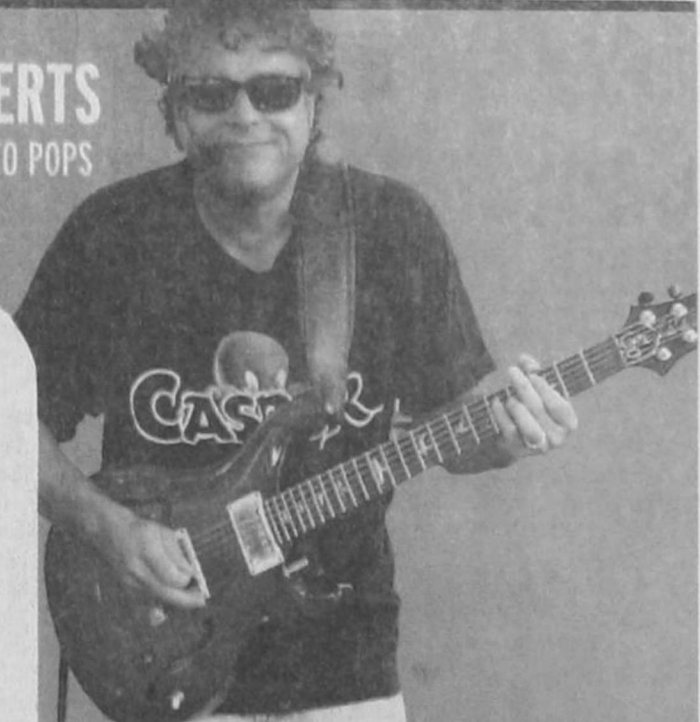




Make a good garage sale GREAT
ONLINE MAPPING - CALL 1-800-579-7355
LOCATE CURRENT SALES ONLINE AT HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

SUMMER CONCERTS
EVERYTHING FROM POLKA TO POP
ENTERTAINMENT, B5



THURSDAY
June 9, 2011

The Observer & Eccentric
Newspapers

Volume 36
Number 100

\$1.00

CANTON OBSERVER

hometownlife com A GANNETT COMPANY

CONNECTION Blood drive

Sign up to donate blood and get entered into a drawing for free gas for a year as the Canton Public Library hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, June 10.

Appointments are available from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. by calling the library at (734) 397-0999 or just walk in. There is a critical shortage of blood at this time due to weather emergencies. Your donation can save a life.



The Canton Public Library hosts a Red Cross blood drive Friday.

Adoption seminar

St. Francis Family Center Foster Care and Adoption hosts a workshop on what daily life is like as a foster or adoptive parent 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

The organization needs more special fathers (and mothers) to deal with a few statistics: Each day, more than 16,000 children live in the Michigan foster care system, most of whom have been victims of abuse or neglect; 4,500 of these children are awaiting adoption; and approximately 800 young adults "age out" of foster care without a family.

For more information, call (248) 552-0750.

Party plans

The Senior Party Committee for the Class of 2011 members are inviting adults and sponsors (no students) to Salem High School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

With generous donations from local businesses, you will see how the school has been converted for the last night for the seniors. For more information, call (734) 306-5296.

College questions

College savings experts from the Michigan Education Trust will be available to answer questions and help parents, grandparents and others through the process of purchasing a MET contract during seminars at the Plymouth and Canton libraries.

The MET will be at the Plymouth District Library Tuesday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (presentation runs noon to 1 p.m.). The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

The MET will be at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Wednesday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (with the presentation noon to 1 p.m.).

Purchasers will need Social Security numbers for themselves, the contract beneficiary, and any third party named on the contract, along with a check or money order.

For more information, call (800) MET-4-KID.



Lisa McMaster and mom Linda McMaster, horsing around with one of the auction items to be auctioned off at BLAST, the cancer research fundraiser McMaster is putting together Saturday at Mettetal Airport.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Having a 'Blast'

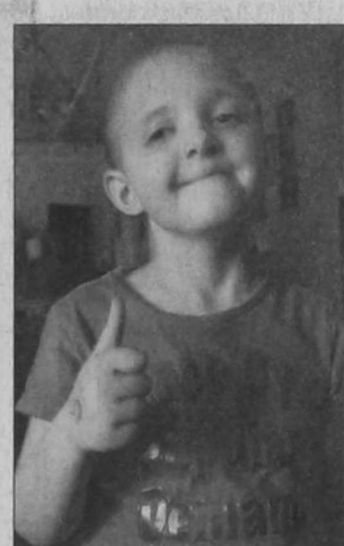
Fundraiser aims at childhood cancer awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During a trip last fall to St. Jude Children's Research Center in Memphis, Tenn., Linda McMaster noticed all of the pink people were wearing for breast cancer awareness month.

She considered how widespread the knowledge is that "pink" connects with breast cancer, and then a realization dawned on her. No one, she realized, knew that children's cancer had its own "month" (September) and "color" (gold). That's why "BLAST," the children's cancer research fundraiser she founded last year and which comes up Saturday for the second straight year, will have a slightly different feel.

Prompted by — and dedicated to — her 6-year-old daughter, Lisa, who suffers



Lisa McMaster has battled neuroblastoma for nearly half of her 6-year-old life.

from neuroblastoma, BLAST seeks to raise money to fight children's cancer in general (and neuroblastoma in particular). Last year's event raised

RAISING MONEY

What: BLAST neuroblastoma fundraiser
When: Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 11
Where: Mettetal Airport, Joy and Lilley in Canton
Why: To raise money to fight neuroblastoma and raise awareness of other childhood cancers
Highlights: Animal expert Mark Rosenthal will be there, along with other activities, games, raffles, auctions, etc.
How much: \$5 wrist band for the day; food and other refreshments for sale

some \$21,000; McMaster hopes to do better Saturday with the noon to 6 p.m. event

Please see **BLAST, A2**

River Day christens rebuilt trail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



ANN ESPINOZA

Mark Spencer from Howell rode the trail from Walsh College.

Hundreds of people rode their bikes along the newly rebuilt I-275 Metro Trail, explored the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail and pitched in to spruce up Canton's Heritage Park, mounting a strong turnout Saturday for River Day activities.

An avid bicyclist who starts basic training for the U.S. Navy in October in Chicago, 19-year-old Brad MacPherson estimated he rode 30 miles or more from his Westland home to Canton, Plymouth and Livonia as outdoor enthusiasts marked one of the area's busiest River Day celebrations in years.

He and his friends met at the Sweet Bikes store at Ford and Lotz, rode down to the Cherry Hill rest stop to hear a band, biked into Plymouth, pedaled back to the rest area for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, then whisked their way to Seven Mile in Livonia, where they parted ways.

"The trail is beautiful," MacPherson said. "They did such

Please see **TRAIL, A5**

Canton planners deadlocked on new gas station

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid heavy lobbying from homeowners who oppose a gas station that would be the closest to any Canton residential neighborhood, township planning commissioners deadlocked 3-3 Monday on Kroger's proposal to sell fuel at its store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

The impasse raised hopes among Kimberly Meadows subdivision residents who live behind the Kroger store. The grocery chain's special land use request now heads to the Canton Township Board of Trustees for a decision as early as June 28.

Planning Commissioners Ronald Lieberman, Brad Cambridge and Greg Greene voted against Kroger's request — a move applauded by residents who fear airborne benzene from the gas station could potentially pose health risks such as childhood leukemia.

"The development is too close to the residential neighborhood," Lieberman said, suggesting the commission should "err on the side of caution."

Cambridge agreed and said, "This would be the closest gas station to a residential neighborhood (in Canton)."

'RELUCTANT' SUPPORT

Commissioners Craig Engel, Damon Garrett and Melissa McLaughlin favored the special land use, though McLaughlin said she did so "reluctantly." The trio's support came as they said the proposal appeared to meet federal, state and local guidelines, such as Canton's requirement that any gas pump be more than 50 feet from the residents' property line.

Commissioner Sue Dodson missed the meeting.

The commission had approved the special land use in early April, but the township board tossed it back for further consideration amid growing opposition from Kimberly Meadows residents.

Kroger also would need site plan approval for the gas station.

The fueling center, which Kroger says would help it remain economically competitive, would be separated from the closest homes by a tree-lined berm and an access roadway. Company representatives say the station's canopy would be at least 100 feet from the nearest property line, while the closest gas pump would be about 120 feet away and underground storage tanks

Please see **STATION, A3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing Kroger, speaks to the Canton Township Planning Commission.

Low Rates on Used Car Loans!

Sizzling rates as low as **2.49% APR***

60 YEARS

PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL
right here right for you
www.cfcu.org • (877) 937-2328

*Payment example: The monthly payment over 48 months would be about \$285.48; assuming 2.99% Annual Percentage Rate (APR), 2009 model vehicle, loan amount \$15,000, 20% down and a strong credit history. An additional .25% rate discount is available with auto pay from Community Financial checking. Rates available on 2012 - 2006 models and subject to credit approval. APR as of 5/25/2011 and subject to change without notice. Federally insured by NCUA. Equal Housing Lender. ©2011 Community Financial



Home Delivery:
(866) 887-2737

Return Address:
41304 Concept Dr.
Plymouth MI
48170

INDEX

APARTMENTS	B11	CROSSWORD PUZZLE	B11	REAL ESTATE	B10
AUTOMOTIVE	B13	HOME & SERVICE	B12	SPORTS	B1
CAREER BUILDER	B10	OBITUARIES	B4	STRICTLY BUSINESS	A8

Canton festival features Verdi singers



Alexandria Clark performs during the International Festival at next week's Canton Liberty Festival.

Talented International Festival performers will fill the grounds of Canton's Liberty Fest with sights and sounds from around the globe Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the Canton Live! Stage.

One of the many featured performances slated to take place during the International Festival is a special presentation by three sopranos from the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. Alexandria Clark, Corinthia Sims, and Amanda Walker are set to perform on stage starting at 1:30 p.m.

Clark is a graduate student of the University of Michigan's School of Music, where she was a standout in many roles of the school's opera productions. A recipient of Young Artist and Arts Award in voice, and a finalist twice in the annual Verdi Opera's Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition, she also received The Verdi Opera Prize, which aided continuation of her studies in Italy.

Sims, a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Detroit, started out singing Gospel music in church and extended her studies to include opera and contemporary music. Her love of singing and impressive talent were demonstrated

in January 2011 when she won First Prize in the George Shirley African American Art Song and Operatic Aria Competition.

Walker's passion for singing began in her childhood and was nurtured by participation in programs such as Michigan Opera Theatre Children Chorus, community choirs, vocal arts programs at Interlochen. Walker's on stage experience includes solo and ensemble performances at the state level and beyond, including a First Place win at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition. As a student at Rochester High School, Walker was chosen as one of the 10 finalists in the 2011 Verdi Opera vocal competition.

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, founded in 1988 and based in Canton, is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of young opera singers, and to foster appreciation of the music of Giuseppe Verdi and other composers of opera and popular music for the theater.

For more detailed information about this year's International Festival and all things related to Canton's Liberty Fest, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.

BLAST

FROM PAGE A1

at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

LESSON LEARNED

"Everybody knows breast cancer is pink; no one knows the color for childhood cancer," Linda McMaster said. "This year I'm just trying to raise more awareness of childhood cancer."

Lisa has waged a three-year battle with neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor that begins in nerve tissue of infants and very young children. Lisa was diagnosed with the cancer, which affects roughly 600 children a year in the United States, at age 3.

Lisa came to Linda and Michael McMaster in September 2004, joining siblings Tommy and Christina, who had come a month earlier, as the couple's foster children (the couple also has a daughter of their own, Maranda). In March 2008, Lisa began having back pain. She was limping and having trouble navigating stairs. After consulting doctors — including a chiropractor — the McMasters had tests done and were delivered the devastating diagnosis. Lisa has been treated at Mott Children's Hospital ever since, where she has developed friendships with doctors, nurses, other patients and pretty much anyone else she's come in contact with.

It's why Mott Children's Hospital is the primary beneficiary of the BLAST fundraiser (along with Rainbow Connection and several other charities). All of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward research.

BLAST will be scaled down in some respects this year. There won't be the dinner option, although chef John Cortez, who cooks for a group called Chefs for Cancer, will again provide food to be available throughout the day.

THINGS TO DO

There will be no motorcycle ride as there was last year, and there won't be a continuous parade of bands to the stage to provide entertainment. But there will be:

- Princesses, although McMaster isn't sure which ones.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Six-year-old Lisa McMaster fills goodie bags for volunteers at the event.

- Therapaws of Michigan Inc., a canine-assisted therapy program dedicated to promoting and fostering the human-animal bond in therapeutic and educational settings.

- A FLASHMOB on Saturday during BLAST! A spontaneous secret dance show will appear out of the crowd sometime in the afternoon.

- Karaoke from noon to 2 p.m.

- Renowned biologist and magician Mark Rosenthal's 2 p.m. Animal Magic performance combines a unique blend of humor, illusion and exotic wildlife. The line between education and entertainment is blurred as audiences meet some of the most fascinating members of the animal kingdom.

- The Schlegers at 4 p.m. Marie and Cecilia will perform down-home music on a variety of instruments.

Lisa's godfather, Matt Holowicki, even built a sort of dunk tank. It's just one of the many ways Holowicki has been involved. Why?

"Have you met (Lisa)? That's all the reason I need," Holowicki said. "She's my goddaughter and I love her. We want a cure, not just for Lisa, but for all cancers."

The cure can't come too soon. Of the 11 children diagnosed around the same time Lisa was, only Lisa and one other "are still fighting," Linda McMaster said.

"Considering the kind of disease she has, she's doing as well as you could expect," Linda McMaster said. "Still, even though you're making progress, you don't think too far ahead."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899

Northville woman named president of DMP

Joyce Jenereaux of Northville was named president, the top executive position, of Detroit Media Partnership. The announcement was made Tuesday by David Hunke, president and publisher of USA Today.

"Joyce is an exceptional leader who played a significant role in the industry-leading changes we made in the Detroit market," said Hunke. "She has great instincts and the courage to pursue new directions that have resulted in building better products for our customers."

The Detroit Media Partnership manages all busi-



Jenereaux

ness functions for *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* and the *Livingston Daily Press & Argus*.

Jenereaux most recently served as executive vice president of Detroit Media Partnership and succeeds Susie Ellwood, who recently was named executive vice president and general manager at *USA TODAY*.

"Joyce has more than 20

years of experience leading and guiding this company," said Hunke. "She's a native Detroit and the right person for this job. Joyce played an integral role shaping strategy and outlining a plan for the future. She will no doubt continue the tradition of innovative thinking that has become the norm for Detroit."

Detroit Media Partnership reports directly to Gannett's *USA TODAY*, and Hunke was formerly CEO at Detroit.

Jenereaux, 57, joined Detroit Media Partnership in 1990 as a financial analyst. She has held various positions

of increasing responsibility including financial reporting manager, assistant controller, controller, vice president and senior vice president of finance.

She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She earned her CPA designation while a senior auditor at Deloitte & Touche. Jenereaux, a Detroit native, is active in the metro Detroit community, serving as a board member of Forgotten Harvest. She is also a three-time Gannett President's Ring winner.

7pm Fridays...

Music in the Air

...Thru September 2nd

2011 Plymouth in Plymouth's Kellogg Park

Friday, June 10 in Kellogg Park

The Sound Alternative

Born and bred in Detroit's Musical Heritage of Motown, R&B, and funk, "The Sound Alternative" is an eight-piece horn group that plays the best dance music from the 1940's through the present. The group prides itself on its wide range of musical styles and genres, which group member say "will keep your dance floor full with people of all ages."



The Sound Alternative is a self-contained group, providing the best in music, sound, lighting and atmosphere. Members have performed with Ambrosia, Danny and the Juniors, The Drifters, Fleetwood Mac, Leslie Gore, The Spinners, The Temptations, and the Tokens just to name a few. The Sound Alternative brings all of this experience to an event with one simple goal - ensuring certain success.

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

June 10...The Sound Alternative (Top 40)
 June 17...Shawn Riley Band (Rock/Pop)
 June 24...The Crutches (Rock/Pop)
 July 1.....Zap Toro (Latin)
 July 8.....NO SHOW - Art in the Park
 July 15.....Steve King and the Dittilies (Rock)
 July 22.....Gia Warner Band
 July 29.....The Bluescasters (Blues)
 Aug. 5.....Those Delta Rhythm Kings (Swing)
 Aug. 12....Michael King & Friends (Rock)
 Aug. 19....Mass Transit Band (Top 40)
 Aug. 26....Randy Brock Group (Blues)
 Sept. 2.....Lady Sunshine and the X Band (Soul)

Delta Diamond

Setters & Jewelers

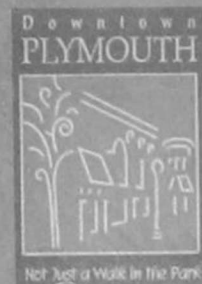
895 W. Ann Arbor Trail • Plymouth, MI 48170
 (of the owner of, Juvast, Inc.)
www.deltadiamondplymouth.com
 734-455-1220

Family Owned & Operated in
 Downtown Plymouth for over 30 Years
 All Repairs Done on Premises
 Huge Selection of Jewelry for Any Budget

Summer Hours:
 Sun.-Mon. Closed • Tues. & Fri. 10-5:30
 Wed. & Thurs. 10-7 • Sat. 10-4



Plymouth Downtown Development Authority



For the latest
 Downtown Plymouth
 News and Events
 Follow us on
 Facebook
 and on the Web!

facebook.com/plymouthdda
downtownplymouth.org

If you would like to have your ad featured on this weekly Music in the Air page call 517-375-1372.

THINKING ABOUT...

CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING

LENNOX

Free Estimates
 Our 37th Year!

UNITED TEMPERATURE

8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA
734-525-1930

www.unitedtemperatureservices.com

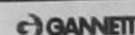
VOICES & VIEWS: COMMENT ONLINE



hometownlife.com

OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS

WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD



HOW TO REACH US

Home Delivery/Customer Service.....1-866-88-PAPER (866-887-2737)
 Newsroom.....(313) 222-2223 Fax.....(313) 223-3318
 Classified Advertising.....1-800-579-SELL (7355)
 Display Advertising.....(734) 582-8363

visit us online at hometownlife.com

615 West Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226

Awning Sale!



Sale Ends July 11, 2011

Enjoy Instant Shade & Comfort
All Summer and SAVE \$200!

Act now and get a \$200 discount toward any SunSetter Retractable Lateral Arm Awning — America's #1 best-selling awning. Request a FREE in-home consultation.

We're your hometown SunSetter Dealer, offering professional installation.

Complete Remodeling & Construction Co.
 5363 Westview Rd.
 Clarkston, MI 48346

248-660-3088

For your FREE consultation, call us now. Or go to www.goawnings.com and use Special Code 363

Legacy costs remain a challenge in Canton

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of Canton's most daunting challenges amid declining tax revenues will be paying for so-called legacy costs such as retiree health care and pensions — a multimillion-dollar liability that ranks high among a plethora of financial issues township officials say they will need to address.

It's a long-range dilemma — certainly not unique to Canton — that local leaders say they will need to confront, however politically sensitive it might be, as the township struggles to pay its debts and protect services that residents have come to expect.

In a Tuesday evening study session, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees publicly uncorked the issue as local leaders embark on a delicate process not only to identify the scope of the problem — but also to address it.

"We will be giving recommendations to address legacy costs as we go forward," Finance Director Rick Eva said.

VALUE PLUMMETS

The issue comes after Canton's overall taxable value, which once topped \$4 billion, has plummeted by nearly \$1 billion since 2007 amid a sharp decline in property values. The township also has had to absorb losses in state-shared revenue.

Canton's general fund balance, which stood just over \$6 million in late 2009, had been projected to fall below the \$1 million mark in a worst-case scenario outlined during budget talks late last year — though the decline hasn't been nearly as catastrophic after local officials secured \$1.8 million in employee concessions and slashed spending across all departments by a similar amount.

Local officials also bolstered police and fire services by imposing a 1.75-mill tax increase.

While those measures allowed the township to avert a projected \$15-million deficit by next year, Eva said the township still has to reign in costs because even when property values and tax revenues begin to

rebound, it will be a slow process.

To be sure, Canton expects to receive some good news from the state. Due to an 18-percent spike in population during the last decade that left the township with 90,173 residents, officials are hopeful of a boost in the constitutional portion of state-shared revenue. That could mean a softer blow than had been expected to the general fund balance.

NEWER FIGURES

New financial figures, including the latest fund balance, are expected to surface publicly when Canton's new audit is rolled out as early as next Tuesday during a board session.

Moreover, Canton has witnessed some new growth, such as housing starts and an influx of new businesses, though the pace certainly pales compared to pre-recession boom years.

"We have had some growth that has helped us," Eva said.

He also said Canton will benefit financially after restructuring its contract with its trash hauler, Canton Waste Recycling.

Tuesday's talks centered on a broad range of financial issues as township officials chart a multiyear budget process that focuses on streamlining services as much as possible and trimming costs, when possible, across every department.

One pet peeve among local officials is that Canton sends out more tax revenues to entities such as the state and Wayne County than it ever gets back.

"Canton is a donor community," Trustee Pat Williams said.

Tuesday's session — publicly, at least — marked a new start as local officials begin to more definitively grasp the financial issues confronting Canton — and how to address them.

"It's a beginning," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Amid the discussion Tuesday:

- Township Attorney Audrey Robinson said Canton has fared better than many other communities in claims that can spark lawsuits.

- "I think we're measuring up quite well in that respect," Robinson said.

- Canton Leisure Services Director

Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said her department has engaged more volunteers to offset expenses and has trimmed the number of health, wellness and fitness classes.

"We may be offering fewer classes," she said, "but we're offering more (activities) that are better received by the public."

- Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said his department has continued to provide services while trimming staff from 90 people to 67 in recent years. "Now we're 67 people stronger," he said.

- Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said the police and fire departments continue to provide top-notch service even though staffing levels are lower compared to communities of comparable size. Moreover, he said claims of an effective department have been verified by an outside agency, the Commission for Accreditation on Law Enforcement, which recently reaccredited the local department.

dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

STATION

FROM PAGE A1

would be a distance of 180 feet.

EXPOSURE QUESTION

Canton attorney Bryan Amann, representing Kroger, said residents would likely have "more exposure" to benzene from fingernail polish, furniture wax or one cigarette, if they smoke, than they would from the gas station.

T.R. Andrade, a project manager for Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. of Richmond, Va., which conducted an air quality and health risk assessment for Kroger, said the level of benzene from the station would be such that residents would have a one-in-a-million chance of health problems if they breathed the air nonstop for 70 years.

Yet residents Lisa Tams and Don DiCicco brought an opposing report saying their



A large crowd turned out for Monday's planning commission meeting, with residents there to present their views on a gas station at Kroger.

research suggested benzene could, indeed, be a potential threat.

"Our primary concern is health and safety," Tams said, adding that "even the slightest risk" isn't acceptable when it could potentially lead to cancer, blood disorders, asthma

and infertility.

Residents and some planning commissioners indicated that more research on the effects of benzene still is needed.

Andrade said the gas station

poses such a minimal health risk that it wouldn't need a state air permit. He said stations that sell more than 20,000 gallons of fuel a day — or 140,000 gallons a week — need such a permit, though Kroger expects to sell about 50,000 gallons a

week at the site.

Kroger also has maintained it needs the gas station to remain economically competitive. Amann said the station would benefit the store's customers and some of the 300,000 vehicles that he said pass through the Michigan Avenue-Canton Center intersection each week.

PROPERTY VALUES

However, DiCicco said the station would hurt property values in Kimberly Meadows subdivision, where he said many residents have been loyal Kroger customers.

At one time, a gas station wouldn't have been allowed at the site. But the township has since changed its rules to allow fueling centers in areas zoned C3, including certain spots along Michigan Avenue and along Ford Road from Lilley east to the Canton-Westland line.

"We can't have economic development to the detriment of local residents," DiCicco said Monday.

Meanwhile, questions also arose about possible on-site spills. Matthew Pisko of Farmington Hills-based Landplan Engineering said the site would be designed to catch most spills and contamination, though any potential "catastrophic event" would bring state intervention.

Resident Christopher Gutty asked planning commissioners to consider whether they would want the gas station built near them, potentially placing their children at risk.

Before Monday's vote was taken, Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the commission had a difficult job as it weighed issues such as residents' health concerns, Kroger's compliance with local requirements and whether the gas station would be compatible with the surrounding area, including Kimberly Meadows.

"This is one of the toughest issues we've had in a long time," he said.

dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

Macy's Optical

\$1
FRAME
SALE*

• \$1 for any frame up to \$159
with complete pair purchase

PLUS
50% off all lens options

Our doctor or yours — We fill all prescriptions.
Convenient eye exam¹ appointments available.
We Accept Most Vision Care Plans.

Northland, 248-443-4520 • Westland, 734-458-5588 • Oakland, 248-597-2956
Lakeside, 586-566-2766 • Twelve Oaks, 248-344-6994

the magic of
macy's
.com

Excludes sunglass frames. *Complete pair purchase required: includes frames up to \$159 with the purchase of lenses; all lens options 50% off. ¹Eye exams are performed by independent state licensed Doctors of Optometry. Cannot be combined with any other offer, vision care plan, package pricing or prior orders.
Sale ends June 22, 2011.

Old **GOLD** equals **INSTANT CASH!**

The Price of
GOLD is
going
UP!

\$20.00
Bonus Paid
on all gold
purchases of
\$100.00 or more
See store for details.

We make it EASY to
Sell All Types of GOLD

*We gladly accept damaged,
mismatched and outdated pieces.*

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE...

selling your gold by mail, not knowing how much they will pay you.

Bring it to **Showroom of Elegance** for a free estimate. Then sell for **CASH** at a store you can **TRUST!**

We buy all types of Gold: 10K, 14K, 18K, 22K, as well as Platinum and Sterling Silver. We also buy gold and silver coins.

Showroom of Elegance
6018 Canton Center Rd.
(North of Ford Rd.)
Canton, MI 48187
P: 734.207.1906

showroomofelegance.com

Store Hours:
Tues.-Fri. 9:30-6
Sat. 9:30-4
Closed Sun. & Mon.

Showroom of Elegance
FINE JEWELRY

We Pay CASH!

PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, June 9, 2011

hometownlife.com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor, Brad Kadrich

Voice Mail: (313) 222-8899

E-mail: bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Comment online at hometownlife.com

CRIME WATCH

Pants problem

A Belleville man was literally caught with his pants down — well, actually he was wearing shorts — after Canton police received a report of a naked man in the area of Hannan and Van Born on the township's south side.

The incident happened about 3 a.m. last Thursday when a man who works in the area notified police that he had seen the suspect two nights in a row standing in front of his Jeep Grand Cherokee, with the headlights turned on.

Police arrived on the south side of the area's railroad tracks just as the man was driving off. He was stopped a short distance north of the tracks, and police found that he had his shorts pulled down around his knees as he was trying to pull them up.

The driver told the police it was more comfortable for him to drive like that, according to a police report.

Canton police took the information and turned it over to Wayne police, who were investigating the case.

Road rage

A Canton man called police to his home on Brookline, southeast of Ford and Sheldon, after he said another man involved in a road rage incident followed him to his house.

The incident happened about 3 p.m. Sunday. The man told police he was driving westbound on Ford Road and was trying to merge into another lane when he cut in front of another man, angering him and prompting him to pound on the windshield of his truck, according to a police report.

The man said the angry driver pulled next to him, made obscene gestures to him and ultimately followed him to his home. The man who lives on Brookline has a permit to carry a gun, and he told police he pulled out the gun and pointed it at the other man to protect himself and his wife.

The angry man who had followed the man to Brookline then got back into his truck and left.

Home invasion

A woman returning from work to her home on Yorktown, northeast of Sheldon and Palmer, notified police after she realized someone had broken into her home and stolen jewelry, an envelope of cash, a gold coin and a bag full of quarters.

The incident happened between 6:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday.

The intruder entered the home through the garage, where an access door had been pried open. The woman told police the items were stolen from a master bedroom.

Jewelry theft

A woman told police someone stole numerous pieces of jewelry from her home on Roundtable Drive, southwest of Palmer and Lilley, sometime during a 12-hour period ending just before 7 p.m. Friday.

The woman said it appeared someone had entered the home through a front door that may have been inadvertently left unlocked.

The woman told police she is in the process of moving. She said she usually leaves through her garage door but had left through the front door Friday, possibly leaving it unlocked.

Burger burgled

A manager of the Five Guys Burgers & Fries, near Ford and Lilley roads, contacted police after he found that the store's safe had been emptied sometime between 12:45 a.m. and 6 a.m. Monday, according to a police report.

There were no signs of forced entry. The man found money had been taken after he arrived and noticed two bills on the floor near the safe.

The manager told police similar incidents had happened at other Five Guys Burgers & Fries restaurants.

The investigation was continuing.

Warrant arrests

Canton police made three arrests after stopping a vehicle for an equipment violation about 12:50 a.m. Friday on westbound Michigan Avenue near Beck.

A female driver was arrested for driving while her license was suspended. One male passenger was taken into custody and turned over to Detroit police after it was learned he was wanted on a felony drug-related warrant. A second man was arrested and turned over to Southfield authorities for an outstanding warrant for driving while his license was suspended.

One of the men had a child with him. Canton police arranged for the child to be turned over to someone the man knew.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Canton men charged in R.O. shooting

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

One man has been charged with assault with intent to murder, and another with felonious assault, after Royal Oak and Pleasant Ridge police arrested them Friday night during a traffic stop for their alleged roles in a shooting at an apartment complex near 13 Mile and Woodward.

Maxwell Lomax Brack, 19, and Jermaine Hakeem Davis, 20, both from Canton, are scheduled to appear before Judge Terrence Brennan for a 9 a.m. June 10 pre-exam conference at 44th District Court in Royal Oak, according to a court spokeswoman.

Each defendant was charged with two felonies at their arraignments June 5 before Magistrate Judith Holtz at 52-1 District Court in Novi, which handled the weekend court proceedings, according to a spokeswoman at 44th District Court in Royal Oak.

Brack was charged with assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, the court spokeswoman said.



Davis



Brack

Davis was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, felonious assault, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, according to the court spokeswoman.

A not guilty plea was entered for each defendant on all of the charges, the court spokeswoman said.

Royal Oak Police determined that nobody was injured as a result of the alleged shooting at the Woodward North Apartments, 3015 Woodward, according to the police report.

At 10:05 p.m. June 3, the Royal Oak Police Department responded to the apartment complex on 13 Mile, one block east of Woodward, where several 911 calls originated, reporting a fight and gunshots fired, according to a police

report.

The initial investigation determined that two male suspects who were visiting a resident got into an argument with another resident, the report said.

The two suspects retrieved handguns from their vehicle and one of them fired a shot at the resident, according to the report.

The suspects fled the scene as the victim retreated into his apartment, the report said.

The suspects' vehicle description was dispatched to nearby police agencies, and the apartment complex was canvassed by Royal Oak Police to see if there were other victims, according to the report. The suspects' vehicle was located near I-696 and Woodward, where Royal Oak and Pleasant Ridge patrol officers initiated a traffic stop and arrested the suspects, the report said. Two handguns were recovered, according to the report.

Brack's bond was set at \$500,000, cash-surety, according to the 44th District Court spokeswoman. Davis is being held on \$250,000 bond, the spokeswoman said.

Canton man arraigned in GPS thefts

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man accused of stealing GPS units from unlocked cars was arraigned Sunday on criminal charges after police captured him fleeing the neighborhood where the thefts occurred, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Nicholas Anderson Pesant, 23, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if



Pesant

he is convicted of two counts of larceny from a motor vehicle and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth \$200 to \$1,000.

Pesant was jailed Monday afternoon with a \$5,000 bond as he awaits a June 17 preliminary examination in 35th

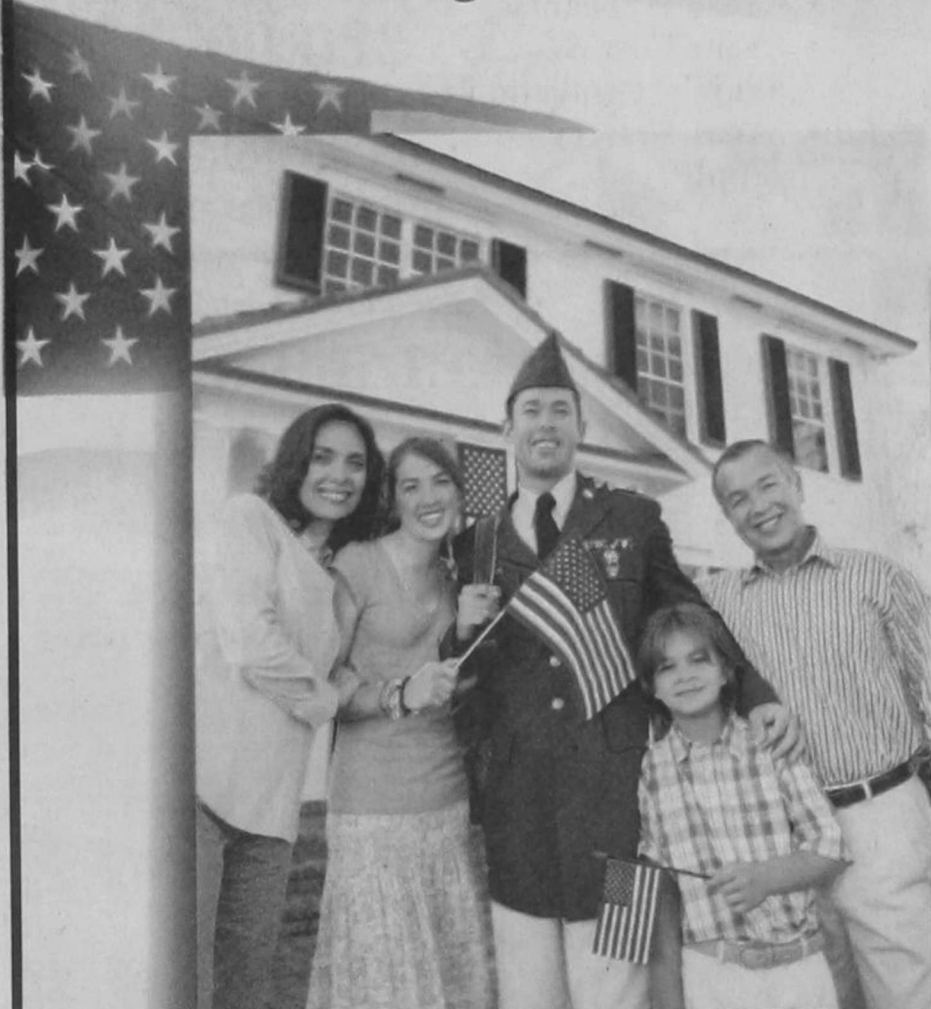
District Court to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Pesant has been accused of two incidents that Gajeski said occurred about 3:30 a.m. Saturday in the 46000 block of Overhill Lane, northeast of Geddes and Beck roads.

"Both of these cars were unlocked," Gajeski said. "Always be sure to lock your car."

dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are proud of our local men and women serving in the armed forces.



Share your pride regarding family members who are serving in the United States Military. (with a photo) and let friends and neighbors support them too!

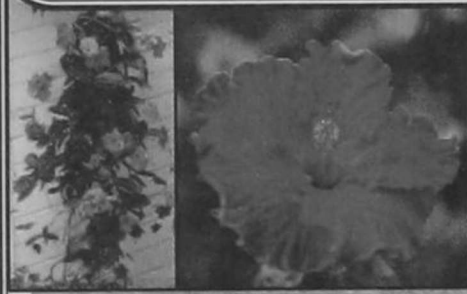
It's easy to do – and it's FREE!

Email your information with a photo (jpg format only) to: Sharon Dargay, Features Editor at sdargay@hometownlife.com or go online www.hometownlife.com and fill out the online form and attach a photo (jpg format) or mail your information and photo to Sharon Dargay, Features Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, 2nd LEVEL, Detroit, MI 48226-3124

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS

Where hometown stories unfold

SALE • 25% OFF • SALE



ALL TROPICALS
25% OFF



Designer
GLAZED
POTS
25% OFF

Areas largest
selection



25% OFF

ALL
Flowering,
Ornamental,
and
Shade trees

**PLYMOUTH
NURSERY**

HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE

734-453-5500

www.plymouthnursery.net
Mon.-Thurs. 9am-6pm • Fri. 9am-7pm
Sat. 9am-6pm • Sun. 10am-5pm
Offers Expire June 15



9900 Ann Arbor Road
7 Miles East of US-23 • 7 Miles West of I-275
1 1/2 Miles south of M-14
Corner of Gotfredson Rd.

Father's
Day

Hershey's Shoes APPRECIATION SALE

2 Locations!

Hershey's Shoes

29522 Ford Road
West of Middlebelt-Garden City
734.422.1771
HOURS: M, Th, Fri 10-8
Tu, Wed. 10-6
Sat. 9:30-6 - Closed Sundays

Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes

47750 Grand River at Beck-Novl
248.347.7838
HOURS:
M-Th & Sat. 10-6
Fri. 10-7

Quality Shoes for the Entire Family

• SAS-Made in USA
• Florsheim

• Clark
• Rockport

• Hushpuppy
• New Balance
• Sebago
• Keen

\$10 OFF

Any Regular
Price Mens
Footwear
(Except slippers)
Expires July 17, 2011

\$5 OFF

Any mens
slippers, belts
Expires July 17, 2011

www.hersheyyshoes.com

District will open to employee children

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will be open for business to children of district employees next year regardless of what district the employee currently resides in.

The Board of Education approved a recommendation from its administrative team to open the district to children of employees only, one of three options that had been considered.

Administration officials are hoping to gain some 150 students from the move, which would produce a little more than \$1 million in revenue. Interim Superintendent Jeremy Hughes has been urging swift action on the issue, to give administrators time to put together a marketing plan

that will allow the district to implement the decision for the 2011-12 school year.

"Swift action is necessary," Hughes told board members. "The numbers may not be as positive in the end as we'd like to think they are. We need to get out there as fast as we can to market it."

The district did an in-house survey of employees earlier this year to determine interest in bringing their children into the district. According to Hughes, some 300 employees responded to the survey; of those, 103 employees expressed an interest in the school of choice option.

However, Hughes cautioned, a similar study in Northville schools produced similar results, with more than 100 employees expressing interest, but only 17 students actually enrolled.

Other options included opening the boundaries to students from any district within Wayne RESA, or opening to students not only from Wayne RESA, but also from intermediate school districts contiguous to Wayne RESA (the only one is Washtenaw). The low numbers in Northville prompted concern from board Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, the only "nay" vote on the issue.

"I'm a little concerned about going employee-only," she said.

The other six trustees voted in favor of it.

"I think it's a good first option," Trustee Barry Simescu said. "We can always do (Wayne RESA) next year."

Trustee Steven Sneiderman, while urging administrators to be conservative in their estimates about the budget impact, said he felt the

schools of choice option was a benefit to employees.

"I really think it's a value to our employees and to the district," Sneiderman said. "I consider the employees part of our community. They work here, they spend a good part of their day here, whether they live here or not."

The other concern, according to Hughes, is the possibility of bringing in students with special education needs, traditionally more expensive students. Hughes said if the district opens to only Wayne RESA students, RESA would reimburse any additional expense brought on by the special education requirements.

Such reimbursement won't exist for students brought in from outside Wayne RESA. However, Hughes pointed out, other benchmark dis-

tricts — Livonia, Chelsea, Van Buren, Birmingham and Northville — reported little impact in that regard. In both Van Buren and Northville, he said, only one special needs student enrolled; in Birmingham, 13 of 72 employee children who enrolled had special education needs.

Plymouth-Canton officials said if such a case occurred, the district could incur expenses ranging from an estimated \$35,000 to \$50,000.

"It seemed clear to us the board could consider schools of choice for employees only, acknowledging there's a risk we could draw special needs students," Hughes said. "Given that as a risk factor, we recommend the board approve it for the 2011-12 school year."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899

TRAIL

FROM PAGE A1

an exceptional job. It used to be really messed up and bumpy. Now it's nice and smooth and very well-maintained. It's an easy way to get from city to city and not drive. It also saves on gas."

The 40-mile Metro Trail has been rebuilt from Michigan Avenue to Hines Drive, with smaller-scale repairs made to a less-damaged stretch north to Meadowbrook Road. Work hasn't yet been completed on the southern leg of the pathway.

FIXING THE LINK

Bikers lauded the Michigan Department of Transportation and volunteers for fixing the trail, which links to the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail used by bicyclists, joggers and walkers between I-275 and Canton Center Road, just south of the township library.

"It's a good connector route to get to different places," Metro Trail President Diane Bancroft, a Canton resident, said. "I rode my bike across the Lower Rouge trail to the library."

Both projects have been eagerly awaited for years as workers cleared paths, installed pedestrian bridges and readied the trails for a growing number of users. Saturday marked a dual celebration for the trails.

"It's very significant to the people in our area," Bancroft said, adding that the trail system is "being very well-used" by residents of Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Farmington Hills and other communities.

People came Saturday from communities as far away as Redford and portions of Oakland County.



ANN ESPINOZA

Raptor specialist Francie Krawcki from the Leslie Science and Nature center shows off a Great Horned Owl to a crowd at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor.

Bancroft rides her bike from Canton to Plymouth to listen to music on Friday nights, and she uses the trail system to go to businesses in the area of Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

"The Metro Trail also is very popular with the long-distance truck drivers," she said. "They use it to jog and ride their bikes when they're at the (Cherry Hill) rest stop."

Bob Belair, assistant township engineer, estimated that as many as 500 people joined the area's numerous River Day activities, though organizers said exact numbers were difficult to gauge. Many gathered near the Lower Rouge River trailhead on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue for programs such as a demonstration by the Leslie Science Center of a live falcon, owl and

bald eagle.

"That was one of the highlights of the trailhead event, I thought," Belair said.

Across town, large crowds gathered near Heritage Park ponds to plant shrubs, grasses and wildflowers, and Belair said volunteers also cleaned out some of the drains to ensure they are working properly.

Metro Trail supporters also sponsored activities at Schoolcraft College. Bancroft, meanwhile, said Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail have taken on the responsibility to care for that trail — originally built in the 1970s — now that it has been restored. Potential volunteers can find the group on Facebook or Yahoo Groups. She also said the group may be contacted by e-mail at 1275metrotrail@yahoo.com.

dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

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

Slavens coffee

Date/Time: Monday, June 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road, Canton
Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at her upcoming coffee hour. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Contact: Call (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

Gold rush

Date: Friday and Saturday, June 10-11

Location: Showroom of Elegance, 6018 N. Canton Center, Canton.

Details: The Showroom of Elegance hosts a gold-buying event. The store will offer a \$20 bonus on amounts of \$100 or more.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 207-1906.

Toastmasters Open House

Time/Date: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9

Location: Eastern Michigan University, 38777 W. Six Mile, at I-275, in Livonia. Room 412.

Details: Light refreshments; meet members of the West Side Professionals Toastmasters.

Contact: David Shevlin (248) 788-9511 or George Haralampopoulos (248) 672-2528; visit www.west-

sideprofessionals.org for more information.

Grief workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar. From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What? Contact: Call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays through November

Location: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton

Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.canton-historicalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Celebrating...20 Years of Better Hearing!

"Proudly Offering Our Patients"

PEACE of MIND PROTECTION:

- 3 Year Warranty
- 3 Year Loss & Damage Protection
- 3 Year Battery Supply



Dr. Karissa L. Jagacki
Audiologist



Kim Carnicom
Audiologist

PERSONALIZED HEARING CARE, INC.
Audiology and Hearing Aids

Primary Care and ENT Physicians Trust Us...We Hope You Will Too!

South Lyon
321 Pettibone St., Suite 105
248-437-5505

Westland
35337 W. Warren Rd.
734-467-5100

Visit our website at www.personalizedhearingcare.com

Lose Weight and Have Fun This Summer!!

2ND ANNUAL MORELLI HEALTH & FITNESS TEEN CAMP
Offered by
Biggest Loser Contestants
Ron & Mike Morelli along with Max Morelli.

7 week Weight Loss Program

June 27, 2011 thru August 12, 2011

Mon.-Fri., 7:30 am to 5pm

at South Lyon High School

- Cardio
- Circuit Training
- Swimming
- Nutrition Training
- Healthy Meals
- Ages 12 to 18

\$1500

(financial assistance may be available)

For more info log onto: www.healthandfitnesscamp.com

To register log onto: www.slrec.com

In Partnership with



PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL



Instructors: Max, Christiana, Karoline, Mike

AN EXCEPTIONAL HOME-LIKE SETTING FOR
ACTIVE/ALERT, FRAIL/RECOVERING,
MEMORY IMPAIRED AND ALZHEIMER'S RESIDENTS.

Crystal Creek
Assisted Living



- 24 Hour Professional Staffing
- Private/Semi Private/Barrier Free
- 3 Home Cooked Meals A Day
- Daily Housekeeping & Laundry
- Wander Secured/Enclosed Courtyard

- Planned Activities
- Beauty & Barber Shop
- On Call Nurse Practitioner
- Medication Management
- Incontinence Management

CANTON • (734) 453-3203

Located at 8121 Lilley between Joy & Warren Roads

CrystalCreekAssistedLiving.com

Electric Avenue: Vehicles, new technology roll onto Schoolcraft College campus

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brad Jensen watched as the price at the pump edged over \$4 a gallon. That was it, he thought. Time for a change.

So three years ago, Jensen decided to buy a 1998 Ford Ranger electric vehicle (EV). Today he drives it to his job as an instructor at Macomb Community College from his home in Plymouth.

"When the gas prices go up, there is never an explanation as to why," Jensen said. "I've never heard an explanation that I believe. Now we're seeing the same thing again."

"It just really bothers me. When the price of milk goes up, you can drink something else, or if the price of cheese goes up, you don't eat it. When gas goes up, you just don't have other possibilities."

Now, with gas pushing past the \$4 a gallon mark once again, area residents may show more than just a passing interest in the third annual Electric Vehicle Show, June 11 at Schoolcraft College.

More than 60 electric vehicles will be displayed. At a Ride and Drive event, organizers say members of the public can take test rides and drives in a variety of EVs on campus. At 11 a.m., state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will lead a "Parade of EVs" around the campus and autocross course, in a made-in-Michigan Chevy Volt.

A panel will answer questions at 1 p.m. about EV technology and infrastructure, EV ownership and driving experience and EV economic and environmental impact.

Twenty EVs will compete in the Solo Autocross at 2:30 p.m. Awards will be presented in a ceremony at 4 p.m. for the Autocross and for EVs in several categories.

LEARN FROM THE DRIVERS

"This event exposes the public to EVs, and not just the vehicles themselves, but the people who

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SHOW

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11

Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Highlights: 60 EVs, including Chevy Volts, a Tesla, a Nissan Leaf, an Electralite Roadster, a SmartcarED, production scooters, Segways, unique EV conversions, motorcycles, competitive tractor-pull tractors, a Citicar, the classic 1916 Detroit Electric and others. Exhibitors will display EV-related equipment and services; Schoolcraft College will showcase its four new Coulomb Charging Stations.

Admission: Free

drive them," said Larry Tuttle, president of the Michigan Electric Auto Association, which is presenting the show with Schoolcraft College, which now has four electric chargers on its campus in Livonia, and the Clean Energy Coalition.

Tuttle said consumers have heard and read much about the Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf, but the fair displays all kinds of electric vehicles besides those two brands. "We just like our EVs and we want to share our experiences," Tuttle said.

Tuttle, who owns an EV converted pickup truck, said he is in the market for a Chevy Volt. Four or five of the MEAA's members already own Volts, he said. "They are competing to see who can go the longest without buying gas," Tuttle said.

Electric vehicles make sense for commuters who drive about 40 miles to work and have a charger available at their place of employment, Tuttle said.

"They have to be parked for several hours at least," Tuttle said, which works overnight at home or an evening out where the vehicle remains parked at a charging station.

Jensen, the development director of the MEAA, said the show evolved from Green Fairs



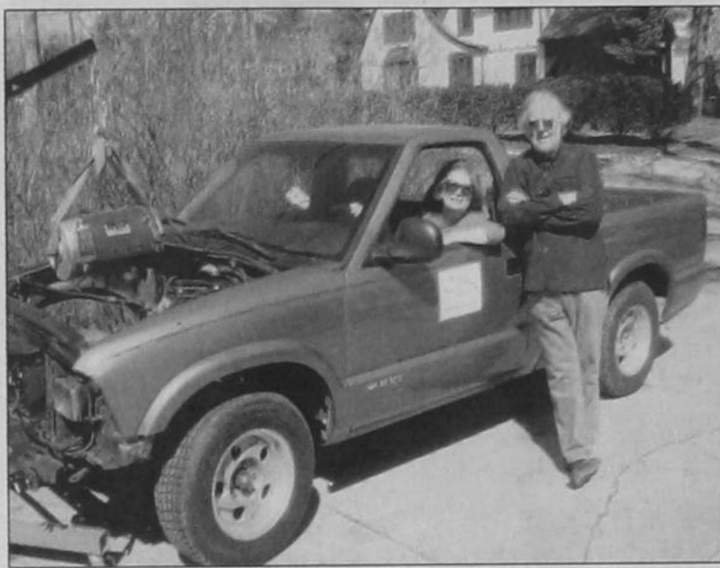
Brad Jensen of Plymouth stands ready to charge his Citicar at a Green Fair last year in Plymouth. Jensen owns two electric vehicles.

at which the group could only display two or three cars at a time. "We thought, 'Wouldn't it be nice if we had our own car show?'" Jensen said.

Jensen bought his Ford Ranger EV along with two other Ranger EVs at an auction from the University of Michigan. The auction was actually conducted by sealed bids, and each of Jensen's bids, one on each truck, was accepted by the university. He kept one truck and sold the other two.

The trucks were built by Ford as part of a two-pronged approach in dealing with zero-emission policies of California, Jensen said. Ford and the other automakers fought the state's environmental provisions and won. Prior to that legal victory, Ford had started to build the Rangers, then after emerging from court victorious, the company later bought them back and crushed them, Jensen said. "Mine belonged to U-M, and it was sold to me at an auction," Jensen said.

Jensen also purchased three Citicars from two Michigan residents, and kept one of the vehicles built in 1975. He refurb-



Larry Tuttle stands outside his 1994 Chevy S-10 converted electric vehicle, while his wife, Karen, sits behind the wheel.

bished that one and sold the other two.

Jensen uses his truck to drive to and from work, but when he needs a short trip to the store or to downtown Plymouth, he takes his Citicar. That vehicle only travels at 30 mph and the brakes and suspension are not built for long distances, Jensen said. "It gets a lot of attention," Jensen said. "I can't tell if people are laughing at me or with

me when I drive it."

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS MORE CHANGE

Jensen said EVs still have hurdles to clear before the masses accept them, in terms of their costs and availability of charging stations.

"They are fun to drive," Jensen said. "You get that EV grin, that grin when you realize

how powerful they are and how quiet they are. You can imagine the potential impact if everyone was driving them, how much nicer it would be to live near an expressway or even a parking lot."

Still there are drawbacks with the relatively new battery technology. "The price has to come down and the range has to go up," Jensen said. "The battery care has to be easier and they have to last longer."

That range is improving, he said. Jensen expects that show visitors will enjoy the Tesla, which can travel 200 miles on a charge.

Jensen doesn't own all electric vehicles. His wife owns a Geo Prism for her work commute. He expects that gas vehicles aren't going away.

"Many people will be looking at these (EVs) as a second vehicle," Jensen said.

That may fit well with those who visit the show. "We're just trying to reach those who want to buy electric cars, who want to know what it's like to own one and drive one," Jensen said.

kabramcz@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2591

Personal and Business Banking
Wealth Management
Over 150 Years of Service

There's a NEW Old Bank in Town



Monroe Bank & Trust

Plymouth Office
706 South Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: 734-354-9200

Northville Office
201 East Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
Phone: 248-449-3700

800-321-0032 www.mbandt.com Member FDIC

Canton Animal Hospital

Full service medical, surgical, dental care, grooming & boarding.

Open 7 Days!
Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm
Sat.-Sun. 9am-7pm

43439 Michigan Ave.
Canton, MI 48188
734-397-7779
www.CantonVets.com

FREE EXAM
New Clients Only
(a \$29 value)
Not valid with any other offer.
Must present this coupon.
Expires 7-15-11.

20% OFF
Spay, Neuter,
De-claw or Dental.
Not valid with any other offer.
Must present this coupon.
Expires 7-15-11.

15% OFF
Vaccines
Not valid with any other offer.
Must present this coupon.
Expires 7-15-11.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on **Monday, June 20th, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:

**6729 N. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, Michigan 48187
(734) 459-4821**

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.

E190 Marlin Brandys

Purchases must be made with **cash only** and **paid at the time of sale**. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Publish: June 2 & 9, 2011

In-Ground SWIMMING POOL DEMOLITION

Loranger Complete Labor Co.,LLC
734-652-2272 & 734-652-2821
Experienced - Licensed - Insured

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a sealed proposal to establish a contract through negotiations for bus driver and bus aide services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Specifications for this Request for Proposal are available at by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. The district will have a meeting at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to answer questions for any interested bidders. All proposals or other submissions in response to this RFP must be received by the District at E.J. McClendon Education Center, ATTN: Jim Larson-Shidler, Assistant Superintendent for Business, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Thursday, June 23, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ADRIENNE DAVIS, Secretary

Publish: June 9, 12 & 16, 2011

Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical

Family isn't just the name of our company, it's the way we do business.

COMPLIMENTARY PROPOSALS, 0% Interest up to 4 Years with Approved Credit, Over 70 Trucks for Fast Service

WEST: 734.422.8080 • NORTH WOODWARD: 248.548.9565 • EAST: 586.274.1155 • DETROIT: 313.792.0770 • DOWNRIVER: 734.281.3024

AIR CONDITIONING

Get Ready For Summer!

SALES • SERVICE • REPAIR

We Sell, Install, Service & Repair All Brands & Models!

Quality Products, Dependable, Fast Service You Can Trust!

HOT WATER TANK Specialists!

SALES • SERVICE • REPAIR

Honest, Quality Service with Reliable Products at a Fair Price

GENERATORS

Finally Affordable for Everyone

SALES • INSTALLATION • SERVICE

- Natural Gas Powered
- Fully Automatic
- Whole House
- Stand By

ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Michigan R.E.C.I. Member Master Electricians

Service Upgrades, Outlets and Switches Added, Circuit Breakers, Ground Fault Interrupters, Ceiling Fans, Light Fixtures, Stove Hoods, Garages, Pools, Hot Tubs, Violations Corrected, Appliances and Security Lighting

Charter chief ready for 'high-energy' challenge

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Cook has spent the last year as a "principal in residence," basically interning at Canton Charter Academy in Canton while learning the administrative ropes of the National Heritage Academies system.

Now Cook, 32, is ready for the big chair.

Cook, an Ann Arbor native who earned a bachelors degree in psychology and Spanish at Alma College, has been named the principal at the new South Canton Scholars Charter Academy in Canton, a charter school set to open in September for grades K-5 (the board was scheduled to act on a proposal to make it a K-6 school Wednesday). The school will also offer a "young fives" program for students not quite ready for kindergarten.

"There's been so much excitement around this," said Cook, whose last principal job was at Holland's Waukazoo Elementary School. "We're focused on building an incredible staff, and once that's done, (the challenge) is going to be getting to know our students as quickly as possible and meeting their needs every step of the way."

It could be a lot of students. South Canton Scholars figures to open with more than 500 students (closer to 600 if the board approves the sixth-grade addition). School officials received more than 1,300 applications, which will be sifted at random to admit the school's first classes of students.

Cook said the school, situated within the boundaries of

the Wayne-Westland school district, will likely draw students from Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton, as well as from around the area. She said the Canton Center site was chosen "because the demand is here."

"The other two schools (Canton Charter Academy and Achieve Academy) have a large number of applications," Cook said. "We've spread the word through the other two schools, and we've done mailings to both (Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton) areas."

And she thinks the demand is there because people are buying into the NHA philosophy, which she said centers around "service to students."

"Everything we do revolves around the learner, and what's best for the students," said Cook, who also earned a masters of education in curriculum design from National Louis University in Chicago. "We work hard with parents to make sure that connection (school-to-students-to-parents) is well known."

While she does have a teaching background, Cook said being an administrator has more pull for her now because she believes she can help her colleagues, and impact more students, from the leadership post.

"I'm able to affect more children this way," Cook said. "And I'm able to support my colleagues better in this capacity."

For now, she's busy building the relationships she feels will be necessary to help South Canton Scholars succeed once it opens its doors in September.

"There's a lot to do ... relationships to build with students, with parents, which is its own dynamic," Cook said. "It's very high-energy, and I'm a high-energy person."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899



Cook

NorthRidge Church works to feed the hungry

NorthRidge Church recently planted its Community Garden with hopes of providing more than 15,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to area food pantries and soup kitchens this summer and fall.

The church expects more than 300 volunteers to work in the 21,000 square foot garden with the project being overseen by a pair of master gardeners and engineers. According to NorthRidge Senior Pastor Brad Powell, the Community Garden is a part of the church's overall effort to help people at their point of need and touch their lives in a tangible way.

"Jesus had compassion for the poor and the hungry and he wants His church to do the same," Powell said. "Our response to His generosity is to reach out to help those that are disadvantaged and unable to help themselves."

The Community Garden is in its fourth year. The garden's

yield has grown steadily from more than 3,000 pounds of produce in its first year to just under 12,000 pounds in 2010.

"It's a high a bar, but we think we can beat last year's yield," Powell said. "One of the strengths of the Community Garden is the participation of entire families. It's a project that everyone can help with."

Volunteers began prepping the garden in early May with planting dates on May 31, June 2 and June 7. Maintenance will follow every Tuesday and Thursday evening with harvesting beginning in mid-July and continuing through mid-October. Detroit-based Gleaner's Food Bank visits NorthRidge twice a week for pickups after harvesting begins.

The Community Garden is only one of the church's efforts to help give back and minister to the community and those in need.

Over the weekends of May

14 and 21, NorthRidge held its annual Food Drive and collected 28,000 pounds canned and other goods. NorthRidge members brought the food and left it bagged adjacent to their vehicles over the two weekends.

Approximately 200 volunteers helped collect the food and pack it into 711 boxes. The food was donated to five locations; Salvation Army of Plymouth, Lighthouse Home Mission in Westland, the Detroit City Mission, Love Inc. of Brighton and the Hope Clinic of Ann Arbor.

In February, NorthRidge Church worked with Feed My Starving Children to pack more than one million meals to benefit kids in Haiti, Guatemala and Somalia. About 5,000 volunteers helped pack the meals and people gave more than was needed to cover the cost of the million meals. The extra from the event was used to help a

small church in Laredo, Texas pack over 200,000 meals that will be used to serve the poor in Mexico. All of this is evidence of the growing generosity of NorthRidge's attenders, Powell said.

"We are a church that cares," the senior pastor added. "While I am proud of our NorthRidge family, our mission isn't to glorify ourselves, it's to glorify Christ; we most visibly evidence that love by showing compassion and care for those in need."

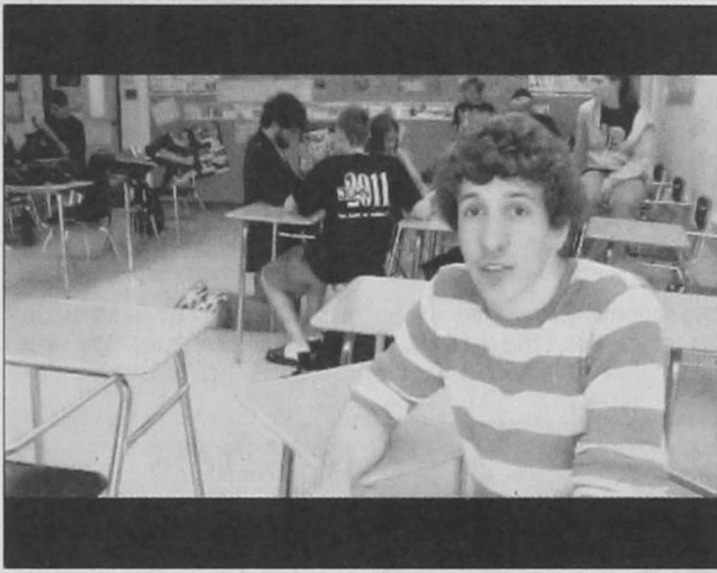
NorthRidge Church is a non-denominational ministry that serves approximately 20,000 southeastern Michigan residents. Senior Pastor Brad Powell has led the congregation for the past 20 years. NorthRidge offers six services each weekend; four at the Plymouth location and one at each of their satellite locations in Brighton-Howell and Ann Arbor-Saline.

Glenn, WM vie for votes in online video contest

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools are hoping fans on online videos will take a look at the ones they have posted on Big Lots' Lots2Give website — www.big-lots.com/lots2give.

The two Wayne-Westland high schools are competing for online votes for their videos to win a grand prize of a \$20,000 cash award from Big Lots. Wayne Memorial's entry is for the music program, while John Glenn has submitted an entry for its Positive Behavior Program.

At Wayne Memorial, the money would be used to buy new band uniforms, storage space, risers for the choir and new music folders, among other things. The message in the video is that the music program is actually the "Zebra music family." The family "fulfills so many of our students' needs that it really is the pride of



Jacob Toarmina is featured in the John Glenn's video about its PBS program.

Wayne Memorial High School," and the program has grown during the past year and the school is having a hard time serving all of the students who want to be part of the programs.

At John Glenn, the video pitch is for money to continue

its Positive Behavior System. The PBS program rewards students for good behavior through positive reinforcement. Kids who do the right thing, earn "Rocket Bucks" that can be used for prizes. The program has been funded by a nonrenewable

grant, and the school may not be able to support it next year.

The video features Jacob Toarmina, who used his filmmaking skills to produce short videos on proper behavior in the hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, on buses and at activities. The videos have proved popular with students and help promote PBS.

Voting can be done online at www.biglots.com/lots2give. The voting period is now through July 4. Winning schools will share \$100,000 in cash prizes, which include 30 \$2,000 second-place prizes, four \$5,000 first-place prizes and the \$20,000 grand prize.

Participating schools will also be the recipients of an in-store donation program at Big Lots stores in the metropolitan area. People can help by donating \$1 or \$5 at participating Big Lots stores through July 4. All donations will go to participating schools.

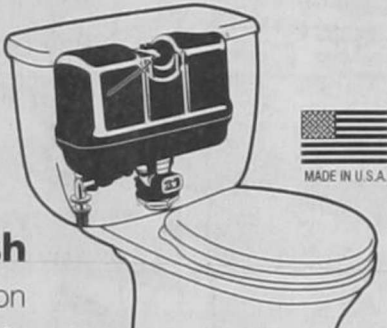
-By Sue Mason

What's In Your Toilet?

Learn Before You Buy!

Choose Top Performance

- 97% user recommended
- Exceptional drainline carry



MADE IN U.S.A.

Choose a Strong Flush

- Strong pressurized flush action
- More than twice the power of the gravity toilets (70 gallons per minute vs. 30 gallons per minute)
- Scrubbing flush action for cleaner bowl

*Demand the Original.
Demand FLUSHMATE.*

Choose Maximum Water Efficiency

- FLUSHMATE IV, 1-gallon per flush – saves 33% more water than traditional 1.6 gpf toilets
- No leakage
- Sustainable savings

For all the details before you buy, go to www.flushmate.com/benefits or call 866-873-1846.

SLOAN FLUSHMATE
The most water efficient toilet technology in the world.

FLUSHMATE is not designed to work with your existing toilet. A new toilet with FLUSHMATE inside is required.

No One Needs To Know You're Having Fun

TORO

www.toro.com



Prices Starting At

Recycler, Variable Speed
\$279.00

- Best-in-class warranties
- Features "Quick Wash" washPowered by Briggs ut port
- & Stratton with ReadyStart™
- Superior mulching performance

TimeCutter SS zero-turn mowers

\$2299

Prices Starting At

- 3-in-1 cutting system
- Automatic braking system
- Exclusive Smart Speed Control
- Powerful Kohler or Kawasaki engines



M ark's
OUTDOOR
POWER
EQUIPMENT

16959 Northville Road, Northville, MI 48168 USA
(248) 349-3860
MarksOutdoor@yahoo.com

See dealer or toro.com (toro.ca for Canadian residents) for warranty details. Product availability, pricing & special promotions are subject to dealer option.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

Thursday, June 9, 2011

hometownlife.com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor, Brad Kadrich

Voice Mail: (313) 222-8899

E-mail: bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Comment online at hometownlife.com

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Eatery keeping sandwiches 'Simple'

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

Simple Sandwich: We offer 35 sandwiches, we deliver and do catering from office to home, birthday parties and football games.

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

Simple Sandwich: I was getting out of advertising and really liked the creative aspect of food.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Simple Sandwich: Plymouth is unique, with great people, a great location and great potential.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Simple Sandwich: We offer a wide range of sandwiches from corned beef reubens to vegetarian roll-ups. We cook our own corned beef, make most of our condiments from scratch. We avoid using pre-made products. I like to know what I'm eating and I think the customers do, too. We bake our bread fresh every day and our brownies and cookies, also made from scratch, are fantastic. I think we offer products that are of a higher quality ingredients, and the customers seem to agree.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

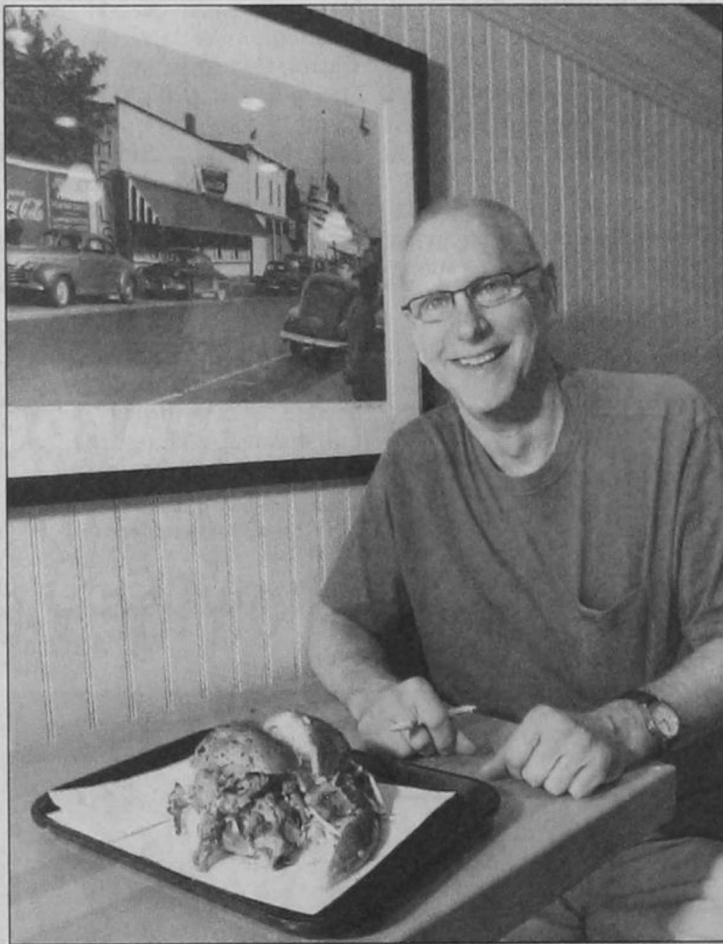
Simple Sandwich: The concept is still the same. What has changed is what we learn from our customers. They will tell you what they want.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with other business owners?

Simple Sandwich: We will make any sandwich the customer wants, but by far the funniest one was a peanut butter and turkey? Go figure.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Simple Sandwich: We could not have opened at a worse time in 2008. I think things are improving. Any business is



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Doug Nork and staff make great sandwiches and salads at Simple Sandwich. This one is a 'Moe, Larry and Curly,' made with Sy Ginsberg's pastrami, swiss cheese, home-made cole slaw and Russian dressing on an onion roll.



The Simple Sandwich, on Forest Avenue, in downtown Plymouth, opened in October 2008.

a challenge.

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

Simple Sandwich: We're adding a website, keep improving our customer

SIMPLE SANDWICH

Business name and address:

Simple Sandwich, 437 Forest Ave., Plymouth

Your name and title: Doug Nork, owner

Your hometown: Northville

Business opened When: October 2008

Number of employees: 3-4

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m. (spring/summer only)

Your business specialty: Great sandwiches!

Business phone: (734) 296-3545

service and products and keep doing the little things.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Realty open house

Van Esley Real Estate hosts an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 11, at Canton Township Hall to talk about applications for purchasing homes rehabilitated under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

NSP was created as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act and designed to combat the nation's home abandonment and foreclosure crisis. Since 2008, according to Van Esley officials, Canton has funded the purchase and rehabilitation of 13 such homes, four of which are been completed and are available to be sold to income-eligible buyers.

To qualify, an NSP buyer must qualify as low, moderate or middle income households. At least 25 percent of Canton's NSP funds must be used for properties to house individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income (\$33,200 for a family of four). The remaining 75 percent, according to Van Esley, must be used for individuals/families whose incomes do not exceed 120 percent of the median income (\$79,680 for a family of four).

All potential buyers are invited to attend the open house. Canton Township Hall is located at 1150 S. Canton Center. For more information, call Van Esley Real Estate at (734) 459-7570.

Telly award

The video, "Stepping Up To Fatherhood," produced by Logos Communications, Inc. for Educational Data Systems, Inc., has earned a Telly Award in the non-broadcast productions — social issues category.

The video was made for use by EDSI, a workforce development and training consulting company, and focused on its successful Pennsylvania Non-Custodial Parent Placement and Retention Program and the potential benefits for its Non-Custodial Parent clients. "Stepping Up To Fatherhood" features testimonials from fathers in the program, helping to increase awareness and understanding among child support enforcement professionals, and demonstrates the benefits of the program, including: gainful employment, payment of child support, and better relationships with children and their families. EDSI operates its NCP programs in partnership with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, the Family Courts, and the Networking for Jobs Program.

"Stepping Up To Fatherhood" won a bronze Telly Award and was written and coordinated by Logos Communications, Inc. of Canton, and produced by Magnetic Cinema of Clawson using

film shot by Janis Productions of Blue Bell, Pa. The video can be seen on the EDSI website at www.EDSIsolutions.com.

Logos Communications, Inc. (www.logos-communications.com) is a full-service public relations and marketing firm serving a wide range of small to medium-sized businesses.

Top 10 Realtors

The Real Trends reporting recently released ranks RE/MAX Classic as one of the Top 10 brokerages nationwide for Closed Transaction Sides Per Associate.

The news released in May reaffirms RE/MAX is one of the leaders in the industry for productivity of its agents. The report by Real Trends lends credibility to the RE/MAX slogan "Nobody in the World Sells More Real Estate than RE/MAX," reporting RE/MAX rankings with 21 out of the 25 Top Brokerages nationwide achieving this top recognition.

Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, attributes the success of her agents to "our on-going training and continued support of our Realtors."

Boji said, "We're at the top of the scale when it comes to striving to be the best at what we do. Our management staff continues to excel in providing our Realtors with the newest technology and latest industry and market information available to succeed in providing the best service available," Boji said. "Adjusting to the current housing market needs and trends and continued education along with the great tools RE/MAX provides our agents allows them to lead the competition."

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Test taking

With private schools becoming increasingly selective, admission tests have taken on the importance and anxiety of college entrance exams. Students seeking entry to private or parochial schools may be asked to take the Secondary School Admission Test or the Independent School Entrance Exam.

The SSAT is used by more than 500 member schools of the Secondary School Admissions Test Board and the ISEE is used by member schools of the Independent Schools Association. Each of these tests is designed to evaluate a student's academic aptitude and ability, and are typically an important component of the admissions process.

For more information on the SSAT or ISEE exams, please contact Wie Pan at (734) 207-7930.

CHAMBER CHAT

Grub Crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's 10th annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. In past years there has been participation from about 13 restaurants in the community. This year's line up will be similar with a few new additions.

"The Grub Crawl is a favorite event in the community and this year marks our 10th anniversary," said Tracey Rettig, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Rettig, last year more than 500 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first-come, first-served basis so reserve yours early.

Anyone interested in participating in the Grub Crawl can visit the chamber's website at www.cantonchamber.com, click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road.

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

Major Sponsors for this event are Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., PNC Bank, Schoolcraft College, Showroom of Elegance, TDS Metrocom, and Yazaki North America, Inc.

Networking coffee

The chamber sponsors a networking coffee 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, June 16, at Big Apple Bagels, 302 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The coffee is available at no charge for chamber members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required; call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Hosting sponsor is Big Apple Bagels, the presenting sponsor is Showroom of Elegance.

Ribbon cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce welcomes Mobile Tire Company to the community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony 11 a.m. Monday, June 20.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Food and refreshment abound at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl, scheduled this year for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19.

The ceremony takes place at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford, in Canton.

Theater program

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is offering sponsorships for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 2011/2012 program book.

The book is a way for potential sponsors to show support of arts and culture in the greater Canton community. There are 15,000 programs distributed throughout the theater season at all performances. These programs are viewed by patrons of all ages from across southeast Michigan.

Cost varies based on ad size; deadline to buy an ad is June 30. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton (www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

For more sponsor details, contact Jill Engel at jengel@partnershipforarts.org or (734) 765-7061.

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.

SHOP LOCAL START HERE

Stay connected with a subscription to your local hometown newspaper!

See what you have been missing every Thursday and Sunday!

Pay only **\$31⁹²** for 26 weeks

That's over 35% off the newsstand price!

AND AS A BONUS RECEIVE A **\$10 GIFT CARD**

Please select from one of these gift cards:

- Speedway
- Target
- Meijer
- Joe's Produce
- Kohl's

Simply log on to **hometownlife.com/bestoffer** or call: **866.887.2737**

Mention Start Here and which gift card you would like!

This offer expires 6-30-11 and is not valid for current subscribers.

NEWSPAPERS OBSERVER
www.hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

Theater hosts Middlestead exhibit

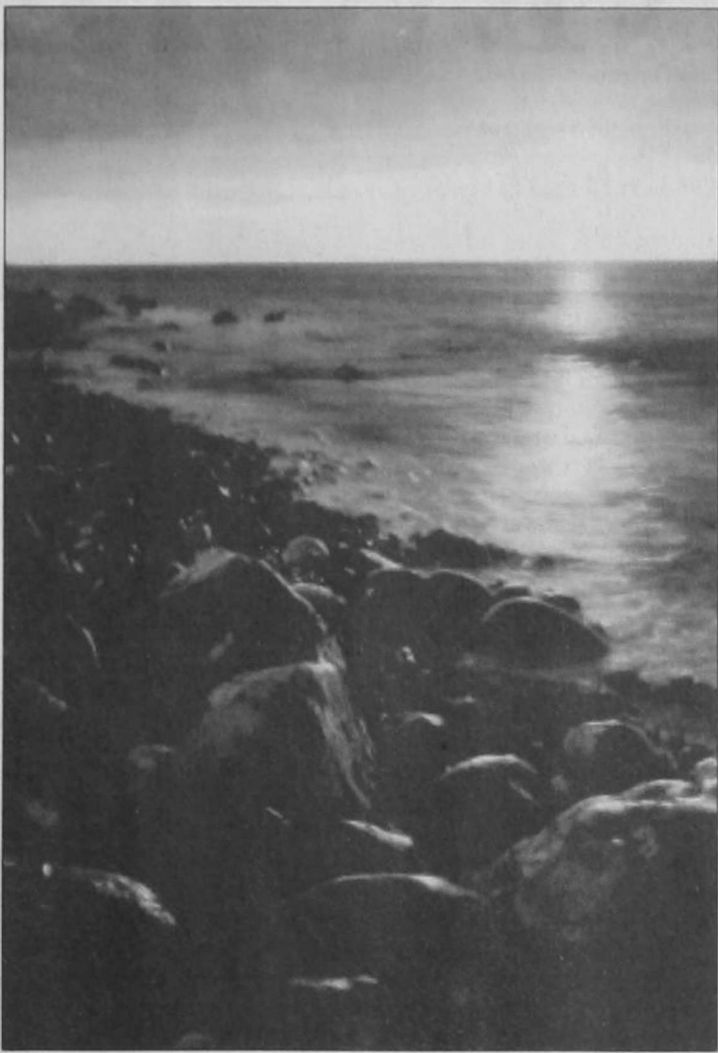
Fine art photography captured by the camera lens of John Middlestead will be on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill through June 28 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

A self-proclaimed product of the 1960's idealism, Middlestead dreamed of becoming an Industrial Designer and pursued and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) from Michigan State University. While at Michigan State, he took several freelance honors courses in photography from Roger Funk. His passions eventually compelled him to pursue additional "portfolio" Industrial Design course work at the Center For Creative Studies in Detroit.

"My primary focus and interest is currently limited edition landscape photography," Middlestead said. "I see so much beauty in God's creation that I am never without subject matter. One might say that I have 'stopped to smell the roses.'"

Forty framed works by this award-winning photographer entitled, "Calming the Soul ... One Image at a Time," are now on display at The Village Theater Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment.

For more information about this latest exhibition in



The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts an exhibit by photographer John Middlestead through June 28.

the Gallery@VT, please call 734/394-5300 or visit canton-villagetheater.org. For addi-

tional information on the works of John Middlestead, visit www.johnmiddlestead.com.

Economy in rehabilitation, setbacks to be expected

Last week was a tough week on Wall Street. Markets reacted negatively to a variety of economic reports that showed the U.S. economy was slowing down. The economic report that most Americans were focusing on was the jobs report, which showed anemic job growth in the month of May. Once again, unemployment throughout the United States is now over 9 percent. That being said, it is always important to put



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

things into perspective - particularly before the political pundits take over. All too often in today's partisan world, the talking heads on TV are not concerned with giving you true and honest information. All they want to do is put their personal spin on the topic at hand. I have no doubt that Democratic spin artists will point to the positives in this job report while the Republicans will highlight the negatives. Personally, I don't have patience with either of them. What I have always attempted to do is give readers a clear, concise interpretation of what's happening, without the partisanship.

There is no doubt the May jobs report was disappointing. However, one month does not make a trend. February, March and April saw solid job growth. Therefore, to truly

know whether the economy has hit a soft patch or something more long term, we have to wait to see if there's a trend over the next few months. There is no doubt that bad weather, high gas prices and auto part shortages due to the tsunami in Japan, have affected our economic growth. Whether they will have a long-term impact is hard to say, but the economy is definitely not back to where it was before the crisis.

In understanding the economy and where it's at, a good analogy is to compare it to a severe car accident. In a severe car accident, the goal of the first responders is to do whatever is necessary to save the life and stabilize the patient. In 2008, the economy went through a "severe accident" and the initial steps taken by the government focused on saving the economy. They weren't looking at long-term solutions to the financial crisis but they were looking at saving and stabilizing the economy, and that is exactly what happened.

Once the patient has been saved and stabilized, rehabilitation begins. Anyone who has been through rehabilitation knows that despite the improvements, there are occasional setbacks. The same can be said about our economy. The economy has stabilized and is in rehab phase. Similarly, the economy's rehabilitation is going to have setbacks along the way. In addition, what makes the rehabilitation of the economy even more challenging is the partisan political

environment.

Determining what stage of the rehab process the economy is in is difficult. In addition, I can't tell you, and neither can anyone else, how long this recent soft patch will continue. I do know, however, that investors always need to consider the consequences of any alternatives to investing money. For those who believe that leaving money in the bank or in U.S. treasuries is risk free, you're fooling yourself. We all know that as prices continue to rise, if you don't keep up with the increased cost of living and taxes, the purchasing power of your money will erode.

Being an investor is not easy. However, as time has shown in all sorts of economic climates, disciplined investors who focus on what they're trying to accomplish, without emotions, are the successful investors. On the other hand, investors who react to every market gyrations find that in the long run, they're like the hamster running on the wheel. They've used a lot of energy but they didn't go anywhere. As investors, we can't afford to run in place, we must move forward. The only way to do that is to focus on what you're trying to accomplish, not the day-to-day gyrations of the market.

Good luck!

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

AMERICAN ROADSHOW ANTIQUES, GOLD & COIN BUYERS

COMING FROM PHILADELPHIA

THIS WEEK AT THE COMFORT INN
40455 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI
(Behind Dan Massey Cadillac)

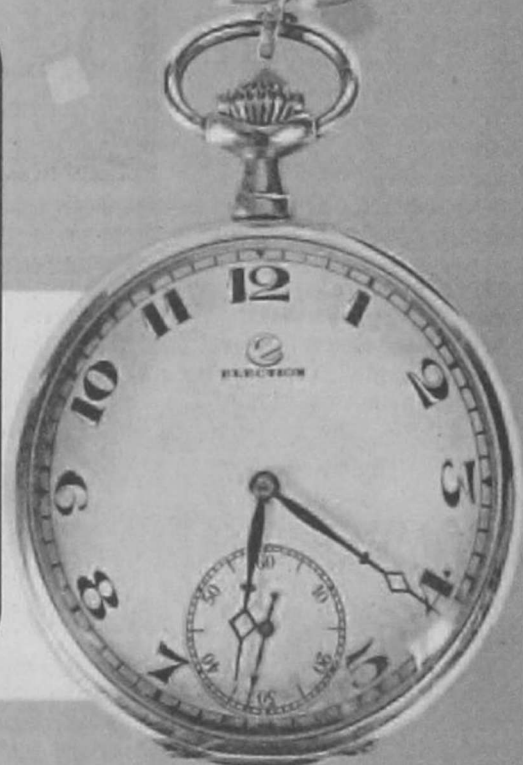
A Small Handful Adds Up to **\$1000** Quick

GET MONEY TODAY for broken chains, single earrings, broken bracelets, etc.

Thursday, June 9TH
10:00 - 6:00

Friday, June 10TH
10:00 - 6:00

Saturday, June 11TH
10:00-5:00



Broken Chains • Single Earrings • Gold Chains
Bracelets • Dental Gold • Gold & Silver Coins
Sterling Silverware • Sterling Tea Sets • Watches
Broken & Unwanted Jewelry Welcome

BRING GOLD. GET CASH!

*We Do Gold Testing & Weights In Front Of You
For Information Call Scott*

267-229-3351

Also Buying: Antiques, Paintings, Old Toys, Military Items, Musical Instruments & Old Photos and Post Cards
We Make House Calls

Scott Mitchell, 423 Stamford Road, Fairless Hills, PA

Fully Licensed and Bonded

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

LANDSCAPE ACCENTS

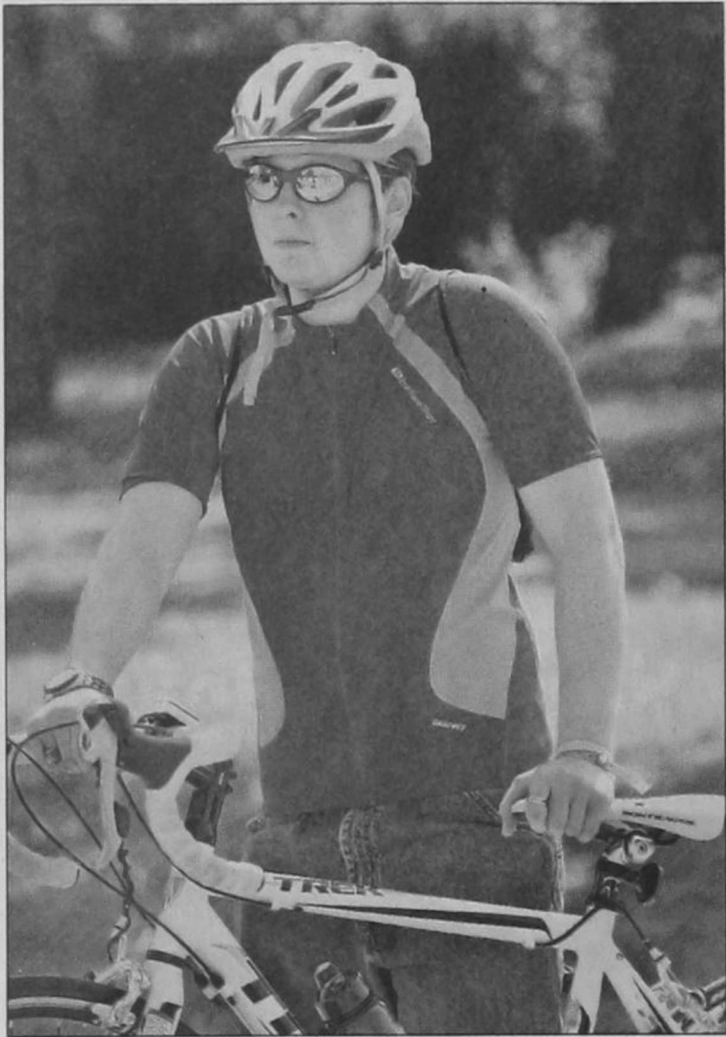
Custom Landscape Design
Darkest Hardwood Mulch in Oakland/Wayne County
Installation of Trees, Shrubs and Annual Flowers
Mulching and Pruning • Bed Edging

Call For Spring Specials
313-363-2802
Installing Excellence For Over 10 Years

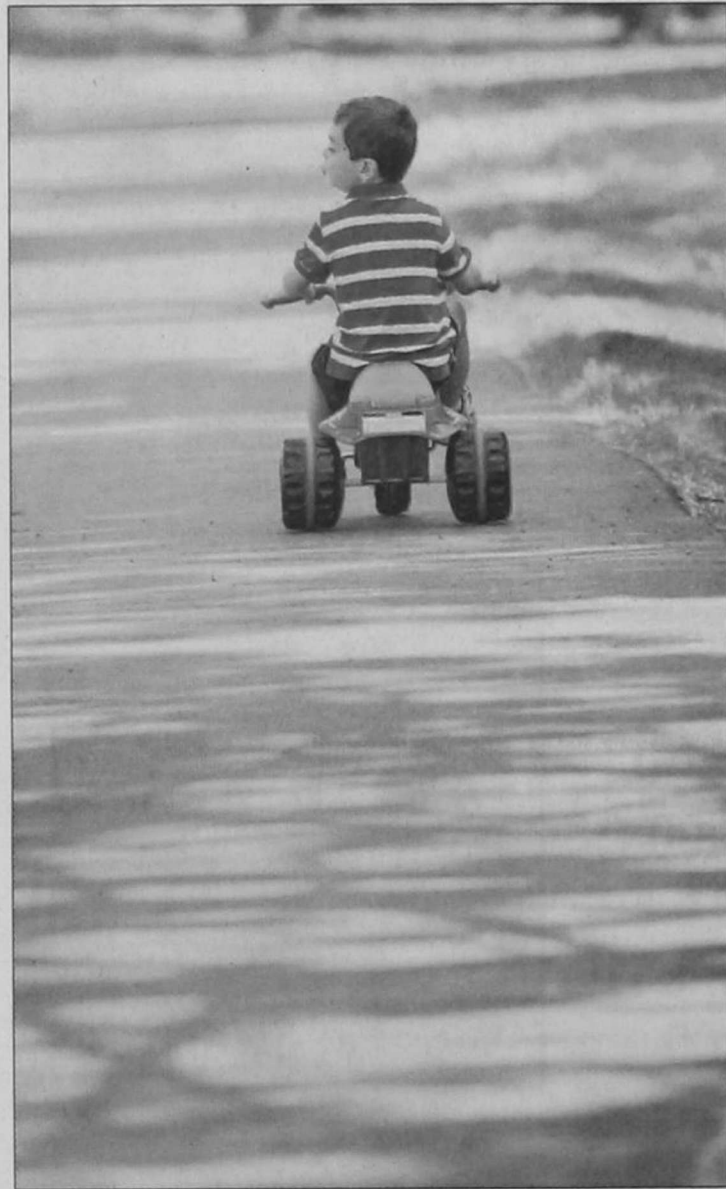
FREE BED EDGING
with a minimum of 10 yards of mulch installed.
Landscape Accents
313-363-2802

We are a full service landscape and maintenance company.

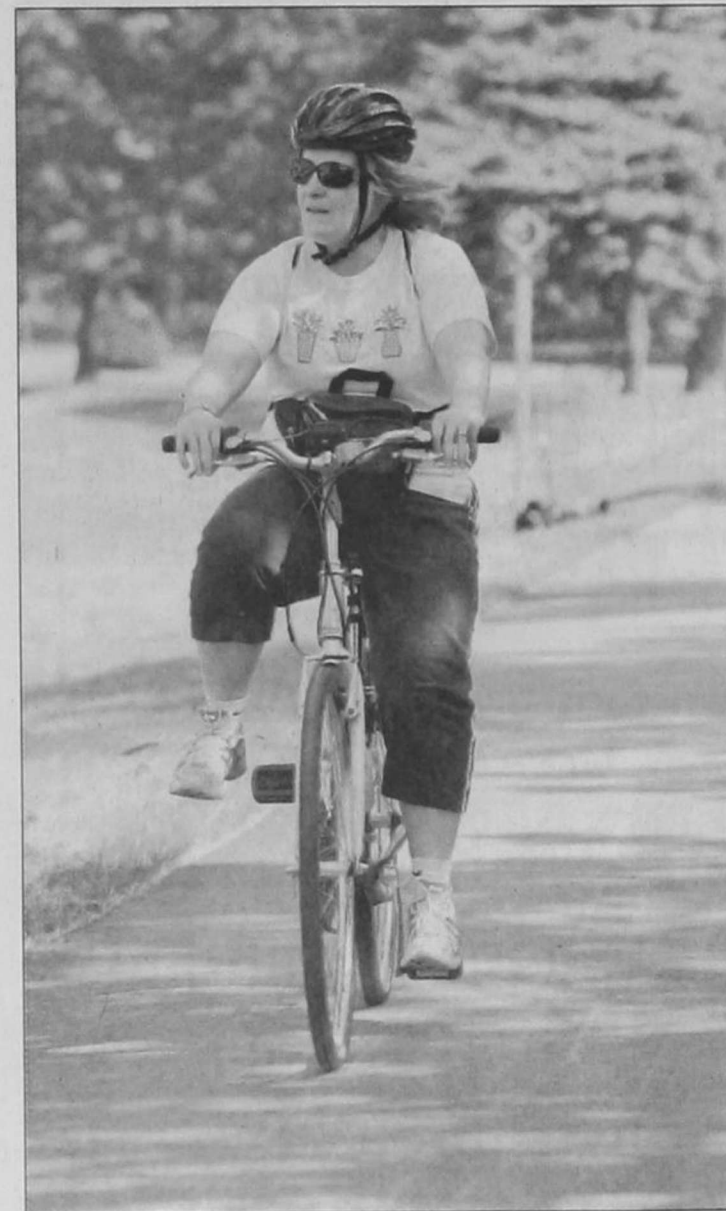
BLAZING A NEW TRAIL



Brad Macpherson from Westland getting ready to try out the new trail Saturday at the I-275 rest stop.



Four-year-old Sean Rettig, the son of Canton Chamber of Commerce President Tracey Rettig, found the trail to his liking.



Linda Gunnis of Canton bikes the metro trails a lot.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA



Jasmine Aleo of Canton celebrates her birthday by building a bird house sponsored by OMI and the Western Townships Utilities Authority.



There was lots of cheering when the ribbon was cut on the refurbished Lower Rouge Recreation Trail Saturday.



Raptor specialist Francie Krawcki from the Leslie Science and Nature center shows off a Great Horned Owl to a crowd at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor.

Photo gallery chronicles 40 years of doing the derby



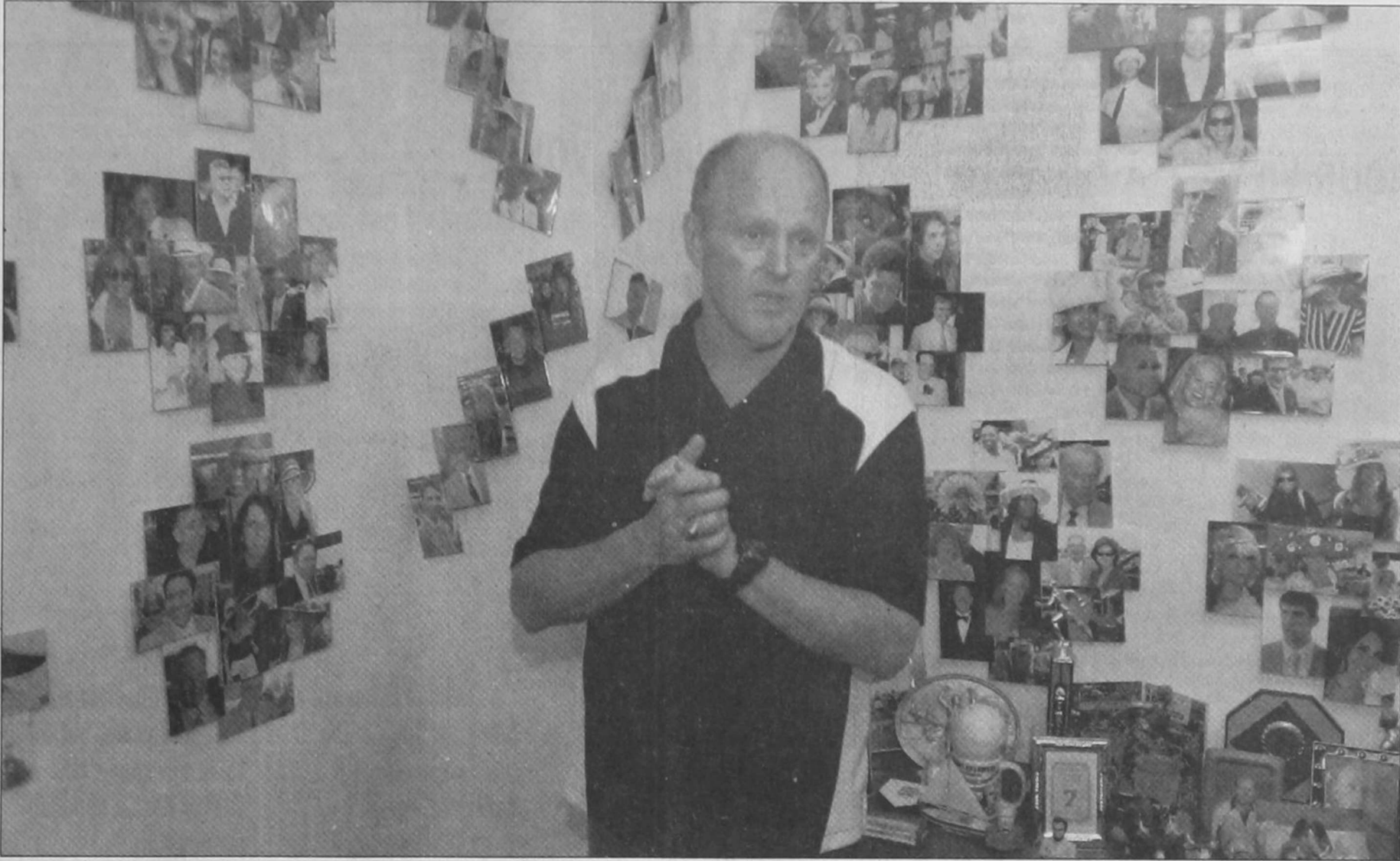
Each collection of photos spans the many years Conn has been going to the derby.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forget the Preakness. Ditto the Belmont Stakes. For Larry Conn, there's only one race to see in person and that's the Kentucky Derby. That doesn't mean he won't be watching the Belmont Stakes on Saturday. In fact, he may even pick a horse to cheer on, but it will all be done from home. It's only the Derby and Churchill Downs that gets him to a track to place one \$2 bet and to take hundreds of photographs of the celebrities who show up for the parties and the race. The photographs fill the walls of his office at Garden City Middle School.

"I mix the photographs up in the frames, I feel old when I go back to 1971," said Conn. "I've been going since 1971. I've been going to the lunches and the parties. I was introduced to Lee Iacocca. He gave me a Chrysler lapel pin. I still have it in the box." Conn was in the Army when he made his first trip to Louisville. Stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., he had \$300 and was planning to come to Michigan for his wife's high school prom. A buddy suggested he go, and he did. With no hotel rooms available, he ended up spending the night in the bus station. He paid \$3 for a general admission ticket and placed a bet. "I can't tell you who won the derby in 1971, but I can tell you who came in second - Jimmy French," said Conn. "I had a \$2 bet on him to win. I lost my \$2."

\$2 TO WIN
In fact, \$2 to win is the only bet he makes each year at the derby. In the 40 years he's been going, he's only won three times. His wife, who went with him once, picks a number from the field and



An assistant middle school principal, Larry Conn has filled three walls of his office with the celebrities he's met at the Kentucky Derby. The fourth wall is covered with a mural of a baseball game.

that's the one he plays. This year it was No. 5, Decisive Moment. The horse's finish wasn't decisive at all. It finished 14th out of 20 horses. After his first trip to the derby, Conn putting his name on a waiting list in 1972 and it wasn't until 1978 that he got his seat in the grandstand at the quarter mile mark. It initially cost \$40, but now comes with a \$125 price tag. Conn takes an estimated 500 pictures while in Louisville and the ones he displays in his photo gallery are the people he is interested in and has respect for, people like singer Judy Collins, Diller whom he enjoyed trading one-liners with and Joan Rivers - "She was nice to me." There's snapshots of Kid Rock, Alice Cooper, members of ZZ Top and even M.C. Hammer of musical fame and TV celebrities like Larry King, Bob Costas, Fran Drescher, Greg Grunberg, sports figures like Cal Ripkin Jr., Paul Hornung and Mohammed Ali and notables like Robert Kennedy Jr. - his all-time favorite photo - four-time Kentucky Derby winner jockey Willie Shoemaker, for-

mer President George H. W. Bush, retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr. and the late Anna Nicole Smith. And it all started with a snapshot of Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder. His ticket to the parties and his photo collection started with a chance meeting of the former mayor of Louisville, Jerry Abraham who asked if he was going to the Easter Seals party, one of many events during the Kentucky Derby Festival. He decided to go and got to meet actor John O'Hurley. "And I got to dance with a Rockette, that was the highlight of my first party," Conn

said. His display, however, is lacking one year - 1985. That's when he forgot to take his camera. That's the year he got to meet a Hollywood legend. "I got an autograph from Gregory Peck, I wish I had the photo," he said.

GETTING THERE
For 13-14 years, Conn went to the Derby on a Berkeley Tours and Travel motor coach. His ability to get the bus where it needed to park landed him a following of 40 people who rode with him on the Larry Conn Coach. These days he drive. The bus limited

his mobility and "you don't want to pull up to a party in a motor coach," he said. "I have people call me all the time and I tell them what to see and do, so they can miss the pitfalls," he said. "I park in the same spot, I talk to the same people, I tip the same bellboys because I know what to expect. And I've been very successful at it." Conn's connection to Kentucky goes beyond the "great" friendships he has made over the years. He was born there, in Pikesville, Ky. His parents moved to Michigan when he was two weeks old. He still has relatives there and goes back for

visits at least two-three times a year. "Southern hospitality is a live and well in Kentucky, especially the first weekend in May," he said. "I come home from a trip there and my face muscles are sore from all of the smiling and laughing. They're such wonderful people. And Churchill Downs is fantastic, it's just so nice." As for the horse he'll pick for the Belmont Stakes, Conn said he'll probably stick with No. 5. "Just say I picked a horse named Itchy and it got scratched," Conn said.

smason@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6751

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Plymouth, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
E.J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER
454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2011-2012 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2011-2012 budgets are available for public inspection in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Adrienne Davis, SECRETARY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Publish: June 9, 2011

OE08743438-024

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a sealed proposal to establish a contract through negotiations for custodial services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Specifications for this Request for Proposal are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. The district will have a meeting at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to answer questions for any interested Offerors. All proposals or other submissions in response to this RFP must be received by the District at E.J. McClendon Education Center, ATTN: Jim Larson-Shidler, Assistant Superintendent for Business, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Thursday, June 23, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ADRIENNE DAVIS, Secretary

Publish: June 9, 12 and 16, 2011

OE08743438 2x4

the great indoors®
You dream it. We'll design it, coordinate it and install it.

20% off
all Kenmore® appliances
\$399 and above. Excludes countertop microwaves.

save on all other appliance brands
\$399 and above. See below for brand exclusions!

plus extra 5% off
with Sears card
on all appliances
Excludes Sears Commercial One® accounts. Sears Home Improvement Account™ applies on installed merchandise only. See store for details.

plus special financing available
See store for details. Offer good thru 6/11/11.
or free delivery**
on any appliance over \$399. Instant savings. No rebate.

20% OFF
kitchen & bath fixtures
after 6% extra savings
Excludes clearance, closeout, red-dot and Everyday Price items. Additional savings excludes special order kitchen, bath and decorative hardware fixtures.

23% OFF
lighting fixtures & ceiling fans
after 10% extra savings
Excludes switchplate covers, light bulbs, fountains, lamp shades, mirrors and accessories. Extra savings excludes Casablanca, Minka Aire, Monte Carlo Select, Hunter Prestige and Kichler online.

join now. earn today. it's free!
shopyourway rewards®
Visit www.shopyourwayrewards.com or the great indoors store to enroll.*

SPEND \$100-\$299
EARN
5,000 POINTS

SPEND OVER \$300
EARN
10,000 POINTS

the more you buy, the more points you earn!
Now thru 6/12/11. Excludes Kenmore appliances.

what's in store for Dad?
SCAN & SEE

Novi 44075 12 Mile Rd. 248-679-1000
www.thegreatindoors.com • for local store events visit www.thegreatindoors.com/storeevents

Offers good thru 6/12/11 unless otherwise stated. Valid only at The Great Indoors stores and at www.thegreatindoors.com. Offers exclude Everyday Price items, Great Price items, special order kitchen, bath and decorative hardware fixtures. All Clad, Henckels, LeCreuset, Simply Calphalon 12-in. omelette pan, Weber, Viking, DCS and clearance grills, Steamers & Foster, Serta iComfort, Simmons Beautyrest Black, closeouts and open box merchandise. *Excludes Great Price items, closeouts and open box merchandise. Agia, Asko, Bertazzoni, Best hoods, CorniFé, Dacor, DCS, Electrolux, Electrolux Icon, Fisher & Paykel, GE Monogram, Jenn-Air, Liebherr, Marvel, Miele, Thermador, U-Line, Vent-A-Hood, Viking (not available in CA) and Zephyr. Limited offers and special purchases excluded from raincheck option. **Free standard delivery valid on any appliance over \$399 after discounts and coupons. Offer good thru 6/11/11. Standard delivery includes delivery within local delivery area Monday through Friday and delivery not requiring additional services or time. Customer pays an additional charge for non-standard delivery. Additional charges vary. Free delivery value varies by delivery location. See store for details. The Great Indoors shall not be held liable for errors. Not valid on prior purchases, gift cards, delivery, installation or sales tax. CONTRACTORS LICENSE NUMBERS: The following license numbers are held on behalf of The Great Indoors: AZ (Gen. Comm. Contr. Lic. ROC #160177B-1 and Gen. Res. Contr. Lic. ROC #160178B); CA (Contr. Lic. #797513); MD (MHIC 321-47); MI (Res. Bldr. #2101175210); VA (Class A Contr. 2705 057009). Services and installation performed by The Great Indoors authorized licensed contractors. *Members earn Points on Qualifying Purchases, excluding sales taxes and other fees. Subject to full program terms available at shopyourwayrewards.com. Must maintain a valid email address and remain opted-in to receiving promotional emails from Shop Your Way Rewards to earn Bonus Points.

© 2011 Sears Holdings Corporation

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Brad Kadrich,
Community Editor
Susan Rosiek,
Executive Editor
Grace Perry,
Director of Advertising

OUR VIEWS



With Flag Day approaching, it's important to know how to pay proper respect to the American flag.

Flag Day

A chance to show respect to our country's symbol

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the just-passed Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and, coming up Tuesday, Flag Day, all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top. This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties).

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things not to do with the American flag:

- Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.
- Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.
- Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.
- Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As Flag Day approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to go to Liberty Fest (scheduled for June 16-18 in Heritage Park)?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm taking a lot of (pre-med) classes so I won't be able to go."

Mouhammad Burhan
Canton



"We lived in Plymouth and just moved to Canton. If it's over in the park, I'm confident we will be able to go."

Misty Doucet
Canton



"I haven't been in a couple of years, but I think it's wonderful. Canton does a good job putting it on."

Renee Greger
Canton



"I do plan on going this year. This will be my first year."

Laura Dunn
Canton

LETTERS

K-12 funding

When I decided to pursue teaching as a career 17 years ago at Eastern Michigan University, I understood that I would never be rich. I understood that it would take half my career to get to the top of the pay scale. I knew that I would never receive a profit-sharing check, or a matching 401(k), or any other financial bonus.

After entering the profession, I quickly learned that when times are good, educators pretty much have to beg and plead for a 1-percent raise, all the while my friends in other professions receive 5-percent (or more) raises. (They literally scoffed and laughed at my excitement over a 1-percent raise.) I also recognized that I must continue to pursue career-long education, for which I must pay out of my own pocket.

I think it is time for everyone to see the value of public education. And if you already do, then it is time for you to spread the message because I am not OK with being blamed for society's problems. I am not OK with being the whipping boy for politicians. I am not OK with being the scapegoat for the state's financial meltdown. I am not OK with the budget being balanced on our backs. I am not OK with outsiders isolating and analyzing one or two portions of our contract and determining that it is unjustified.

It often feels that many people think teachers should not make a respectable salary doing what they do. Or perhaps even worse, some feel that teachers should struggle financially. How did we get to this point? Why shouldn't well-educated members of society (many of us possess multiple, advanced degrees), who work with people's most prized possession all day, be able to support their own family financially? Why is that so absurd?

Please consider the big picture. Every time someone degrades the teaching profession or devalues

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

E-mail: bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Read or comment online:
www.hometownlife.com

Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

our worth, they are degrading public education, which in turn is eroding the foundation of our future. Education provides the foundation on which the future is built. As a people, we should be making the profession more attractive, not less. Be careful. As goes the teacher, so goes the education.

Christopher D. Gord
Livonia

Vote, for true democracy

Many citizens did not vote in the midterm elections. Those who did vote thought Republicans should have a try at fixing the economy.

Thus, 21 state governments — including governors' offices and both sides of state houses — are controlled by right-wing ideologues. The most publicized of these states are Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and

Michigan.

Their governors are followers of longtime anti-government leader Grover Norquist. He developed the modern conservative theory of budgeting, whose main principle is never raise taxes under any circumstances. Norquist believes the budget can be balanced by cutting wasteful spending. His theory is pro-business and advocates more tort reform, tax reduction and spending restraints. Restraints are directed at "parasites" who want something for nothing. An "us vs. them" mentality is established in race, English-only language speakers, natives vs. immigrants. Many views are extensions of Ayn Rand's individualistic "ethical self-interest" in order to protect a political and social order based on wealth and privilege.

The Republican leaders in Congress and state offices are skilled language manipulators. Socialism is a fear-mongering term of derision. They forget the true definition of socialism, which is not against profit, but means the government takes over certain things — Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, school lunch programs, fire and police departments, parks, schools, public libraries.

America has been built on positive socialism. Benjamin Franklin first proposed public libraries, fire departments, parks, street lights.

Currently there is a backlash against ideological, unfair, unbalanced theories and practices regarding the economy, budgets and jobs. The economy is not being fixed. There are demonstrations; recall petitions are being formed. Grassroots efforts to create change must start now. One hopes voter turnout will increase in the 2012 election and a true democracy will function well for all.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce Township

Arrest school rhetoric, begin transformation

BY TOM WATKINS
GUEST COLUMNIST

The superintendent of Ithaca Public Schools gave educators across the state and nation a good chuckle recently with his open letter to Michigan's Gov. Rick Snyder, proposing to make his school a prison.



Tom Watkins

The local superintendent points out, "prisoners get three square meals a day, access to free health care, Internet, cable television, access to a library, a weight room, computer lab ... everything we just listed we do not provide to our school children."

Michigan's educators are feeling put upon of late as the decade old economic decline has not enabled the governor and the Legislature to provide the education establishment with the unfettered budget increases that they have grown accustomed to.

At a recent State Board of Education public hearing, one teacher said, "we feel like the gum on the bottom of a shoe."

This is not to say education has been deprived. Public education in Michigan is a nearly \$20 billion dollar enterprise and has seen increases even during our state's darkest economic hour.

The federal government provided a one-time bonus of economic stimulus money last year that was used as a lubricant to protect the status quo.

The Ithaca superintendent writes, "... Michigan is hurting right now financially, but why aren't we protecting schools? Schools are the one place on Earth that people look to 'fix' what is wrong with society by educating our youth and preparing them to take on the issues that society has created."

What I missed in his tongue-in-cheek op-ed open letter is the fact that he and other educational leaders know that the first half of a billion ... yes, that's with a B, of new money the governor and Legislature invest in schools, or \$300 per student times 1.7 million students only covers the rising cost of pensions and health care.

This means our schools require one half billion of new funding annually just to stay even.

As I pointed out in my 2004 report: Structural Funding Issues Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschool-funding_110803_7.pdf) to then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Legislature — these costs are unsustainable. Time has proven me right.

These rising costs must be addressed if we are going to prepare our children for the hyper-competitive, disruptive, knowledge global economy where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly.

The 2004 report foreshadows what is playing out in schools today.

I have watched educators march on Lansing and hold press conferences demanding more money "for the kids."

The truth is — new resources are at best propping up the status quo. We need trans-

formational change in our schools. The status quo will not prepare our students, state or nation for the future.

If there were a truth in advertising law, the Michigan Department of Education and our local schools would be forced to change their names to "The Department of Health Care and Pensions." This is where any new money that is given to schools has been and will continue to go unless the state steps up and institutes the new 3 R's — Restructure, Reform and Reinvent our schools.

Gov. Snyder has begun the process to transform our schools.

The governor's budget, with legislative tweaks, is realistic and demands that districts adopt "best practices" while he and the legislature provide additional resources to address rising pension costs.

If you have a hole in your coat, pretending to fix it does not keep the rain out. When it comes to school funding in Michigan, we have been pretending and spending for far too long.

The governor is asking the right questions when it comes to educational funding and accountability. The issue is not the amount we are putting in, it is what we are getting out.

It is time we arrest the rhetoric, address the unsustainable costs, and begin transforming public education in Michigan.

If not, we will all be in debtors' prison and our kids and state will continue to suffer.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He can be reached at: tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

Credit union launches 'Summer of Sharing'

In celebration of their 60th anniversary, Community Financial Credit Union is launching its first ever "Summer of Sharing" campaign on June 13, 2011.

"For the past 60 years, the credit union has been enhancing the lives of our members and our communities, devoting both time and money to the communities where we do business" said Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO. "In honor of our 60th anniversary, we want to give others the chance to help as well."

The public is invited to visit www.SummerOfSharing.org and nominate a local charity, community or school group that could benefit from a \$1,060 donation. They will be asked to share their story of "What GOOD could you do with \$1,060?" Then, starting June 13, Community Financial will award \$1,060 each day, Monday-Friday, for the next 60 days.

Community Financial Marketing Manager Sarah Cousineau said, "We know

tough economic times can impact groups who rely on donations to keep programs running," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial's marketing manager. "Community Financial has remained a strong financial choice for our members, and the Summer of Sharing is our way of saying thank you to our communities for their faith in us."

For complete information on Community Financial's Summer of Sharing campaign, please visit www.SummerOfSharing.org.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers, or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Festival maintains international flavor

Liberty Fest will once again showcase the rich tapestry of cultures and ethnic heritages represented within the Canton community during its International Festival, scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Canton Live! Stage. Join in this celebration of diversity as a variety of cultures from around the world are profiled through multicultural music and dance performances, cultural displays, and more.

Visitors will enjoy music and dance that communicates across cultural and linguistic barriers from countries across the globe, including: Tahiti, China; India; Sri Lanka; Africa; Ireland; Italy; Mexico; Spain; Greece; New Zealand and the United States.

"This year's International Festival is a great family friendly event that will take visitors on a tour of the world without having to leave our community," said Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. "Audience members will enjoy the colorful, dazzling costumes and exciting music these talented individuals



The International Festival, held during Canton's Liberty Festival, is scheduled 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

bring to the stage as once again an impressive array of talented performers share aspects of their heritage with the crowds."

This festival of world music and global performances marks an ongoing effort of Canton to celebrate its diverse population. The International Festival is an annual activity of the Canton Cultural Commission

on Culture, Arts and Heritages' Multicultural Committee, whose members meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

These volunteers continue to plan and host cultural events such as this International Festival, in addition to: the

Canton International Festival at the Village Theater in February; Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January; and Gandhi Jayanti each October.

This year's dynamic performances at the International Festival are appropriate for children, adults, seniors, and students. Over a dozen acts are scheduled to appear to celebrate a wide range of cultural offerings on the Canton LIVE! Stage. This global celebration will also include cultural exhibits on display featuring worldly and exotic items for sale creating a festive international atmosphere.

Canton Leisure Services is hosting this action-packed weekend for the whole family to enjoy in beautiful Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton's Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway.

For more detailed information about this year's International Festival and all things related to Canton's Liberty Fest, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.

Wayne County EDGE earns national award

In 2010, Wayne County EDGE landed \$2 billion in capitol investment and a nation-leading. Its performance did not go unnoticed.

The award-winning *Site Selection* magazine picked EDGE as one of the Top Groups of 2010.

In the tail end of the recession-wearied Michigan economy, EDGE, led by Assistant County Executive and Chief Development Officer Turkia Awada-Mullin, put up record totals. In 2009 and 2010, Mullin's department landed more than \$5 billion in investment commitments and created or retained more than 30,000 jobs.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in his 2009 State of the County address said that job creation and economic diversification were his top priorities. Toward that goal Ficano reorganized the economic department, gave it a new name and appointed Awada-Mullin as its leader.

"Our philosophy is that government is here to elevate, not to get in the way," said Awada-Mullin. "A good example is Ford. Ford has the capacity to go anywhere in the world for its electrification plant. But they chose Wayne County. They chose us because they know we deliver."

Ford invested \$500 million

to retool its Michigan Assembly Plant in the city of Wayne to make the Ford Focus and another \$450 million to implement an research and development center for battery technology. The first deal hinged on the approval of a brownfield plan, which EDGE expedited in just 11 days.

Other sizable investments included Nashville-based Vanguard Health Systems \$1.4 billion investment-purchase of the Detroit Medical Center and General Electric's \$120 million investment in Van Buren Township.

The Brookings Institute and the London School of Economics partnered on a 2009-2010 study that rated economic regions in the world. The Detroit-area moved from a recession ranking of 147th to a post-recession ranking of 47th, 100 positions. That rebound was one of the three largest in the world during that period. Mullin's EDGE and its \$5 billion in economic activity in 2009-2010 helped fuel that giant improvement in rankings.

Site Selection is the official publication for the Industrial Asset Management Council, a leading association of industrial asset management and corporate real estate executives, their service providers, and economic developers.



Check out these local businesses. Many are offering great values and are ready to serve you...ENJOY!

NOW OPEN!

BIG BITE'S DELI

BIG BITE'S DELI
Buy 1 Sandwich at regular price, get a **FREE MEDIUM DRINK & CHIPS**
Not valid with any other offers • Expires 6-30-11

BIG BITE'S DELI
Buy 1 Sandwich, get one of equal or lesser value **FREE**
Not valid with any other offers • Expires 6-30-11

ALL THE CLASSICS
Corned Beef • Pastrami
Lean Roast Beef Turkey
Tuna • Club Salads
Personal Pizzas
Cappuccino

Mon-Thurs. 11-6 Fri 2-7
Sat Noon-7 Sun Closed

27505 Ford Road 1 Blk W. of Inkster by Ruby Jewelers Garden City, MI 48135
734.261.9780

Michigan's Authentic Wood-Oven Pizza Napoletana

The Pizzeria Biga Experience features:

- Naturally Healthful Biga Dough
- Real Italian Gelato & Sorbetto, Hand-Made Daily
- Locally Purchased & Organic Ingredients
- Classic, Whole Wheat and Gluten Free Crusts
- Intriguing Menu of Small Plates, Salads, Soups, Pizza, Pasta & Desserts
- Full Bar, Craft Drafts & Cool Wines
- Curbside Carry-Outs, Dine-In, Delivery

Biga is Local, Biga is Natural, Biga is Better

PIZZERIA BIGA
www.pizzeriabiga.com
yelp f

29110 Franklin Rd. (& Northwestern) Southfield
248-750-BIGA (2442)

MONDAY EVENING 50% OFF PIZZA AFTER 4:00 PM
Not valid with any other offer/special. Dine-in or Carry-Outs. Expires 6-30-11

TUES, WED, THURS 20% OFF FOOD AFTER 4:00 PM
Applies to food portion of bill not valid with any other offer/special. Dine-in or Carry-Outs. Expires 6-30-11

Open Lunch & Dinner 7 Days a Week

Welcome to

Mayberry's
EST. 1991

27810 Grand River Ave. • Farmington
248.477.2525

Open Father's Day at 7am

Serving BREAKFAST ANYTIME

FREE WI-FI

Buy One, Get One FREE
(Up to \$5.00)
Not valid with any other offer. Expires June 29, 2011
mayberrysfamilyrestaurant.com

CE00733100

George Murphy's at the Creek

Enjoy dining with a panoramic view of Fox Creek Golf Course and Bicentennial Park... or grab a seat on the patio after a round of golf or just to be a part of it all.

Daily Specials
Michigan Craft Beers on Tap

Consider Us for Your Next Event
We are available for parties, graduations, showers and receptions. Let our professional staff provide you with a memorable experience.

36000 Seven Mile • Livonia
Between Farmington & Newburgh Roads
248.473.1300

NEW HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 7 am-Midnight
Sun. 7 am-10 pm

CE00743410

ONLINE PHOTO GALLERIES
hometownlife.com

The 2nd Sunday Photo Show
Sunday, June 12th 10am-3pm
Don't Miss It!

FOCUS on PHOTOGRAPHY

All Things Photographic:
BUY • SELL • TRADE
NEW • USED

TURN YOUR OLD EQUIPMENT INTO CASH!
Sponsored by Camera Connection

\$5.00 Admission
\$2.00 Student (with I.D.)

Redford Moose Lodge • 24601 Five Mile Rd. • Redford
For more information, call 313-937-1300

CE00743514

Specializing in Residential & Commercial Restoration & Custom Brick Work

Dan's Custom Brickwork
882 York St. • Plymouth, MI 48170

Chimneys & Porches Repaired and Rebuilt

Tuck Pointing & All Other Brick Work

Natural & Cultured Stone Installation

1.734.416.5425
Free Estimates
Licensed and Insured

CE00743513

MY DELI & Catering

Sandwiches • Deli Favorites
Subs • Homemade Soups

Featuring Detroit's Own Wigley's Corned Beef and Dearborn Sausage

1st Year Anniversary!
BUY 1 DELI SANDWICH OR MENU ITEM, GET 1 FREE
(of equal or lesser value)
Dine In or Carry Out
With drink purchase • Expires 6/30/11
Just mention this ad!

Let Us Cater Your Next Event!
We deliver everything you need so you can relax and enjoy.
On-Site Sizzling featuring...Reubens • Sausage

MY DELI & Catering
Dine In • Carry Out
Family Owned & Operated Since 1955
19215 Newburgh Rd. • Just N. of 7 Mile • Livonia
734.953.8868

CE00743411

Live, Professional Theatre Close to Home!

Tipping Point Theatre

"Crimes of the Heart"
by Beth Henley
May 19-June 25, 2011
Directed by: Kate Peckham*
Featuring:
Seth Amadei*
Hallie B. Bard
Sonja Marquis
Maggie Meyer
Ty Mitchell
Inga R. Wilson*
*members of Actors' Equity Association

Crimes of the heart
By Beth Henley

New York Drama Critics' Award
100 Best American Play

Tickets on sale now by calling 248.347.0003
361 E. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167
www.tippingpointtheatre.com

361 E. Cady Street, Northville, Michigan 48167

CE00743412

Out On The Town

Amantea RESTAURANT

Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 4-10 pm
Fri.-Sat. 4-11 pm
Sun. Open at 12:30 pm

ITALIAN AMERICAN CUISINE

Let us cater your next event!
Graduations, Showers & More!

Congratulations Students & Graduates

14" Pizza w/1 Item & Pitcher of Soda **only \$10.00**

To get offer must show student ID. Dine in only. Expires 8/31/11

\$10.00 OFF
2 Regular Priced Entrees with the purchase of 2 beverages.

Valid Mon.-Thurs. With this coupon only. May not be combined with other offers or on holidays or carryout. One coupon per couple. Maximum 3 per table. Expires 7-30-11.

32777 W. Warren • Garden City
Just East of Venoy
734-421-1510

Check out these local businesses. Many are offering great values and are ready to serve you...
ENJOY!

Try Our
Newly Opened Restaurant!

Bamboo Garden

CHINESE RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR

M-TH 11-9:30 pm
FRI-SAT 11-10:30 pm
SUN Noon-9 pm

15% OFF
Your Total Bill
Dine In or Carry Out
Expires July 14, 2011

124 S. Merriman
Corner of Cherry Hill
Westland
www.bamboogardenwestland.com
Carry out available
call 734-728-1166
We Deliver Also!

Rose Catering Inc. (734) 453-2980
(248) 855-0330
(248) 476-8385
"Your Request is Our Specialty"

Banquet Facility
25-400 guests
Meal, Hall, Linen, Bar
Package, Hors D'oeuvres

Monaghan Banquet Center
19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48152
~ Fish Fry every Friday ~

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS
Dinner served every Friday from 5 pm to 8 pm
Baked Spaghetti with Italian Sausage or Meatballs
With Salad and Mini Ice Cream
\$8.95
EXPIRES 6-30-11

We barbeque everything from "Hot Dogs to Caviar" on site

Rose Catering BBQ Division now taking reservations for family and corporate events, reunions, graduations, all events.

• Pig and Ox Roast available
• Professional Photography available by Jaclyn (for appointment call 734-776-1464)

Get Ready to be a Guest at Your Own Party!!!

Page's 23621 Farmington Rd. • Farmington
248.477.0099
www.pagesfoodandspirits.com
Join us on FACEBOOK for other specials!

THE BEST BURGER YOU EVER HAD!
You Be the Judge!

FREE PRIME RIB NEW YORK STRIP
Every Wednesday after 4 pm
Buy one at our low price of \$14.95 with a one beverage minimum per person and get your choice FREE

20% OFF ALL MENU ITEMS
Dine-In Only
Not Valid On Fridays
Cannot be combined with any other offers

Zet's

Under New Ownership
Previously Garden City Cafe

5662 Middlebelt
Just N. of Ford Road
Garden City
734-427-5338
Open Mon.-Sat. 7am-10pm
Sunday 7am-3pm

Senior Citizen Special
\$1.99 Breakfast
(with purchase of a beverage)
Includes 2 eggs, choice of meat, hashbrowns & toast.
With this coupon. Dine-in only. No Substitutions. Expires 7-2-11.

Lunch Special
Choose any of our delicious sandwiches and get...
FREE Fries & Beverage
With this coupon. Dine-in only. Cannot be combined with specials. No Substitutions. Expires 7-2-11.

Where too much on your plate is a good thing!

Any Time Special
99¢ Coneys
With this coupon. Good any time. No limit. No substitutions. Expires 7-2-11.

FREE Dessert
(with any dinner of \$6.99 or more)
Includes our delicious Blazos pies, cakes, pudding & jello.
Excludes shakes & ice cream sundaes. With this coupon. Dine-in only. Expires 7-2-11.

Rose Catering Inc. (734) 453-2980
(248) 855-0330
(248) 476-8385
"Your Request is Our Specialty"

Banquet Facility
25-400 guests
Meal, Hall, Linen, Bar
Package, Hors D'oeuvres

Monaghan Banquet Center
19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48152

A new caterer has breathed new life into the Knights of Columbus Monaghan Banquet Center on Farmington Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile Roads.

Chico Rodriguez has made a living out of making great dishes and persistently networking to build his 31-year-old company, Rose Catering. Earlier this year, Rodriguez became the exclusive caterer and operator of the banquet facilities at the K of C Hall, which has two banquet rooms: One that seats up to 400 and another that seats up to 150.

Rodriguez has been in the catering business since 1980, working with a primary customer base across western Wayne County. With the help of his wife, Mary, and three children (now all grown), he grew Rose Catering with hard work and networking throughout the Detroit area. His consistent presence at community and chamber of commerce events put him in touch with numerous contacts, sharing a consistent talking point: "Anything from hot dogs to caviar." He said that persistent networking through the years helped Rose Catering evolve into a viable business.

He continues to serve customers at homes, picnic areas, other banquet halls, and outdoor venues, as he has for years.

For more details on Rose Catering's services and availability of the Monaghan Banquet Center, call Rodriguez at 248-476-8385, or via e-mail at rosecater@comcast.net.

Get Ready to be a Guest at Your Own Party!!!

DD EXECUTIVE TRANSPORTATION

It's not just a service, it's a lifestyle.

AIRPORT • ALL EVENTS ANY OCCASSION

In comfort and style.

- Airport Shuttle Service
- Luxury Event Transportation
- Business Travel
- Executive Transportation
- Sedan Service

734.397.3741
reservations@ddexec-trans.com
www.ddexec-trans.com

FOUR FRIENDS BAR/GRILL

44282 Warren Canton (E. of Sheldon)
(734) 416-0880

This Is Where It's At In Our Neighborhood!

Sun-Wed Mix & Match DINNERS For 2 \$15.95

Portions, Prices & Service With Neighborhood Comfort

DINNER Starts at 4 pm Mon-Sat. NIGHTLY SPECIALS

AWESOME LUNCH SPECIALS HOMEMADE SOUP EVERYDAY

SAT. & MON. AFTER 4 PM SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB \$14.95 14 Oz. Cut

SUNDAY FILET MIGNON \$14.95

Happy Hour M-F 3-6 PM ENTERTAINMENT

Thursdays KT's Alibi 8:30 pm	Fridays Karaoke 9:30 pm	Saturday, June 11th Cover-Up - Rock 9:30 pm
------------------------------------	-------------------------------	---

IRONWOOD GRILL

HEAT UP THE NIGHT!

All of our smokehouse items are slow smoked up to 12 hours with apple, cherry and hickory woods. There's nothing better than enjoying BBQ while watching your team on our 10 screens.

HOUSE BURGERS • ROTISSERIE CHICKEN • CALZONES
STONE FIRED PIZZA • SIGNATURE SALADS
TAPAS STYLE APPETIZERS • LARGE SELECTION OF BEER & WINE

840 West Ann Arbor Trail
PLYMOUTH • 734-667-5614
WWW.IRONWOODGRILLPLYMOUTH.COM

Authentic Home Cooking

Leon's Life is FULL of Choices...

Enjoy homemade specials daily
All-You-Can Eat Soup Bar included with all entrees!

4 Homemade Soups Daily
Homemade Bread • Homemade Desserts

Full Breakfast Menu
Over 20 Varieties of Omelettes **\$3.99** Served with hash browns & choice of toast

Daily Lunch Specials
Includes soup bar & potato

Sandwich & Soup Bar	\$4.50
Pitas & Wraps - Over 25 Varieties	\$5.25
Broasted Chicken - 3 piece	\$3.99

Let Us Do The Cooking
Carryout Broasted Chicken - Mixed Bucket 95¢ piece

Fresh Fish Selections Daily
White Fish • Salmon Steak • Cod
Family Owned & Operated Since 1983

Leon's Family Dining 248.478.7811
House of Leon 248.478.3710
Both Locations on 7 Mile • Just E. of Middlebelt • Livonia

Don't be left behind...Call 734.582.8363 today to learn more about advertising in OUT ON THE TOWN!

2011 DISTRICT FINALS

Chiefs sweat it out in title tilt

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The past several seasons saw Canton's varsity softball team hit a brick wall in the district finals.

In Saturday's Division 1, District 32 final against host Livonia Stevenson, the Chiefs finally scaled that obstacle with a 4-3 victory.

But it wasn't easy, what with the Spartans scoring three runs in the top of the seventh and having the tying and lead-inning runs on base with just one out.

That's when Canton freshman pitcher Hanna Warren's defense stopped a potential meltdown from happening on the 92-degree day.

A hard grounder by sophomore Sarah Fier was fielded by Canton senior third baseman Heide Lucke. She calmly stepped on the nearby bag for the force and threw over to first to complete the double play and district championship in one fell swoop.

"All I was thinking about was just knocking the ball down," Lucke said. "If I knocked the ball down I had plenty of time to get the runner on second."

"And then I looked up and saw she (Fier) was only halfway down the base line. I'm like, 'Sure, I'll go to 1 (first), get the double play and end the game.'"

Canton senior shortstop CarolAnn

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Canton junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher is all business during Saturday's district semifinal against Salem.



Canton junior pitcher Ryan Bazner brings the heat during Saturday's district baseball final against Livonia Stevenson.

RED HOT!

Baseball Chiefs make it four straight district titles

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The heat took definitely its toll during Saturday's Division 1 district baseball tournament held at Livonia Stevenson.

And on a hot day there's nothing better than quenching your thirst with another district title as Canton made it four-for-four under coach Mark Blomshield with an 8-5 victory over the host Spartans.

The Chiefs, now 27-6 overall, will face Birmingham Brother Rice in the regional semifinals Saturday at Novi.

It wasn't easy for Canton, which dropped its two previous meetings against Stevenson, including the Kensington Conference championship final, 3-2.

"They (Stevenson) are a pretty scrappy team," Blomshield said. "They got the lead-off guy on every inning except the last couple of innings. Every batter in their lineup is a tough out."

Canton, however, raced out to a 4-0 first inning lead against Stevenson junior right-hander Chris McDonald, who had trouble finding the strike

zone as he walked Braden Price and hit Seth Tschetter with a pitch to open the game.

Winning pitcher Ryan Bazner, who went 3-for-4 on the day, had an RBI single during the first inning surge.

Stevenson (25-10) got a run back in the first on an RBI single by Mark Wagner and added run in the third on a double by Tyler Lynch and a RBI groundout by catcher Mike Vomastek, who later left the game with leg cramps.

Canton added a run in the fourth in an RBI single by Bazner and built a 6-2 lead with another in the fifth on an run-scoring single by Robby Golematz.

McDonald then exited in the fifth inning with no outs.

UPRISING

Stevenson made it interesting by scoring three times in the bottom of the fifth thanks to an RBI double by Wagner and a two-run single by Troy Bodtke.

And with no outs and clinging to a 6-5 lead, that's when Blomshield decided to make a pitching change by bringing in junior Vaughn Birchler.

"They wore 'Bazzy' out," the Canton coach said. "They're a real good team. That's why they won the conference. We were fortunate enough to be a little better than them today."

The heat may have gotten to Bazner on the mound, but not at the plate.

His solo homer over the left fence to start the sixth made it 7-5 and Chris Perkovich reached base on a Stevenson infield error and later scored on a suicide squeeze bunt to give the Chiefs a three-run cushion.

"I felt alright on the mound," Bazner said. "It was pretty hot, I started cramping up a little bit in the fourth inning. Water was important and it's probably scarce in dugout right now. Other than that I was pretty comfortable, I was throwing pretty good."

Bazner's bat, meanwhile, was scorching.

"I've just been focusing in seeing strikes," he said. "I like it inside. See it in, be more selective and drive the ball as hard as I can and try score

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

PCA bats can't quite finish job

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland needed all 21 hits to garner its fourth straight Division 4 district baseball championship on Saturday.

The Warriors jumped out to a 10-4 lead through four innings and then held on for dear life with a 12-10 victory over host Plymouth Christian Academy.

Lutheran Westland, now 13-5 overall, advances to the regional semifinals beginning at noon this Saturday at No. 2-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

The other semifinal, beginning at noon, pits Royal Oak Shrine and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

"We should have put it away when it was 10-4, but we left 10 runners on and didn't score with the bases loaded twice," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "But give Plymouth Christian credit, they battled and hung in there. Overall we did not play badly. I thought we played pretty well."

PCA head coach Joe Bottorff lamented several late-season injuries, which took a toll on the Eagles in the districts.

"We endured a couple key injuries over the past week," Bottorff said. "As a result, we started four freshmen in the district."

"(But) I am extremely proud of my team, especially seniors John Slater, Matt Dodson, Matt Hagelin and Austin Smith — each showing incredible leadership throughout the season."

Winning pitcher Jake Andrzejewski and Aaron Gartha provided the heavy offensive lifting each going 4-for-5 and



combining for five RBI.

Other offensive standouts for the Warriors included Marc Rosin (3-for-5, two runs); Nick Andrzejewski (3-for-5, two runs); Thomas Handschumacher (3-for-5, RBI); Matt Sylvester (2-for-3, two runs); and Taurrek Fikes (reached base safely four times).

Matt Dodson led PCA (18-7) going 3-for-5 with a solo homer in the first inning and two doubles.

John Slater added two hits, including a three-run double in the seventh to spark a late rally. Daniel Jipping also added two hits and was on base four times.

Jake Andrzejewski pitched the first five innings allowing three earned runs on five hits and four walks. Fikes, in relief, gave up five earned runs on five hits and three walks in two innings.

PCA used three pitchers with John Slater taking the loss.

"We fell behind early but my guys battled back and made it close at the end," Bottorff noted. "So I was very pleased with their effort."

PLY. CHRISTIAN 8, HURON VALLEY 6: In the district semifinal, Daniel Jipping and John Slater each collected three hits as Plymouth Christian Academy (18-6) held off Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-2).

Please see **PCA, B3**



The Canton varsity girls soccer team is all smiles after winning the Division 1 district title Saturday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

Canton kickers move on

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a red-letter day for the red shirts on Saturday.

The Canton varsity girls soccer team defeated Northville 2-1 in the Division 1 district final contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Over at Livonia Stevenson, Canton's baseball and softball teams also won their respective districts.

The Chiefs move on to the D1 regionals being hosted by Dearborn Edsel Ford. They faced Grosse Pointe South Wednesday night in a game that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

The Chiefs (10-5-1) scored both goals in the first half. Rachel Winters set up Gabby Malec for a header with about 13 minutes to play and Ally Krause beat a Northville defender one-on-one to fire in the second tally.

Drawing the assist on Krause's goal was Megan Trapp, who cleared a ball and

sent it perfectly up to her teammate.

On a down note, senior defender Melanie Pickert was tripped up and injured her ankle. She did not return.

"We figured out how to defend them without her and came through in the end," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said.

The first-year coach added that senior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges made a number of stellar saves to keep the Chiefs on top.

Northville's only goal came off of a corner kick early in the second half.

GREENHILLS 4, PCA 0: On Saturday at Plymouth Christian, the district host Eagles were blanked by Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Division 4 district final.

The Eagles (14-2-1) once again fell to the Gryphons (12-3-1) in the post-season, losing for the third straight season.

PCA had reached the final by routing Lutheran Westland 8-0 on Friday.

Go to www.hometownlife.com for results of Wednesday's Canton-GPS regional contest.

SIDELINES

Tourney for Hope

The first Canton's Tournament for Hope, to raise proceeds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is slated for July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Teams are being sought to sign up for the 6-v-6 indoor tournament. There are competitive and rec divisions for



Over-30 women and Open Women (18 and older).

For more information on how to sign up, send an e-mail to hoptourney@yahoo.com or visit the Canton's Tournament for Hope Facebook page. All money generated by the tourney will go for breast cancer research. The registration deadline is July 1.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive. Call Drew Crawford at (734) 487-7678 for any questions concerning the venue.

Salem hockey tryouts

It's hotter than the Tigers' hitters right now, but it's still time to think about the 2011-12 Salem boys hockey season.

The Salem Rocks are holding summer hockey tryouts from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Arctic Pond located on Plymouth Road. For additional information, contact head coach Ryan Ossebmacher at rockshockey@gmail.com.

SuperJess Classic

The big day is just around the corner, but there is still time to gear up — literally — for the first "SuperJess Baseball Classic," which will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The Michigan Blue Jays (with nine players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and Plymouth Grizzlies will square off, with all profits to benefit the family of Jesse Lindlbauer. He is the Canton High School student who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy.

Folks can "gear up," by purchasing wristbands for \$6, which will be used for admission purposes. Ticket (wristband) sales will be held at Canton Sports, 45668 Ford Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The wristbands also are available at Tonda Elementary, Pioneer Middle School and Central Middle School.

For more information, call Joel Thompson at (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net. Thompson coached Jesse when the youngster played second base for the Canton Vipers 13U and 14U teams.

Plymouth United tryouts

The Plymouth United F.C. is holding Select Soccer tryouts for the 2011-12 season on June 18, 20 and 21 at Visteon Fields, 14492 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Tryouts are for boys and girls ages 8-14. Please go to www.plymouthunited.com for age-specific tryout times and to pre-register for tryouts.

SOFTBALL

FROM PAGE B1

Sexauer, who made a diving play to end a Stevenson threat in the fifth, added that the team needed to collectively take a deep breath when the Spartans started to surge. "It was to just remember to stay calm and relaxed like we have all season when that happens," Sexauer said. "Because we know we can make the plays."

A bunt single by junior speedster Molly Knoph got the Stevenson rally going. One batter later, junior Julianne Potvin singled in Knoph.

After Stevenson senior co-captain Rebecca Zarras (3-for-4) singled to score Stevenson's third run of the seventh, junior pitcher Jackie Johnson reached on an infield hit to bring Fier up to the plate.

Keeping the rally going were two Canton miscues.

"They got a little nervous there at the end, it's not normally like them," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "We haven't won a district in a while, they got a little nervous."

"But they settled down and you could see with the last play, that's typical Canton softball."

With the district title finally in the books, Arnold could finally smile about what his team (now 30-6) might be able to accomplish. "Here we go, here we go."

FIGHT TO THE FINISH

Stevenson head coach Robert Witherspoon praised his team for battling to the end, not folding after giving up three first-inning runs.

"I'm so proud of my girls because they hung in there," Witherspoon said. "We were down 4-0, we were hitting the ball the whole day. I'm proud that they kept fighting until the bitter end."

Both Warren and Johnson scattered seven hits in pitching complete games.

For Johnson, it was a particularly long day since she threw 10 shutout innings in a 1-0 win over Plymouth in the district opener, outdueling Elaine Gerou of the Wildcats.

"I think it bothered her

a little bit as far as velocity goes, but her movement got a lot better," Witherspoon explained. "She was moving the ball around a lot better, and today was a good day for her to get better."

"She worked through some tough situations, and a month ago she wouldn't have been able to get out of those situations."

Johnson said she still felt pretty strong to start the second game, but the Chiefs still broke out with three runs on five hits.

Junior outfielder Jesse Larner led off the rally with a one-out double to right field.

Sexauer's infield single followed to send Larner to third. Seniors Kaitlyn Mattson and Lauren Leskovitz followed with back-to-back RBI singles for a 2-0 edge.

The third run scored on a two-out single to right by sophomore Jessica Webster.

FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND

Stevenson (22-14) tried to answer in the top of the second, with singles by Fier and Ashley Avery starting the frame.

After a sacrifice bunt moved the runners up, Knoph bunted into a fielder's choice to load the bases.

But a throw down to third base eluded Lucke, which could have scored a run. However, Larner was in the right spot backing up the play to prevent that from happening.

"There's a whole lot of things that this team does that you don't see in the box score," Arnold said. "Basic, good, sound, fundamental softball and that's where it's got us today. That's what we pride ourselves on."

Johnson settled down after the first, retiring seven straight batters during one stretch.

"I think my team made a lot of great plays," Johnson said. "I just wish that it would have turned out otherwise. It was close."

The Chiefs did finally tack on a run in the fifth, and that turned out to be the difference.

As usual, Larner started it off — this time with a walk. Sexauer singled for her second

hit of the game and after a fielder's choice, Leskovitz hit the ball to third baseman Fier.

She checked Larner back to the bag before throwing across the diamond for the out. But Larner (1-for-2, two runs) suddenly broke toward the plate and beat the throw.

Arnold said Warren did a commendable job, and that getting through the hairy ending should only help her in the next three seasons.

"She pitched well, that last inning she started aiming it," he said. "We talked to her and she came through. She's going to be a good pitcher for us in the future. She's pretty good now, but she's going to get better."

STILL SWEET

Sexauer, meanwhile, said that it would have been even better if the title win had been against Plymouth — the team that knocked the Chiefs out in 2010.

"But victory is sweet, it tastes good anyway," she noted.

According to Witherspoon, it was fitting for Zarras to end an excellent prep career with such an outstanding performance.

"With the exception of the outcome, I don't know if we could send our senior off in any better of a way," Witherspoon said. "It was a great game to finish on."

"Becca's a four-year player, and pound-for-pound she's the best hitter we've seen."

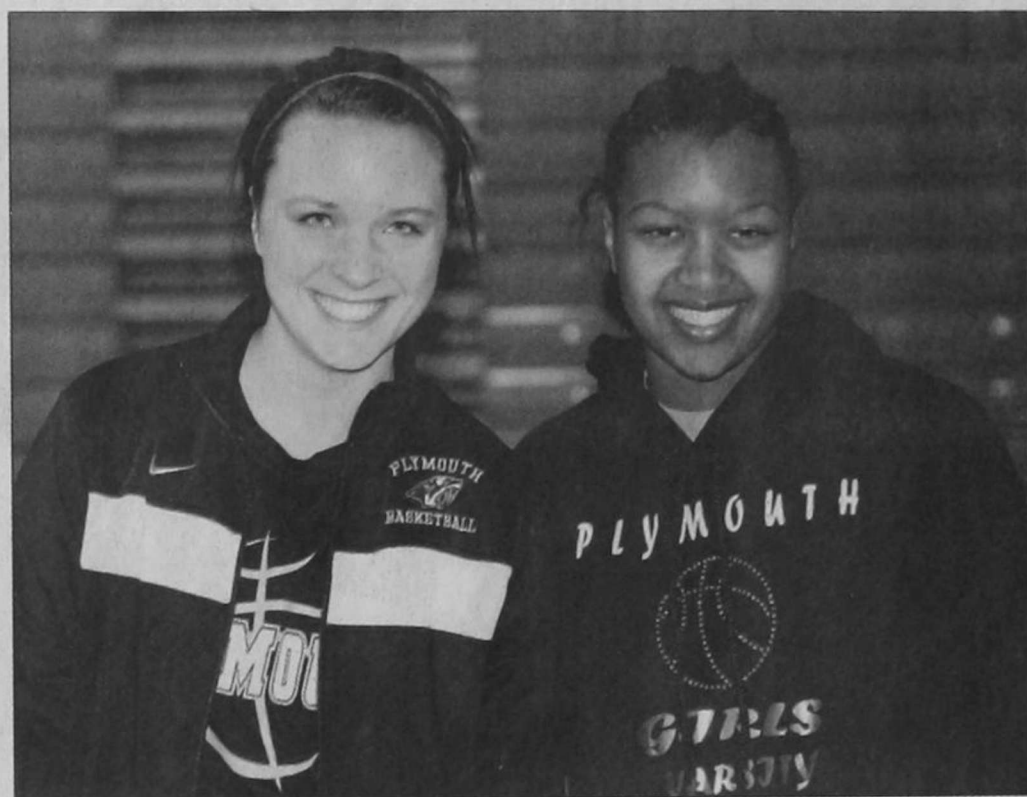
The Chiefs reached the district final thanks to a 3-1 victory over Salem in the semifinals. Junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher went the distance for the win.

Canton finally got on the scoreboard in the fifth against Salem senior pitcher Heidi Schmidt on Sexauer's two-run single.

"Boucher throws a lot of breaking balls," Arnold said. "She has a good drop ball. And when she's on it's hard to hit her."

Canton now will square off Saturday, June 11, in the Nov-hosted regionals against the winner of the Birmingham Groves district.

tsmith@hometownlife.com



Winning smiles

Taylor Birman and Alex Roberts have good reason to flash winning smiles these days. Birman (left) received the 2011 Plymouth High School Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award while Roberts was the recipient of the school's Female Athlete of the Year Award. Both 2011 graduates received their awards at Plymouth High School's recent honors and awards night.

Salem, Plymouth both fall in district action

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the field, there was disappointment for the Plymouth and Salem varsity girls softball teams Saturday.

Both teams were defeated in their respective Division 1 district games at Livonia Stevenson.

But after Plymouth lost 1-0 in 10 innings to Livonia Stevenson and Salem dropped a 3-1 decision to eventual district champion Canton, coaches and players held their heads up high.

"It wasn't in the cards for us this year," Wildcats head coach Val Canfield said. "We did have a good year. We're very young, I think we have a million sophomores, and several freshmen."

"The thing is they start, so I'm looking forward to experience next year now that they have this one year under their belt."

The Spartans scored an unearned run in the bottom of the 10th against Plymouth sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou, who went toe-to-toe against Stevenson senior Jackie Johnson.

With two outs, Stevenson's Molly Knoph hit the ball to Gerou who fielded it cleanly. But the throw to first was too high, allowing Knoph to reach safely.

Knoph then promptly stole second and third base and scored on a bunt single by Alexandra Ferguson.

The Wildcats (18-11-2) had their chance to win the game in the ninth. An error and infield single by senior Jessica Bondy (who had two of Plymouth's four hits) put the first two batters on.

But then Johnson closed the door.

DOWN TO THE END

"When it comes to districts it's anybody's championship," Canfield said. "It's whatever way the ball falls, like that bunt."

Canfield said Gerou pitched an outstanding game, despite the loss.



Another senior leader on and off the field for Plymouth was outfielder Jessica Bondy (No. 8), shown from a game earlier this season.

"Elaine Gerou was on her game," the coach said. "All her pitches were working. It was a pitcher's duel. It came down to the very end."

Canfield said she is going to miss three players who played all four years of high school on the varsity — outfielder Bondy, outfielder-pitcher Lauren Smith and infielder Christy Pattison (who made a sparkling diving catch to stop a Stevenson threat in the eighth).

Also on the Plymouth roster is senior utility player Katie Keys.

"It was my goal to dive today, and I did it," Pattison said. "... I really wanted to play Canton one last time and really show them what we got this year."

Those players contributed to the Wildcats reaching the regionals in 2008-10.

Bondy and Pattison said their competitive softball days probably ended Saturday as they will focus on academics in college.

"It was a lot of fun and there was nothing to be ashamed of because we gave it our all, we tried our best," said Bondy, who will pursue a degree in chemical engineering at Wayne State University. "That's what makes high school ball so much fun."

Pattison is going to Michigan State University, with the goal of earning a degree in constitutional democracy.

She said everybody on the team really grew as close friends over the past four seasons.

"Everybody loves each other and we're all supporting each other," Pattison said. "I think that's our biggest improvement" over the span of her career. "We're all friends."

AMAZING LEADERS

As for Salem (18-17), senior pitcher Heidi Schmidt and Canton junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher pitched scoreless ball until the Chiefs finally got on the board in the fifth, on a two-run single by CarolAnn Sexauer.

The Rocks answered in the

sixth on singles by Schmidt, freshman Emily Marcero and freshman Madison Koval (for the RBI). But they just could not finish the comeback bid.

"It was anyone's game," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We outlived Canton, we just didn't string them together at the right time."

"But we're definitely a team to be reckoned with and I'm just very proud of my whole team."

Southerland said she likes the potential of the players who will return, such as Marcero, Koval, Elliott Mitchem, Kristin Zink and others.

But Saturday's contest was the final one in the high school careers of seniors Schmidt, catcher Kelli Janiczek and second baseman Lizzy Mazorowicz and the coach wasn't about to let that go without some comments.

"I couldn't be more proud with how they played today, especially my senior leadership," Southerland said. "It's just been amazing."

"My three seniors, they've been on the team since they were freshmen and they gave me everything they had all the time."

The coach smiled, however, when mentioning that Schmidt and Janiczek will continue their careers at Eastern Michigan University — perhaps as a pitcher-catcher battery, just like at Salem.

Mazorowicz will go to Central Michigan University, but probably won't play college ball.

According to Southerland, this was one of her "most enjoyable" seasons as a coach because of how the team rebounded from an early 2-9 start and always displayed the best of attitudes.

"This is probably one of my most enjoyable, pleasant seasons I've had coaching girls in a long time," she said. "I've had great attitudes this entire year, which I think has made a huge difference."

tsmith@hometownlife.com



Delivering a pitch during Saturday's Division 1 district semifinal girls softball game against Canton is Salem senior Heidi Schmidt. She and senior catcher Kelli Janiczek will continue as teammates next year at Eastern Michigan University.



Plymouth senior Christy Pattison (No. 2), shown from earlier this season, said the Wildcats grew into a very close team during the course of her prep career.



Everybody on Canton's bench is into the action as they watch senior Kaitlyn Mattson (No. 33) take a cut at a pitch against Livonia Stevenson.

TANGLEWOOD G.C.

\$25 12 NOON-2PM
18w/cart **MONDAY-FRIDAY**

248-486-3355
www.twoodonline.com

Must have coupon. Exp. 7/15/11
Not valid with leagues, outings or holidays

Pineview Golf Course

WEEKDAYS 2 for \$50.00
SENIOR 2 for \$40.00
Before 11am to 2pm, 2 for \$55
11am to 2pm, 2 for \$48

734-481-0500 800-214-5963
5200 Stony Creek Rd. • Ypsilanti, MI 48197
www.pineviewgc.com

STONEBRIDGE golf club

A PREMIER PUBLIC COURSE BY ARTHUR HILL
Mon-Fri \$39 w/cart
SAT & SUN 18 Holes w/cart \$47 before 10am / \$39 10am-2pm
Seniors \$25 before 11 \$29 2-4pm / \$25 after 4pm

www.StonebridgeGolfClub.net
734.429.8383 Ann Arbor, MI

Faulkwood Shores Golf Club

517.546.4180 • Howell

WEEKDAYS 18 holes w/cart
\$15.00 expires 6/30/11

WEEKEND 18 holes w/cart
\$20.00 expires 6/30/11

Excludes holidays, not valid with any other offer, must have coupon

COYOTE PRESERVE

An Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course
Now Accepting Tee Times for **Father's Day!!!**

Weekday Specials
Seniors = \$29
Mon/Tues = \$25
any age (before 2pm)

Weekend Specials
Before 8am = \$48
After 1pm = \$40

Must present coupon for specials. *Not valid 6/10/11

www.coyotepreserve.com
phone: (810) 714-3206

To advertise in this directory, call Jim Sabatella at 313-223-3246

For more about golf in Michigan
www.TeeltUpMichigan.com

Prolific Rodgers cream of PCEP crop

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 70-goal season is pretty lofty stuff, and Canton boys lacrosse senior attackman Matt Rodgers did just that for the 2011 Chiefs.

For his outstanding season, Rodgers was voted the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Player of the Year.

And for obvious reasons, he also was named to the recently announced All-PCEP Park Team (see below).

"Matt is a tremendous finisher and feeder," said Canton head coach Kevin Riley. "He really improved his dodging skills this season and it showed. He was nearly impossible to cover."

Rodgers tallied 19 assists along with his 70 goals for the Park champion Chiefs. He worked well with teammates to spark the offense.

"Matt had 43 groundballs and was the leader on the man-up unit," Riley said.

The coach added that Rodgers was awarded the team's top offensive player and MVP, an award he also won in 2010.

In 2011-12, Rodgers will attend Central Michigan University with hopes of continuing his lacrosse career.

The Chiefs — who defeated Plymouth 13-10 in a regional tournament match on May 25 — had several other players on the All-Park team.

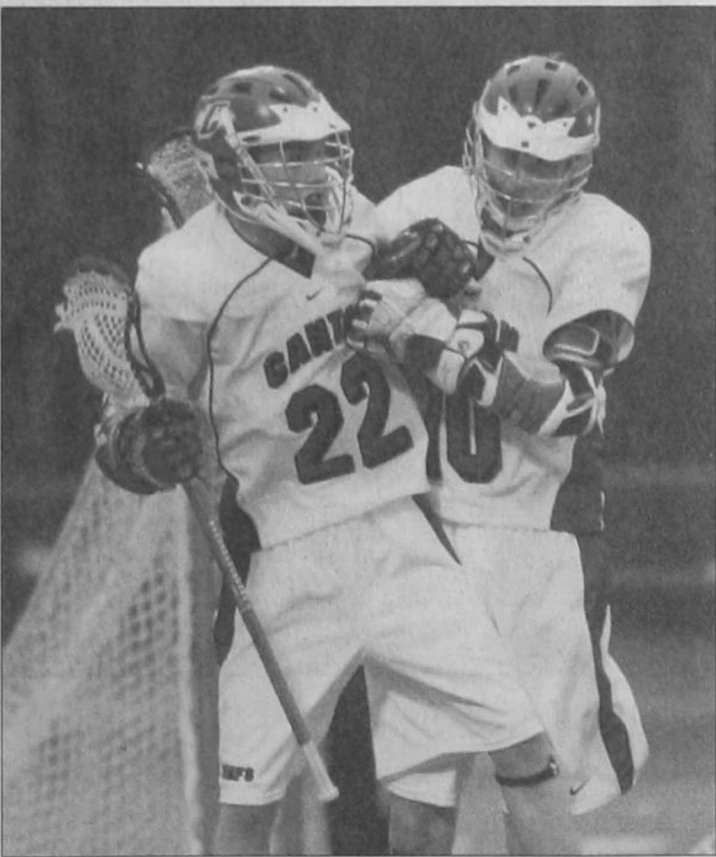
Those included: sophomore attackman Tim Popp (26 goals, 19 assists, 30 groundballs), senior midfielder Jordan Smith (11 goals, 14 assists, 39 groundballs) and junior defenseman Brandon Schlieger (four goals, four points, 69 groundballs).

SALEM STANDOUTS

Salem actually led Park teams with five players named to the squad (excluding honorable mentions).

On attack was senior Garrett Berg, who registered 23 goals along with 29 assists and 50 groundballs.

The Rocks also were represented by senior midfielder Connor Berlin (34 goals,



Canton senior attackman Matt Rodgers (No. 10) is shown from earlier this season celebrating a goal with teammate Trevor Moore. Rodgers was named the PCEP Player of the Year while Moore was honorable mention.

10 assists, 70 groundballs), senior defenseman Anthony Portelli (one goal, five assists, 50 groundballs), senior goalkeeper Alex "Gator" Gravlin and face-off specialist Nick Giannini. The latter, a junior, tallied 12 goals, 10 assists, 150 groundballs and 101 face-off wins.

TOP 'CATS

For Plymouth, making the squad were senior midfielder Conor Downey (19 goals, 31 assists, 63 groundballs), senior defenseman Ethan Christensen (two goals, 70 groundballs) and junior long stick midfielder Shaun Austin, who only collected four assists but was strong with 74 groundballs.

Park coaches also listed eight players as honorable mention selections. Those include the following:

- For Canton, senior attackman Trevor Moore, senior midfielder Parker Pakula and junior midfielder Lucas Carpenter were named.
- For Plymouth, junior

attackman Phil Flesch, senior defenseman Ben Burkman and senior goalie Mike Justus were named.

- For Salem, honorable mentions were senior attackman Dylan Hatcher and sophomore midfielder Brandon Lee.

2011 ALL-PCEP BOYS LACROSSE TEAM	
ATTACK	
Matthew Rodgers, Sr., Canton	
Timothy Popp, Soph., Canton	
Garrett Berg, Sr., Salem	
MIDFIELD	
Connor Berlin, Sr., Salem	
Jordan Smith, Sr., Canton	
Conor Downey, Sr., Plymouth	
DEFENSE	
Anthony Portelli, Sr., Salem	
Brandon Schlieger, Jr., Canton	
Ethan Christensen, Sr., Plymouth	
GOALIE	
Alex "Gator" Gravlin, Sr., Salem	
LONG STICK MIDFIELDER	
Shaun Austin, Jr., Plymouth	
FACE OFF SPECIALIST	
Nick Giannini, Jr., Salem	
PCEP PLAYER OF THE YEAR	
Matthew Rodgers, Sr., Canton	
HONORABLE MENTION	
Canton: Trevor Moore, Sr., Attack; Parker Pakula, Sr., Midfield; Lucas Carpenter, Jr., Midfield; Plymouth: Phil Flesch, Jr., Attack; Ben Burkman, Sr., Defense; Michael Justus, Sr., Goalie; Salem: Dylan Hatcher, Sr., Attack; Brandon Lee, Soph., Midfield.	

State finals yield five All-Staters

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A handful of athletes from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park did themselves proud at Saturday's Division 1 track & field finals at Rockford High School.

Canton's Nick Alaniva, Ryan Jones, Ben Spreitzer, Lindsay Lipa and Salem's Dan Martin earned All-State honors, placing and scoring in their events on a blistering hot day.

In the boys race, the competition was pretty hot, too, with East Kentwood's 72 points far outpacing the pack. In second place with 28 points was Ypsilanti.

Meanwhile, Canton tied for 16th place with 11 points while Salem, thanks to Martin's

DI TRACK AND FIELD FINALS

performance in the 400-meter dash, registered five points for the day.

"We scored 11 points and tied for 16th place, and there were 141 schools represented there," Canton head coach Bob Richardson said. "We were very happy."

Alaniva took third in the pole vault with a mark of 15-feet, 1-inch — establishing new records in the event for Canton High School and PCEP.

"His record will get to go up on the back end of the (varsity football) scoreboard," said Richardson, about the new Park leader board. "Nick has just had a monster year for us."

Alaniva broke the former record of 14-10, set in 1979 by Salem's Dennis Odgen.

Sprinter Jones finished sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.8 seconds while Spreitzer took seventh in the high jump with a mark of 6-5.

Salem's Martin took fourth place in the 400 dash with a time of 48.96. He also was part of the 1,600-meter relay team that qualified for the state meet. The quartet (also including Chase Minshew, Tom Crawford and Dan Adsit) finished 23rd in prelims with a time of 3:31.72.

In the girls finals, Canton's Lipa placed fourth in the long jump with a mark of 17-4.25.

tsmith@hometownlife.com



Even though Plymouth Christian lost in a tough Division 4 baseball district final, Eagles senior Matt Dodson (shown in a 2010 photo) was an offensive machine with five hits over the course of two games.

PCA

FROM PAGE B1

Winning pitcher Daniel Slater also added two hits and scored three runs in the PCA

victory. Matt Dodson and Austin Smith each added two hits in the victory.

Daniel Slater pitched the first six innings before giving way to Dodson in the bottom of the seventh as HVL rallied for four runs after trailing 8-2.

Senior Shawn Schaffer took the loss for the Hawks. Reliever Andy Barber gave up four runs in the top of the seventh.

Alex Harris and Barber each collected two hits, while Ryan Schaffer added a double and three walks for the Hawks.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

runs. I try to move runners around and do whatever I can do for the team."

Birchler, a right-hander, did a fine job in relief as he got out of a fifth-inning jam with two Stevenson runners aboard.

MILESTONE WIN

He gave up only one hit and struck out four to close out the victory.

"When you get into two-game win situations, you have to have a deep pitching staff and that's what we do," Blomshield said. "We had confidence in our bullpen. We wanted to ride our starters as long as we could. 'Bazzer' has been a proven guy for us for a couple years now."

"They (Stevenson) were on him. It's been hot all day and people have been dropping like flies. We got a guy on the bench (Birchler) that throws with pretty good pop, and a good curveball, and he had their number for the last nine outs."

For Canton, it's four straight district crowns after an 18-year drought and senior catcher Seth Tschetter has been a major part in all four title runs.

"We came in together," Blomshield said. "His freshman year was my first year coaching and it was the 102nd win, so that's pretty special accomplishment. He's been a part of every single one of them. Not many high school kids can say that."

"You've got to play on a pretty good team and he's been a starter all four years. I'm pretty proud of him. I'm pretty proud of that special achievement."

CANTON 8, SALEM 1: Michael Stafford pitched a four-hitter over six innings to propel the Chiefs (26-6) past the Rocks (17-15) in the district semifinals Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

Stafford struck out six and walked only two.

Canton led 1-0 after four innings before blowing it open with four runs in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth.



After Saturday's 8-5 win over Livonia Stevenson in the district final, Canton senior catcher Seth Tschetter (left) and coach Mark Blomshield (right) celebrate their 100th win together over the past four seasons. The 2008 season was the first for Tschetter and for Blomshield at the Chiefs' helm.

Ryan Bazner went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Seth Tschetter, Chris Perkovich, Bernabe Salinas each knocked in a run. Braden Price also triple and scored twice.

Losing pitcher Matt Rowland hit five batters, walked one and allowed just one hi in four innings before giving way to Tommy Rodriguez, who allowed three runs on four hits.

Kyle Penn went 2-for-3 for Salem.

STEVENSON 9, PLYMOUTH 1: Senior right-hander Evan Piechota pitched a complete-game six-hitter and struck out 10 as host Livonia Stevenson (25-9) ousted the Wildcats (23-11) in a district semifinal game.

Mark Wagner paced a 13-hit Stevenson attack going 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Tyler Lynch, Jake Semak and Brendon Hayes also added two hits apiece.

Brandon Jurczynsyzn also knocked in two runs, while Justin Small, Mike Vomastek and Piechota added one RBI apiece.

Rich Guglielmi went 2-for-3 for Plymouth and Jamarl Eiland had the lone RBI.

Losing pitcher Harrison Michels allowed seven runs on 11 hits in four innings before giving way to reliever Justin Thompson.

GIVE DAD SOME GAME

This Father's Day, give dad something to brag about.

\$399⁹⁹
TaylorMade R11 Driver
TM9000

GET A \$50 GOLFSMITH GIFT CARD and a **FREE battery charger** (a \$50 value) with a **Bushnell Hybrid GPS/Laser Rangefinder** 308520

Cannot be combined with any other offer.

\$179⁹⁹
Odyssey White Ice D.A.R.T. Putter 007000

\$45⁹⁹
Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1x Balls 308392 - Pro V1x 308393 - Pro V1x

Father's Day is June 19

UPGRADE YOUR GAME AND GET REWARDED WITH CALLAWAY & ODYSSEY

GET UP TO A \$250 GIFT CARD

ONLY AT GOLFSMITH

VISIT A STORE OR GO TO GOLFSMITH.COM FOR DETAILS. SOME MANUFACTURER RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

\$799⁹⁹
Save \$120
TaylorMade Monza Spider Vicino SB Putter TMPR105 / Orig. \$199.99

\$299⁹⁹
Save \$400
MacGregor M85i Iron Set MG3010 / 3-PW Steel / Orig. \$699.99

\$1499⁹⁹
Save \$100
TaylorMade Burner SuperFast 1.0 Driver TM7802 / Orig. \$249.99

BUY MORE, SAVE MORE!
2 for \$100
3 for \$140

\$599⁹⁹
Save \$40
MacGregor VIP Wedges MG50 - Chrome / MG60 - Black / Orig. \$99.99

Golfsmith Exclusive
2 pk for \$25
30 BALLS!
Save \$14
TaylorMade Noodle 15-Ball Pack 305134 / Orig. \$19.99

Golfsmith Exclusive
\$1299⁹⁹
Save \$60
Tour Trek One-Click Collapsible Push Cart 306575 / Orig. \$189.99
Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Golfsmith Exclusive Offer
BUY 1, GET 1 50% OFF

Save up to 25%
adidas Men's ClimaLite 3-Stripe Textured Solid and Two-Color Stripe Polo 307556 / 307568 / Orig. \$45-\$50

Trade in your old golf shoes
GET \$20 OFF
new adidas Golf shoes priced \$119.99 and up

BUY 2, GET 1 FREE

\$799⁹⁹
Save \$35
FootJoy Closeout Men's Contour Golf Shoes 302838 (FJ#54049) / 302759 (FJ#54031) / Compare to \$115

\$199⁹⁹
Save up to 55%
Lynx Women's Spring Basic Tops 307214 / 307215 / 307760 307762 / Orig. \$29.99

NORTHVILLE
17783 Haggerty Rd.
Northville
248.374.5601
STORE HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 9am to 5pm
Sat: 9am to 6pm
Sun: 10am to 6pm

TROY
790 E. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy
248.740.9040
STORE HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 9am to 5pm
Sat: 9am to 6pm
Sun: 10am to 6pm
GOLFTEC INSIDE SERVES TENNIS

LAKESIDE
15300 Hall Rd.
Clinton Township
586.286.4987
STORE HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 9am to 5pm
Sat: 9am to 6pm
Sun: 10am to 6pm
GOLFTEC INSIDE SERVES TENNIS

Callaway gift card promotion expires 6/12/11. Other special pricing in this ad expires 6/12/11 unless otherwise noted. Featured offers cannot be combined with other offers or discounts unless specified. All offers are quantities limited while supplies last.



Passages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

1-800-579-7355 ♦ fax: 734-953-2232

e-mail: oeobits@hometownlife.com

View Obits On-line@www.hometownlife.com

HORDE, SHELLEY RENEE

Age 36 June 5, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved daughter of Troy & Rose Horde. Loving sister of Dennis (Kelly) Barker and Eric (Annette) Horde. Cherished granddaughter of Edward Horde. Dear aunt of Hope Grundy, Tyler and Ian Horde. Special friend of Danielle Beaudrie, Scott and Scotty White. For information regarding pancreatic cancer awareness visit www.pancan.org. Visitation and Service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland.

To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

KOROL, PAUL C.

Age 76. Beloved husband of the late Raissa. Dear father of Andrew, William (Cindy), George, and Katherine (Andrew) Schornick. Proud grandfather of Kayla and Nicholas. Loving brother of George and the late Lydia Kytasty. Visitation was at Fred Wood Funeral Home- Rice Chapel, in Livonia on Wednesday. Funeral 10 AM Thursday at St. Mary Ukrainian orthodox Church, 21931 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI 48075. Interment will take place at Parkview Cemetery. Please visit online guest book at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LAROQUE, ELIZA JANE

Passed away on June 4, 2011 at the age of 95. She was born on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Onigum Minnesota on February 2, 1916. Eliza was the loving wife of the late Henry LaRoque and is survived by her sister Dorothy McMickens and her 3 children Sharon Hoyt, Gary LaRoque and Lesley Dale LaRoque, her grandchildren Mark Hoyt, Lauren Hoyt, Derek LaRoque, Meghan LaRoque and Alicia LaRoque and her great grandchildren Justin, Zoe, Jake, Isabella and Haidyn. She showed her care and love through her actions and all who knew her felt blessed to be touched by this amazing woman. Elizabeth will be missed by all. www.uhth.com



SAWICKI, CECILIA MARY

Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Patricia (Gary), Robert (Syndi) Loussia, and Richard (Geraldyn). Proud grandmother of Michael (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak, Dana (Tim) Balogh, and Douglas Sawicki. Great-grandmother of John Michael Mistak II. Cecilia and the late Walter were among the "Original" residents of Newburgh Village. She was a hard working employee for the 7 Mile and Farmington Kmart for over two decades. Mrs. Sawicki enjoyed exercising at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 11:30 AM until time of mass at 12:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St, Suite 705, San Francisco, CA, 94102. Please share your memories at www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com.

SULLIVAN, MONICA SUSAN

Of Brighton passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family on Sunday, June 5, 2011. She was 53 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, John; loving sons, Ryan (Callie) and Sean (Ruth); father, Paul Clement; grandson, Jack; sisters, Mary Clement and Kathy (Kevin) Carroll; brother, Brian (Stacey) Clement; nephews, Zachary, Dylan, Wyatt, Samuel and Aaron (Miriam); nieces, Amanda, Lou (Tyler); many loving extended family members and dear friends. Monica was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Clement and brother, Paul Clement. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, Friday, June 10 at 10:30AM. Fr. Mark J. Rutherford to officiate. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 East Main Street, Brighton, Thursday 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank. For further information please call Lynch & Sons, Brighton at: 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

OBITUARY POLICY

The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

Deadlines:

Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday
Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

e-mail your obit to
oeobits@hometownlife.com

or fax to:
Attn: Obits c/o Char Wilson
313-496-4968

For more information call:
Char Wilson
586-826-7082
or Liz Keiser
586-977-7538

or toll free
800-579-7355

ask for Char or Liz

OE0858429

Take a summer retreat, learn about Mass

Registration is available for two programs — one for women and the other about Mass — that start this month at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia.

The summer retreat program for women starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast, fellowship, and a class that ends at approximately 11 a.m. The series of four sessions starts Wednesday, June 29 and will focus on enriching individual prayer lives. Topics are Catholic devotions and traditions on June 29; Divine Office and Lectio Divina on July 13; Franciscan and Ignatian spirituality on July 27; and Women Doctors of the Church on Aug. 10. Women may attend all or any of the sessions.

Registration is required and cost is \$8 per session or \$30 for all four meetings. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per session.

The church's other summer program, "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," will meet 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, July 12, 26 and Aug. 9.

The class will take participants on a tour of the Catholic Liturgy, based on the revised translation of the Mass which takes effect in Advent, 2011. It will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures of the Mass and explain their meaning and religious significance. Participants will come to know and understand the Mass as never before.

Registration is required and cost is \$24. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per session. To register for either program, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, between Farmington Road and Merriman, in Livonia.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

JUNE 9-15

Concert

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12

Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Pentecost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church

Contact: (313) 937-3170

Fun fair/silent auction

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m., June 11

Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: Concessions, games, moon-walk and more. Auction items include Detroit Tiger tickets, autographed sports items, dinner certificates, manicure/pedicure, hair color/cut, gift baskets, quilts

Contact: (734) 722-7688

Pomegranate Guild

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, June 12

Location: The Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will have a dairy potluck luncheon and complete selections for next year's officers

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 9-10

and 9 a.m.-noon, June 11

Location: Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Benefits youth and adult mission trips to Africa, Mexico and the U.S. Furniture, small appliances, housewares, tools, sports equipment, books, yard furniture/equipment, linens, clothing, plants, toys/games, lighting, jewelry and craft supplies

Contact: (734) 459-9550

JUNE 16-22

Day camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuel-livonia.org

Book of Faith

Time/Date: 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Wednesdays, beginning June 22

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: The Rev. Joan Christoffers leads a study on "The Book of Faith." Join the group for any or all classes

Contact: (734) 427-6660

JUNE 23-29

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25

Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

JUNE 30-JULY 13

ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Michele Schmidt facilitates this women's study group, which is designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching. Sessions explore Pope John Paul II's Letter To Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60. Scholarships are available

Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at www.endowonline.org

Movie night

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20

Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free screening of "Toy Story 3" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested

Contact: (734) 425-5950

Rummage Sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 8 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Gently-used items

Contact: (734) 427-2290

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Your Invitation to Worship

CATHOLIC

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tridentine Latin Mass

St. Anne's Academy • Grades K-8

38100 Five Mile Road

Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200

Mass Schedule:
First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

OE08727482

UNITED METHODIST

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills

www.orchardumc.org

248-626-3620

Worship:

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Christian

Education for all ages

Pastors: Carol J. Johns,

Jim Braid, Margo Dexter

OE08727486

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI

(between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)

(734) 422-0494

Friends In Faith Service

9:00 am

Traditional Service

10:30 am

Visit www.rosedalegardens.org

For information about our many programs

OE08727491

GREEK ORTHODOX

NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI

Sunday Services

Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes.

Parish Office 734-420-0131

Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

www.nativitygochurch.org

OE08727485

PRESBYTERIAN

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

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

Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire

Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church

16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road

Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

OE08727476

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96

www.christsaviors.org

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional

Staffed Nursery Available

Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ

Pastors: Davenport, Bayer, & Creeden

734-522-6830

OE08727488

Risen Christ Lutheran

David W. Martin, Pastor

46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth • Mile W. of Oakland

(734) 453-5252

Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30

Nursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are.

www.risenchrist.info

OE08727490

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

17810 FARMINGTON ROAD,

LIVONIA (734) 261-1360

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.

website: www.stpaulslivonia.org

OE08727494

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

WARD CHURCH

40000 Six Mile Road

Northville, MI 48168

248-374-7400

www.wardchurch.org

Traditional Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.

The Traditional Service is broadcast on the

radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

OE08727486

CONGREGATIONAL

North Congregational Church

36520 12 Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills

(bet. Drake & Halsted)

(248) 848-1750

10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School

Faith - Freedom-Fellowship

Ministers

Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron

OE08727489

For Information regarding this Directory,
please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011,
Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, June 9, 2011

hometownlife.com

THE SCOOP
ON SUNDAES

FOOD, B8



Guy Louis is a favorite performer at noon concerts in Kellogg Park, in Plymouth.



The Farmington Community Band kicks off Stars in the Park in Farmington Hills.

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Take a mid-day music break in Plymouth. Chill out with cool jazz in Canton. Pack a picnic and then dance the calories away in Farmington Hills.

The summer outdoor concert season is underway and you can find a performance nearly every day of the week within a few miles from home.

"I think it will be a lot of fun," said Nancy Coumoundouros, Cultural Arts Supervisor, describing the Farmington Hills concert schedule. "I like the variety of music we have."

The community's annual "Stars in the Park" summer series brings a mix of popular, local musicians and new faces to the Amphitheater at Heritage Park, located on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays and in case of inclement weather, move into the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. There's no concert June 30 and July 14.

The 2011 series kicks off June 23 with the Farmington Community Band and wraps up Aug. 25 with the Farmington Community Chorus. Four of the remain-

ing six performers are new to Stars in the Park.

"We always want to support the local groups that everyone asks us to bring back each year, but we also like to keep it fresh," Coumoundouros said. "It's exciting to introduce new performers to the community and draw their fans to Farmington Hills."

New this season are: July 28 — Metro Jazz Voices, with jazzy four-part harmony and a style similar to Manhattan Transfer

Aug. 4 — Five Guys Named Moe, with fast-paced energy and a variety of rock, blues and jazz tunes

Aug. 11 — Stewart Francke, mixes rock and soul

Aug. 18 — Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, the WDIV news anchor who also was named "Best Country

Performer" at the Detroit Music Awards

Favorites, Rock and Soul on July 7 and Farmington Community Band's Big Band on July 21 round out the schedule.

"The new acts are all excited about coming to Farmington Hills. They've heard about our park. Some performers in the past have said it's like a mini DTE Music Theatre."

Other summer concert series:

Canton color tour

- 7 p.m. Fridays
- Various shopping areas along Ford Road, Canton

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live jazz in this series presented by Canton DDA and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Here's a list of performers and show locations:

- **July 8:** Sheila Landis & Brazilian Love Affair, New Towne Center (Kohls), Purple District

- **July 16:** John E. Lawrence, Centre Village at Kroger, Yellow District

- **July 22:** The Kimmie Horne Show, Home Depot, Orange District

- **July 29:** Penny Wells, JC Penney, Green District

- **Aug. 5:** The Brothers Groove, SuperBowl, Purple District

- **Aug. 12:** Randy Scott, Sam's Club, Orange District

- **Aug. 19:** Thornetta Davis, IKEA, Blue District

- **Aug. 26:** "RYZ" & Gerald Gibbs, Lowe's, Green District

Concerts in the Park

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

- Handy Park, 12121

- Hemingway, Redford

Polka the evening away or reminisce about the "Fab Four" during this summer series that offers a little something for every musical taste.

- **June 28:** Redford Civic Symphony, orchestra

- **July 5:** Ken E. Grabowski Band, smooth jazz, big band

- **July 12:** Big Daddy Lackowski, polka

- **July 19:** Toppermost, Beatles tribute band

- **July 26:** Dr. Dixie and the Good Time Band, Dixieland

- **Aug. 2:** Inside Out Band, Motown

- **Aug. 9:** Sherman Arnold, Elvis impersonator

- **Aug. 16:** Sun Messengers, rhythm & blues

- **Aug. 23:** The Missing Links Band, big band

Please see **CONCERTS, B6**



The Saline Fiddlers will get toes tapping this summer at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park series.

NOW SHOWING!

REDFORD THEATRE

Classic Movies and So Much More!

Hear the 1928 Barton Theatre Organ Live 1/2 Hour Before Each Show Time



BEDKNOBS & BROOMSTICKS
Starring:
Angela Lansbury
David Tomlinson &
Roddy McDowall

June 10 8pm • June 11 2 pm & 8 pm
Tickets \$4.00

Featuring Detroit's Best Value for Concessions
Over 65 Varieties of Delicious Treats!
Real Butter on Your Popcorn at No Extra Cost!

17360 LAHSER RD. (NE Corner of Lahser/Grand River)
www.redfordtheatre.com
313.333.0080

**THE BRIDGE
ON THE
RIVER KWAI**

Starring:
William Holden
Alex Guinness
Jack Hawkins &
Sessue Hayakawa

June 24 8pm • June 25 2 pm & 8 pm
Tickets \$4.00



**1 Large Drink
\$1.00**

Limit one per customer
Expires 6-30-11

Abbey Park
INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING

Live Here,
for the Best of Your Life!

**Hurry - Only 23 Left at
Grand Opening Prices!**



**One Bedroom Grand Opening Special -
\$2,000 per month***

Including services and style to rival a fine hotel

**Assistance with Living - Here's What
You Can Expect at Abbey Park:**

- Affordability - Veterans & Surviving spouses may qualify for the VA Aid & Attendance Benefit
- Daily light housekeeping
- Nutritious meals
- Laundry service
- Full cleaning service
- Transportation service
- Security with 24-hour staffing
- Professional care including physical therapy
- Warm and friendly caregivers
- Full time activity directors
- Weekly Happy Hour and Live Entertainment

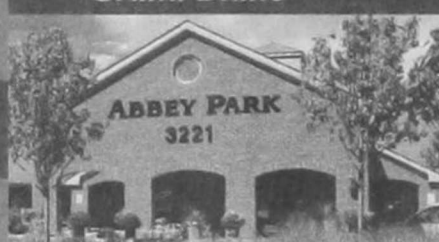
Our Extras Make the Difference...

Designed to enhance an independent senior lifestyle!

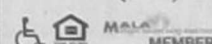
- Lunch and Dinner Served in our Luxurious Dining Room
- Coffee Shop
- Game Room
- Fitness Center
- Library
- Computer Room
- Beauty/Barber Shop
- Country Store
- Movie Theater
- Planned Activities and Outings
- Chapel
- Beautiful Indoor Lounge Areas
- Patios and Balconies in each Apartment

For more information, please call

Grand Blanc



at Genesys Health Park
3221 E. Baldwin Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI
(810) 606-1110



www.abbeypark.com

Lyon Township



Off Milford Rd., across from Coyote Golf Club
28413 Abbey Lane
New Hudson, MI
(248) 437-6550

Find us on **facebook**

*Rate quoted is applicable to a one bedroom, one bath apartment. This grand opening rate includes a special discount of \$400 applicable for first 12 months of residence. This rate does not include fees for additional occupants or optional services. Prices and incentives valid at Lyon Township location only.

8742032

Disney feature looking for extras

Casting director Tracy Dixon will hold an open call 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, for *Oz The Great and Powerful*, a Disney feature film.

The production, directed by former Michigan resident Sam Raimi and starring James Franco, will need thousands of extras when it begins filming in mid-July in southeastern Michigan. The casting call, open to anyone, age 18 and older, will be held at 1999 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac.

Dixon, owner of Casting Associates, in Los Angeles, Calif., is best known for her extras casting on feature films. Her company's credits include *Date Night*, *Four Christmases*, *The Wedding Crashers*, *Indiana Jones and The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* and *Real Steel*.

For more information, call (310) 225-5196.

Drive-in opens season Friday

Compuware Arena Drive-in Movie Theatre marks its summer grand opening Friday-Saturday, June 10-11 with screenings of *Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides*, *Kung Fu Panda 2* and *The Hangover Part II*.

The drive-in theaters will begin showing films nightly on Monday, June 13. Films for June 13-16 are *I Am Number Four*, *Thor* and *Bridesmaids*.

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

The drive-in is located at 14900 Beck, between 5 Mile and M-14, in Plymouth Township.

For more information, call the Drive-In Movie Hotline at (734) 927-3284 or visit compuwarearena.com/drivein.

CONCERTS

FROM PAGE B5

Monday night music

- 6:30 p.m. Mondays in July
- Historic Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, Canton
- **July 11:** Tony Ruda Jazz Ensemble
- **July 18:** Pelican Pete, one-man band
- **July 25:** Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band

Music from the Heart

- 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
- Civic Center Park, on 5 Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Livonia Parks & Recreation Department, the concerts are free and include a variety of musical styles. Garage bands will perform July 23 and Aug. 6 the only Saturdays on the schedule.

- **July 7:** Billy Brandt and Sarana VerLin, "Celticana"
- **July 14:** Sheila Landis, South American music
- **July 21:** Livonia Civic Chorus, choral
- **July 28:** Redhill, country music
- **Aug. 4:** Jill Jack, Americana
- **Aug. 11:** Steve King & Dittilies, classic rock
- **Aug. 18:** Swing City Big Band, big band
- **Aug. 25:** Livonia Symphony Orchestra, classical

Music in the Air

- 7 p.m. Friday
 - Kellogg Park, Plymouth
- Downtown Plymouth presents this series of concerts that run through Sept. 2, with a break on July 8 for the community's annual Art in the Park program. In case of inclement weather, check out the Downtown Development Authority's Web site at www.downtownplymouth.org or visit facebook.com/plymouthda.
- **June 10:** The Sound Alternative, playing hits
 - **June 17:** Shawn Riley Band, a Northville group with rock and pop tunes
 - **June 24:** The Crutches, party band with dance tunes
 - **July 1:** Zap Toro, features guitarists Kris Kurzawa and Sean Blackman with bossa nova and groove
 - **July 15:** Steve King and the Dittilies, rock
 - **July 2:** Gia Warner Band, songwriter, voice artist
 - **July 2:** The Bluescasters, blues
 - **Aug. 5:** Those Delta Rhythm Kings, blues and swing
 - **Aug. 12:** Michael King & Friends, rock
 - **Aug. 19:** Mass Transit Band, party and hits
 - **Aug. 26:** Randy Brock Group, blues
 - **Sept. 2:** Lady Sunshine and the X Band, soul, funk and R&B

Music in the Park

- Noon, Wednesday
 - Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth
- The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents its 27th annual series of family-friendly summer concerts, beginning June 22.
- In case of inclement weather, the show moves to "The Gathering," a covered space next to the Penn Theater.
- **June 22:** Josh White, Jr., singer-songwriter
 - **June 29 and Aug. 17:** Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express, a perennial children's favorite
 - **July 6:** Musica Batteria, percussion duo
 - **July 13:** Saline Fiddlers, premier youth fiddling band
 - **July 20:** Gemini, sing-along's, folk tales and music from around the world
 - **July 27:** Biakuye Percussion Group, percussion
 - **Aug. 3:** Mr. Seley & the Troublemakers, fun children's songs
 - **Aug. 10:** Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, singer-songwriter
 - **Aug. 24:** Beverly Meyer "The Music Lady," children's songs

Plymouth Community Band

- 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 16-30; July 14-28
- Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Thursday Night Concerts

- 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday
 - Heritage Park, Heritage Park drive, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center, in Canton
- Canton Leisure Services presents music at the amphitheater. Bring a blanket or folding chair and check the Canton Leisure Services Facebook page for rain dates.
- **June 16:** Zooropa, U2 tribute band
 - **June 23:** Steve King & The Dittilies rock
 - **June 30:** All Directions, jazz, blues
 - **July 7:** Toppermost, Beatles tribute
 - **July 14:** Big Will & the 360 Degree Band, top 40, dance and R&B
 - **July 21:** Robin Horlock Trio, rock, classic rock
 - **July 28:** Annabelle Road, country, rock
 - **Aug. 4:** Persuasion, Mowtown, funk, disco

Westland Summer Concerts

- 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
 - Library pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland
- Friends of the Westland Public Library will hold 50-50 raffles during the series, which will kick off on June 16. In case of inclement weather, performers and fans head into the library.
- **June 16:** Westland's own Waco Country Band, country, rock
 - **June 23:** Gratitude Steel Band, steel drum
 - **June 30:** Stolen Moments, smooth pop, rock
 - **July 7:** Pam and Scott, pop vocals
 - **July 21:** Novi Concert Band, symphonic wind ensemble
 - **July 28:** Sheila Landis Trio, jazz vocal, guitar
 - **Aug. 4:** Bill Bynum & Co., country, folk
 - **Aug. 11:** Toppermost, Beatles tribute band



Five Guys Named Moe will perform this summer at Stars in the Park in Farmington Hills.

Homeowners Wanted!

Kayak Pools is looking for Demo Homesites to display our "Maintenance-Free" Kayak Pool. Save Thousands of \$\$\$'s with this Unique Opportunity!

CALL NOW!!

800.31.KAYAK

(52925)

Kayak Pools



Made in USA

kayakpoolsmidwest.com Discount Code: S22D56

Donate A Boat or Car Today!

Boat Angel

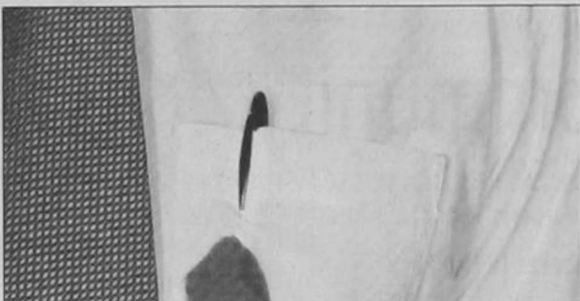
"2-Night Free Vacation!"

1-800-CAR-ANGEL

www.boatangel.com

sponsored by boat angel outreach centers

STOP CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN



It was too windy that day.
Aliens kidnapped me and I just got back.
I couldn't find any pens with blue or black ink.
I'm allergic to math.
Both of my thumbs were sprained.

Whatever your excuse for not paying state taxes, now you can settle up without paying any penalties.

Michigan Tax Amnesty is in effect until June 30, 2011.

Learn more at:
MiTaxAmnesty.org
855.466.4829





Statewide Ad Networks

Just Imagine...

reaching 3,500,000 readers with just one phone call.

Contact your newspaper's advertising representative or call **517.372.2424**

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

SELLING TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER REGARDLESS OF PRICE!

GRAND RESORT CONDOMINIUMS

12 COTTAGES ON MULLETT LAKE!

5910 N. Birchwood Dr., Cheboygan, MI
On-Site Sunday, June 26th at 1pm
Preview and Registration at Noon
Open Houses: Sat., June 11th and 18th Noon-3pm

Call for more info: 877.696.7653
Rose Auction Group, LLC - www.RoseAuctionGroup.com
Beth Rose CAI Auctioneer * Michigan # 2801000078

ASK THE BARIATRIC EXPERTS

Learn more about the latest surgical weight loss options from experienced, board-certified surgeons.



For more info visit: www.midmichigan.org/bariatrics

Community Newspaper Group:
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
Hometown Weekly Newspapers
1-800-579-7355
oads@hometownlife.com

Just For You

A perfect blend of fun and information.

Coming...

July » Inspire

Christmas in July

Watch for our reader Cash for Christmas contest.

August » Woman

Upscaled consignment shops

Savvy shoppers love a great find at local resale shops.

September » Inspire

Fall home improvement

Redecorate, remodel, rebuild, it's all about your home and you.



We put together some of the most interesting topics and articles for you in *Hometown Life Woman* published first Thursday of the month and *Hometown Life Inspire* published third Thursday.

To Advertise in *Hometown Life Woman* or *Hometown Life Inspire*
call **734-582-8363** or **248-437-2011**

Hometown Life Woman and Hometown Life Inspire are delivered with paid copies of Observer and Hometown Weeklies Newspapers.

hometownlife.com
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
HOMETOWN WEEKLIES
A GANNETT COMPANY

To Subscribe, call **866-887-2737**

ART

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.artandideas-gallery.com

Art in the Sun

Time/Date: 4-9 p.m., Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: More than 75 artists sell glass, metal, jewelry, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Art from the Heart

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26

Location: Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia

Details: Arts & Crafts festival held in conjunction with Livonia Spree

Contact: www.livoniaspree.com or call Livonia Arts Commission "bulletin board" phone line at (734) 466-2548

Northville Art House

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 25

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "West of Center" art show; all media

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater

Time/Date: Through June 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Photography by John Middlestead is on display in Gallery@VT

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

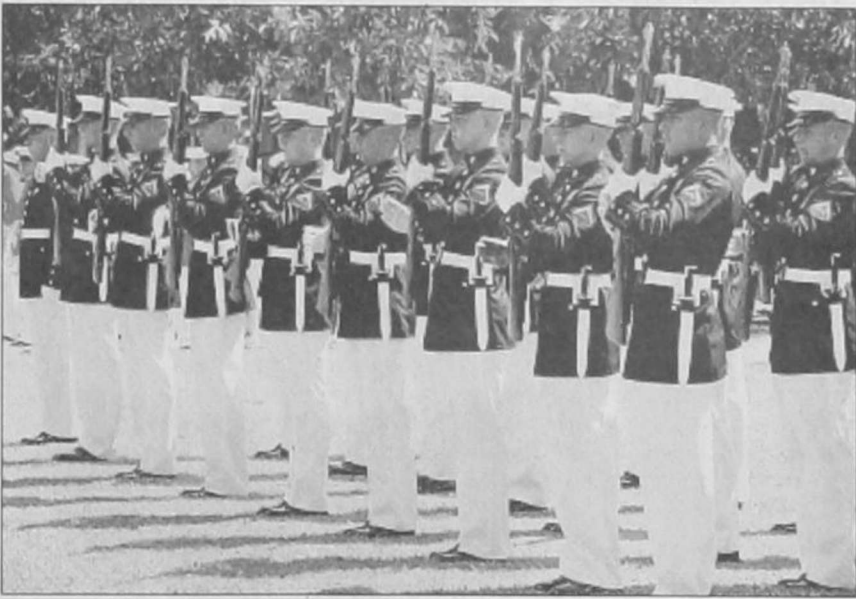
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-



'Irish Castle' and other photos by John Middlestead are on display through June 28 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



The Kreellers will perform 8:30-11 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at Livonia Spree.



The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon will perform at Canton Liberty Fest, Saturday, June 18.

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: 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 & Alysha, 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; Andre Williams & Jon Langford, July 1; Dave Alvin & the Guilty Ones, July 2; Boulder Acoustic Society, July 6; Zoe Muth & the Lost High Rollers, July 7; Gandalf Murphy & the Slambovian Circus of Dreams, July 8; Shawn Phillips, July 9; Tom Rush, July 10; Jolie Holland & Sallie Ford and the Sound Outside, July 11; Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience, July 12; Open Stage, July 13; The Tartan Terrors, July 14; Chris Bathgate & Abigail Stauffer, July 15; Steve Forbert, July 16; Sierra Maestra, July 17; Junior Brown, July 24; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 25; Michael on Fire, July 26; Marc Cohn, July 27
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5.

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: Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18; Frank Roche, June 25-28; Ladies Night of Comedy, June 29; Mike Stanley with Mary Ann Demoss and Floyd the Washboard Comic, June 30-July 2; The Dirty Comedy Show, July 6; Isaac Witty with Paul Strickland, July 7-10; Bill Bushart with Trevor Smith and Leee Smith, July 13-16; Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Kline, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2; Warren B. Hall, July 7-9; Steve Lott, July 14-16; J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

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

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 3

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: The Sound Alternative, June 10; Shawn Riley Band, June 17; The Crutches, June 24; Zap Toro, July 1; Steve King and the Ditties, July 15; Gia Warner Band, July 22; The Bluescasters, July 20; Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2
Contact: (734) 455-1453

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: 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; Kerosene Halo featuring Mike Roe and Derri Daugherty, July 8; Mr. B's Joy Box Express, July 12; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, July 16; Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

FESTIVAL

Canton Liberty Fest

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m. Thursday, June 16; 1-11 p.m. Friday, June 17; 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, June 18

Location: Heritage Park, Heritage Park Drive, west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: In addition to food, fireworks, carnival, and exhibits, live entertainment will include

Zooropa, a U2 Tribute Band, 7:30-9 p.m. June 16, Canton LIVE stage; Axis Music Academy musicians, 1-6 p.m. June 17, Canton LIVE stage; Rick Leider Leider's Marley-ritaville Band, 4-6 p.m. June 17, Amphitheater Stage; Piano Man - A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel, 8-10 p.m. June 17, Canton LIVE stage; Robin Horlock, 6-7 p.m. June 17, Amphitheater Stage; Jasen Magic Show, 7-7:45 p.m. June 17, Ampitheater Stage; Canton International Stage Acts, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. June 18, Canton LIVE stage; Village Theater and community artists, 11:30-7 p.m. June 18, Amphitheater Stage; United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, 6 p.m. June 18, Amphitheater Stage; Michigan Philharmonic, 6:45-7:10 p.m. June 18, Ampitheater Stage; and Motown Rockin' Review, 8:15-10 p.m. June 18, Ampitheater Stage
Contact: cantonlibertyfest.com

Livonia Spree

Time/Date: Opens at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21; 2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 22-23; noon, Saturday-Sunday June 24-25

Location: Ford Field at Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia

Details: The week-long birthday party for the city includes food, games, a carnival, fireworks, the "Art from the Heart," exhibit and live music including Battle of the Bands, 5-10:30 p.m. June 21; Killer Flamingos, 7-11 p.m. June 22; Boogie Dynamite, 7-11 p.m. June 23; The Kreellers, 8:30-11 p.m. June 23; Annabelle Road, 7-11 p.m. June 24; Square Pegz, 7-11 p.m. June 24; The 338th Army Band, 12:30 p.m. June 24; Livonia Youth Choir, 2-3 p.m. June 24; Mega 80's, 7-11 p.m. June 24; Jane Doe, 7-11 p.m. June 24; Scoot Magoo, 7-11 p.m. June 25; and 7 Play, 7-11 p.m. June 25
Contact: www.livoniaspree.com

Summer Reading Programs



Farmington Community Library
Registration begins 6/11/11 10am-12pm
Meet Scoop from 10am-12pm
23500 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335
Phone: (248) 553-0300

Canton Public Library
Registration begins 6/20/11 9am-9pm
Meet Scoop from 12pm-2pm
1200 South Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
Phone: (734) 397-0999

Livonia Public Library
Registration begins 6/21/11 1:30-3:30 pm
Meet Scoop from 1:30-3:30 pm
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
Phone: (734) 466-2451

Plymouth District Library
Registration begins 6/28/11 11am/ 2pm/7pm
Meet Scoop from 11am-3 pm & 6-8pm
223 South Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: (734) 453-0750

Redford Township District Library
Registration begins 6/20/11 10am-8:30pm
6/28/11 Meet Scoop from 11am-1pm
25320 West Six Mile Road
Redford, MI 48240
Phone: (313) 531-5960

William P. Faust Public Library Of Westland
Registration begins 6/18/11 10am-4pm
Meet Scoop from 10am-12pm
6123 Central City Parkway
Westland, MI 48185
Phone: (734) 326-6123

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS

Local Matters~SHOP LOCAL!



Mini Coffee Ice Cream Sundae

THE SCOOP ON *Sundaes*

Sundaes are sweet, but maybe it's time for something sensational. Gale Gand, renowned pastry chef and mother of three, has partnered with Breyers to put a creative twist on the classic ice cream sundae.

She says that one of the secrets of a fantastic sundae is to start with high-quality ice cream as your base.

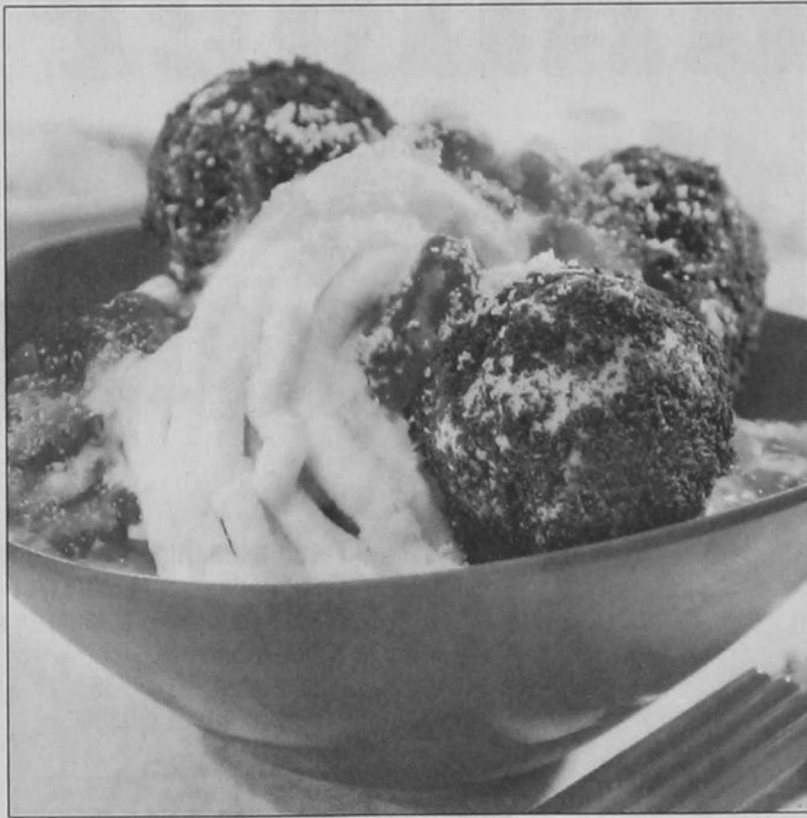
Gand offers these other 10 tips:

1. Using store-bought ingredients makes sundae-making fast and easy. You can always doll things up, like dissolve some instant coffee in a little hot water and stir it into store-bought caramel sauce to make a coffee-caramel drizzle.
2. Using whole nuts and dried fruit for add-ins can give your sundae extra texture and a big crunch.
3. Roll scoops of ice cream in any kind of crumbs, crunched cereal or chocolate milk powder for an ice cream "truffle."
4. Use mini containers like egg cups, espresso cups and cordial glasses to make mini sundaes.
5. Make a quickie fresh-fruit topping by mashing your favorite berries with a little white or brown sugar.
6. To keep your ice cream from melting as fast, freeze your sundae bowls or dessert dishes overnight.
7. To make your scoops more perfect-looking, dip your ice cream scoop in hot water in between scoops.
8. Use two or more flavors of ice cream in a sundae to add extra flavor and flair.
9. Simply tucking a cookie next to a scoop of ice cream, standing up, can really dress it up.
10. Create an exotic-looking sundae by using a wooden skewer to thread fruit onto, and then stick it into a scoop of ice cream. Use things like berries, ripe peach wedges and banana slices.

For more tips and recipes, visit www.breyers.com or www.facebook.com/breyers.



Snow Ball Sundae



Spaghetti and Meatball Sundae

ICE CREAM LOLLIPOPS

8 lollipops
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Freeze Time: 30 minutes

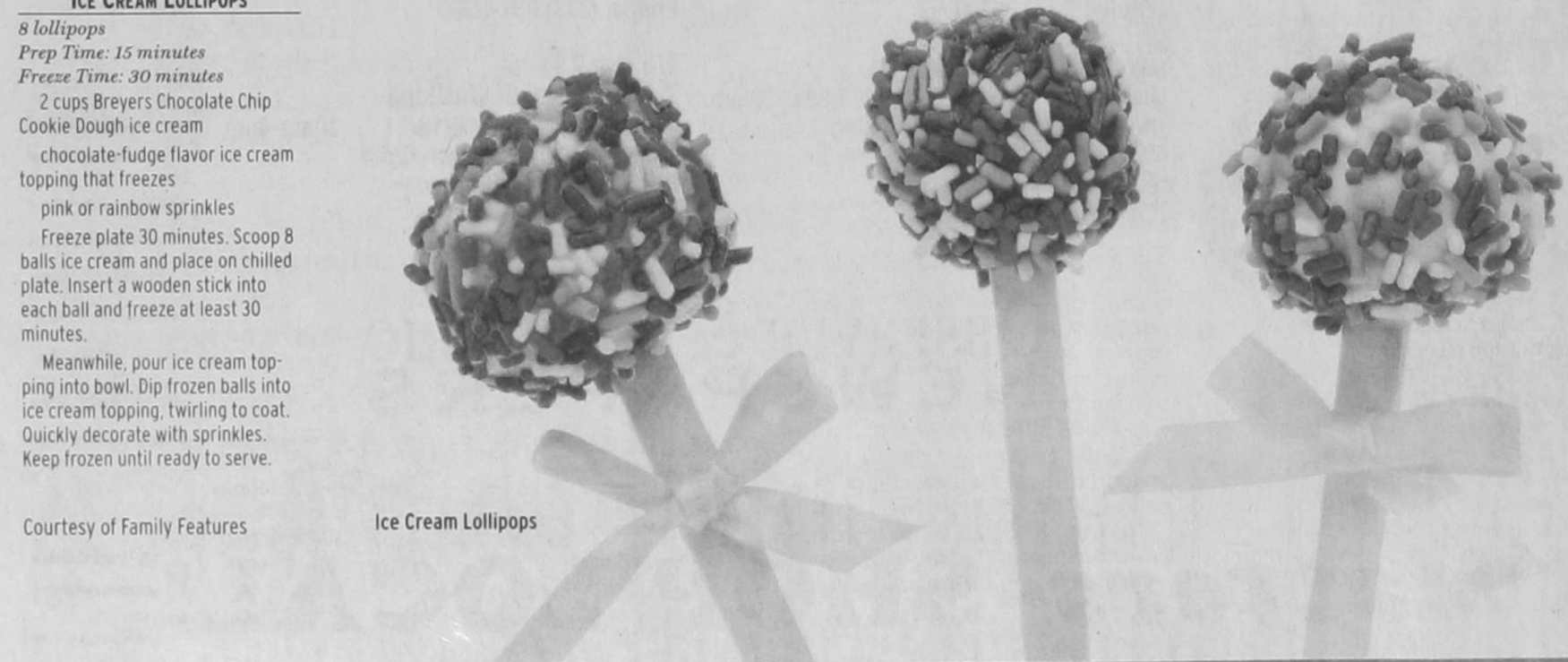
2 cups Breyers Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream
chocolate-fudge flavor ice cream topping that freezes
pink or rainbow sprinkles

Freeze plate 30 minutes. Scoop 8 balls ice cream and place on chilled plate. Insert a wooden stick into each ball and freeze at least 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, pour ice cream topping into bowl. Dip frozen balls into ice cream topping, twirling to coat. Quickly decorate with sprinkles. Keep frozen until ready to serve.

Courtesy of Family Features

Ice Cream Lollipops



MINI COFFEE ICE CREAM SUNDAES

4 servings
Prep Time: 25 minutes

2 cups Breyers Coffee ice cream
salted caramel sauce
almond whipped cream
1 shot espresso coffee
4 amaretti cookies
chocolate-covered coffee beans

Arrange 2 (1/4-cup) scoops ice cream in 4 demitasse coffee cups. Drizzle with salted caramel sauce, then top with almond whipped cream. Pour a little espresso into each cup, then garnish with cookies and coffee beans.

For salted caramel sauce, bring 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup water to a boil over high heat in heavy-duty saucepan until caramel-colored. Remove from heat, then slowly stir in 1/2 cup whipping or heavy cream. Let cool, then stir in 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt. Let stand at room temperature until ready to use.

To make almond whipped cream, whip 1/2 cup whipping or heavy cream, 1 teaspoon sugar and 2 drops almond extract in mixing bowl with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Chill until ready to serve.

SNOW BALL SUNDAES

4 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Freeze Time: 30 minutes

2 cups Breyers Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream
8 slices (1-1/2 inches thick) store-bought angel food cake
1/2 cup hot fudge topping, warmed
1/2 cup marshmallow creme, melted
chocolate sprinkles

Freeze plate 30 minutes. Make 4 (1/2-cup) scoops ice cream and arrange on chilled plate. Place 1 ice cream ball on 1 cake slice, then top with second cake slice. Shape cake around ice cream to encase it, using your hands to completely cover ice cream. Return to freezer until ready to serve. Repeat with remaining ice cream and cake.

To serve, arrange snow balls in 4 dessert bowls. Top with hot fudge topping, then marshmallow creme and sprinkles.

TIP: Easily melt marshmallow creme in a glass measuring cup in the microwave.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL SUNDAES

4 servings
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Freeze Time: 30 minutes

12 small scoops Breyers Rocky Road ice cream
1 cup chocolate sandwich cookie crumbs
2 cups strawberries, trimmed
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup Breyers Natural Vanilla ice cream, divided
2 store-bought shortbread cookies, crushed

Freeze plate 30 minutes. For meatballs, arrange Rocky Road ice cream scoops on chilled plate. Place chocolate cookie crumbs on another plate. Roll scoops, one at a time, in cookie crumbs, then return to chilled plate until ready to serve.

For sauce, mash strawberries with sugar in medium bowl using potato masher or fork to make chunky sauce. Stir in additional sugar if desired.

To build sundaes, press vanilla ice cream through potato ricer into 4 dessert bowls for spaghetti. Top each with 3 meatballs, then sauce. Top with crushed shortbread cookie cheese. Serve with a fork.

If a potato ricer is not available, simply scoop ice cream into bowls.

REAL ESTATE

PAGE B9 (*) Thursday, June 9, 2011

hometownlife.com

Contact Us

PHONE: (800) 579-SELL (7355)
 FAX: (313) 496-4968
 E-MAIL: oeads@hometownlife.com
 BILLING QUESTIONS? (313) 222-8748
 HOME DELIVERY: (866) 887-2737

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES:
 SUNDAY EDITION, 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY
 THURSDAY EDITION, 4:30 P.M. TUESDAY

Julie Brown, editor, (313) 222-6755
 jcbrown@hometownlife.com

Homeowners policy: read the fine print

Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance Agency in Westland, has been in business a number of years and knows insurance. He recommends homeowners keep in regular contact with their insurance agency, even if there's no claim to file.

Every couple of years, you should contact your agent "to review it with somebody that's familiar with the policy." New hobbies/collections, or new gift purchases could require policy changes, he said.

"See if there are additional changes that should be made to the policy." A finished basement equals more protection against water damage, for example, said Juenemann, a Northville Township resident.

"A review every year, every couple of years, makes sense."

The Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation offers these tips on homeowners insurance:

When choosing a homeowners insurance policy, most people think more about the value of the house than about their possessions inside. When deciding the amount of coverage one needs, it is best to know all the "stuff" in the home that warrants special protections. The first step toward figuring out how much coverage you need is to take stock of what you have. Documenting possessions allows you to fully protect and replace your valuables if something happens.

OFIRS's 10 steps to complete a home inventory are below:

1. Make a list of possessions, including "celebration" purchases, such as jewelry and fine art.

2. Think about family heirlooms, collections and furniture. Also, consider items related to everyday leisure time, from flat-screen televisions to custom guitars.

3. Take note of commonplace items, such as toys, DVDs, CDs and clothing. And, do not forget items you may only use occasionally, such as holiday decorations, sports equipment, tools, and high-ticket items kept outside your home, such as landscape and swing sets.

4. Attach copies of original sales receipts and/or appraisal documents to your inventory. Be sure to note model and serial numbers.

5. Group your possessions into logical categories, i.e. by hobby, by room in your house.

6. Carefully photograph or videotape each item and document a brief description, including age, purchase price and estimated current value.

7. Remember to open drawers and closets to document what is inside.

HOME INSURANCE
 The value of an asset is its market value or, if no such value is determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting concepts, based on the policies or other generally accepted methods approved by the Insurance Commissioner.



8. Store your home inventory and related documents in a safe, easily accessible place, such as a secured site/file online, a fire-proof box or in a safe deposit box. You may want to share a copy with your insurance provider to make necessary updates to your coverage.

9. Review and update your inventory annually and anytime you make a significant purchase.

10. To get started, you can check out the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' simple home inventory checklist at www.insureonline.org/home_inventory_checklist.pdf.

"Expensive or fragile or subject to weird stuff such as power surge," said Juenemann of items in need of special attention. Policies generally don't cover losing items, breaking items or

a power surge. Cameras and computers may have breakage/power outage issues to consider with your insurance agent, he said.

"If you're nervous about it, you can address it separately on that homeowners policy."

Hobby equipment is not limited in the policy in any way. "Heirlooms again you may want to insure them for a stated value. We don't pay for sentimental value." You can insure for collectible value by listing such items separately.

"We get people that lose DVDs out of vehicles. You make a list and include them in their claims and you get new ones."

Typically you don't need receipts "unless the insurance company thinks you're committing fraud." Others

who've visited your home will know about your possessions. "It's rare that people have receipts." Appraisals are good for descriptions, Juenemann said, but typically not necessary from an insurance company's point of view.

Few people actually photograph or videotape their possessions, although such a tape can be a valuable reminder when filing a claim. "There probably were 50 shirts hanging there, 10 of which I wear. It would be a great memory tool," Juenemann said with a laugh.

If making an inventory, "It should definitely be kept in an alternate location. If the house burns, you lose the backup also."

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Seek pro's advice on financing

Q: Our board doesn't seem to know anything about the new FHA rules or Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae and doesn't seem to care. Do you have any comments?

A: It can be said that borrowers who want to buy a condominium run into two problems when getting a mortgage on a condominium: high costs and strict standards that make it hard to qualify for a loan. Now, of course, among other things, the condominium association has to qualify and the borrower has little or no control

over the latter. Lenders follow condo-mortgage guidelines from the Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Among Freddie Mac's requirements: more than half of the condos must be owner occupied; no owner may own more than 10 percent of the units; no more than 15 percent of the owners can be delinquent in condo dues; all amenities must be completed if the development is more than 12 months old; and, buyers who make a down payment of less than 25 percent will have to pay an additional 0.75 percent of the loan amount at the closing or a higher interest rate of amount 0.25 percent. FHA has much friendlier down payment requirements but strict guidelines for condo associations. The bottom line is that your association should take whatever steps are necessary to get approval for whatever type of government-insured financing that is available.

Q: We own some front lots separated from a lake by a public road created by dedication on the subdivision plat. However, certain back lot owners have used the waterfront in front of our homes to maintain docks and store boats. We are wondering if we can stop them from doing so?

A: In a case under similar facts, the appellate court explained that the subdivision plat vested the County with a "fee" in the road under the State Plat Act, but this interest is a base fee conveying only nominal title, not title in the nature of private ownership. Moreover, the court reasoned that such title is expressly limited by the terms of the dedication, that is, the right of passage and use is incidental to public travel and no other. The court stated that the developer did not reserve riparian rights on the plat and such rights were not necessary for road purposes. Second, although normally the interposition of a fee title between the upland and the water destroys riparian rights, or rather transfers them to the interposing owner, those riparian rights remain intact when the property is separated from the water solely by a public street. Therefore, the court indicated that the dedication of a parallel road that separated the front lots from the water did not divest those lot owners of riparian rights. This is obviously complex and requires a good real estate lawyer's evaluation.

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

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 1-4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton			Northville			Redford		
44144 Ardmore St	\$125,000		19216 Glen Eagles Dr	\$259,000		14206 Inkster Rd	\$50,000	
2006 Echo Woods Dr	\$283,000		38034 Joy Rd	\$85,000		26720 Joy Rd	\$10,000	
46209 Gunner Dr	\$160,000		42385 Anchor Ct	\$84,000		20604 Kinloch	\$18,000	
49119 Hawksbury Rd	\$120,000		16779 Brooklane Blvd	\$475,000		9591 Lenore	\$69,000	
42785 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$55,000					25450 Lyndon	\$63,000	
45109 Lothrop Ct	\$279,000		1409 Beech St	\$171,000		16922 Woodworth	\$72,000	
1923 Marlowe Ct	\$141,000		42448 Clemons Dr	\$162,000				
			702 N Harvey St	\$166,000		35600 Pheasant Ln	\$73,000	
			625 Simpson St	\$175,000		34843 Somerset St	\$60,000	

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 22-25, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills			Bloomfield Hills			Farmington Hills		
18485 Devonshire St	\$175,000		545 Yarboro Dr	\$353,000		22251 Averhill St	\$89,000	
17130 Dunblaine Ave	\$168,000		Bloomfield Township			21936 Leyte St	\$48,000	
			4091 Antique Ln	\$335,000		28825 Millbrook Rd	\$307,000	
685 Bennaville Ave	\$525,000		5408 Franklin Rd	\$160,000		30815 N Wendybrook Ct	\$159,000	
571 Chester St	\$500,000		237 Norcliff Dr	\$509,000		31720 Partridge Ln	\$48,000	
1981 Graefield Rd	\$85,000		4043 Stoneleigh Rd	\$389,000		22195 River Ridge Trl	\$160,000	
1235 Norfolk St	\$285,000					30445 W 14 Mile Rd	\$26,000	
909 Pierce St	\$546,000							
1293 Southfield Rd	\$560,000		4767 Triwood Dr	\$270,000				

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Oakland Investors

Learn about member benefits of "360 Investors" software package, including Marketing Manager. Matt Beckman will also share how he raised over \$80 million from private investors for rehab funding.

Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, June 9, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a free career seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about the income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

RE/MAX kudos

The Real Trends reporting recently released ranks RE/MAX Classic as one of the Top 10 brokerages nationwide for Closed Transaction Sides Per Associate.

The news released in May 2011 reaffirms the business are one of the leaders in the industry for productivity of agents. The report by Real Trends lends credibility to the RE/MAX slogan "Nobody in the World Sells More Real Estate than RE/MAX," reporting RE/MAX rankings with 21 out of the 25 Top Brokerages nationwide achieving this top recognition.

Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, attributes the success of her agents to "our ongoing training and continued support of our Realtors." Boji said, "We're at the top of the scale when it comes to striving to be the best at what we do. Our management staff continues to excel in providing our Realtors with the newest technology and latest industry and market information available to succeed in provid-

ing the best service available."

"Our agents averaged 27.1 Closed Transactions in 2010, quite a feat considering the challenges of the market," Boji said. "Adjusting to the current housing market needs and trends and continued education along with the great tools RE/MAX provides our agents allows them to lead the competition. The Real Trends 500 report is a meaningful measure of recognition to support this. We congratulate our agents and staff on a job well done!"

The REAL Trends 500 is an annual research report which identifies the country's largest and most successful residential firms as ranked by closed transaction sides and separately by closed sales volume. This report represents the most trusted standard of measuring the performance of the nation's leading realty service firms.

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

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

REAL ESTATE

HOMETOWNlife.com

**Save up to 50%
on previously
banked owned
homes!**
We finance with approved
down payment!
Percentages based on original retail prices
Call Steve @ (734) 414-9760
in Plymouth Hills

Manufactured Homes

3740

**RELOCATE
YOUR HOME TO**

College Park Estates
and receive **\$5,500** single
or **\$8,500** multi-section

Reduced site rent \$199.00 for 3 years with a
\$25.00 increase in years 2 & 3 4th year Market rent.

\$0 application fee. All prospective residents must complete
application for residency and satisfy background/credit
requirements. Restrictions apply.

**COLLEGE PARK ESTATES
SUN COMMUNITIES**
Call 888-217-1528

or apply online at: www.relocatemyhouse.com

 Offer expires on 5/31/11.

0608753356

3740

**CATE
COME TO**

ark Estates
5,500 single

multi-section

0.00 for 3 years with a
& 3 4th year Market rent.

Active residents must complete
and satisfy background/credit
restrictions apply.

ARK ESTATES
MUNITIES

217-1528

relocatemymouse.com

on 5/31/11.

DEGR/39358, v2

Sell it all with
Observer & Eccentric
1-800-579-SELL

Cemeteries

PARKVIEW MEMORIAL CEMETERY: Garden Of Good Shepherd. 2 plots, Sec 240, \$2600. Call: 248-366-4438

IT'S ALL AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!


Jobs!
Autos!
Real Estate!
Apartments!
Garage Sales!

A Top Notch Service Directory!

Look no further for the best local classifieds!

TO PLACE YOUR AD:
1-800-579-7355

THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR						
		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.	Other
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	4.375	0	3.625	0	J/A
Accurate Mortgage Solutions	(800) 593-1912	4.375	0	3.625	0	J/A
AFI Financial	(877) 234-0600	4.25	0.25	3.625	0	J/F
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	4.375	0	3.625	0	J/A
BRINKS Financial Group	(800) 785-4755	4.25	0.25	3.5	1	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	4.25	0.5	3.5	1	J/A/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	4.625	0	3.75	0	J
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	4.625	0	3.875	0	A
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	4.5	0	3.875	0	J/V/F
First State Bank	(800) 372-2205	4.5	0	3.75	0	J/F
Flagstar Bank	(313) 410-4428	4.625	0	3.875	0	J/A/V/F
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	4.375	0	3.625	0	J/A/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	4.375	0	3.625	0	J/A/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(248) 282-1602	4.875	0	4.125	0	J/A/V/F
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	4.125	1.75	3.375	0.875	J/A/V/F

Above Information available as of 6/3/11 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculations & most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com. Key to "Other" Column - J = Jumbo, A = Arm, V = VA, F = FHA & NR = Not Reported. All Lenders are Equal Opportunity Lenders. 

Lenders to participate call (734) 922-3032 / © 2011 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved

careerbuilder

HOMETOWNlife.com

We're looking for adults teens to sell subscriptions to the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers in your neighborhood. If you live in Western Wayne Southwest Oakland County this could be what you have been looking for. Earnings are commission based. Call Michele Austin 586-825-7494 for more information.

Please send resume, which must include salary requirements, to
HR@acecontrols.com
Fax: 248-426-5631
EOE

PAINTERS NEEDED
Skilled positions avail. Must have driver's license & own transportation. Email: randkservices@aol.com

The City of Wayne does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Help Wanted-General

WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN ADULT TO RECRUIT AND MOTIVATE TEENS

To sell the OBSERVER AND ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS door to door in Western Wayne and South Oakland counties. Must have dependable transportation, valid driver's license and insured. You're a independent contractor with unlimited earning potential based on your ability to build a strong sales team. Must be available evening and weekends. Call Michele Austin at 586-826-7494 for more information.

BOOKKEEPER

seeking detail oriented,
self-directed, multi-tasker.
Excellent telephone & basic
computer skills required.
Fax resume: 734-425-0809

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED:
Phone and computer skills
a must. Apply within:
Marygrove Awning Co. 12706
Merriman Rd. Livonia, 48150

DENTAL HYGIENIST
12 Mile between Evergreen and Southfield. 20-25 hours wk. Thurs., Fri., and Sat. At least 3 years experience. X-ray certified; enthusiastic; caring; dependable and organized. Eaglesoft and digital x-rays plus. Join our newly remodelled, patient centered practice. Call Toni at: 248-353-4747



Help Wanted-General

5000

Earn \$50.00-\$100.00 per week

Deliver newspapers to the Westland area
twice a week on Thursday and Saturday
evening/Sunday morning.

Experience delivering newspapers helpful.

Call 734-582-8690

OE08743100

POLICE OFFICER

The City of Wayne is accepting applications to establish a Police Officer eligibility list.

Applicants must conform to employment standards as set by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.).

APPLICANTS MUST

(at the time of submitting application)

- a. Provide copy of your valid driver's license (with no more than 3 current points on driving record);
- b. Provide copy of certificate of successful completion of the M.C.O.L.E.S. Pre-employment Physical Agility and Reading Writing Skills Test;
- c. Provide a current M.C.O.L.E.S. certification (as certified or certifiable).

Applicants must maintain M.C.O.L.E.S. certification for the duration of the hiring process. Must possess good moral character as determined by a favorable background investigation covering school, employment records home environment and personal traits and integrity. Applications must be picked up in the City of Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. An application form is also available on our website:

www.ci.wayne.mi.us/personnel.html

Applications must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Personnel Department by 4:00 p.m. on June 19, 2011. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.

No resumes will be accepted without written application form.

The City of Wayne does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

02E08743114

dfcu
FINANCIAL

**Michigan's largest Credit Union
seeking a**

**Voice & Data
Communications Specialist**

Minimum qualifications include:
2 years related experience in voice
and/or data communications,
PC applications, routers, switches,
modems and network wiring.
Demonstrated exp. with protocol
monitoring tools such as IP and IPX and
networking topologies such as
Frame relay and Ethernet.

Complete job description available at:
dfcufinancial.com

See
Voice & Data Communications Specialist

**Apply in person at any:
DFCU Financial Branch Office**

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011**

Credit record in good standing required

Equal Opportunity Employer

OE06742905v9

careerbuilder

HOMETOWNlife.com

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

CMA (AAMA) Mandatory
Part time moving to full, Novi
Reception and Clinical Duties
Email resume:
theigldma@yahoo.com

FRONT DESK
Proficient in communication,
organization, & passionate in
helping others. Resumes must
be hand delivered to: Trans-
formation Health, 18444 Farm-
ington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152
on 6/13 & 6/14, bwn 10-11am

OPTICAL ASSISTANT, FT
Must be exp'd. Belleville or
Canton locations. Great hours.
Call: 734-284-2020

Call to place your ad at
1-800-579-SELL(7355)

OPTICIAN
Dispensing Optician for
optical in Farmington. Resume
jivargovick@gmail.com

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

RN's
Full-Time
Midnights & Afternoons
Apply in person Mon-Fri.
at: Medlodge of Plymouth,
395 W. Ann Arbor Trail,
Plymouth or submit resume
to: BPost@Medlodge.com

VISUAL FIELD
TECH
For Ophthalmic practice in
Birmingham. Full time with
benefit package.
Send resume to
ConnieC@oaklandeye.com
Or fax: (248) 290-2760

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

BARTENDER, WAITSTAFF &
COOK, Exp'd.
Apply at: Starting Gate
135 N. Center St., Northville.

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

SERVERS-
Breakfast/Lunch.
Detroit Athletic Club seek-
ing servers to work break-
fast and lunch periods.
Fine dining experience pre-
ferred. Part-Time. Meals
and secure on-site parking
provided. Send resume to:
humanresources@
thedac.com
or apply Mon-Fri. 9-5,
Security Office
Detroit Athletic Club
241 Madison
Detroit, MI 48226

Short Order Cook, FT or PT
Cashier/Hostess, FT or PT
Apply in person 6-7pm daily
at Koney Island Inn
7 Mile & Middlebelt
located in front of Walmart.

hometownlife.com

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

MANAGERS
Michigans Top Home
Improvement Co. is looking to
add full-time managers in our
Field Marketing Department.
Awesome recruiting skills a
must. You must have a valid
driving license and pass a
background check. Call
Brian Brooks: 248-668-9090
or email resume:
bbrooks3200@hotmail.com

Position Wanted 5340

Experienced person can
Clean/Weed Flower Bed
(248) 345-9558

When seeking out
the best
deal check out
the Observer
& Eccentric Classifieds!
1-800-579-7355

Divorce Services 5610

DIVORCE
\$75.00
www.CSRdisability.com
CS&R 734-425-1074

Business Opportunities 5740

PARTY STORE For Sale
Madison Hgts., in busy shop-
ping center. Beer/wine, lottery,
groceries. Selling for health
reason. 248-342-2053

Recycle
this
Newspaper

HOMETOWNlife.com

APARTMENTS

4000-4980
Real Estate
For Lease

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

FARMINGTON HILLS
ANNIE APTS.
NO APPLICATION FEE
FREE HEAT! 1 bedroom
\$505. 9 Mile/ Middlebelt
248-478-7489

FARMINGTON MANOR APTS.
1 bedroom, carpet.
Move-In Special Avail!
From \$475. 248-888-0868

FARMINGTON PLAZA APTS
1 bdrms avail.
\$300 Sec. Dep. 50% off 3
mo's rent w/ approved credit!
(248) 478-8722

GARDEN CITY -
1 Bdrms only \$579
2 Bdrms only \$679
Hurry - Limited supply!
New Management
Bentley Square
(734) 367-1087, EHO

LIVONIA MANOR
1 bdrm, 2 bdrm, appliances.
Heat & Water incl. Starting at
\$595/mo. 734-288-8430

PLYMOUTH-SHELDON PARK
Spacious 1 & 2 bdrms,
C/A, pool, carport, from
\$525. \$300 sec dep.
50% off 1st 3 months rent
w/ good credit.
Call: (734) 455-6570

WESTLAND A \$0 MOVE-IN!
Warren/Middlebelt. Lg 1 bdrm,
updated, A/C, Free Heat/Water.
\$550/mo. 734-459-1160

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

WESTLAND
Hickory Woods Apts.
\$224 MOVE IN!
1st Month Rent Free
(for qualified
applicants)
1 Bdrm-\$550
2 Bdrm-\$625
FREE GAS AND WATER
(734) 729-6520
*Short term leases avail.

Westland Park Apts.

LOOK
FREE RENT
2 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath,
\$565, 936 Sq. Ft.
1 Bdrm, \$490,
728 Sq. Ft. "Special"
\$100 off a month.
\$200 Security Deposit
Heat and Water Incl.
(New residents only)
with approved credit
No Pets, C/A, Vertical
Blinds, Intercom.
Appliances include
dishwasher.
Very clean Apartments
Excellent Maintenance
(734) 729-6636

WESTLAND
Spacious 1 bedroom
Private entry
Wooded community
On-site maintenance
\$300* Moves You In!
734-721-6699 EHO
*call for details

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

WAYNE
Wayne Apartments
A great place to live!
1 bedroom apartments.
1 month free with approved credit.
\$500/mo.
Application Fee \$25
(734) 274-7096

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

THE
APARTMENT SPECIALISTS

Even in these
trying times,
we still have
the best prices!

Westland
Parkcrest
Apts. Designed with
ROOMMATES in MIND!
Across from
Meijers
Livonia
Schools
(734) 522-3013

Wilderness
SPACIOUS!!
2 Bdrms, 1000 sq. ft.
CARPORTS/POOL
WASHER & DRYER
inside unit
Livonia
Schools
(734) 425-5731

Village
Apts. Move-In Specials!
Near Westland mall
(734) 425-0930

Plymouth
Carriage
House Move-In
Specials!
CENTRAL AIR
Corner of Haggerty & Joy
(734) 425-0930

Garden City
Luna
Apts. Move-In Specials!
Near Westland mall
(734) 425-0930

HUGE
Bathrooms
Bordering Westland
(734) 425-0930

734-451-5210
www.sleasings.com

OE06824712

Homes For Rent 4050

YPSILANTI
Free Lawn Care
for the Season!
on Select Homes!

\$299*
Security Deposits!

Beautiful 3 bedroom,
2 bath homes.
Starting as low as
\$769 a month.

Call Sun Homes Today
888-235-3517
Or apply online
www.4lakereview.com

SUN HOMES
EHO Expires 6/30/11
*Some restrictions apply

Mobile Home Rentals 4070

Homes starting at
\$629.00 per month

3 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS

College Park Estates
Sun Homes
Apply at:
4collegepark.com
Hurry won't last!
(888) 284-9760

*Some restrictions apply call for details.
All applicants subject to credit & criminal check.
Exp. 6/30/2011 EHO

There is something for
everyone in our Classifieds!

NEWSPAPER POLICY

All advertising published in this Newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card. (Copies are available from the advertising department, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 866-887-2737. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, no credit will be given unless notice of typographical or other errors are given in time for correction before the second insertion. Not responsible for omissions. Publisher's Notice: This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc, 724983 3-31-72) Classified ads may be placed according to the deadlines. Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears and reporting any errors immediately. The Newspaper will not issue credit for errors in ads after the FIRST INCORRECT INSERTION. Equal Housing Opportunity Statement: We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin. Equal Housing Opportunity slogan: "Equal Housing Opportunity". Table III - Illustration of Publisher's Notice.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
NEWSPAPERS
HOMETOWN
WEEKLIES
OE06849612

GET EXTRA CASH!

By selling your vehicle or the items in your
garage and attic which are collecting dust!

Advertise 1 item of
merchandise for
As little as \$19.99*!
Your item will be advertised in
the paper & online for 2 weeks

Advertise one vehicle for
As little as \$29.99*!
Your vehicle will be advertised
in the paper & online for 2 weeks!

Put cash in your wallet by calling us today!
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
NEWSPAPERS
HOMETOWN
WEEKLIES
1-800-579-7355
*4 line maximum, additional fees may be added for extra ads. Limited time only.

Challenging fun for ALL ages

Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Intimidate
- 4 Electrical unit, once
- 7 Purplish-brown
- 11 Mr. Moto's reply (2 wds.)
- 12 Coop
- 13 Part of MIT
- 14 Chinese taxis
- 16 Pleasingly pretty
- 17 Grind, as teeth
- 18 Edgar the painter
- 20 Thole filler
- 21 Comic-strip queen
- 23 Suffix for press
- 26 Distant
- 27 Livestock show
- 28 Quality of being true
- 31 Not digital
- 33 Monopoly square
- 34 Laundry cycle
- 35 Hero sandwich

- 36 Prey grabber
- 38 Sialom gear
- 41 Long-eared animal
- 43 Splices
- 45 Carrot or beet
- 47 Peat moss
- 49 "Rosamond" composer
- 50 Unseal, poeti-cally
- 51 Prince's "— Go Crazy"
- 52 Jumble
- 53 Carrie — (Cavett ex)
- 54 Cote dweller

DOWN

- 1 Dinnerware
- 2 Golden statuette
- 3 Stir-fry pans
- 4 Radar meas.
- 5 Top-of-page line
- 6 Start
- 7 Typewriter type

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	O	G	S	E	S	E	H	E	R	D
A	N	N	E	R	E	D	I	T	E	R
R	O	U	S	S	E	A	U	L	O	B
A	R	C	A	T	N	A	P			
S	W	A	M	T	R	A	M	S		
C	E	L	E	B	U	T	A	K	E	
O	R	B	O	A	S	E	S	A	D	A
W	E	S	R	T	E	S	A	N	E	R
	B	A	L	S	A	M	E	N	D	
D	E	L	X	E	T	I	E			
E	L	A	N	A	C	R	O	B	A	T
M	I	S	C	I	A	P	S	E		
O	A	T	H	T	I	A	S	T	E	W

2-10 © 2011 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11									
14									
17									
20									
26									
31									
36									
41									
46									
51									
56									

SUDOKU

5		1						8
			9	1		5	6	2
6	3		2					5
1								
4		2	6	7	8			
	9		5					4
2		5		3	6	4	9	
	1	6	4	5		2	8	
8	4		9	1		7		

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

Word Search — Going Gardening

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

Annual	Hose	Mulch	Plant	Soil
Foliage	Irrigation	Peat	Prune	Till
Gardening	Moss	Perennial	Shrubby	Trees

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	9	2	2	1	6	8	7	8
8	8	2	2	9	7	9	1	6
1	6	7	9	8	8	9	2	2
7	9	8	1	2	9	2	6	8
6	1	8	8	1	9	2	9	7
2	2	9	7	6	8	8	9	1
9	2	1	6	8	7	8	9	9
2	8	9	9	7	1	6	8	2
8	7	6	8	9	2	1	2	9

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Word Search

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----

OE08739601

HOME & SERVICE

HOMETOWNlife.com

0001-2450
Home & Service
Guide



Asphalt/Blacktopping **0110**

DJ'S BLACKTOP DRIVEWAYS
•Paving •Patch •Seal Coating
Free est. • www.djpaving.com
734-337-2157, 734-397-0811

Chimney Cleaning/
Building & Repair **0480**

BEST CHIMNEY & ROOFING CO. - New & repairs
Sr. Citizen Discount. Lic & Ins.
248-557-5595, 313-292-7722

"It's All About Results"
1-800-579-SELL
(7355)

Drywall **0690**
COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.
Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed!
Lic/Ins. Free Est. 29 yrs. exp. Mark: 313-363-6738

Electrical **0700**
FAMILY ELECTRICAL
City cert. Violations corrected.
Service changes or any small job.
Free est. 734-422-8080

Heating/Cooling **1040**

AIR CONDITIONERS
From \$1350 Installed.
A/C Start Ups.
Service All
Makes & Models.
Same Day Service.
Licensed/Insured
(734) 444-4454



Handyman M/F **1020**
Complete Service Handyman
Any Size Job.
Licensed. Free Estimates.
(734) 259-9326

A word to the wise,
when looking for a
great deal check the
Observer & Eccentric
Classifieds!

Heating/Cooling **1040**

Hauling/Clean Up **1030**
A-1 HAULING
Move scrap metal, clean basements,
garages, stores, etc.
Lowest prices in town. Quick service.
Free est. Wayne/Oakland Central location.
248-547-2764, 248-559-8138

Clean-up/Hauling Srv.
Cheap Rates! Garages, basements, attics. Free Est.
248-521-8818, 248-489-5955

Heating/Cooling **1040**

AIR CONDITIONERS
From \$1350 Installed. A/C Start Ups. Service all makes & models. Same Day Service.
Lic/Ins. 734-444-4454

Home Improvement **1060**

Does your Home or Business
need to be more organized?
Go to:
www.tigerorganizing.com

There is something for everyone in our Classifieds!

Landscaping **1210**
COMPLETE LANDSCAPING BY LAURE SERVICES
Spring clean-ups, landscaping, grading, sodding, hydro-seeding, all types retaining walls, brick walks & patios. Drainage & lawn irrigation systems, low foundations built up. Weekly lawn maintenance. Haul away unwanted items. Comm. Res. 38 years exp. Lic & Ins. Free Est.
www.laureservices.com
248-489-5955, 248-521-8818

Lawn, Gardening Maintenance Service **1230**
Evans Lawn Maint. & Landscaping! Quality work for a reasonable price. Call for free quotes. Evan: (734) 329-4773

Lawn, Garden Rototilling **1240**

LAWN CARE
Affordable & Professional. Cut, Edge & Trim. Landscaping, Custom Fences & Decks.
Free Est. 313-598-4272

A1 ROTOTILLING
New & previous gardens, \$35 & up. Troy Built equip. 31 yrs. exp. Call Ray: 248-477-2168

Moving/Storage **1380**
A1 A+ Movers A+ Service
Lic. & Insured-Efficient for only \$70/hr. 866-633-7953

Observer & Eccentric Classifieds
Just a quick call away.....
1-800-579-SELL

Plumbing **1480**

Painting/Decorating Paperhangers **1420**
PAINTING BY ROBERT
• Wallpaper Removal • Int • Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Staining. 25 yrs exp. Free est.
248-349-7499, 734-464-8147

QUALITY PAINTING
Canton, Livonia, Farmington. Interior - Exterior. Free est.
(248) 225-7165

Plumbing **1480**

Plumbing **1480**
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING WORK
40 Gallon Hot Water Tanks Installed \$499.
Seniors Discount.
35 years experience.
Licensed/Insured.
(734) 444-4454

FIND IT ONLINE
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pressure Power Washing **1530**

Roofing **1640**
BEST CHIMNEY CO.
Free Est. Lic & Ins.
248-557-5595, 313-292-7722

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

LEAK SPECIALIST Flashings, Valleys, Chimneys, etc. Warr. Member BBB. 30 yrs. exp. Lic / Ins. Call: (248) 346-4321

Dirt Vanishers
Power Washing and Cleaning, LLC.
We offer many power washing services
• Brick Cleaning • Graffiti Removal • Carport Cleaning
• Mobile Home Power Washing • Garage Floor Power Washing
• Fleet Truck/RV Pressure Washing • Auto/Boat Pressure Washing
• Residential/Commercial Power Washing
• Deck/Porch/Sidewalk/Fence Pressure Washing
• Soda & Ice Blasting • Fully Insured
CALL FOR YOUR FREE, NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
DAVE VOWEL 248-230-0329



MARKETPLACE

HOMETOWNlife.com

6000-6980
Announcements
LOOK HERE

Announcements & Notices **6200**

MOSQUE OPEN HOUSE
FREE HEALTH CLINIC
(ALL ARE WELCOME, REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED)
TAWHEED CENTER
29707 WEST 10 MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS
ON SAT. JUNE 11, 2011
FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM
313-506-3215

Cards Of Thanks **6300**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved & preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude Worker of Miracles pray for us. 3 Glories, 3 Our Fathers & 3 Hail Mary. J.A.

Found - Goods **6350**

FOUND SET OF HOUSE & CAR KEYS:
Warren and Sheldon in Canton. Call: (734) 812-9305

7000-7780
Merchandise

Absolutely Free **7000**

HIDE A BED SOFA
Good cond. Free, come get it.
(248) 437-0012

HORSE COMPOST
for gardens, Plymouth area.
(734) 673-5642

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

PIANO-
Upright. Grinnell Brothers.
734-728-7273

Rummage Sale/ Flea Market **7080**

CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
June 9, 10, 11, 9-3pm.
Lighthouse Worship Center,
19827 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia.

7100 Estate Sales **7100**

ANOTHER BERNARD DAVIS ESTATE SALE 313-837-1993
June 10-12, 2011, 10am-4pm
A TENT SALE
The Historic District of Palmer Woods, 1671 Wellesley Dr. Detroit.
estatesales.net

CANTON ESTATE SALE
June 9, 10, 11, 9am-5pm.
44236 Harsdale.
Household items, furniture, kitchen table.

ESTATE SALE: 6970 Napier, Plymouth. Sat 9-4pm, Sun 11-3pm. Thomasville dining room, upright washer & dryer, Hummels, crystal, limoges, trundle/bunk beds, upright piano, American Girl Dollhouse & much more!

hometownlife.com

7100 Estate Sales **7100**

HUGE ESTATE SALE
Furniture, clothes incl. women's plus size, household items, plus more. 6/10-6/12-9-5pm. 20029 Rensselaer, Livonia. Inkster & Grand River

Household Goods **7160**

COMPUTER & COMPUTER CABINET- Dell desktop computer w/17" monitor and HP printer, \$200. Teak computer cabinet \$300. 248-538-1521

DESK- Hon Executive Desk, 3' x 6', laminated walnut finish. Very good cond. 3 drawers incl. one filing drawer. Disassembled \$300. Call Al 248-737-0343

FURNITURE- Kincaid Custom Select Sectional just delivered. Brown/gold with texture. High back with semi-attached cushion. \$2600. (248) 366-9037

LA-Z-BOY brand sofa & loveseat, exc. cond. \$350. **BUSHNELL** cherry wood, executive desk with hutch, \$180. 248-756-2448

Household Goods **7160**

MISC. ITEMS: Console TV 32" Zenith \$50; 35" Sony TV \$50; Walnut Sofa table, \$300; Amish Oak Hutch (glass doors on top, wood door on bottom with drawers) \$1000; beautiful walnut corner entertainment center (w/doors, room for 35" TV, plenty of shelf space) \$1000; two end tables \$15/ea. 734-558-7786

PATIO DINING TABLE
Glass top, 6 padded chairs, price negotiable.
Call: (248) 851-0510

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

UPRIGHT FREEZER - \$125. Frigidaire 100, Dryer \$85, Full size mattress, \$20, Treadmill \$45, 2 Brass lamps \$15, Queen size box spring & mattress \$45. Commercial garbage can \$15. Entertainment center \$35. Call: 248-465-0262

Appliances **7180**

DRYER- White, Maytag Neptune gas dryer. Exc. cond., well maintained. \$200. 313-300-8079

Appliances **7180**

RANGE
GE electric Range, exc. cond. white & black, 30" self cleaning. \$275. 734-727-1599

WASHER & DRYER- Whirlpool, white. Only 6 mos old. \$400 takes both. Milford. 706-973-7493

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

WASHER- Sears, Whirlpool Washer (Beige) 2 spd., 5 cycle, e.s. Super Cap -S/F area. \$200. 248-353-3099

Hay, Grain, Seed **7415**

HAY FOR SALE: Square bales, first & second cutting. At barn or can be delivered. Call: 248-347-2887

Hobbies-Coins, Stamps **7450**

2 Radio Control Airplanes minor repairs, 2 Transmitters, 1 Conquest & 1 Super, misc. \$800/best. 517-861-9267

Hospital/Medical Equipment **7460**

POWER CHAIR- Pronto M41, good condition 2 speed \$2500. 48-752-1908

Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment **7480**

GARDEN TACTOR-Craftsman 18 HP, Twin Kohler Magnum engine, 44" deck. Exc. cond., \$780. Highland, (248) 887-1042

Miscellaneous For Sale **7500**

QUICKSILVER inflatable raft/dingy, will handle up to a 15 hp motor, \$400/best. Overstuffed loveseat & chair, floral pattern, blue stripe, \$150/best. Inversion table, \$150/best. 3 mix match bar stools, \$150/best for all 3. Other misc. items, Leaf blower, \$30. 248-731-7817

Sporting Goods **7520**

POOL TABLE 7 ft Voyager, dark green, rack w/5 sticks. Spectator chair, & Detroit Tiger pool table lamp. Exc. cond. Buyer must load or move. \$800/best. 734-620-9559

TRAMPOLINE 15' with ladder & cover, \$125. (248) 851-3959

Wanted to Buy **7540**

UNWANTED AUTOS, LLC TOP DOLLAR PAID \$275 & UP! (248) 872-3012

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

WANTED: Old Fishing Tackle & related items. Also old boat motors. Call Bill: (734) 728-7313

Cals **7630**

BLUE RUSSIAN MIXED CAT, looking for a new home. Friendly, well trained, shots updated, not declawed, 6 yrs. old. Please call: 248-996-3696

Dogs **7840**

CHIHUAHUA PUPS - AKC 8 weeks, male, \$300. Call: (734) 459-7612

GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES AKC registered. Ask for Mike. 248-388-9074

MALTESE- Adorable, cute & friendly. AKC, registered w/ papers, shots. Males. Ready to go. 10 wks old. 734-367-9261

Horses & Equipment **7860**

HORSE 35 yr. old Mare. To a good home. (248) 787-1453

Lost - Pets **7930**

LOST CAT- Lost 6/3, grand River/Beech Daly area. Short haired female, all white, very shy. Reward. 313-534-9687

GARAGE SALES

HOMETOWNlife.com

7000-7780
Merchandise

Garage Sales **7110**

BIRMINGHAM June 9-11, 9am-5pm, Thurs. & Fri., Sat. 9am-12noon. Antiques, clothing, linens, books, jewelry, furniture, misc. 740 Fairfax, 2 blocks north of Maple.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS COLONIAL ESTATES
Entire Subdivision Garage Sale - Sat., June 11, 9-4, S of Square Lake, W of Woodward, N off Hickory Grove.

CANTON
Forest Brook Sub Sale June 9, 10, & 11, 9am-5pm Corner of Sheldon & Palmer

CANTON - 41657 Greenwood, behind Ikea. HUGE, multi-family, Thurs & Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1.

CANTON - HUGE MULTI-SUB COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at GEODES/BECK!
Thurs June 9th thru Sat June 11th, 9am to 4pm. Located at 4 corners of Geddes/Beck and includes communities of Central Park South (west of Beck/north of Geddes), Chatterton Village, Chatterton Square (west of Beck/south of Geddes), Meadow Villages of Canton (east of Beck/south of Geddes). Don't miss this AWESOME sale! Too much stuff to list!

CANTON ESTATE/Garage Sale - Rain or Shine! 43598 Fredericksburg St., 48188 Dishes, books, toys, tools, and clothes galore! Friday, June 10, 12-6pm and Saturday, June 11, 9-4pm.

CANTON
Foxcreek Sub Garage Sale
Warren Rd. between Haggerty Rd. and Lilley Rd. June 9th-11th 9am-5pm

CANTON ROLLING RIDGE SUB SALE - Thurs-Sat, June 9-11, 9am-5pm. N. of Warren Rd., btwn. Sheldon & Canton Center. Designer Clothing, Household Items & Furniture.

CANTON
ROYAL POINTE WEST
Subwide Garage Sale
Corner of Warren & Ridge. June 9-11, 9am-5pm.

CANTON TWP- Huge sale! Lots of misc. 6/10-6/12 8-4pm. 48922 Castleside Dr., off Warren btwn Beck & Ridge (Pheasant Ridge Sub)

CANTON: 75% OFF Figurines, Dolls, Plates, More. Sat. & Sun. 6-4. 418 Merrimac, Canton.

CANTON: Lyndon Village Sub Wide Garage Sale. Clothes, toys, furniture & misc. June 9-11, 9-4pm. E. of Beck & N. of Warren.

Garage Sales **7110**

CANTON: Ravensfield Condo wide Garage Sale. Fri. & Sat. June 10-11, 9-4. On Geddes, btwn. Beck & Denton. Something for Everyone!

CLAWSON BLOCK SALE
Highland (14 1/2 & Crooks, enter on Elmwood). Sat., June 11, 9-4pm. Furniture, kitchen, toys, books & baby, antiques.

ESTATE SALE - CLAWSON
Large items, organ, riding mower, lift chair, etc. June 3rd & 4th, and June 10 & 11th. 9-5pm. 340 N Batchewana, 14 Mile & Crooks.

FARMINGTON HILLS- Tools & yard tools, exercise & weight equip., sports memorabilia, sinks, games, wooden cigar store Indian. River Pines Condos, 9 Mile & Drake. Multi community garage sales. Fri & Sat June 10th & 11th, 9-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Sub Wide Sale. Farmington Ridge Glens, N. of 13 Mile, btwn Haggerty & Halsted. June 10-11, 9am-4pm. Furniture & more!

"It's All About Results" Observer & Eccentric **1-800-579-SELL**

FARMINGTON HILLS: Thurs-Fri, June 9-10, 9-4pm. Copper Wood Sub, off 12 Mile & Haggerty. Household goods, furniture, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS: 2 houses. June 9-10, 9-5pm, June 11, 9-3pm. 30215 Stockton S. of 10, W/Middlebelt. Antique Victorian child bed, kid's toys, household, Little Tikes.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Barrington Green Sub Wide Sale. Entrances at 12 & Drake. June 9-11, starting at 9am. Wide Variety of household goods, toys, furniture.

GARDEN CITY 32492 Kathryn St. June 10-11, 9-4pm. Furniture, Longaberger, bedding, mattresses; electronics; clothing; toys; kitchen items; bicycle, books and more!

GARDEN CITY ESTATE SALE: 31335 Rosslyn, Cherry Hill/Merriman area. Fri 8-5, Sat. 8-1. Nice Furniture, tools of household misc.

GARDEN CITY Garage/Estate Sale 32669 Donnelly Sat., 6/11, 8am-4pm Sun., 6/12, 8am-1pm Medical equip, household, music/movie collection, tools, chopper, Intex pool, furniture & more, all priced to sell! Half off on Sun. A few neighbors also having garage sale.

GARDEN CITY: Big Yard Sale! Nw & used items. 6509 Golfview, near Warren & Merriman. June 10-11, 10-5.

LIVONIA 2 Family Garage Sale 9118 Deering, Livonia. Thursday & Friday

Garage Sales **7110**

LIVONIA
DEER CREEK ANNUAL SUB SALE!
Fri-Sat., June 10 & 11, 9-4pm. Numerous homes open Thurs., June 9. Rain or Shine. 1/2 mi. W. of Farmington Rd., S. of 8 Mi. or N. of 7 Mi. W. of Gill.

LIVONIA - 7 Mile & Merriman. Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone! June 10-12, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA FOUR FAMILY - June 9, 10, 11, 9am-5pm. 31718 Grenada, W/Merriman & N/96. Household & teacher items, girl's clothes 0-5T, toys, furniture & more!

LIVONIA
Fri-Sat, June 10-11, 19880 Norwich, Windridge Village, 7 Mile/Farmington. Excellent condition clothes, furniture, household goods & more!

Livonia Garage Sale- 38060 Mallory, 11bk S of 6 W. of Newburgh. One Day Only. Kids clothes 24m-6X, toys, dvds, books, household items. Most items \$3 & Under.

LIVONIA
Garage Sale-1

AUTOMOTIVE

HOMETOWNlife.com

3000-8780

Automotive Recreational Vehicles

Motorcycles/Minibikes/Go-Karts **(8070)**

GOLD WING ESPANCADE
1984 5600 miles, fully loaded, brand new tires, battery & rebuilt carb. Like new, \$5400. Call: 248-231-5450

Campers/Motor Homes/Trailers **(8120)**

JAYCO 1207 POP-UP 1996
Outstanding, sleeps 7, hot water, furnace, a/c, awning, screened room, electric/gas refridge, gas stove, dual tanks. \$3100. 313-383-3925

PALOMINO POP-UP PICK-UP CAMPER 1995, 7.5 ft. Sleeps 4. 248-437-3378

Auto Financing **(8160)**

WE PAY TOP DOLLAR For Clean USED CARS

AVIS FORD
(248) 355-7500

Autos Wanted **(8190)**

FINAL JOURNEY
We buy running and junk cars, etc. We pay \$50-\$5000 cash on spot. Get more cash than dealer trade in or donation. 313-320-1829

UNWANTED AUTOS, LLC
\$275 & up for autos; \$400 & up for full size trucks, vans. Equipment & comm vehicles also wanted. (248) 467-0396

ALL
MAKES/
ALL
MODELS
YOU'LL
FIND
IT
HERE
IN
YOUR
OBSERVER
AND
ECCENTRIC
AUTOMOTIVE
CLASSIFIEDS

1-800-579-SELL

Trucks for Sale **(8220)**

CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 2006
Silver Birch, Z71, sunroof & heated leather! This is the one! Just \$19,975!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2008
Blue Granite, LT, crew, 4WD & dual! Diesel powered strength! Call for price!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CHEVROLET SSR PICKUP 2004
Black, auto, V8, \$22,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

CHEVROLET TAHOE 2008
Silver Spark, 4wd, LT, remote start! You deserve it!
Only \$29,987!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CHEVY BLAZER 2004
Burgundy, 4x4, 44K, \$9,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

CHEVY COLORADO 4DR 2008

Extra clean, 32k miles.
\$10,595 Stk #1176024A
DEALER
734-402-8774

CHEVY SILVERADO 2009

Extra, extra clean, low miles.
\$19,488 Stk #1170752A
NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

CHEVY STEP-SIDE PICK-UP

1989 2 wheel drive, 5.7 liter motor, 184K miles, does not run, \$500. Call: 248-486-1269

DODGE DAKOTA LARAMIE 2008

Extra, extra clean, only 26K miles.
\$22,995 Stk #P21279
DEALER
734-402-8774

FORD F150 2007

XL, Extended, white.
\$16,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

GMC 2004 PICKUP

White, air, auto \$5995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

GMC 2006 SIERRA SLE 2WD

loaded, 64K mi, warranty, new tires, exc cond., \$14,500. 734-812-9001

GMC EXTENDED CAB 2010

Pickup, 10K, \$20,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

GMC SIERRA 2011

Pacific Blue, 8K, crew, SLE & 4WD! Like brand new!
Only \$32,395!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

RAN 2006 PICKUP

4x4, Gray, \$17,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans **(8240)**

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY 2010

Sharp! \$18,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans **(8240)**

FORD WINDSTAR 2003
Forest Green, SE, ABS, and power options! Family budget friendly! Only \$6,997!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

SIENNA 2005
Silver Storm, ABS and power options! Camping trip ready!
Just \$13,495!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

Vans **(8260)**

FORD E350 2010

15 passenger, \$21,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Sports Utility **(8290)**

BUICK RENDEZVOUS 2002

Loaded, Moon, \$5595

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2006

Porcelain White, Alloys, PL, PW & ABS! Travel in style!
Only \$13,495!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CHEVY EQUINOX 2008

AWD, Leather, more! \$21,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

CHEVY SUBURBAN 1999

Black/Tan, leather interior, heated seats, 4x4, loaded.
\$5500. 248-477-6668

CHEVY Trailblazer 1997

4 dr., low miles. A MUST SEE! EXTRA, EXTRA CLEAN! \$6998
Stk #P21336

NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 2003

Blue Lagoon, LT, 4WD and power options!
Safe and reliable SUV!
Just \$9,997!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CHEVY TRAVERSE 2009

Sterling Silver, reverse camera, LT and OnStar! Make your garage happy!
Only \$23,499!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

FORD EDGE SRL AWD 2008

Must see, loaded, 1 owner.
\$17,488 Stk #1171183A
DEALER
734-402-8774

FORD ESCAPE 2003

50,100 miles, make offer.
734-464-3510

FORD ESCAPE 2008

Blue, Only \$16,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

FORD EXPLORER 2006

Midnight Black, Eddie Bauer, 37K and leather! Ride with confidence! Just \$15,777!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

FORD EXPLORER 2007

Extra clean, loaded, low miles.
\$16,995 Stk #P21223
DEALER
734-402-8774

FORD EXPLORER 2007

Extra clean, V6, low miles.
\$16,995 Stk #P21223
NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

Sports Utility **(8290)**

FORD EXPLORER 4x4 2003
Dark Blue, Only \$7995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

FORD FLEX SEL 2009

Extra clean, 1 owner, Ford certified. \$24,995. Stk. #1171169A

NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

GMC ENVY 2009

Black Slate, chrome, sunroof & 4WD! Great for summer trips! Just \$19,857!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

GMC ENVY SLT 2008

4x4, Black, Only \$18,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

GMC ENVY XL-SLE 2005

75,000 miles, Red Metallic, clean, 1 owner! 6 cyl auto, runs great! New tires & brakes. \$10,490. Call Eileen: (248) 802-8719

GMC YUKON SLT 2001

Black, leather, \$11,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

GMC YUKON XL SLT 2001

Extra Clean, Non-Smoker. A must see. \$10,995. Stk #P21291

DEALER
734-402-8774

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 2008

Navigation, loaded, super clean, great miles.
\$21,595 Stk #P21269
DEALER
734-402-8774

LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 2007

Nav, moon, rear DVD. All the toys. \$28,995

NORTH BROTHERS-TROY
248-643-6600

MERCURY MARINER 2008 PREMIUM

4x4, moon, 29K, \$18,995

NORTH BROTHERS-TROY
248-643-6600

MERCURY MARINER PREMIER 2009

Leather, loaded, extra clean.
\$21,388 Stk #P21254
NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

MERCURY MOUNTAINEER 2008

4x4, luxury, leather, 3 row. Now \$21,495!

NORTH BROTHERS-TROY
248-643-6600

PONTIAC VIBE 2009

Silver Spoon, 18K, 5 speed & OnStar! Get your groove on!
Only \$14,695!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

SATURN OUTLOOK 2008

Purple Rain, XR, AWD & OnStar! Ready for all seasons! Just \$23,995!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

Sports & Imported **(8300)**

SAAB 9.3 2003

Convertible, Blue, \$11,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans **(8360)**

LA SABRE LIMITED 2005

Tan, leather. Only \$8995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Buick **(8360)**

LUCERNE 2006
Silver Shine, CXL, chrome & heated seats! Royal comfort! Only \$13,775!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

Cadillac **(8380)**

STS 2006

White, 25,500 miles, sunroof. Very good cond. 1 owner. \$16,500.
248-851-1721

STS 2007

Powder white, 44k, \$21,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Chevrolet **(8400)**

CHEVROLET IMPALA

3 to choose from! Starting at \$10,395!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

COBALT 2009

Gray Horizon, coupe, p/wp & XM! Peppy gas saver!
Only \$13,995!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

COBALT 2010

4 door, air, auto. \$13,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

HHR 2009

Gray mist, sunroof, remote start, and flex fuel! Summer cruisin' ready! Only \$15,995!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

IMPALA CT 2004

Leather, one owner. \$8495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

MALIBU LT 2009

Dark Blue. 30K, \$16,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

MALIBU LTZ 2008

Must see, low miles. 34K. \$17,488. Stk #11C1177AP21257

DEALER
734-402-8774

Chrysler-Plymouth **(8420)**

300 2010

Leather, Sharp! \$18,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

SEBRING 2008

Silver Fox, 33k, convertible, and leather! Drop top gorgeous! Just \$17,995!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

Dodge **(8440)**

AVENGER 2010

Black Beauty, R/T, heated seats, and leather! Roomy and sporty! Just \$16,994!
888-372-9836

Lou LaRiche

CALIBER SXT 2010

Black, 32K. \$15,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

Ford **(8480)**

FOCUS 2006 ZX4 SES

Auto, Air, \$8995

NORTH BROTHERS-TROY
248-643-6600

Ford **(8480)**

FOCUS SES 2009
3 to choose from! \$13,495

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC
(734) 453-2500

FOCUS SES 2009

Fuel Saver, Very Clean, Low Miles. \$12,785 Stk #P21276

NORTH BROS. FORD
734-402-8774

FOCUS SES 2009

Boys and Girls!
Celebrate
Father's Day!

Father's Day, Sunday June 19th

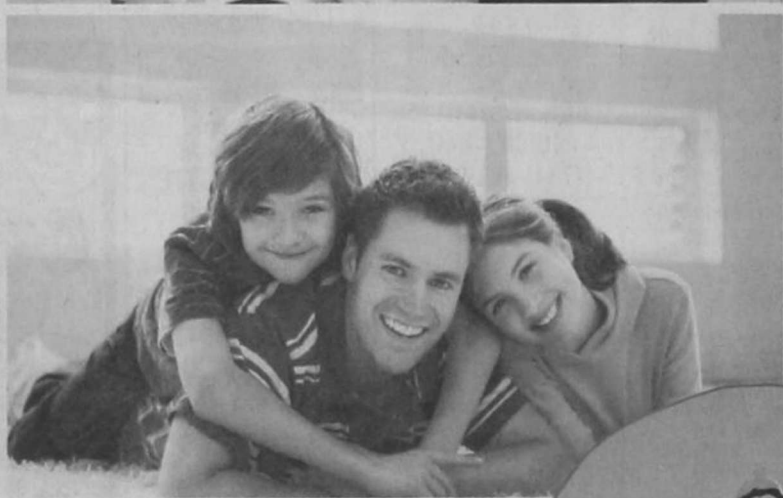
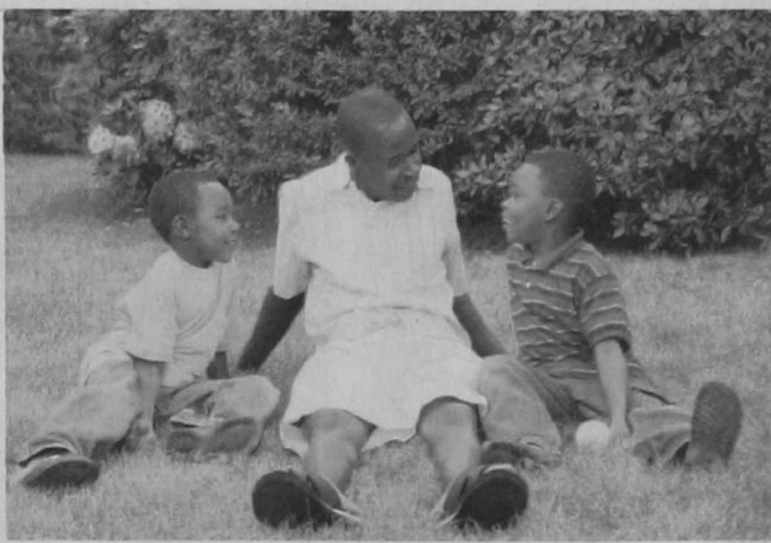
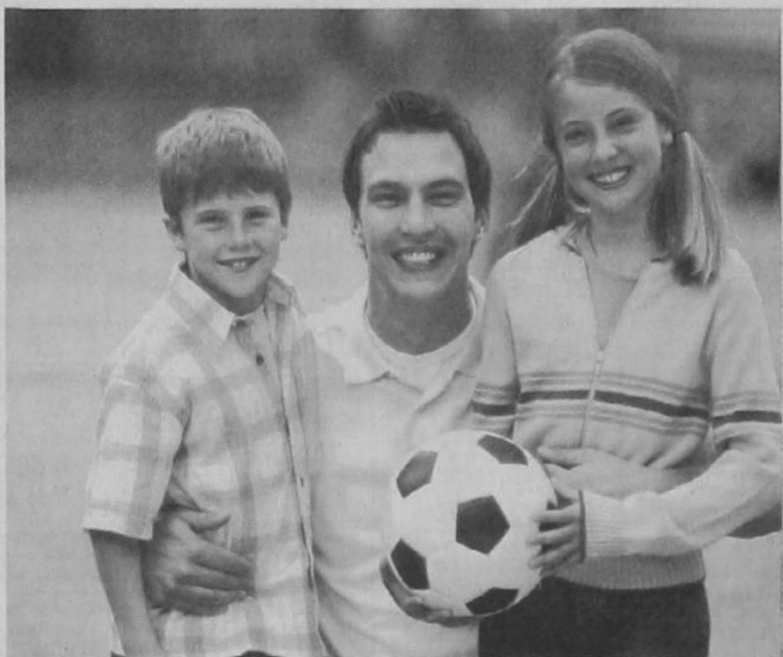
hometownlife.com

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

A GANNETT COMPANY

Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

What kind of special things do you do for your Father?
What kind of SPECIAL things does your Father do for you?



**Write a poem to tell how
special your Father is!**

Scoop will pick 5 random winners.

Send your poem **PLUS** your photo
for the My Father is Special Contest to:

Scoop the Newshound

c/o: Michele Austin
41304 Concept Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170

Deadline for submissions: 6/17/11

All entries need to be received at the
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the
business day on June 17th. Winners to be
announced in the July Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

**Prizes
sponsored by:**



**Win Fun
Prizes!**



How special is your Father?

Youth Name: _____

Youth Age: _____

Youth Community: _____

Parent's information to contact winning entry: _____

(Phone, email, home address) _____



Follow Scoop on Facebook

Read the Mother's Day poems on Scoop's Facebook page!

Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Lucky winners from last month's contest



Name:
Jane Berry
Age: 10
Community:
Northville



Name:
Logan Carlton
Age: 9
Community:
Livonia



Name:
Caroline Loder
Age: 9
Community:
Livonia



Name:
Emily Loder
Age: 11
Community:
Livonia



Name:
Parker Howard
Age: 5
Community:
Garden City

Name:
Austin Howard
Age: 12
Community:
Garden City

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!