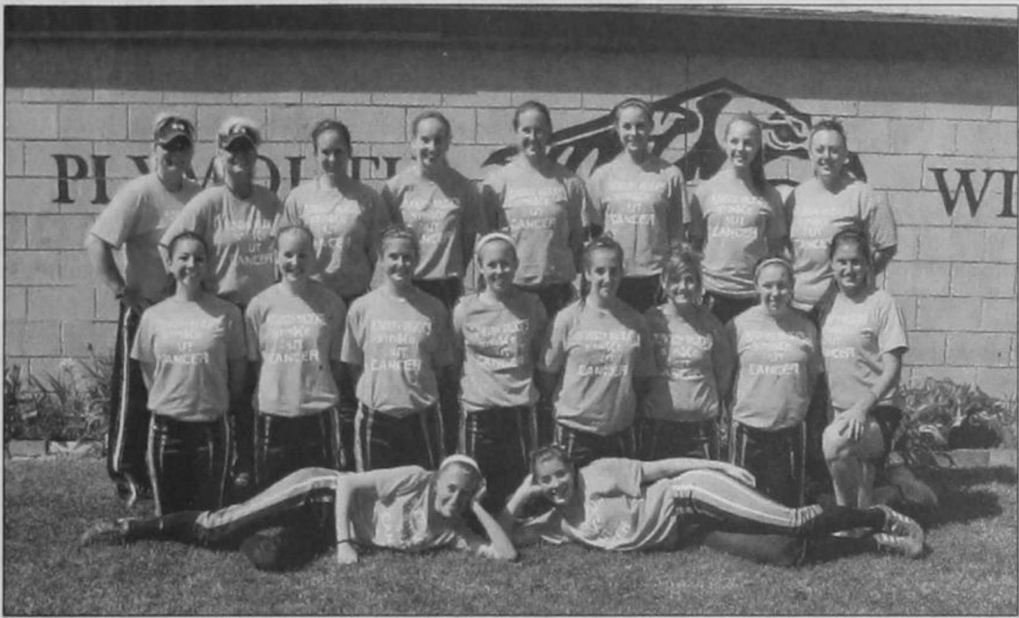
At the plate, Nadratowski had four hits, two runs and three RBI. Other contributors included Ben Wohl (two hits, three runs), Rich Guglielmi (two hits, two runs), Chad Schroeder (double, two RBI) and James Willey (RBI hit to enact the 10-run mercy rule).

The Wildcats also defeated Adrian by a 3-1 score. Despite only four hits, Plymouth "scraped together enough offense to win behind great pitching and defense," said head coach Bryan Boyd.

A downside to the win was an injury to starting pitcher Andrew Page, who went the first 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings before a liner off his hand knocked him out.

With a two-run lead at the time, Page still got the victory as Nick Sandberg (3 $\frac{1}{3}$ perfect innings in relief) and Willey (two strikeouts in the seventh) finished it off.

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Teaming up

The Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls softball team recently wore pink T-shirts for a 'Strike Out Cancer' benefit game against Livonia Stevenson. Approximately \$500 was raised at the May 9 event.

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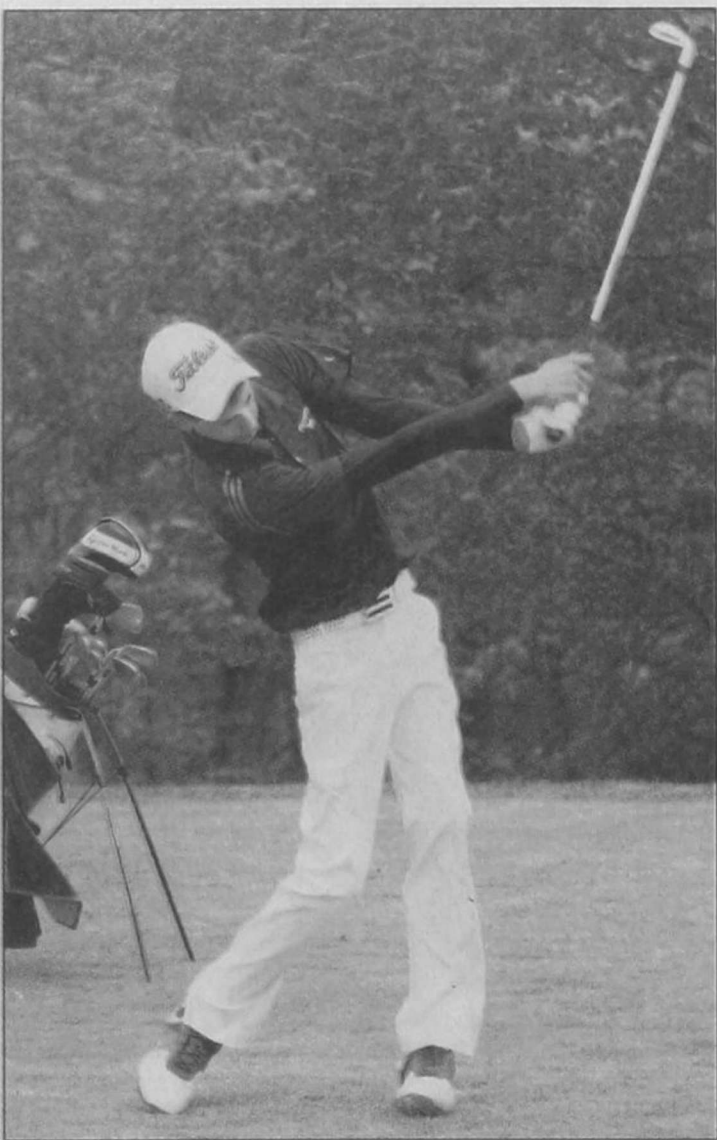


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Working on a practice swing at Fox Hills is Ryan Rieckhoff, one of the golfers who contributed to Plymouth's team record at the Bedford Invitational.

GOLF

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team-record 290 for 18 holes at the Bedford varsity tourney. Sophomore Kyle Rodes and junior Josh Heinze each shot 71, tying for first (but losing in the playoff for individual honors). Freshman Kyle Melnick (74), junior Craig Whatley (74) and sophomore Ryan Rieckhoff (76) rounded out the 2-over-par performance. Rodes, Heinze, Melnick and Whatley received top-10 honors.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

"It's unbelievable," Moore said. "These guys practice so hard and it's so well-deserved. "They've been fighting through cold weather and rain and wind all year. And they all peaked the same day." On Monday in Lake Orion, the Wildcats shot 316 to capture their third tournament in

just over a weekend. Senior Justin Bauer and Heinze both led the way with a score of 77, each garnering a spot in the top 10. Rodes (80), Rieckhoff (82) and John Tatti (83) registered solid showings to cap the tourney win. Two Plymouth squads competed at the junior varsity tournament. The group of Tatti (75), Eric Thompson (83), Chris Bicknell (82), Chris Kozler (85), Evan Chipman (85) and Ryan Riva shot a combined 325 for first place. Not far behind (sixth, 339) were Lucas Winkler (79), Alex Decker (82), Gunnar Savalo (85), Jack Marentic (93), Corey Smith (93) and Thomas Wolf (105). "We hope that these wins are a springboard for success as we prepare to earn a trip back to the state tournament," Moore said.

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Mustangs grab conference title

Northville's girls tennis juggernaut rolled to the championship of Tuesday's KLAA Kensington Conference Tournament, hosted by Plymouth. The tournament was originally scheduled for Saturday, but it was postponed to Tuesday due to rain and wind. Tuesday's weather wasn't very good either, but it didn't bother the Mustangs. Most of their No. 1 seeds came through as expected

— tallying 31 points, well ahead of second-place Novi's 24 points. Bunched up were Salem (14 points), Livonia Churchill (13 points), Plymouth and Livonia Stevenson (11 points each). Finishing eighth with four points was Canton, in a three-way tie with South Lyon East and Westland John Glenn. Salem head coach Lin Ware said Northville's winning seven of nine flights was consistent with regular season

dual meet play. The Rocks did have two teams in the finals, Ashley Walker and Morgan Spencer at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively. Wildcats first at invite On May 7, Plymouth finished in a first-place tie with Livonia Churchill at the Woodhaven Warrior Classic Invitational with 17 points. Winning the championship at No. 4 doubles for the

Wildcats was the tandem of junior Molly Hudgins and sophomore Laura Schmid. Plymouth also reached the finals in four other flights. The runners-up included senior Andrea Haidar (No. 4 singles) and the following doubles tandems: No. 1, seniors Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey; No. 2, seniors Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila; No. 3, seniors Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
May 17 at Plymouth H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 31 points; 2. Novi, 24; 3. Salem, 14; 4. Livonia Churchill, 13; 5. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, 11 each; 7. Livonia Franklin, 9; 8. (tie) Canton, South Lyon East and Westland John Glenn, 4 each; 11. South Lyon, 3; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Abby Wang (Novi) defeated Angelica Woods (LF), 6-1, 6-2. **No. 2:** Erin Doud (N'ville) def. Ashley Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-0. **No. 3:** Mackenzie Powers (N'ville) def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-1, 6-1. **No. 4:** Alex Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Asawari Knaitkar (Novi), 4-6, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Christy Murphy-Danielle Romano (N'ville) def. Jenna Snyder-Meggie Riegel (Novi), 6-0, 7-6 (7-2). **No. 2:** Ally Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (N'ville) def. Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (Novi), 6-1, 6-1. **No. 3:** Elizabeth Sakorafis-Christy

Snyder (N'ville) def. Ashley Aljadah-Emily Sheeran (Novi), 6-3, 6-1. **No. 4:** Meng Meng Jie-Amy Zhou (Novi) def. Erin Starr-Emily Toupin (N'ville), 6-1, 6-3. **No. 5:** Ria Barad-Kelly Turner (N'ville) def. Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (Novi), 6-1, 6-2.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6, PLYMOUTH 3
May 12 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 2:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 4:** Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Melissa Martinez, 4-1 (retired).

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey, 7-6, 6-4. **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruettimann (LS) def. Lulia Fratila-Brittany Rose, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 3:** Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haidar (P) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault, 6-1, 7-6. **No. 4:** Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano (LS) def. Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid, 6-4, 7-6. **No. 5:** Lauren

Prochazka-Elle Anderson (P) def. Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay, 7-5, 7-5.

Dual math records: Stevenson, 6-7 overall; Plymouth, 6-4 overall.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 5, PLYMOUTH 4
May 9 at Ladywood

No. 1 singles: Stephanie Petrusha (L) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 2:** Erica Ley (L) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 3:** Megan Glowacki (L) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-3, 6-2. **No. 4:** Andrea Haidar (P) def. Nicole Salter, (default).

No. 1 doubles: Kenzie Kettner-Jenny Rhodes (L) def. Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila, 6-1, 6-4. **No. 2:** Mary Beth Ruona-Courtney Doenitz (L) def. Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. **No. 3:** Kayla Griffey-Lauren Prochazka (P) def. Maura Mott-Mia Kudron, 7-6(3), 6-4. **No. 4:** Katie Bartek-Shannon Huff (P) def. Allison Franz-Shannon Butwill, 6-4, 6-2. **No. 5:** Becca Shaver-Stephanie Hampo won by injury default over Valerie Kolesar-Hannah Cobane.

PCA on the rise

Plymouth Christian's varsity track and field team continues a remarkable ascent from nearly folding five years ago due to lack of athletes. In 2006, there were only two girls and five boys on the team and school officials were considering eliminating the program. But Eagles coach Jennifer Lemieux is presiding over a very competitive outfit, one that is racking up plenty of awards. Consider Saturday's Warrior Invitational at Lutheran Westland. The Eagles were seventh out of 16 schools and had first place in the high jump thanks to a new PCA women's high jump record set by Katelynn Barkell (4-feet, 10-inches). All told, six women from PCA's coed team earned 14 medals. Barkell, Megan Lemieux, Leah Dotson, Rachel Smith, Sydney Carpenter and Karen Windle were the medal winners. Besides Barkell's win in the high jump, they took second in the 3,200-meter relay, 800 run, third in the 1600 relay and sixth in the 800 relay. The PCA boys also had excellent showings, sparked by a sixth-place finish by Josh Allen in the discus. Lemieux said there were multiple personal bests as the Eagles gear up for Saturday's Division 4 regionals, also at Lutheran Westland. Barkell's record is the third of the season for PCA, following the 2009-10 season which featured 11 school records, a seventh place in the boys state high jump finals and state finals qualifiers in the girls 200, 400 and 3,200 relays.

Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. This year's run, by the way, is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth. The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council. "By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy." For more information about the Governor's Council endorsement program, go to www.michiganfitness.org. For more info on the Fathers Day Run, contact cmorency@ymcametrodetroit.org.

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Canton grid camps

That's not all of the news about Canton football. The Chiefs will be hosting three grid camps this summer. The first one is for players going into grades seven-nine this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information. After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. on June 20 and 5-8 p.m. on June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information. The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades three-six will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information. Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held from June 27 through June 29. Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go from 5-to-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate from 7-to-9 p.m. Please go to www.plymouth-wildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information. Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

CYO volleyball signups

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season. Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann. Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September. To register, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, extension 31.

YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming. The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays. Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings. Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

Captain's Corner

If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition, please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season takes place on Sundays at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome. Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols. To register, visit www.coach-jacksonspeed.com; or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, May 19
Luth. Westland at Inter-City (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 (10 a.m. start time)
Canton, Plymouth, Salem each play North Farmington, Farmington and Harrison.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 19
Huron Valley at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21
Canton, Plymouth at Lakeland Invite, 9 a.m.
Salem at Blissfield Invite, 10 a.m.
W.L. Northern Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, May 19
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 (Catholic League Championship)
Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 2 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Friday, May 20 (MHSAA Regionals)
Division 1 at Canton, 10 a.m.

Division 2 at Ladywood, noon.
Saturday, May 21
Div. 3 at New Haven, 10 a.m.
Div. 4 at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, May 20 (MHSAA Regionals)
Division 1 at Woodhaven, 8:30 a.m.
Division 1 at Novi, 9 a.m.
Division 3 at Grosse Ile, 9 a.m.

BOYS GOLF
Saturday, May 21
MIAC Championship, TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.

BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, May 19
MHSAA Regionals, TBA.
Canton at Ann Arbor Huron, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 20
MHSAA Regionals, TBA.
Canton at Ann Arbor Huron, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 21
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Saturday, May 21
Salem at Lake Orion, noon.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2011 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 19, 2011 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited.

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Beth May and Joshua Haynes

Church appoints pastor of student ministry

Joshua Haynes has joined the Lake Pointe Bible Church staff to work with middle and high school students. The new youth pastor relocated from Fairview, Ala., where he was the administrative assistant at Concord Baptist Church. Haynes graduated in May 2005 from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. As part of his studies he completed a certificate program in community and agricultural development, which included a six-month internship in Honduras.

His wife, Beth, is a Plymouth native. Born into the Martin family, she grew up attending

Lake Pointe Bible Church and went to Salem High School. Beth graduated from Wheaton College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education. She received training in wilderness and outdoor education at HoneyRock Camp in Three Lakes, Wisc., and has taught art and Spanish in public and private schools. The couple met at Wheaton College. After they were married the couple operated an organic farm from 2006-2010 in northern Alabama. They have two sons, Andrew, 3, and Caleb, 5.

Lake Pointe Bible Church is located at 42150 Schoolcraft. For more information call the church office at (734) 420-0515.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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JUNE 2-8

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Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Driv, Catton
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Time/Date: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4
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CLARK, CATHERINE

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2011, at the age of 87. She is now in heaven with her dear husband, Wilson, and dear sister, Mary. She will look down over her four children, Brad (Shelly), Mary (Randy) Smitt, Kevin, and Christine (Steve) Von Dissen, as well as eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was born in Rhode Island on December 19, 1922, and lived in Washington D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, and Buffalo, New York, before coming to Michigan. She worked as a flight agent for American Airlines and as a bookkeeper for Garden City Public Schools. Catherine had a large circle of dear friends from her associations with Garden City Schools, St. Theodore's Catholic Church, her friends and caregivers at Westhaven Manor, and other close friends. Her first love was her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, and attending social events at church. We will miss her warm smile and her rich New England voice. A memorial Mass will be held at Saint Theodore Catholic Church on Tuesday May 17, at 10:30 A.M.



RUSINEK, STANLEY J.

May 16, 2011, age 75 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Maria E. Loving father of Dr. Christopher S. Rusinek. Dear brother of Eugene (Maria). Dear brother-in-law of Anatol (Anna) Styka. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Stanley was born in Poland on August 17, 1935. His journey to the United States included time in a Russian work camp in Siberia before being displaced to India, Africa, and England. He served in the Air Force before becoming an aircraft technician for Flying Tigers and later FedEx. He was devoted to his son Christopher and to his family. He was happily married to Maria Elizabeth for over 40 years. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn. Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Thursday 7 PM. In State Friday 12:30 PM until the 1 PM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

STRZALKOWSKI, GARRET (GARÝ)

Gary, who died suddenly, was born May 11, 1952 in Jacksonville, Florida to Edmund (deceased) and Loretta. He grew up in Garden City, MI, retired from Wayne County, Willow Run Airport Division, and relocated to Jonesville, MI. He is survived by his mother, Loretta; brothers, David, Timothy (Sandra) and James; nephews Robert, Phillip and Matthew and niece, Alyson. Family and close friends will celebrate Gary's life at a private memorial. Cremation arrangements handled by Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home, (517) 437-0605.

ROBERTS, JAMES W. (BILL)

Age 81, formerly of Garden City, died March 10, 2011 in Bradenton, FL. A Memorial Service will be held at Life Pentecostal Church, Sunday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. Life Pentecostal Church is located inside of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

TREFF, DEBRA M.

Age 59, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away May 16, 2011. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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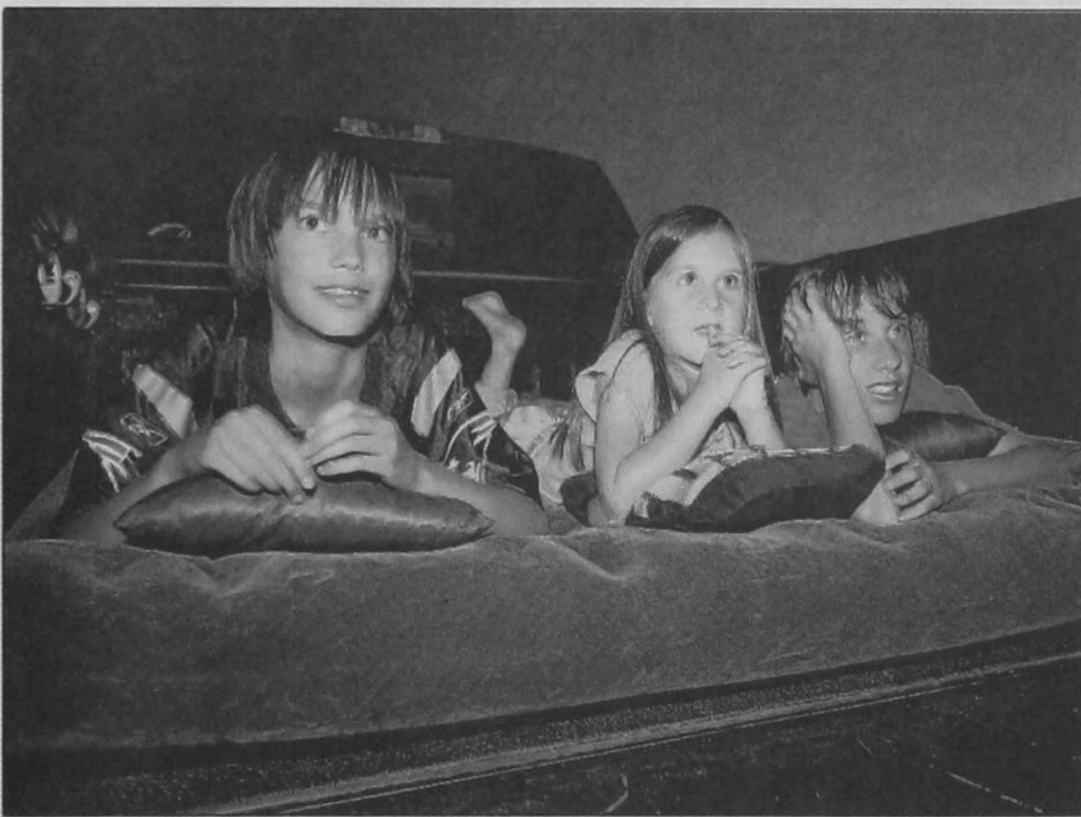
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Kids and adults alike will be able to enjoy the movies at the Compuware Theater drive-in starting with preview weekend this weekend (May 20-21).

Drive-in opens with sneak peek weekend

The drive-in movie experience returns to Plymouth Township Friday when the Compuware Arena Drive-In movie theater opens for its preview weekend.

Housed in Compuware Arena's parking lot, the theater opens with Sneak Peek Weekends May 20-21 and May 27-29.

The grand opening for the summer is June 10. The drive-in will go seven nights a week starting Monday, June 13, and run through Sunday, Sept. 4.

Here are the movies scheduled for the first Sneak Peek weekend May 20-21:

- Screen 1 — "Rio" (G), followed by "Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules" (PG).
- Screen 2 — "Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides," (PG-13), followed by "Fast Five" (PG-13).
- Screen 3 — "Thor," (PG-13), followed by "Insidious" (PG-13).

Admission is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 4-12; kids 3 and younger are admitted free of charge.

For more information, call the Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Hotline, (734) 927-3284 or go on-line to line to <http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html>.

Classic cars

The Compuware Arena Drive-in is looking to host classic cars shows during the season. Any group that is interested is holding a car show can contact Compuware Arena Drive-in Manager Mike Henry at (734) 453-8400.

Local firm gets in on solar charging business

Rising interest in electric vehicles and solar power has sparked a Michigan manufacturer's development of solar-powered charging stations for cars, bikes, scooters, carts and motorcycles.

Canton-based Duo-Gard Industries Inc., recently announced its new line of solar stations, including standard and custom models. The company is known for innovation in sustainable products consistent with LEED compliance. This includes a line of bike shelters introduced last year to support alternative transportation.

Duo-Gard's solar-powered stations are scaled to the size of the project and the charging needs involved. A turnkey approach includes in-house design, engineering, fabrication and installation services, as well as technical support to specify, plus field support on

photovoltaics, inverters and metering required to connect to the grid. These comprehensive services are all geared to making it easier for architects and designers.

Another advantage of Duo-Gard's stations is that a structure's canopy of solar panels is engineered with continuous components, completely sealed against rain and snow. This is unlike other solar canopies with open gaps between the panels. "We use our standard canopy structural and weatherproofing details to create a weather-tight structure engineered for all climates," said Michael Arvidson, executive vice president.

Arvidson said architectural aesthetics aren't sacrificed in these stations.

"Our in-house capabilities in steel fabrication allow us to offer designers the distinctive

custom look and features communities want today," he said. "Our stations combine aesthetics, engineering and value with a sustainable strategy." Duo-Gard offers stamped drawings in all 50 states.

The stations can be engineered to provide free services or to function with machines for payments, including credit cards, creating a profit center that would help recoup the initial investment. These solar stations are net zero energy structures, producing power that can be both used and stored.

According to Arvidson, inquiries and discussions at Greenbuild last November encouraged the company to push development of the solar stations. "We're excited to bring the market some distinct advantages that haven't been readily available until now," he said.

CHAMBER CHAT

June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its June networking luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance member registration, \$30 for non-members at the door and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's luncheon will feature guest speaker Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News. Feldman is a co-anchor with Sherry Margolis and hosts Money Minute reports on Fox 2 News Morning, Murray's MoneyWorks on Fox 2 News at 5 p.m. and the Fox 2 JOB SHOP. He is also responsible for The Feldman Report

that airs weekday mornings and afternoons on WWJ Newsradio 950.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Murray's caliber speak at a Canton Chamber luncheon," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "We know our luncheons offer valuable networking opportunities where business people meet to exchange ideas and develop beneficial relationships."

June's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Yazaki North America, Inc. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 27.

Community job fair

Canton Christian Fellowship hosts a Community Job Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

CCF invites local businesses to reserve a table at the fair. Visit tiny.cc/ccfjobfair.com for more information and registration.

Canton Christian Fellowship is located at 8775 Ronda Drive in Canton.

10 for 10

Sam's Club is offering a "10 weeks for \$10" membership.

The deal allows prospective new members to enjoy a 10-week Sam's Club membership for only \$10. The deal is good through June 5.

Sam's Club is located at 39800 Ford Road in Canton.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Playing it again

Play It Again Sports, a neighborhood sporting goods store offering new and quality used sports and fitness equipment with 10 South Eastern Michigan locations, including Canton, will be sponsoring a booth at the 20th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk, by handing out promotional coupons and rally towels.

The race brings thousands of people together in metropolitan Detroit to honor the memory of loved ones, raise awareness for breast cancer and support those affected. The Play It Again Sports sponsorship helps to raise funds to support local breast cancer programs and national research and grant programs.

Play It Again Sports will be passing out rally towels to event participants who will be running, jogging, and walking to support the number-one health concern for women. Play It Again Sports supports a healthy and happy lifestyle by providing gently used and new sporting equipment at affordable prices. They will be giving out coupons to allow participants to save on equipment for summer sports.

The event takes place 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit.

Bagel fundraiser

Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign continues through May 31.

As "proud members of the Canton community," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenninger said they're "proud to help find a cure for CF."

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want to give back to our community which has embraced our business, by helping the search for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so brave and we are happy to help in any way that we can."

The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their



JULIE YOLLES

Comedy cut-ups

Comics (from left) Dave Landau of Canton, David Dyer of Grand Rapids, Mike MacRae of Austin, Texas, and Mike Green of Warren were the headliners at Joe Nipote's ComedySlam to benefit the Birmingham YMCA. Held at the Reserve in Birmingham, more than 260 guests came out for a night of gigglin' and givin'. In the end, more than \$25,000 was raised for scholarships for kids and family in the community.

disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 Roses-themed coffee travel mugs.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the pin-up sales and \$1 per travel mug sold will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Mower giveaway

RepairClinic.com, the online parts retailer of appliance and outdoor power equipment, is giving away a Toro Recycler 22-inch Self-Propelled Electric-Start Walk-Behind Lawn Mower with a retail value of \$399 to one lucky Facebook fan.

To enter the "Spring into Summer Giveaway" promotion, entrants must "Like" RepairClinic.com on Facebook and submit an entry on the "Giveaway" tab. The giveaway ends at 11:59 p.m. (EST) on May 31, 2011. The winner will be chosen at random on Wednesday, June 1. The winner must be a U.S. resident and be at least 18 years of age.

Twisted Rooster

A new Michigan-owned eatery coming to greater Detroit plans to put a new twist on some old, familiar favorites like mac & cheese, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, burgers and seafood.

Detroit native Mark Noseda II, corporate executive chef with Grand Rapids-based

Meritage Hospitality Group, will open the second and third editions of a new independent restaurant concept called Twisted Rooster in Chesterfield Township and Belleville this April and May.

The "twist" on the menu comes from mixing local ingredients with bold flavors and classic American comfort foods for simply twisted results. It also features a 20-seat bar area, "The Roo," stocked with more than 40 Michigan-made wines, spirits and craft beers, plus other regional favorites.

"As a mid-sized independent operator, we have significant advantages that include the flexibility to support local vendors, freedom of creativity in developing our menus and atmosphere, and the ability to design a restaurant that reflects the interests and demographics of the community. Supporting local vendors and suppliers drives their business and in turn helps them grow along with us. Twisted Rooster is thrilled to include local food and drink vendors and suppliers," says Erik East, director of operations for Meritage.

Twisted Rooster is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit Twisted Rooster's web site www.twisted-rooster.com or Twisted Rooster's Facebook page www.facebook.com/twistedrooster.

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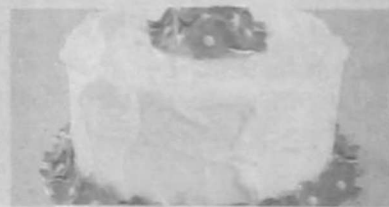
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Wheels for Blum's

Car, bike shows raise money for troop vacation site

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you love classic, custom, and collectible cars and motorcycles, this is your week to celebrate — whether you show vehicles or just like to look under the hood.

The American Legion Post 32 in Livonia starts its weekly Thursday evening car shows today, followed by a fundraiser show Saturday, May 21 in Canton.

The weekly event runs 5 p.m. to dusk at the Post, 9318 Newburgh.

"They barbecue and have a full meal on the inside," said Dan Newton, a member of the Post's motorcycle club, American Legion Riders. "Mostly they have classic cars and we end up having bikes. Very often you'll see 50 bikes parked out there."

Newton is in charge of the American Legion Riders' one-day show, "Wheels for Blum's," 11 a.m.-midnight, Saturday, May 21 at Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

For a \$5 entry fee, motorcycle and car enthusiasts can show their vehicles in either "custom" or "stock" categories. Trophies will be given for the best cars and bikes.

There's no admission fee to see the vehicles, but visitors will have a chance to enter 50/50 drawings, buy drinks or food from Bennigan's — with 20 percent of their tab going to Blum's Landing — or donate by purchasing a car- or motorcycle-shaped paper wheel.

"We're trying to help out all we can," Newton said.

A PLACE TO UNWIND

Event proceeds will benefit Blum's Landing, a vacation retreat near Roger's City for women and men in military service and their families. Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton began working on the concept of a bed and breakfast for troops after their son, Trevor, was killed in Fallujah, Iraq while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in 2003.

Trevor had loved the out-of-doors and had asked his parents to take care of his friends in the service if he died while serving overseas. Their response was to begin building a retreat on 12



The American Legion Riders may look tough, but have a soft spot in their hearts for Blum's Landing, a retreat for men and women in the military.

acres along the shores of Orchard Lake in northern Michigan.

"It took a year to find the property. The next year a builder roughed it in. I did the drywall, the plumbing and electrical," Terry Blumberg said, adding that members of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton have pitched in with building of the main retreat. "I'd still be putting the ceiling up if it weren't for them."

With the help of a few fellow Vietnam veterans, Blumberg will finish the floors in the main house and make sure the cabinets and countertops are in place.

"We're working on raising money for a dock and pontoon boat."

He also hopes to build two cabins for physically handicapped visitors.

TESTING IT OUT

Blumberg and his wife — who plans to retire next month as principal of Memorial Elementary School in Garden City — will stay in a small suite within the retreat when military families visit. A few of Trevor's friends stayed in the unfinished building last summer.

"They were the guinea pigs," Blumberg said.

"The husband and wife had come back from 15 months in Afghanistan. They came up and had a good time."

The Blumbergs plan to serve visitors breakfast and then "turn them loose" to enjoy the property, which includes canoes and kayaks, a campfire pit and fishing.

"They may just need a place to get away from it all for some time. That's what we're all about."

Along with raffles, food and cars, Wheels for Blum's will include a "blessing of the bikes and cars" at 1 p.m. Newton's brother, Steven, a Lutheran minister, will officiate, praying for a safe summer driving season.

In addition to the American Legion Riders car show, Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center at 6181 Canton Center, will team with the Mustang Owners Club of Southeast Michigan, A&A Driving School and Hines Park Family of Dealerships to hold its second car show for Blum's Landing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 22. Registration for show vehicles is from 9-11 a.m. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, hot dogs, chips and pop. Awards will be given for best engine, best paint, best interior, best of show and owner's choice. (734) 582-7280.



See macaws, pirates, gods at the drive-in

Compuware Arena's drive-in movie theatre will give visitors a "sneak peek" May 20-21 and May 27-29 in Plymouth.

The grand opening for the summer is Friday, June 10 and the drive-in will show films seven nights a week starting Monday, June 13. The season ends Sunday, Sept. 4.

Here are the movies for the first Sneak Peak Weekend, May 20-21:

Screen 1: *Rio* (G) followed by *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules* (PG)

Screen 2: *Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides* (PG-13) followed by *Fast Five* (PG-13)

Screen 3: *Thor* (PG-13) followed by *Insidious* (PG-13)

Admission is \$9 for adults; \$6 for kids, 4-12; and free for kids, 3 and under.

For more information, call Compuware Arena's drive-in movie hotline at (734) 927-3284 or visit www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html.

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Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth

Details: "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27

Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com

Village Theater

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during any public performance, through May 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Work by Durwood Coffey

Coming up: Photography by John Middlestead, June 1-28

Contact: (734) 394-5300

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.

Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

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: Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brennan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Harland Williams, May

19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18;

James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.com-edycastle.com



Kristin Heitmeier (foreground), Michael Ludlum, (left) Jonathon Wennstrom and Piper Grenfell perform "Lips Together Teeth Apart" for a final weekend, May 20-22 at Barefoot Players in downtown Plymouth.

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell XI, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15; Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wranglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month; the next performance is 7 p.m. May 21

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Guest group is month is Rise Again. Guest host is Scott Ludwig. \$5 at the door. This is the last concert of the season

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 347-6881 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Berman Center for Performing Arts

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 23

Location: On the Jewish Community Center campus, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Opening gala for the center will feature Broadway star Patti LuPone with Leonard Slatkin conducting the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. Tickets are \$200. Proceeds will benefit the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

Contact: (248) 432-5420

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, May 21

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: The Morgenstern Trio performs; tickets are \$43-\$75

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Community Chorus of Detroit

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 4 p.m. May 22

Location: Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns, Detroit

Details: "Serenade to Music" includes music of Handel, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, and others. The conductor, accompanist, and guest artists are from the University of Michigan music school. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at door

Contact: info@communitychorusofdetroit.com; or visit www.communitychorusofdetroit.com

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday; the next concert is May 24

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5. The next concert features Ron Kischuck on trombone, Judie Cochill on vocals, Marion Hayden on bass, and Gary Schunk on keyboard

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Monster Piano Concert

Time/Date: 3 p.m. May 22

Location: Clarenceville High School, west side of Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Nan Washburn, conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will conduct 125 performers, age 4 through adult, playing multiple pianos. Presented by The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Association (LAPTF), in partnership with Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit. Admission is \$10 and \$8 for children, 12 and under

Contact: Wilbur Miller at (248) 560-9200

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Tim and Myles

Thompson, May 20; Gemini, May 21;

Indiana Acoustic Artists in the Round with Jan Krist and friends, June 3;

Kitty Donohoe, June 4; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, and Shari Kane and Dave

Steele, June 5; Around the House, June 10-11; Edie Carey with Jeff Scott,

June 17; Michael on Fire and Billy

Brandt, June 18; Jack Williams, June

19; Buddy Greene with Jeff Taylor, June 24

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave," a tribute to those who have served the country;

\$10 and \$8

Contact: (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE

Dinner and dancing

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., June 4

Location: American Legion Stitt Post #232, 23850 Military, south of Warren Ave., east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights

Details: Dinner and dancing to oldies music. Includes buffet home-style dinner, open bar, beer, wine, pop and setups for \$25. Group table reservations available for eight. Casual dress with dancing until midnight. Advance tickets only

Contact: Ed at (586) 764-2224, edkempisty@msn.com

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Moon Dusters

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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Schoolcraft College's Piano Academy holds open house

Children, teens and their parents can learn about Schoolcraft College's Piano Academy — and hear current students perform — at an open house, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in the Forum Building on the college's main campus, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The Piano Academy begins in September and runs

through the school year with 32 weeks of group and private lessons for early elementary schools students in grades 1-4 and private and master classes for grades 5-12) students. Classes are available for credit or audit for adults as well. All programs offer comprehensive instruction in sight-reading, keyboard theory, rhythmic skills, improvisation, and com-

position.

In addition to the Piano Academy, Schoolcraft's Music Department also hosts a Summer Piano Camp from June 20 - July 1 for mid-elementary through high school age students. The camp runs for two weeks with half-day sessions for each age group and level of experience. The week culminates in a recital at

7 p.m. Friday, July 1. Tuition for Summer Piano Camp is \$325 with an early registration discount if registered by May 31.

For more information about the open house, the Summer Piano Camp or any of Schoolcraft College's other music programs visit www.schoolcraft.edu/music or call (734) 462-4403.

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Celebrate every day!

Did you know that everyday baking is almost as popular as holiday baking? Wilton recently released the results of its bi-annual Celebration Report on How Americans Bake, Decorate and Celebrate. In it, 73 percent of the respondents said they bake for everyday enjoyment and treats, while 78 percent said they bake for holidays.

FLORAL FONDANT BOUQUET

Makes 12 to 15 servings

1 box (18.25 ounces) yellow cake mix
2 containers (15 ounces each) part-skim ricotta cheese, divided
4 eggs
¼ cup water
¼ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup thawed non-dairy whipped topping
1 package (10 ounces) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray two 8-inch round cake pans with vegetable cooking spray; set aside.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, 1 container ricotta cheese, eggs, water and oil with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium; beat for 2 minutes or until smooth. Divide batter evenly between prepared pans.

Bake 32 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Let cakes cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely.

Meanwhile, for filling, place remaining ricotta cheese in food processor; pulse several times until smooth. Add sugar and cinnamon; pulse until just combined. Scrape cheese filling into medium bowl; fold in chocolate chips and whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

To assemble cake, cut both layers in half horizontally, forming 4 thin layers. Place one layer on cake board or serving plate; spread ¼ of filling onto layer. Repeat with remaining 3 layers and filling.

Prepare icing mix following package instructions. Spatula ice cake. See sidebar for options to create or purchase Flower Decorations. Position flowers on top of cake; fill in with leaves. Arrange additional flowers and leaves along bottom border.

BAKE-AND-DECORATE PROJECTS MADE EASY



Floral Fondant Bouquet Cake



Nancy Siler offers the "Ask Nancy" podcast with baking and decorating tips at www.wilton.com.

CELEBRATION REPORT

Americans bake for holidays and every day according to the results of Wilton's bi-annual report on how Americans bake and decorate:

78 percent bake for holidays
73 percent bake treats and for enjoyment

71 percent bake for birthdays

69 percent bake for non-holiday family events

37 percent bake gifts

22 percent bake in a small business or as a favor to others

5 percent bake for other reasons

The biannual Celebration Report by Wilton is an extensive online survey conducted by a third party

from local service clubs will be recognized and some local students will earn scholarships.

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In season

Wayne-Oakland – It's time to shop for fresh produce, flowers, artisan foods, meats, eggs and handmade items at local farmer's markets.

Here's the list:

• Canton: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct.

16, at Preservation Park, 500 North Ridge Road. Perennial exchange on May 22. Recycle garden plastic at the market June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4 and Oct. 2.

• Garden City: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 26 at Garden City Town Center Plaza, corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt.

• Farmington: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday through Nov. 19 in the Sundquist Pavilion in George Riley Park, at Grand River Ave., at Grove. Heidi Cook demonstrates container gardening at 10 a.m. May 28.

• Livonia: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18-Oct.

8, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road.

• Plymouth: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The Farmer's Market will be closed on Saturday, July 9 for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 10 for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

• Redford: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 19-Oct. 23 at the Marquee, 15145 Beech Daly south of Five Mile.

• Westland: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 25 at The Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

Flower Decorations

Choose a decorating option.

1. I'm up for creating my own fondant flowers and leaves!

Make fondant flowers and leaves in advance, allowing for plenty of time to dry.

Purchase:

1 package (4.4 ounces) Neon Colors Fondant Multi Pack

1 package (4.4 ounces) Pastel Colors Fondant Multi Pack (green used)

Flower and Leaf Cut-Outs

Roll out neon pink, purple and orange fondant ⅛ to ¼ inch thick. Using medium Flower Cut-Out, cut flowers. Shape on thick Fondant Shaping Foam using ball tool; place in Flower Formers dusted with cornstarch to dry. Roll small balls of yellow fondant; attach to flowers with damp brush. Roll out pastel green fondant ⅛ inch thick; cut leaves using varied sizes of Leaf Cut-Outs. Place on thin foam. Using veining tool, mark vein lines. Dry completely; if desired, dry in flower formers dusted with cornstarch.

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Cupcakes are tops for kids. Celebration report respondents favored cupcakes as a baking and decorating activity for kids' parties. Start with a cake mix and bake up a batch. Then get the kids involved. Take cupcakes to new heights with a fancy icing swirl and a shake of colorful sprinkles or sugars. Make them extra special with fun themed Wrap 'N Pix. Get more tips at www.wilton.com

PECAN SHORTBREAD COOKIES

Makes about 2 dozen 3-inch cookies

¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter, softened
¾ cup granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup finely ground pecans (about 2 ounces)
1 can (16 ounces) White Decorator Icing
1 can (16 ounces) Chocolate Decorator Icing
Rose, Lemon Yellow, Kelly Green or other desired Icing Color

In large bowl, beat butter, sugar and salt with electric mixer at medium speed 1 minute. Add yolks, one at a time, mixing well after each. Add vanilla; mix well. Add flour and pecans all at once; mix just until combined. Press dough into a disc; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Let cold dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes. Roll dough ¼ inch thick on lightly floured work surface. Cut with cutters into Butterfly, Blossom, Round and Square shapes. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove cookies to cooling grid; cool completely.

Tint icing as desired. Suggested decorating ideas:

— Outline and fill in cookies with tip 3; smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch. Add contrasting colored dots, dot flowers, swirls, or lattice as desired.

— Pipe tip 7 dots in center of Flower Cookie. Decorate petals with tip 3 or 7 outline, smoothing with finger dipped in cornstarch, or tip 3, 7 or 16 zigzag.

— Cover Butterflies with tip 16 stars or zigzags, or tip 3 or 7 lines. Add tip 3 or 7 dots and elongated dots.

— For Squares, pipe tip 7 ribbons and tip 3 bows or pipe lattice and dots using either tip.

— Courtesy of Family Features

CITY BITES

Taste it

Plymouth – The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its 22nd annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23 at the Inn at St. John's located at 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. The event is designed to celebrate the Plymouth Community including its businesses, restaurants and residents. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, cash bar and a chance to win more than 70 door prizes. There will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action. Outstanding citizens

from local service clubs will be recognized and some local students will earn scholarships. Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

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Wayne-Oakland – It's time to shop for fresh produce, flowers, artisan foods, meats, eggs and handmade items at local farmer's markets.

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• Garden City: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 26 at Garden City Town Center Plaza, corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt.

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• Livonia: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18-Oct.

8, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road.

• Plymouth: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The Farmer's Market will be closed on Saturday, July 9 for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 10 for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

• Redford: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 19-Oct. 23 at the Marquee, 15145 Beech Daly south of Five Mile.

• Westland: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 25 at The Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

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Going green at home? Beware of consumer scams

With warm weather here and many consumers looking to stick to a budget when making home improvements, many are turning to green solar energy as a solution. The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan advises consumers to be smart about investing in any home improvement project.

Solar energy scams are no exception when it comes to the typical contracting scam. Fraudulent contractors prey on those who are unfamiliar with their product. They may show up at your door, advertise in local papers or deliver fliers to your home. Like the typical contracting scam, solar paneling scams can range anywhere from issues with the installation and costs to the actual solar panels themselves.

Consumers need to know how solar energy works and how the benefits will affect them before investing \$5,000 to \$60,000 in any solar energy products.

There are many state and federal rebates that offer a reduction in the initial costs. However, consumers who opt for a "greener" remodel this spring need to be wary of the less-than-reputable and unqualified contractors that breeze into town promising a variety of "green" services at cut-rate prices. Consumers need to find an installer that is trustworthy and knowledgeable on the benefits of solar energy.

"As with any kind of home improvement contractor, consumers need to be cautious of installers that promise too-good-to-be-true offers," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community Relations for the Southfield-based



BBB. "It pays to look beyond the lowest bid when selecting a contractor."

BBB recommends considering the following before investing in solar energy:

- Determine if solar energy is right for you. Due to the high costs associated with the initial investment of solar power, it is important to conduct a self energy audit to determine if

solar energy is right for you. Usually, if your monthly bill is less than \$100, consider other ways to save energy that cost less.

- Consider all the costs associated with solar energy. Ask about all the costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the system. Determine if the benefits and savings outweigh the costs over the long run.

- Stay informed about state and federal incentive programs. Depending on your location, state and federal programs can save you as much as 50 percent on installation costs. Be sure to understand the terms and conditions of the incentive programs and conduct your own research prior to signing a contract with an installer. For the latest information on state programs, visit <http://www.dsireusa.org/>.

- Be cautious of installers that promise no out of pocket costs prior to reviewing your specific situation. Be leery if an installer suggests obtaining credit for the full amount of the system even though they are promising very low or no costs due to rebates.

- Make sure the roof of your home is equipped to sustain a solar panel system. Even though a properly installed solar system will not damage your roof, make sure your roof is in good condition before you begin the installation to avoid any future problems.

- Understand how your solar energy works. You can take full advantage of the benefits in solar energy once you know how it works. For instance, panels facing south with no shade obstructions receiving maximum sun exposure during the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., will provide the greatest percent of energy. Significant savings occur when you have excess energy that is not consumed by your household. This excess energy can then be credited to your utility bill, saving you money.

For more advice and information you need for hiring the right contractor for your home improvement projects, go to www.bbb.org.

Get pro's view on bed bugs

Q: We have a co-owner in our high rise who we believe has bed bugs in her unit which is spreading to other units. Do we have any basis to hold her responsible for the potential infestation of the entire development?

A: In my judgment, if the unit owner caused an infestation, you can charge that co-owner for it the same as if they had created any other problem in the unit which impacts on the common elements. You should be aware of the issue which often arises when you try to prove that the unit is in fact the source unit. Obviously, bed bugs are very difficult to locate and can hide in the smallest places (nail holes, electrical outlets, etc.) and they can live up to a year without eating or being



Robert Meisner

detected. Most exterminators, I am advised, say that they can never be sure who introduced the bugs into a building since it may just be that the purported source was merely the first to find them (in fact, some people are not allergic to their bites so they don't even know they are being bit). I am advised that exterminators, when put on the stand, shy away from rendering any opinion as to who is the source unit. However, if the unit owner is taking responsibility for causing the infestation, I would attempt to charge them for the cost of extermination. You should carefully follow the recommendations of your exterminator as you are likely to need to treat all of the affected units, as well as those sharing any walls (floors) within those units. In any event, you should also consult with an exterminator for additional advice.

Q: Our association is being requested to allow a comfort animal, namely a beagle, to be with one of our residents because the beagle brings joy and comfort to a very depressed lady. Are we obligated under the Fair Housing Act to allow it based on our prohibition on animals?

A: HUD is presently taking the position that the Fair Housing Act should be interpreted to permit comfort animals and not to limit service animals to dogs and miniature horses. It will be up to the court to decide how they want to interpret the reasonable accommodation requirement of the Fair Housing Act. There is currently a split of authority whether comfort animals are required as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act. One should remember though that an animal need not be a service animal only if it provides a physical service (e.g. guiding, supporting, lifting, alerting, shielding). A person with an emotional disability, whose doctor or therapist prescribes an animal for emotional support or comfort, may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation allowing him or her to keep the animal even if the animal is not specifically trained and not, by definition, a service animal. I do think that you would have a good argument that a beagle would qualify as a comfort animal, but you should get a specific legal opinion.

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 \$99.95 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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

What you need to know when considering a short sale

BY WES MCCAIG
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Many homeowners are choosing the short sale option as a way to prevent foreclosure. There are factors that can determine how long a short sale can take, if it can even be approved at all. Just as a seller should use a Realtor who is an expert in short sales, a buyer should also choose a Realtor who is an expert.

Find a bank that's ready to make a deal. It is important to realize that there is no guarantee that a short sale will be approved. The bank usually needs to determine that the seller is facing financial hardship and could potentially go into foreclosure. If you can find a home for sale where the short sale has been already approved, most of the guessing and waiting will be eliminated.

However, if you find a home being

sold as a short sale and it's not yet approved, there are factors to consider. The first thing to find out is how many approvals are required. The bank may just be a servicer and an investor may actually hold the loan. For example, a homeowner may make their payments to Wells Fargo (servicer), but Fannie Mae (investor) may hold the loan. Once the servicer approves the short sale, it still needs approval from the investor.

Also, to complicate matters, a mortgage insurer may be involved. Mortgage insurers often counter terms and delay the process. The fewer parties involved the fewer hurdles to overcome. Your Realtor should be able to determine how far along in the process the seller is, how long it will take and if there are major obstacles that could prevent approval.

If you need seller concessions, which is a credit from the seller that gets applied towards your closing costs, then your Realtor needs to determine what type of short sale you are dealing with. Most short sales will limit seller concessions to 3 percent of the sales price. However, if the seller has

an FHA mortgage, the short sale approval will usually allow maximum seller concessions of only 1 percent of the sales price. If seller concessions are required, it is critical for your Realtor to find out this information.

Don't be fooled by a low asking price. Remember that the seller's bank will only allow the home to be sold at a price that makes sense for them too. While the bank often times wants to help the seller, they are typically not going to let a homebuyer take advantage of them. If the bank feels the price is too low, they will counter it. If the bank feels they will make more money on the home by proceeding with foreclosure, then they could very well go that route instead.

It is imperative to have the proper contingencies in the sales contract when purchasing a short sale. Realtors who represent the seller will often try to structure the contract to heavily favor and protect the seller, in terms of time commitments, inspections and earnest money deposits. There are multiple ways to structure a short sale contract and a homebuyer needs

to have their protection as well. Your Realtor should be able to structure a contract that benefits and protects you.

Buying a home is a major decision and if you choose to look at short sales it is important to work with a Realtor who understands the short sale process. In interviewing Realtors, it is important to ask what experience they have with short sale transactions and what kind of protection you can expect if you enter a short sale contract.

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HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
17310 Locherbie Ave	\$167,000
32880 Red Oaks Trl	\$207,000
Birmingham	
364 Hanna St	\$375,000
443 W Merrill St	\$601,000
938 Westwood Dr	\$780,000
Commerce Township	
2075 Canal St	\$220,000
4751 Fairgrove Ln	\$185,000
4453 Racewood Dr	\$143,000
5988 Strawberry Cir	\$350,000

Farmington Hills	
31084 Franklin Fairway St	\$140,000
36938 Ridgedale Ct	\$77,000
30815 Springland St	\$172,000
28455 Wellington St	\$190,000
Millford	
630 Crawford Farm Ln	\$245,000
1073 Deep Valley Ct	\$215,000
Novi	
41605 Burroughs Ave	\$325,000
45848 Latham Dr	\$328,000
24682 Olde Orchard St	\$36,000
South Lyon	
126 S Reese St	\$75,000
Southfield	
17459 Gateway Cir	\$70,000
29641 Marshall St	\$40,000
25057 Woodvale Dr N	\$35,000
White Lake	
1911 Howland Blvd	\$175,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of February 7-11, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
2482 Amber Dr	\$163,000
523 Belvedere Ct N	\$365,000
2234 Berwick Dr	\$125,000
40645 Deer Creek Ct	\$204,000
3992 Elizabeth Ave	\$82,000
49168 Fox Oaks Dr	\$133,000
49168 Founders Ct	\$365,000
45067 Fox Pointe Dr	\$235,000
3028 Greenwich Ct	\$234,000
50278 Jackson Ln	\$255,000
4145 Kimberly Dr	\$170,000
8217 N Pointe Ct	\$285,000
1989 Pearce Ct	\$60,000
47536 Pembroke Dr	\$68,000
44214 Postmill Ct	\$150,000
47639 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$155,000
41643 Strawberry Ct	\$148,000
43419 W Arbor Way Dr	\$58,000
47143 Woodlong Dr	\$275,000
7160 Woonsocket St	\$198,000

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Garden City	
33412 Alta St	\$49,000
28467 Beechwood St	\$45,000
6220 Harrison St	\$40,000
31777 James St	\$51,000
Livonia	
11800 Alois St	\$45,000
15040 Arden St	\$90,000
16138 Bell Creek Ct	\$140,000
14089 Brookfield St	\$50,000
36225 Club Dr	\$285,000
14016 Cranston St	\$150,000
14304 Farmington Rd	\$85,000
28400 Gita St	\$115,000
15725 Green Lane Ave	\$65,000
11763 Hartel St	\$19,000
15507 Knolston St	\$150,000
35877 Leon St	\$85,000
11315 Milburn St	\$112,000
37788 N Laurel Park Dr	\$160,000
29653 Orangelawn St	\$110,000
38157 Summers St	\$135,000
32628 Vermont St	\$120,000
32705 W Chicago St	\$87,000
Northville	
46615 Crystal Downs W	\$385,000
16317 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
16394 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
41896 Sunnydale Ln	\$167,000
44250 Waterford Rd	\$209,000
44506 White Pine Cir E	\$425,000
Plymouth	
352 Adams St	\$125,000
11396 Cedar Ln	\$156,000
42107 Lakeland Ct	\$260,000
51370 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$225,000
10375 Red Maple Dr	\$200,000
480 Ross St	\$175,000
Redford	
19646 Brady	\$44,000
9344 Columbia	\$55,000
8914 Dale	\$62,000
20556 Denby	\$32,000
11388 Fenton	\$48,000
26154 Grove	\$33,000
11394 Laverne	\$52,000
20481 Lexington	\$27,000
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18513 Wakenden	\$11,000
9023 Winston	\$56,000
19147 Woodworth	\$25,000
Westland	
39346 Avondale St	\$65,000
35731 Booth St	\$10,000
148 Carson Dr	\$65,000
32129 Hazelwood St	\$55,000
38386 Maes St	\$96,000
5719 N Berry St	\$50,000
6013 N Dowling St	\$25,000
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- Hall or Hannah
- Moonbeam
- Arizona city
- Minty quaff
- Kind of pump
- Pre-owned
- Certain
- Never, to Wolfgang
- Famous mummy
- Paper cuts
- Jr. naval officer
- Uh cousins
- Groan causers
- Scroll cabinets
- Distance apart
- Finicky

- 39 k.d. of country music
- 40 Microwave
- 41 Spice tree
- 43 Le Car producer
- 47 Trotted
- 48 Row of seats
- 50 What "video" means (2 wds.)
- 51 Unfold, in verse
- 52 Without help
- 53 Violent anger

DOWN

- Bossy's comment
- Not just my
- Chow mein additive
- Looked hard
- Garcia or Warhol
- Very, in Veracruz
- Fabric meas.
- Entices
- Colanders

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Dried clover
- 11 Mongkut por-trayer
- 16 Velvety surface
- 18 CPA's sum
- 20 Mongol dwellings
- 21 Fiber plants
- 22 Commandeer
- 23 Doesn't bother (2 wds.)
- 24 Bringing action
- 25 Barnyard sounds
- 26 Loch denizen, maybe
- 28 Threw
- 31 Upright pianos
- 35 Nanny from abroad (2 wds.)
- 37 Cleveland cager
- 38 Groupie
- 40 Aught or naught
- 41 — -Magnon
- 42 Relay segment
- 43 CSA mono-gram
- 44 Mex. neighbor
- 45 Trip part
- 46 Pipe joint
- 49 Moon of Jupiter

SUDOKU

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V L U N O I S S I M S N A R T
I H I G H W A Y D E D W C C U
R G K B R O A D T G L U R A E
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automobile cruise engine transmission wash
brakes doors highway truck windshield

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Fri, May 20, 10-4pm

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Christ Church Cranbrook

Cnr. of Lone Pine/Church Rds.

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LIVONIA

39324 Lyndon, S of 5 Mile Rd, btwn Haggerty & Newburgh. Thurs., 9-4pm, Fri. & Sat., 10-4pm. (No signs are allowed in Livonia)

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WESTLAND ESTATE SALE

Fri., 5/20 & Sat., 5/21 10-5pm. 5652 Morley, 1 blk W of Newburgh, N of Ford Rd. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, craft & sewing supplies, household goods.

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Birds & Fish 7820

BIRD FAIR

Sat., May 21st, 9am-4pm. Livonia Elks Lodge #2246. 31

GARAGE SALES

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Garage Sales 7110 Beverly Hills - Nottingham Forest Sub-wide Sale Toys, furniture, etc. 5/19 & 5/20 9-4pm, 32035 Cross Bow btwn 13 & 14 Mile off Lasher. BIRMINGHAM: Sat-Sun, May 21-22, 9-6pm. 10% of proceeds go to Troy Historical Society, 1115 Brookwood, corner of Raynald & Brookwood. BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3140 Middlebury, S. of Maple, btwn Cranbrook & Lasher, from Lasher enter Berkshire. Thurs-Sun, 9am-7. Ralph Lauren, Coach, collectibles, kid's stuff, lots of furniture. CANTON: Antiques, Blue Willow platter, punch bowl, rotisserie, & more! 5/19-5/20, 9-4pm. 4630 Denton Rd. S. of Geddes & N. of Michigan Ave. CANTON - Bridgemont Park Subdivision. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9am-4pm. Canton Center Rd. & Warren, 6824 Bridgemont Dr. 734-453-1496 CANTON Covington Square Sub-Wide Garage Sale - May 19-22, off Lilley, btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer. CANTON Fairways West Subdivision Garage Sale (Beck & Cherry Hill). Thurs, Fri, & Sat, May 19, 20 & 21, 8am-4pm. CANTON: Large Neighborhood Garage Sale Buckingham Place Thurs-Sat, May 19-21st W. of Beck, N. of Warren CANTON LEXINGTON SQUARE - Sub Garage Sale. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9am-5pm, South of Cherry Hill & East of Sheldon. CANTON Multi-Family Tent Sale - Many unique items Wed-Fri, 5/18-5/20, 9-5pm. 2306 Hannan Rd, just S of Palmer.	Garage Sales 7110 CANTON - MULTI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE 3 Pheasant Run Golf Club Communities (700+ homes) - Pheasant View, Fairway Pines, and Fairways at Pheasant Run. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9-5pm. Btwn Beck & Canton Center, just S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Geddes. CANTON WHOLE HOUSE SALE! 42050 HANFORD RD. May 19, 20, 21, 9am-5pm. Living, dining, bedroom, patio furniture, Wurlitzer spinet piano, housewares, tools, baseball cards and comics, lamps, lawn care, treadmill, Ruthven framed prints and MUCH MORE! FARMINGTON - 2 Family Clearance! NW of 11 Mile, Drake on Quakerturn. Thurs-Sat, 9-4. Puzzles, books, etc. FARMINGTON HILLS: 4 family sale in 1 STOP. 36261 Old Homestead (Independence Commons). Thurs, Fri, & Sat. Baby furniture, toys, pictures, books, pots, household items, clothes. Many items new in box. Lots to choose from. FARMINGTON HILLS: 5/19 & 5/20, 9-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd. Garden carts, yard equip., children's bikes, sporting goods (lacrosse, golf, fishing), vacuums, electronics, collectibles, antique cedar chest. FARMINGTON HILLS CHURCH OF GOD EXTREME YARD SALE! 25717 Power Rd, btwn 10 & 11 Mile. May 19-21, 9am-5pm. Thurs-Fri, 9am-2pm, Sat, 10-4pm. Misc. items incl. organ & full electronic piano, knife & scissor sharpening on site - nominal fee. To support our Costa Rica Missions Team, New items arriving daily!	Garage Sales 7110 FARMINGTON HILLS: Forest Park Subdivision Garage Sale. 20+ Homes. May 19, 20 & 21, 9am-5pm, S. of 9 Mile, W. of Inkster, E. of Middlebelt. FARMINGTON HILLS GARAGE SALE FEATURING: \$10 Evening Gowns, Prom Gowns, Black Tie, Bridesmaid, Hundreds 2 choose from, size 2-22 \$25 Wedding Gowns, Kid Stuff, Furniture, Must SEE! Thurs., Fri, & Sat., 10am-5pm. 35232 Quaker Way, Farmington Hills 48331 FARMINGTON HILLS - Green Hills Sub. 5/19-5/21, 8-4pm. S. of 9 Mile, btwn Halsted & Drake. Lots of misc. items! FARMINGTON HILLS: Huge! Antiques, furniture & household, etc! 31600 Treastin, S of 11, off Orchard Lake. 5/19-5/21, 9-5pm. No Early Sales! FARMINGTON HILLS: Hunt Club Sub Sale. Sat-Sun, May 21-22, 9-5pm. 20 homes. E. of Halsted, S of 11 Mile. Household items, toys, scrapbook supplies, furniture. FARMINGTON HILLS: May 20-22, 9-5pm. Lots of scrapbook supplies, household, Coach purses, books & misc. 25526 Hunt Club, E of Halsted, S of 11. FARMINGTON HILLS: Multi-homes Farmington Green Sub, N/12 btwn Farmington & Drake, May 19-21st, 9am-4pm. Household items, clothes, furniture, books, etc. HARTLAND Sub Sale Melody Acres 2031 Birch Hartland Mill. Eight plus families! May 20-22. LIVONIA: 15500 Oporto & 3 other homes. May 19-21, 9-4. Furniture, camping, Thomas the Train set & table, Vintage outdoor. Craigslist.org. N. of 5 Mile, W. of Middlebelt.	Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA: 15522 Alpine Dr. Thurs-Fri, May 19 & 20, 9-4. Floor carpets, designer women's clothes, sizes 10-14, collectible items & dolls. LIVONIA - Big 2 family sale. Thurs, May 19 thru Sat, May 21st 9am-5pm, 15951 Oporto St. Btwn 5 Mile & Puritan, W. of Middlebelt LIVONIA BLOCK SALE: May 21-22, 9-5pm. Furniture, household goods, misc. N. of 5 Mile, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. Cash only. LIVONIA GARAGE SALE: 19859 Melvin, S of 8 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 9-5pm. Household misc. LIVONIA - Multi family. Household, collectibles, craft supplies, hockey equip. 5/19-5/21 9-4pm. 9834 Mayfield. S/Plymouth, E/Farmington LIVONIA: Plants, Pottery & Misc. Sat, & Sun., 5/21 & 5/22 9-5pm. 17550 Mayfield, 6 Mile & Farmington Rd. LIVONIA SUB SALE Thurs., 5-19, Fri., 5-20 & Sat., 5-21, S. of Plymouth Rd., btwn Wayne & Levan. Furniture, Appliances, Hammond Organ, Drums, Bikes, Go Cart, Kimona, Paintball Equip, Football Table, Snowblower & much more! LIVONIA: Thurs-Sat. May 19-21st (weather permitting); 9-5pm. Tons of toys, clothing, books, & misc. 17428 Park Ln, N. of 6 Mile, E. of Levan MILFORD - Estate sale. Furniture, TV, crib, toys. 5/20 & 5/21; 9-5pm. 2858 Katie Ln, Hickory Ridge Rd. S. of M-59, Hickory Pond Sub	Garage Sales 7110 MILFORD May 19-21 Milford Heritage Hills Sub - 520, 550, 575, 440 Heritage & 1157, 1159 Eagles Nest. Furniture, generator, tools, Wii, sports, kids' items & more! Priced low! MILFORD SUB SALE River Oaks, off Milford Rd. N. of town, S. of M-59. May 19-21, 9am-4pm NORTHVILLE Household goods, furniture, clothes, knick-knacks, etc. May 20, 9-4pm, May 21, 9-3pm. 49349 Seven Mile Rd., 1 mile west of Beck Rd. NORTHVILLE Multi-Family Garage Sale. 19201 Windridge Dr., off 7 Mile, behind Home Depot, 3rd house on left. Sat. Only! May 21st, 10am-3pm. NORTHVILLE PARKSTONE SUB ANNUAL GARAGE SALE N. of 6 Mile, W. of Haggerty Rd. Fri, & Sat, May 20-21, 9-3pm. NORTHVILLE QUAIL RIDGE SUB: 8 Mile/Meadowbrook. Sat, 5/21, 8am-5pm. Antiques, toys, TV, DVD, Thomas Train, Home Items, Baby/Kids/maternity clothes. NORTHVILLE - Steeplechase Sub Sale. Thurs - Sat. May 19-21, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W. of Beck, off 67 Mile. Furniture, household, toys, lots of baby clothes, appli, electronics. NORTHVILLE: Thurs, May 19 & Fri, May 20th, 8-4pm. 366 Welch Rd., 8 Mile & Center St. Household items, furniture, accessories, books, patio, antiques & much more!	Garage Sales 7110 NORTHVILLE TWP. Neighborhood GARAGE SALE May 19-21st. 9am-4pm. Participating streets: Rippling Lane, Upper & Lower Scenic Harbour, plus Granite & Upland Cts. Btwn 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Haggerty, E. of Northville Rd. LOTS OF STUFF! NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn. 5 & 6 Mile on W. side of Haggerty. NOVI HUGE 2 Sub Garage Sale Novi, May 19, 20, 21. Two adjacent upscale subs (220 homes) in Novi - Bradford of Novi & Lexington Green subs. NW of 9 Mile & Taft Rds. From Taft enter on Princeton or Galway. From 9 Mile enter on Galway. Don't miss it! http://detroit.craigslist.org/okl/gms/2373105182.html NOVI - Huge sale! 2 bdrm sets & other furniture, clothing, brand name bags, men's/women's shoes, household items, 13" TV, framed prints & collectibles. 5/20 9-3pm, 5/21 9-1pm. 22435 Southwyck Ct, N/9 Mile, E/Beck. NOVI Jamestown Green Sub - 10 Mile, btwn Novi Rd. & Taft. Antiques, Electronics, Video Games, movies, CDs, Toys, clothes (adults & kids), appliances & more! Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 9am-6pm. NOVI Multi-Family Garage Sale! Electric range, hood/fan style microwave, sterling jewelry, housewares, glassware, some antiques. Fri, & Sat., 9-4pm. 24636 Picara, Novi, MI 48374.	Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH: Garage Sales on Bradford Ct. May 19-21, 9-5. 5 Homes. Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Beck. Furniture, household, books, vintage items, tools. PLYMOUTH: Getting Ready To MOVE! May 20-21, 9am-4pm. 48736 Meadow Drive, north of Ann Arbor Rd., east of Ridge. Exercise equip, tools, dishes, holiday items, furniture and so much more. NO EARLY BIRDS! Look for TENT! PLYMOUTH Large Garage Sale May 20-21. 44841 Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth. 5' Santa, Books, VCR Tapes, Household Items, Much More! Read more: http://www.classifiedads.com/garage_sales-ad4402175.htm?iczz1MMG1EAls PLYMOUTH Sofas, chairs, end tables, dining and bedroom furniture, lamps, bar stools, patio furniture, grill, almost an entire household must be sold! Fri, & Sat., May 20-21st, 10:00am-4:00pm 455 Lindsay Dr., Plymouth PLYMOUTH TWP. May 19 & 20 RIDGEWOOD HILLS ANNUAL ALL SUB SALE The RIGHT STUFF at GREAT prices. N. side of Ann Arbor Rd., 1/2 mile W. of Beck.	Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH-WILLOWBROOK Multi-Family - South off 5 Mile, West of Haggerty, Electronics, Household, Toys, Misc. Thurs-Sat., 9am-4pm. REDFORD Church being sold! 9 AM - 5 PM on May 20 & 9 AM - 2 PM on May 21 @ St. John's Lutheran Church 13542 Mercedes 1 blk E of Inkster. 1 blk S of Schoolcraft. Come browse our quality items! No early sales. Cash only please. REDFORD: May 20-21, 9-3pm. 26802 Lyndon, btwn Beech Daly & Inkster. Various household items & much more! ROYAL OAK 1307 McLean Ave. 5/19 - 5/20 (Thurs. & Fri. Only!). 9am-4pm. Bring a Buck & Try Your Luck! All clothes, books, music & movies are \$1! We also have furniture, housewares, electronics & much more! SOUTH LYON: Gar/Sub Sale. Multi-Family. May 19-21, 9-5. 9543 Beach Park Dr (near Silver Lake). Antique radio, rocker. Hide-A-Bed, household, great stuff! Check us out! SOUTH LYON: May 19, 20, 21, 9-5pm. Salem Farms Sub, 6807 Sunset Dr., E. of Pontiac Trail, N. of 7 Mile. Household, furniture & much more! WEST BLOOMFIELD: Toys old and new, puzzles & games, household items & furniture, whicker set, iron patio set, washer. 5/20 & 5/21, 9-7pm. 6364 Silverbrook West, just E of Haggerty off Maple. WESTLAND: Berry St. N. of Ford, E. of Wayne. May 20 & 21, 9-5pm.	Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND: Lots of women's fashionables, lawn & garden, holiday decor, electronics, futon, washer & dryer. 5/21 & 5/22, 9-5pm. 8621 Haller, 2 blks E of Middlebelt off Joy Rd. WESTLAND Multi-Family Sale Furniture, TVs, collectibles & a variety of everything! May 21-22nd, 9-5pm. 817 Fairlane St., btwn Wayne & Wildwood Moving Sales 7130 BIRMINGHAM Estate/Moving Sale Furniture, Art, etc. Saturday, May 28, 2011 11am-6pm. 1495 Southfield Road, Birmingham NOT A GARAGE SALE No Small Items For Sale! CLAWSON MOVING SALE! Fri-Sat, May 20-21, 9-4pm. 1226 Marc, off School St. 2 blks S of 15 Mile, W. off Main. Jewelry, collectibles, furniture. COMMERCE TWP. 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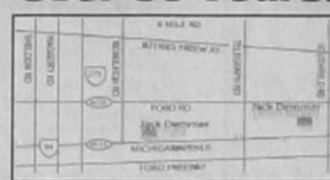
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