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# Thousands expected as festival opens

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All photos must be submitted by Friday, June 24.

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## Blood drive

The Savalox family is holding a blood drive in honor of Chris Savalox, the family's beloved mother and grandmother who died last year.

Family members are hoping donors will consider donating blood to the Red Cross on Thursday, June 30, from 1-7 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park. To schedule a donation online, visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and, go to "Enter a Sponsor Code" and enter "summitonthepark" in the sponsor code. Registering takes just minutes.

Potential donors can also e-mail Beth Savalox at [beth.savalox@pccsmail.net](mailto:beth.savalox@pccsmail.net) with your name and preferred time for donation. Walk-ins are welcome, as well.

## Major advance

Plymouth Salvation Army corps officers Dan and Jolene Hull can be called a variety of things attached to their ministry, but "captain" is no longer one of them.

The Hulls, who arrived at the Plymouth corps two years ago, have been promoted to the rank of major. The promotion was effective June 9.

"You are to be commended for this accomplishment," wrote divisional commander Maj. Norman Shaw in a letter announcing the promotion. "We are honored to take this opportunity to recognize you. There is no doubt that you have been called to fulfill God's calling. We are blessed to have you as a part of our team here in the Eastern Michigan Division."

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tens of thousands of people from Canton and beyond are expected to converge on Heritage Park today (Thursday) through Saturday for the 20th Liberty Fest — a milestone, patriotic event featuring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon, a broadened International Festival celebrating the community's diversity, a Michigan Philharmonic concert and a festival-crowning fireworks show.

"We're hoping for 40,000 people this year," Jon LaFever, Canton recreation coordinator, said. "I'd be shocked if we don't have our biggest crowd ever."

Though crowd estimates are difficult to gauge, organizers expect a potentially record turnout as special events and fes-

tival favorites draw crowds looking for outdoor fun without busting a budget, including carnival rides, a classic car show, Motown to alternative rock concerts, savory cuisine and a Friday movie-under-the-stars showing of *Shrek Forever After*.

Even a decision by Canton officials to trim spending by abandoning a festival parade along Ford Road hasn't dampened the enthusiasm for Liberty Fest — an event local leaders say has come to represent a celebration of community.

Greg Welsh, manager of the Florida-based Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, has said the visit to Liberty Fest marks the first trip to Michigan for a V-shaped wall that stands 6 feet tall, stretches 288 feet and contains more than 58,200 names of troops who died in Vietnam. It is three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"We're very excited," said John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and member of groups such as Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. "This is a big thing for the 20th Liberty Fest. We're excited about having the wall and the U.S. Marine (Silent Drill) Platoon."

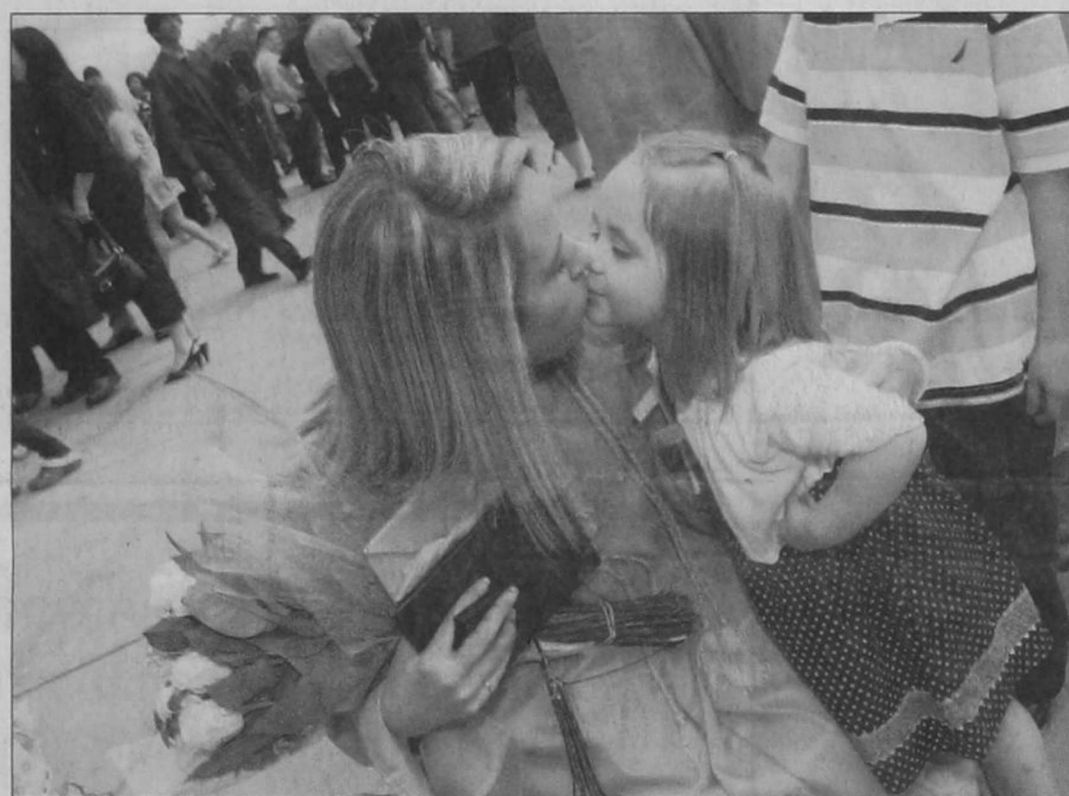
The patriotic events are expected to draw people from across Michigan and likely from other states, Spencer said. One group of Vietnam veterans from Downriver plans to board a bus and travel to Canton.

Spectators may view the wall 2-9 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and — one day beyond Liberty Fest — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. today, while a closing ceremony has been set for 5 p.m. Sunday.



Saturday night's fireworks show closes out the 20th annual Canton Liberty Festival.

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## Smooch for sis

Plymouth High School graduate Kirstie Liakos gets flowers and a kiss from 2-year-old sister Kassia Liakos at the school's commencement exercise Sunday at Eastern Michigan University. Hundreds of seniors bade farewell to high school life Sunday as Plymouth, Canton and Salem High Schools conducted graduation ceremonies. For a complete list of Plymouth grads, please turn to page A5. For a complete list of Canton grads, please turn to page A8. Come back to the Observer Sunday for photos and grads from Salem High School.

# Canton, Westland to share water system operation

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what's touted as "a win-win situation" for two communities, Canton has reached a contractual agreement with Westland to provide the neighboring city with a state-mandated water system operator.

The accord comes after Gov. Rick Snyder made shared services one of the touchstones of his administration, saying communities that share resources potentially could benefit by receiving statutory state-shared revenue that has declined amid Lansing's budget woes.

"In these difficult economic times, it is very important to share services whenever and wherever we can," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "Not only is this agreement

right in line with what the governor is requesting of communities, it is a win-win situation for both of our communities."

Canton will provide an employee to assist Westland in monitoring its water distribution system and overseeing state compliance issues. The agreement adheres to the Michigan Safe Water Drinking Act and provides Westland with a properly licensed S-1 operator-in-charge to perform site visits, collaborate on reports and assist in other water-system matters.

Westland, which has no such employee due to retirements, has approved an agreement to pay Canton \$101.12 an hour. Westland Mayor William Wild has said the operator likely will be needed only a few hours a

week for routine matters, but possibly more if the city has a significant issue with its water system.

LaJoy confirmed the mutual agreement on Monday, saying it benefits both communities and potentially could become a stepping stone for scarce statutory state-shared revenue.

However, Wild has said the city has "a couple of employees" who will take a state-licensing test late this year and who, at some point, could possibly take over the duties. As of now, Westland has indicated the contract would be in effect through mid-January, though either community could terminate it with 30 days notice.

In another effort to share services, LaJoy said Canton

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# Kroger scraps gas station

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Under fire from its neighbors, Kroger has scrapped a proposal to add a gas station to the east side of its store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, adjacent to the Kimberly Meadows subdivision where residents feared potential health threats such as airborne benzene.

"We are all extremely relieved because that would have had a big impact on us," Kay Lazarowicz, a mother of two, said. "This is something we were all very worried and nervous about."

Bryan Amann, a local attorney representing Kroger, confirmed the company's intent to withdraw its special land use request in a letter he sent Monday to two township officials, Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Planner Angela Wolosewicz.

The latest development came one week after the Canton Planning Commission deadlocked 3-3 after revisiting the issue, amid strong opposition from residents who mounted a petition drive against a station that would have been just over 100 feet from the edge of their neighborhood.

"Kroger does not intend to

pursue a possible fuel facility in the location previously identified at the Premiere (Shopping) Center," Amann wrote. "However, Kroger is exploring other locations at the Premiere Center and intends to undertake an extensive review of the various possibilities before requesting any additional consideration by Canton Township of such a proposal."

The decision means the Canton Township Board of Trustees will not consider the initial proposal.

Residents had indicated they wouldn't oppose a Kroger station farther from their homes, perhaps closer to Michigan Avenue. With their children in tow, they had packed the planning commission's June 6 session to oppose a gas station adjacent to their neighborhood.

"We really do support Kroger (as shoppers)," Lazarowicz said. "We just want them to be responsible about where they put that (station)."

She commended planning commissioners and Canton Township trustees who had indicated support for the neighbors.

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AROUND CANTON

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

Vacation Bible school

**Date/Time:** June 20-23, 9:30 a.m. to noon  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton.  
**Details:** SonSurf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School invites kids from the community who are entering Kindergarten through kids completing 6th grade for rockin' music, great games, Bible exploration, snacks, and crafts. Download a registration form at [www.cbcjoy.org](http://www.cbcjoy.org) or register at the door.  
**Contact:** For questions, call (734) 455-0022.

Hospice support

**Date/Time:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Compassionate Care

Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton  
**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

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.



GREG SADLER

On the run

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its fifth annual 5K run/walk for cancer 9 a.m. Sept. 11, and registration is now open. Nearly 600 people participated in last year's 5K, raising over \$20,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This year, run alongside Lila Lazarus, Detroit's always smiling, energetic, award-winning health reporter. Also, meet and greet Lila Lazarus after the race for autographs and photos (bring your camera).

Talk focuses on nonprofit missions

As a former hospital and nonprofit administrator, Joe Wald knows too well the struggle charitable organizations face in a challenging and ever-changing economy.

"We aren't saying this is a negative. But it is a reality," said Wald, a Michigan State University professor of philanthropy and advertising.

Wald will present "The Realities of 2011" — a discussion of how nonprofit organizations can continue to fulfill their missions in a lagging economy — at the third "Lunch & Learn" educational program for nonprofits, hosted by the Canton Community Foundation.

The event is scheduled for noon Wednesday, June 22, at the foundation's offices in the Canton Human Services Center, on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill, in Canton, foundation President Joan Noricks has announced.

public's demand for services is increasing as government pulls the financial plug, and the public's charitable contributions decrease, Wald said.

"Every one of these organizations has a need for resources. We are going to identify how to find the resources that empower nonprofits to do their jobs," Wald said.

The professor's graduate philanthropy students worked with a number of area nonprofit organizations to develop fundraising and marketing plans earlier this year.

"Nonprofits can't pay what this service costs in the marketplace. It's too expensive. We are talking \$5,000 to \$7,000 or more a month," Wald said.

NONPROFIT STRUGGLES

That's why the focus of the June "Lunch & Learn" will highlight the business of running a nonprofit. "Nonprofits are struggling with ideas for resources," Noricks said. "We at least need to think strategically. In the new economy, how do we continue to survive? We have to think in a different way."

Nonprofit representatives will learn how to find resources to sustain their organizations well into the future, as well as the need to pool resources and to find cost-effective ways to get the work done.

"We're going to learn how to move forward," Wald said.

In an economy defined by cuts in government funding,

and donors who are less likely to contribute as freely as in the past, nonprofits, particularly smaller ones, require business and fundraising plans and goals, and excellent communications.

"Nonprofits must focus on their impact. When you are fundraising you have to tell your donors and potential donors what impact you have had," Noricks said.

The Canton foundation initiated the "Lunch & Learn" programs to support area nonprofits, as well as to promote networking among the organizations' leaders, and a sharing of resources and ideas. Planned giving programs that can sustain nonprofits for the long term were discussed at the January program. Starfish Family Services presented its community assessment report of western Wayne County communities at the March program.

"When we first thought of these programs, I didn't think that the networking would develop as much as it has. It is an added bonus," Noricks said.

The networking has also incorporated Wald, who was introduced at the foundation's January "Lunch & Learn" to generate interest in working with his graduate students. The MSU students worked with the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps., the Michigan Philharmonic, Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, and the Plymouth Canton Citizens for Diversity.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Electronic invitations are on their way to nonprofit organizations that have participated in the educational forums. But space is available for nonprofit representatives and their guests to attend. Registration, which is open to all nonprofits in western Wayne County, is available on the foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

Consistent among most nonprofits is the lack of financial resources, business and fundraising plans, and effective communications and marketing. The

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- Were eligible for a payment in the original *Pigford* case, and
- Submitted a late-filing request that was denied or never considered because it was late.

If you are the heir or kin of someone who died who fits this description, you may file a claim for a payment that would become part of the deceased person's estate. If you are not sure if you (or someone for whom you are the legal representative) are included, please call 1-877-810-8110. **You are not included if you received a payment in the original *Pigford* case.**

**What does the Settlement provide?**

You may be eligible for a substantial cash payment and USDA loan forgiveness from the Settlement. You will need to file a claim to be eligible for these benefits. The claims deadline may be as early as **February 28, 2012**. The Court has appointed lawyers to help you file a claim under the Settlement. You do not have to pay them or anyone else to help you with the claims process. These attorneys will ask the Court for fees and expenses of between 4.1% and 7.4% of the Settlement Fund, and the Court will decide how much they are paid. You may hire your own lawyer, if you wish, at your own expense. If you have questions or need more information, call 1-877-810-8110.

**What else should I know?**

The Court will hold a hearing on **September 1, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses. If you want to object to or comment on the Settlement or appear at the hearing, you need to file a letter with the Court by **August 12, 2011**. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will not be able to sue the USDA about your farm loan discrimination claims in the future.

**For more information or to begin the claims filing process:**  
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# School district brings back 195 laid-off teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's decision not to hike class sizes at all three levels of the district paid dividends Tuesday for nearly 200 of the district's 1,100 teachers.

In a consent-agenda move, the board unanimously approved the recall of 195 of the 269 teachers pink-slipped in April as the district consid-

ered cost-cutting moves to deal with an \$18 million deficit.

Of the 74 teachers not recalled Tuesday, some 35-40 are expected to be recalled by the end of the month, human resources chief Ray Bihun told board members Tuesday night.

"We're still waiting on staffing," Bihun said. "We're still waiting to see what openings there are at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational) Park."

The layoff notices were handed out in April while the board considered increasing class sizes by about two students at the elementary level, by nearly five at middle schools and nearly four at the high school level. The move would have saved the district some \$4 million, but the board — after first considering making the cut — backed off on the idea.

The move would have cost some 80

teachers their jobs.

Bihun told board members at the time he expected only about 80 of the layoffs to take effect. The district's contract with its teachers union requires 60-day notice of potential layoffs, in a procedure done every year.

"We had to take this step to give us the flexibility we need," Bihun said at the time. "We expect to lay off about 80 teachers, and the rest will

be brought back depending on their certification."

That process has now started, and Bihun said Tuesday he was waiting on staffing decisions at the high school park before bringing back another 35-40 teachers.

When all the moves have been made, only about 30-40 teachers will have been laid off.

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## Cancer benefit raises cash, awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Linda McMaster would have liked to have seen more kids there, but the ones who did show up for the second BLAST fundraiser to beat neuroblastoma and other childhood cancers reminded her — not that she needed reminding — why she started doing this last year in the first place.

For the kids. Some 200 children took part in the fundraiser, held for the second straight year at Mettetal Airport (on the Plymouth-Canton border), and many of them were the children McMaster, whose daughter Lisa is battling neuroblastoma, likes to call "our cancer warriors."

"As I watched those children have fun, the reason I do BLAST crystallized," McMaster said. "I do it because there is strength in numbers. I do it because knowledge is power and the more people we can educate on what it is like to live with cancer, the more people we have working to help find a cure. I do it to help build support and awareness so cancer warriors and their families don't feel like they have to walk alone."

Donations were still being counted, but McMaster said she's confident she'll have a check for between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to divide between Mott Children's Hospital, the Rainbow Connection and the other charities who benefit from BLAST.

The event, she said, went "very



ANN ESPINOZA

Linda McMaster, who organized the BLAST cancer fundraiser Saturday at Mettetal Airport, took one for the team in the Aqua-Blast 'dunk tank.'

smoothly." Mark Rosenthal and Animal Magic was on hand and, at one point, had "some of the girls ready to run" by pulling out a tarantula, McMaster said. Lisa's godfather and family friend, Matt Holowicki, built a kind of dunk tank, and McMaster herself raised about \$100 by being the dunkee.

Many staffers from Mott Children's Hospital actually made an appearance, and one nurse's niece arranged for some sheep, chickens and a rabbit to provide a small petting farm for children to enjoy.

Volunteers from Lisa's school, Hulsing Elementary, helped out. Becky King solicited baked goods from other Hulsing parents and raised nearly \$450. Chef John Cortez and Chefs Against Cancer pro-

vided the food.

And, while McMaster organized the event, she is very quick to point out how much help she got getting it off the ground.

"Many people are willing to lend a hand, give a shoulder to cry on and share stories of their own experiences in order to provide support and offer hope," McMaster said. "I was reminded, once again, how blessed we are. Many, many people stepped up to help with this event and did their share with a smile on their face and love in their heart."

Anyone still wishing to help can make donations, and by BLAST fund-raiser souvenirs, at [www.BLASTmb.com](http://www.BLASTmb.com).

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## Youth center gets Wayne County grant

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A popular Canton youth center that strives to keep youngsters off the street and out of potential trouble has received a \$15,000 grant from Wayne County to buy equipment such as computers, video gaming systems and televisions.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center — an acronym for Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids — has been chosen as a recipient of dollars intended to reduce youth crime by providing summer and after-school prevention programs.

The \$15,000 comes from the Wayne County Children and Family Services PASS — or Prevention Action Service System — program. It arrives as Canton continually looks for ways to provide top-tier services amid shrinking revenues.

"It certainly helps provide for a fair amount of equipment that will really enhance the experiences of the kids," Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin

McNamara helped secure the grant for The B.L.O.C.K., which provides a vast number of after-school activities ranging from tutoring to recreation 2:30-8:30 Monday through Friday, though summer camp hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. start Monday, June 20.

The center is located at 44237 Michigan Ave. at Sheldon.

The latest grant comes as Canton has reached out for any grant dollars possible to help pay for the center, which provides supervised activities and programs for youths ages 11 to 17, though the summer program focuses on ages 11 to 15.

The grant will help The B.L.O.C.K. buy equipment it needs to continue its mission of helping youngsters despite shrinking township tax revenues.

"We just don't have the dollars we need to invest in those things these days," Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

McNamara has repeatedly said he has made youth services one of his top priorities, saying it costs less to invest in youngsters now than to pay the price tag if they get into serious trouble.

The B.L.O.C.K. in 2010 served 4,199 youngsters who accumulated 17,216 visits, Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. She said structured youth programs are a critical component to combating juvenile crime.

To that end, The B.L.O.C.K. also has outreach programs that bring activities to certain at-risk neighborhoods, and it provides trips to places such as Summit on the Park and the Canton Public Library.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said youth services have become increasingly important as more youngsters lack at-home supervision, especially if they live in single-parent households where the money-earner can be forced to work long hours "to put food on the table."

The B.L.O.C.K. provides programs such as after-school recreation and tutoring, facility membership, teen-night-out events, lock-ins and camps.

For more information, call (734) 398-5570 or go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and look under the "Visiting" tab for recreation facilities.

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## CRIME WATCH



### Not a clay bird

**1** A Canton man accused of shooting a pigeon outside his home on Riverside Court, northwest of Geddes and Canton Center, was cited by police for reckless discharge of a firearm and cruelty to animals, according to a police report.

A neighbor contacted police Saturday afternoon after he said he saw the suspect shoot a pigeon, saying he had witnessed similar incidents in the past. A police officer who went to the scene saw a bleeding pigeon that was having difficulty trying to fly because its wing had been injured.

The suspect told police he only uses a cap pistol to try to scare pigeons away from his bird feeders, and he denied shooting the injured bird. He indicated maybe someone else shot it.

However, the suspect's neighbor indicated to police he would be willing to be a witness against the accused pigeon assailant. Based on that, police issued the citations.

### Home invasion

**2** A woman who lives on Emerald Pines, northwest of Lotz and Palmer, contacted police and reported that money and items amounting to \$50,000 had been stolen from her home Friday afternoon.

She told police she had gone to Sam's Club to shop and returned home to find her house had been ransacked. She called 9-1-1.

It appeared a door of the home had been pried open. She said a suitcase taken from a master bedroom closet had \$4,000 in it. She also said items stolen included a laptop computer and numerous items of Indian/Hindu jewelry.

### Gaz guzzler

**3** An owner of the Mobil station at Warren and Sheldon roads notified police after the same motorist drove off a

second time without paying after putting gas in his vehicle, a police report said.

The latest incident happened about 7:15 a.m. Friday.

The station owner said a white male with a ponytail put \$21.03 in gas in a black Saturn and then drove westbound on Warren without paying. He reported a similar incident involving \$17 in fuel just four days earlier.

The owner gave police a license plate number, and police contacted a man who told officers he and his common-law wife live on Social Security benefits and had no way to pay for the gas until next month.

Moreover, he told police he has medical conditions that make him forgetful, adding that he didn't mean to steal the fuel. He said he had \$13 to live on until July 3.

A police report indicated the station owner was willing to accept a partial payment until the man could pay the rest on July 3. The police report indicated the sta-

tion owner didn't want to prosecute the man.

### Booze bust

**4** Canton police arrested two males following a traffic stop that occurred about 1 a.m. Sunday in the area of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

Police spotted a white Lincoln Town Car with an expired temporary plate on eastbound Mott west of Denton, and trailed it to the area where it was stopped.

Police smelled intoxicants on the driver, who said he was headed to Ypsilanti to drop off two female passengers. The driver, who didn't have a valid driver's license, was arrested. Another male in the car was taken into custody for numerous traffic violations in places such as Ypsilanti and Inkster.

### Lane crosser

**5** Canton police arrested a male driver about 5:50 p.m. Saturday after seeing a vehicle cross lanes on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center without signaling.

Police trailed the vehicle to the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue and took the driver into custody after learning that he was wanted on a felony warrant out if Inkster.

Police said the vehicle smelled of marijuana but none was found.

### Saw swiped

**6** A resident of Brookview, northeast of Palmer and Lilley, contacted police after he said someone stole a Craftsman miter saw from his garage sometime prior to 9 p.m. Friday.

Police had taken a report of a similar larceny from a shed in the same neighborhood just a few days earlier.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## Safety week spotlights dangers of lightning

While lightning can be fascinating to watch, it is also extremely dangerous, which is why June 19-26 has been designated "National Lightning Safety Awareness Week."

During the past 30 years, lightning killed an average of 55 people per year in the United States based on documented cases. However, because lightning usually claims only one or two victims at a time, and because lightning does not cause the mass destruction left in the wake of tornadoes or hurricanes, lightning generally receives much less attention than the more destructive weather-related killers.

While documented lightning injuries in the United States average about 300 per year, undocumented injuries caused by lightning are likely much higher.

Between 1959 and 2009, the state of Michigan ranks 14th among all states in the number of lightning deaths, with 104 people known to be killed by lightning. During that same time period, Michigan ranks second only behind Florida in lightning injuries, with 731 people known to have been injured by a lightning strike in the state.

Just this year, on April 26, nine people were injured when lightning struck a soccer field at Westfield Park in Portage. The injured were a mix of adults and students who ranged in age from 12 to 41. Seven people were transported to area hospitals and two sought treatment on their own.

Fortunately, it has been many years since Michigan has had a lightning fatality, thanks in part to campaigns such as the

Lightning Safety Awareness Week. The last lightning fatalities in Michigan were in 2006 and 2007 when a total of four people were killed by lightning.

During a thunderstorm, each flash of cloud-to-ground lightning is a potential killer. It's only a question of whether a person is in the path of the lightning discharge. Lightning deaths can be prevented only if people are aware of the dangers and seek shelter in a building or car.

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Where organized sports activities are taking place, coaches, umpires, referees, or camp counselors must protect the safety of the participants and viewers by stopping the activities sooner, so that the participants and spectators can get to a safe place before the lightning threat becomes significant.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of Lightning Safety Awareness Week to review their plans and discuss with their children the dangers of lightning. Simply moving indoors when you see lightning or hear thunder can save lives.

For more information, visit [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/) or [www.weather.gov/dtx](http://www.weather.gov/dtx)

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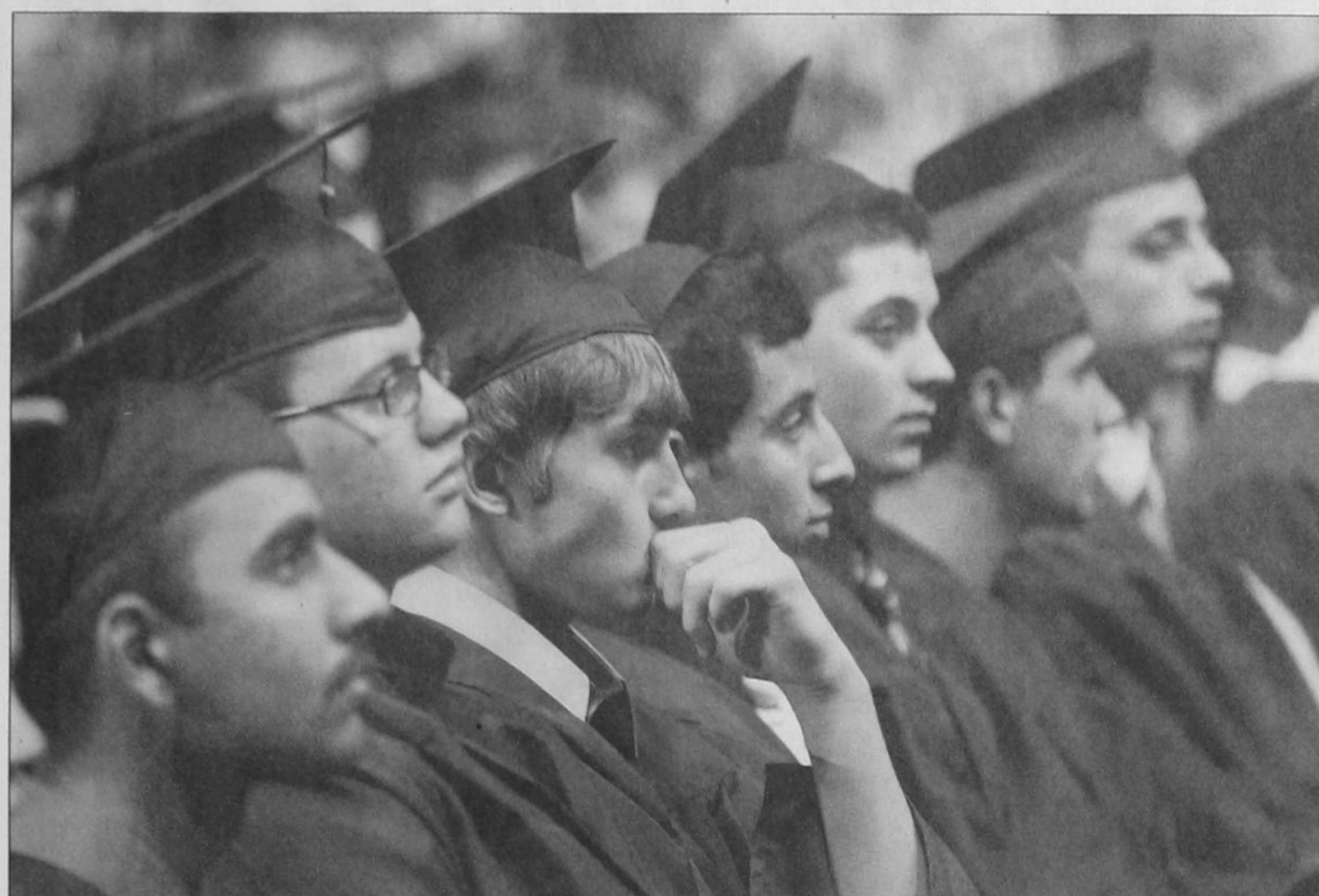
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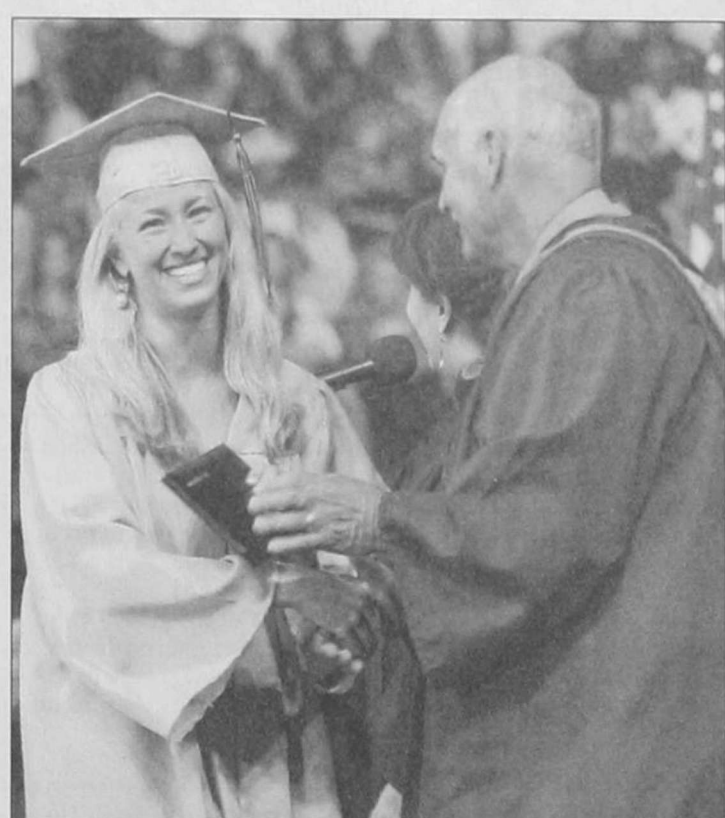
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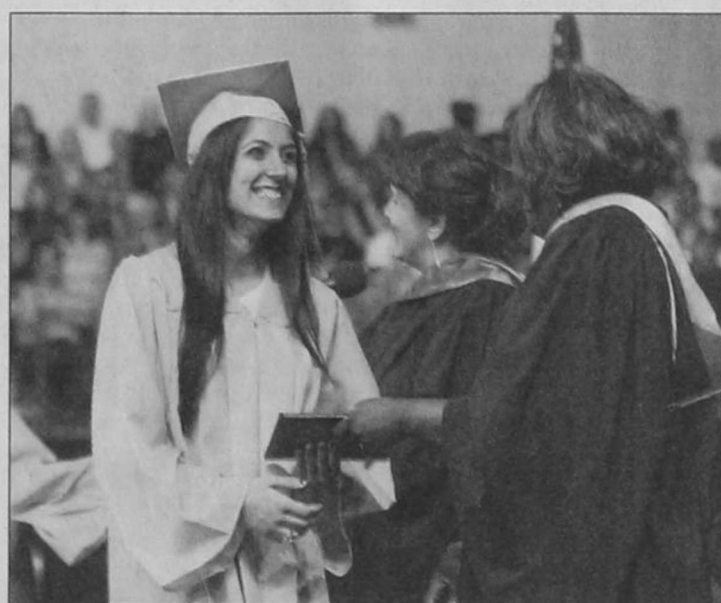


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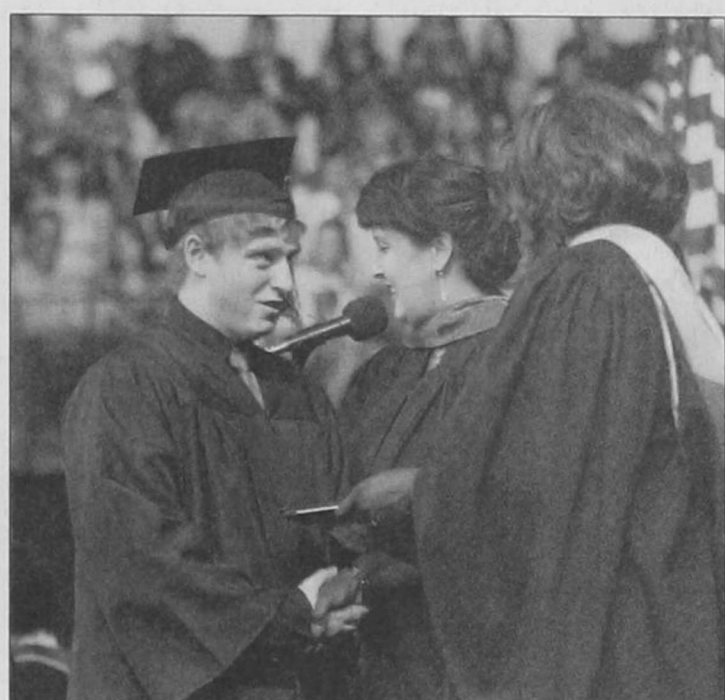


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# Orlewicz won't get new trial in beheading case

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Orlewicz

If Jean Pierre Orlewicz is going to get a new trial after all, the Michigan Supreme Court is going to have to give it to him.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled the conviction of Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager serving a life sentence for the 2007 murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, stands and decided he won't get a new trial.

The ruling reverses the one made by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow,

who ruled in December 2009 that Orlewicz's attorneys were correct in saying the convicted killer's rights were violated when original trial judge Annette Berry didn't allow psychiatric testimony in the original trial.

Morrow agreed, saying Berry's decision denied Orlewicz his right to effective counsel by not allowing psychiatrists to testify. According

to Orlewicz's lawyers, psychiatrists would have told the jury about Orlewicz's mental condition at the time of the November 2007 killing.

Orlewicz's lawyer, Elizabeth Jacobs, said the case will be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court next month.

"I'm very disappointed as a lawyer, and the family is very disappointed," Jacobs said. "We believe strongly in these issues and will be taking them to the Michigan Supreme Court."

The case was actually heard by a pair of three-judge Court of Appeals panels.

However, the first panel, which heard the arguments in September, was reduced to two members after Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Brian Zahra to the Michigan Supreme Court in January. The two remaining members couldn't agree on a decision.

A new panel reviewed parts of the original September arguments, then heard additional oral arguments June 8. The second panel published its opinion Tuesday. In rendering their opinion, judges said, in part, "(Morrow) erred in granting defendant's new trial, and we reverse that

grant." "Defendant has not presented to us any errors or infringements of his rights that warrant reversal, and he waived his public trial issue," the panel ruled. "We therefore affirm defendant's convictions and sentences."

The panel did, however, remand for the administra-

tive task of correcting defendant's judgment of sentence to show that he is convicted of a single count of first-degree murder supported by two theories.

Jacobs said she was glad the panel ruled so quickly.

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## KROGER

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action," Lazarowicz said. "This is actually how it should work. When the people speak, they should be heard. It's not always about the almighty dollar."

Amann has said Kroger wanted to build the gas station to remain competitive and expand services to its customers. He and an environmental firm hired by the grocery chain have said the project wouldn't pose health risks to neighbors and that the proposal met all local, state and federal guidelines.

Still, Kroger opted to abandon the proposal and possibly seek an alternate plan.

"It was the right decision for a lot of reasons — mainly for the environmental impact, and I just thought it was an unnecessary development there," said township board Trustee John Anthony, who drew accolades for visiting Kimberly Meadows on Monday to notify residents of Kroger's decision. "There may be other options to benefit Kroger and the community. I just don't think this was a good fit for the community."

Neighborhood resident Lisa Tams had raised concerns that airborne benzene could potentially place residents at risk of health issues such as childhood leukemia, though Kroger representatives said on-site design safeguards would eliminate such risks.

Saying there were "too many unknowns" about the proposed gas station, Tams lauded local officials for revisiting the issue, which once had planning commission support, and for deciding to "err on the side of caution."

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## FESTIVAL

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Numerous people and organizations contributed to bringing the wall to Canton.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon is set to perform at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, dazzling crowds with a series of calculated drill movements and the precise handling of their hand-polished rifles and fixed bayonets. The Michigan Philharmonic will perform at the amphitheater after the drill platoon.

LaFever has called the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon "a national treasure" and said "it is a great accomplishment to get them to perform in Canton." Crowds are encouraged to arrive early.

Meanwhile, the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage plans to sponsor a special International Festival 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, near the Canton LIVE! Stage, featuring an interactive multicultural booth celebrating Canton's diversity.

Festival goers are encouraged to wear clothing representing their culture and traditions and to stop by a cultural commission booth for a keepsake photo, available through Flickr. The theme of this year's International Festival is "Canton Wears Your Heritage" — chosen as a way to showcase the global cultures that coexist in Canton.

"The International Festival has really picked up over the years," said ReGina Shamberger, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. "It's a little world of its own."

For more on Liberty Fest, revisit a special Liberty Fest guide that appeared in last Sunday's edition of the *Canton Observer* or go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and look for the Liberty Fest link.

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The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall comes to Canton's Liberty Fest today (Thursday).

## WATER

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expects to enter into a second agreement with Westland for GIS, or Geographic Information Systems, work. Canton would provide the expertise to update Westland's maps for a special taxing TIFA, or Tax Increment Finance Authority, district, sidewalks, roads and census tracts, among other possible areas.

Under that expected agreement, Canton would provide database management that would be accessible through a secure, virtual private network.

In separate statements, LaJoy and Wild called the shared services "win-win situations" for Canton and Westland.

LaJoy called it yet another way the two communities can become partners and potentially reap benefits from state-shared revenue. He also said the agreement will bring in additional revenue to offset Canton's employee costs.

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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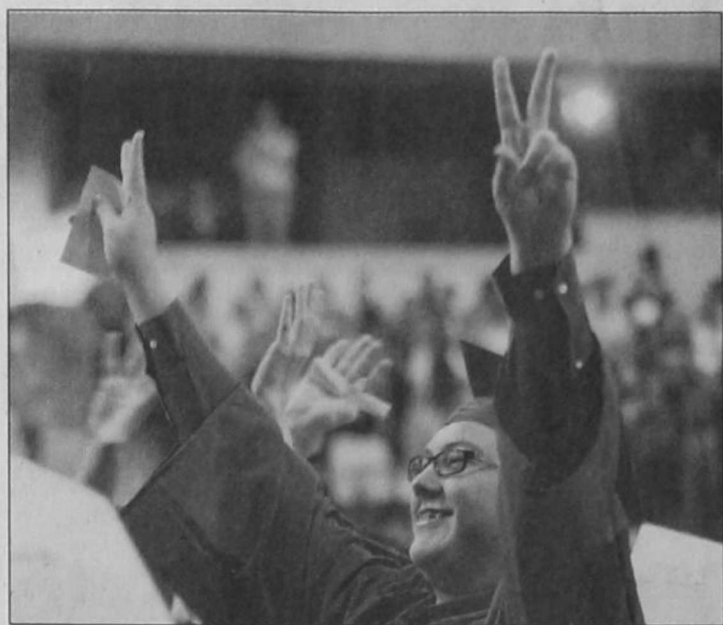
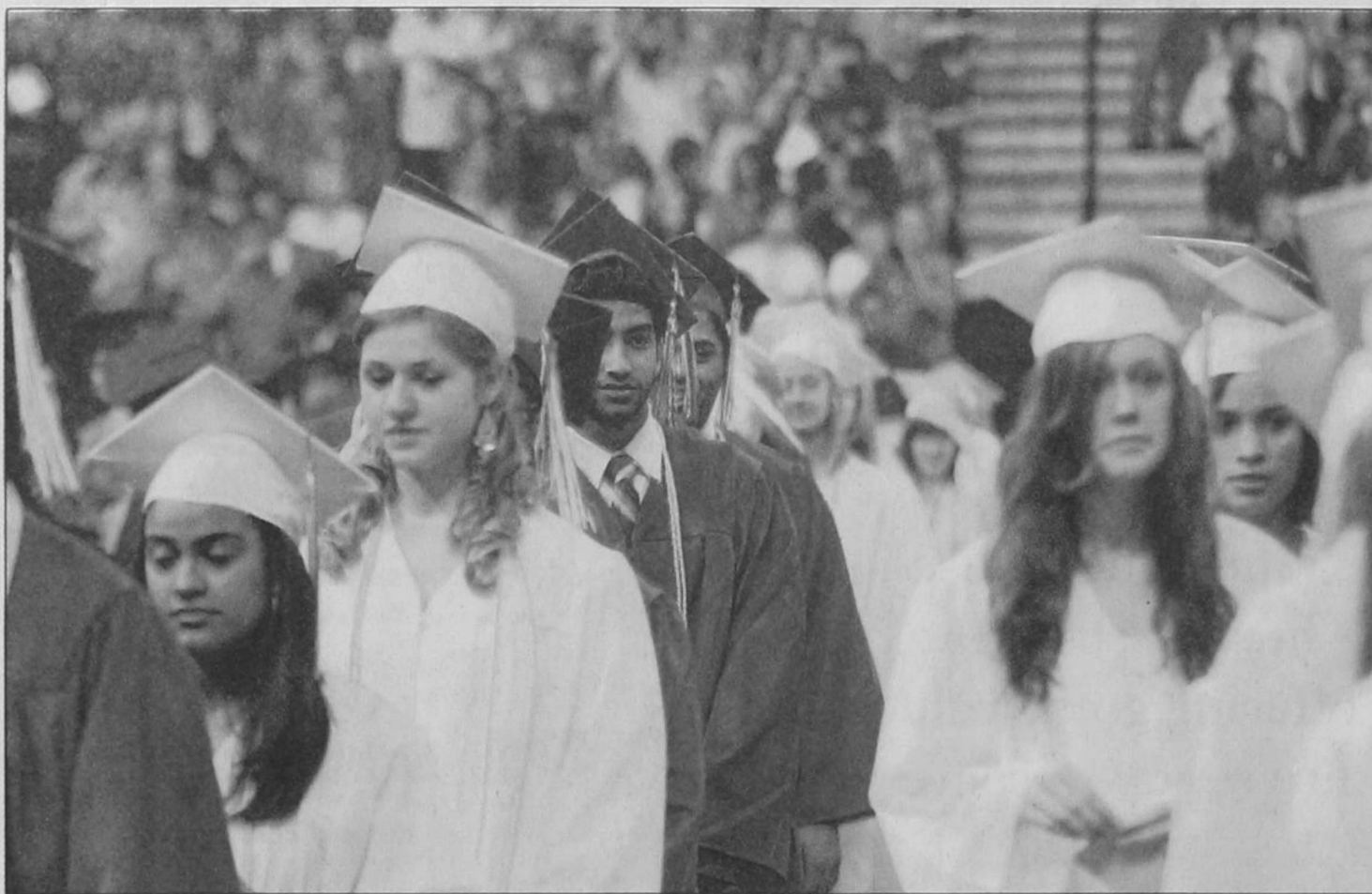
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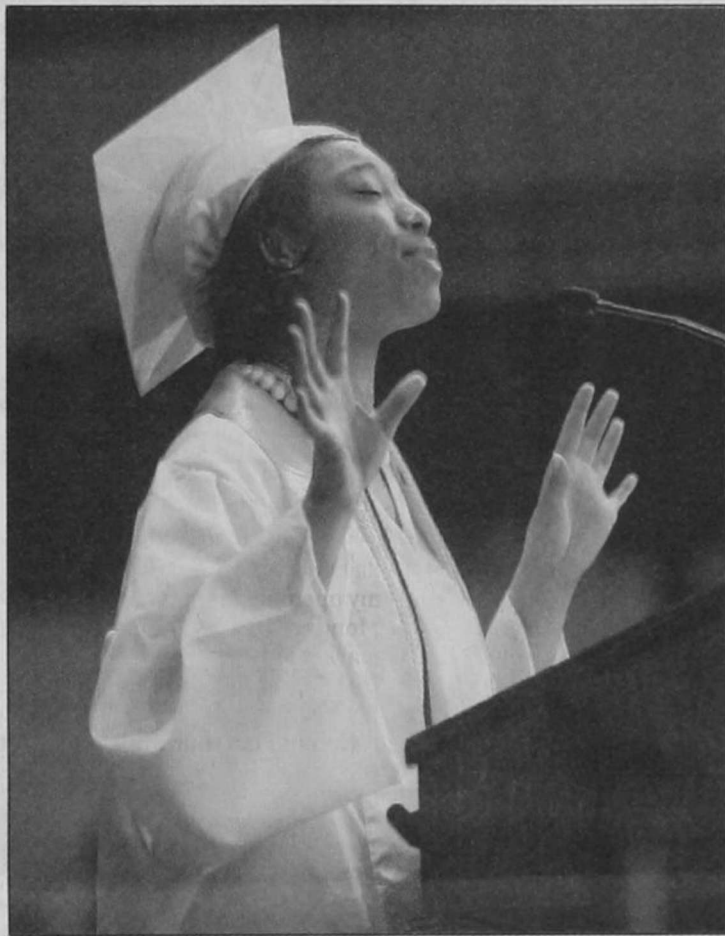
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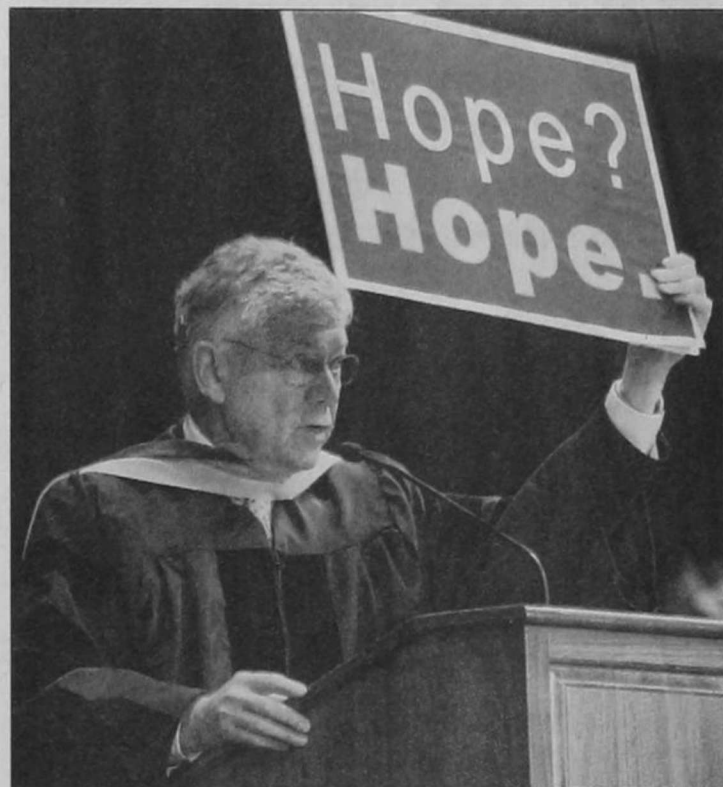


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## Tips to save broken electronics

BY JON GUNNELLS  
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Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

I'm the type of person who never puts his phone in the same pocket which also means I'm the kind of guy who always drops his phone and then blames it on poorly designed pockets.

During a golf outing earlier this month, I placed my phone in one of those faulty pockets and by the 13th green — the golf balls weren't the only things I had lost on the course.

By the time I located my phone it had already been run over by a golf cart (can't blame that on bad pockets). The cart smashed the phone into the wet fairway. The unit and the battery had significant water damage and even after I dried them both off with a towel — they still wouldn't work.

When I returned home a few hours later I tried a last ditch effort to get the water out of my phone. Remembering something I read on the Internet a few years earlier, I took the battery out of my phone and placed it in a plastic storage container full of uncooked rice.

Within three hours, the LED indicator at the top of the phone started lighting up. In six hours, the screen began lighting up. After eight hours,

the audio capabilities on my phone were back to normal. Because I had previously linked my phone with my car's hand-free calling system via Bluetooth I was even able to access my contacts and make calls.

Although my phone's water damage was too significant to overcome, the moisture the dry rice absorbed helped my phone enough to let me call my service provider and have a new phone mailed to me.

The ability to dial out with my half-broken device was essential, because like many people, my cell phone is the only phone I own.

If your cell phone, MP3 player or other handheld device has a run in with liquid, follow these steps to try and bring it back to life.

- Take the item apart. Remove batteries, memory cards, SIM cards and anything else than can be taken off the device.

- Place the phone face up in a warm area like a closet, or better yet, place it in a plastic container full of uncooked rice. It may take up to a day

for your phone to slowly dry out.

- You can try placing your device in front of a fan, or even under a hair dryer but make sure the unit is not exposed to extreme heat.

- Most importantly don't put your phone in a pocket it is likely to fall out of and you won't drop it and end up running it over with a golf cart. Seriously though — purchase insurance for your device if it is available because accidents happen and electronics are expensive — especially cell phones.

Cell phone providers often times hand out new phones for free or discounted rates and offset the phone cost with a commitment for a monthly phone plan. But when you break your phone, those deals aren't available and a smart phone could cost \$300-\$400 more than you paid for it when you signed your contract.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Patient wellness hallmark of local chiropractic clinic

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

Gerou: We provide short-term chiropractic care, as well as wellness care for our patients. We treat athletes, seniors, and kids. Our latest offering, non-surgical decompression, can often allow our patients to receive a successful treatment alternative to surgery for their low back/sciatica condition.

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

Gerou: While attending EMU, I was working two jobs, at UPS and Kroger, while also running. A low back injury stopped me in my tracks. I went to a Chiropractor who corrected my problem and eliminated my back pain and allowed me to resume my running. I discovered that if I got a Chiropractic adjustment before my running races, I performed better! This excited me, and led me to pursuing Chiropractic as a career.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Gerou: Canton was a fast-growing community, easily accessible from other places, and a younger population that were establishing their families here.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Gerou: We are the only Chiropractic office in the Canton-Plymouth area that offers non-surgical spinal decompression for treating acute, severe low back pain and sciatica.



Gerou

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Gerou: The average patient understands Chiropractic better, and they are also more

in tune with their body and desire health & wellness more.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Gerou: It has affected all businesses; we are not immune to that. Many patients have lost their jobs, or had their insurance coverage changed or cut out. As a result, it has made it more difficult for patients to receive the health care they need. We try our best to make it as affordable for them to come in for care as needed.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Gerou: On the day I first opened my practice, a dentist next door told me to be sure and buy a newspaper the next day, because something "extraordinary occurred today." I was too busy making sure everything was going right in my practice, so I did NOT pay any attention to any "happenings" on that day. Well, I discovered that my opening day was "Black Monday," the day the stock market almost crashed.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Gerou: Plan your work, and

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Your name and title: Thomas Gerou, owner

Your hometown: Canton

Business opened: Oct. 19, 1987

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Your business specialty: Chiropractic care and also non-surgical spinal decompression (for severe cases of sciatica and low back pain where your options include surgery).

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work your plan. Out-think and out-work your competition. Analyze your business expenses, and don't over-spend.

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

Gerou: We want to provide solutions for our patients' health care problems. Make it easier for them to receive the care they want. To help more patients that are suffering debilitating low back pain and sciatica resume normal activities and avoid costly and risky low back surgeries through our Non-surgical spinal decompression treatment.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Fitness concept

A national franchise with over 400 locations around the country started pre-sales June 6 for a new location in Canton.

The club is conveniently located at the northwest corner of Canton Center Road and Hanford. The premier fitness center is over 15,000 square feet and combines three unique factors; environment, people and philosophy to create its "Judgment Free Zone," which includes the famous "Lunk Alarm" that sounds when loud banging and grunting occur as a friendly reminder to members to keep the noise level down.

Chris Klebba, an Owner and Operator states, "The Judgment Free Zone really creates a non-intimidating, friendly environment unlike any health club today," owner Chris Klebba said. "We are reaching a much broader population, many of our members have been away from a health club or somewhat put off by the traditional definition of a gym; plus we offer memberships starting as low as \$10 a month on a month to month basis."

The club, scheduled to open in July, is Chris and Ellen Klebba's sixth in the Michigan area. Chris has over 25 years' experience in the health club industry and is a fitness expert, regular columnist and speaker. "We searched a broad area for our sixth location and we are proud to bring this unique fitness option to the Canton area where people can relax and be themselves while achieving the results they desire," he said.

The co-ed facility is open and staffed 24 hours a day during the week and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and includes unlimited fitness instruction, a 30-minute express workout, 12-minute abdominal circuit, over \$700,000 in the latest cardio, toning and firming equipment, 46-inch flat screen TV cardio entertainment systems, massage chairs and extensive tanning facilities along

with the new red light therapy, anti-aging Beauty Angel.

For more information, call Chris Klebba at (248) 808-4365 or check www.planetfitness.com

### Disc golf clinics

Disc golf, a sport first made popular on college campuses, has since grown over the years into an activity that families can now enjoy. But with the arrival of summer and outdoor activities, Play It Again Sports is sponsoring two free disc golf clinics to encourage people of all ages to pick up the sport.

Sponsored by the 10 Metro Detroit locations, clinics will be held with area disc golf professionals in attendance to teach game technique and strategy. "We'd like everyone to get involved, so in that spirit we're offering these free clinics," said Chuck Jones, owner of Play It Again Sports in Southgate and Canton. "It'll appeal to players of all skill levels—from beginners and novices to seasoned players looking to improve their tosses or just dust off the rust from the long winter."

- Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Raintree Park in Troy (on Livernois between Big Beaver and Wattles). Pro John Minicuci will teach techniques and lead a round.

- Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Black Locust Course at Kensington Park in Milford (north of I-96, off of Kensington Road). Pro Mark Ellis will conduct clinics. Daily parking rate of \$5.

Kensington Metro Park is the annual host of the Amateur Disc Golf Championship Competition, which takes place every June, which brings competition disc golfers from all around the world for a weekend of intense competition. At this year's event, Play It Again Sports will sponsor the Play It Again Sports Skills Competition, open to all comers at the event.

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## OUR VIEWS



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Carnival rides, along with food and entertainment, make the Canton Liberty Festival a can't-miss event.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Michigan will be in better or worse shape in one year?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm a conservative Republican, and I'm hoping it will be better."  
Peggy Hartman  
Canton



"I'd say worse. Things deteriorate over time."  
Amanda Lafferty  
Canton



"I'm hoping better. It seems like the economy is coming back slowly. It's better than it was last year."  
Terry Rutkowski  
Canton



"I hope in better shape. I like Gov. Snyder, and I think he's working to try to make it better."  
Mike Cristante  
Belleville

## Can't miss it Liberty Festival one of those must-see events

After 19 years of putting on the annual Liberty Festival, one would think it would seem "old hat" by now.

But every year, the folks at Canton Leisure Services put together an outstanding festival, with just enough different to keep it fresh, and always interesting.

This year is no different. With some help from local veterans groups, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in town, opening Thursday and remaining available for visitors through Sunday. The presence of the wall probably helped the U.S. Marines decide to send their silent drill team here, a must-see precision team that will leave visitors speechless.

There's the standard festival fare — entertainment, food, the carnival and, of course, the festival's signature event — the Saturday night fireworks.

There's a lot of other stuff going on — the charity spaghetti dinner hosted by the Canton firefighters, the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions Club, the international festival.

And while local officials scrapped the annual parade due to budget cuts, they still expect a strong response to myriad events that include a U2 tribute band (among a plethora of entertainment) and a performance by the Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra).

Liberty Fest, anchored in Heritage Park off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads, has become increasingly popular since organizers rolled out the first festival two decades ago as a way to celebrate community.

As Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy is fond of pointing out, the festival is "part of our history ... part of our community." It really is a way of bringing families together and having an opportunity to enjoy entertainment. It's part of the local quality of life for which Canton has become known.

With a stubborn economy that has caused many families to scale back out-of-town vacations, Liberty Fest has also come to play an even more crucial role as local residents seek ways to enjoy their leisure time closer to home.

The fun starts today (Thursday) and continues 1-11 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

Canton's Liberty Fest celebrates its landmark 20th year starting today, with projections it will draw as many as 40,000 people.

Make sure to be one of them.

## LETTERS

### Stop cutting education

I am writing as a parent of a student in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district in response to the cuts in K-12 education.

Our school district has faced cuts the last several years in funding from the state. To deal with this decrease in revenue, the school board closed elementary schools and reconfigured the grade levels in the remaining buildings to utilize them more efficiently. They also redrew the bus routes to maximize the number of students on every bus.

Our district purchases natural gas, fuel and electricity as part of a consortium with other districts to save by "buying in bulk." Wayne-Westland has created the I-SAVE Program to teach students and staff about the importance of saving energy and the planet, which has saved additional money in utility costs.

Many school employees have lost their jobs due to cutbacks. Building and departmental staff are working hard to keep up with the same amount of work with less people. Supply budgets have been cut; purchases have been put "on hold."

My neighborhood school has closed. My children get home later than before because of the new bus routes. Every year I watch the school district struggle with budget concerns due to issues with state funding. In spite of all that, Wayne-Westland continues to provide a quality education for my children — a foundation for lifelong learning.

I implore you to stop cutting funds to K-12 education for the future of my children, yours and the State of Michigan's. The backbone of a great society is educated people; education is an investment with an excellent return.

Rosemary Rodak  
Westland

### Could this be you?

This letter is a plea to all people who have lost someone close and dear to them. My parents passed in 2008 and I have had a very difficult time in coping with their loss. They are buried at Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia but my request is to everyone who regularly visits any cemetery to remember

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those who are gone.

I, like many others, find comfort in bringing flowers and checking on the gravesite to say a prayer and remember times past. However, on May 23 I stopped by to check on the gorgeous pink geranium basket that I had put there a couple of weeks ago with a beautiful firefly shepherd hook and it was gone. My hook was still there but the beautiful plant was gone. I went to the front office with tears in my eyes and talked to the ladies at Parkview in total disbelief that people would steal flowers from a cemetery. They told me there was nothing they could do and it happens all over.

What kind of person can steal from a cemetery, steal from my heart? I believe that what goes around comes around and whoever you are who did this will answer for it when life on earth is over. I will still continue to visit my parents' gravesite and I will not let the evil in this world get me down, but I will be watching as will heaven above so please think twice before stealing any flowers again.

Diane Weir  
Livonia

### He was a killer

Jack Kevorkian was a post-industrial serial

killer protected by the fog of a Byzantine legal system which he exploited to serve his twisted agenda. It is surreal observing a human being engaged in this behavior and then promote it as a progressive movement. Of course, Jack would never entertain the notion of using his "killing machine" on himself.

When all the smoke clears and the cheer-leading is over, many will come to realize how harmful he was for those who value life and death with dignity.

Greg Thrasher  
Birmingham

### Opposition to health care reform confusing

No pre-presidential maneuvering by Mitt Romney and Thaddeus McCotter would be complete without a lively round of health care reform bashing. As many times as I've heard the arguments, I remain utterly confused.

• Why are Americans content to see fellow citizens disappear in a deluge of debt due to illnesses that could happen to any of us at any time?

• Why don't we care that people who work full-time plus at low-paying jobs and who struggle to put food on the table are not entitled to take care of their families' health care needs?

• Since when is it the mark of a good American to let our fellow citizens deplete a lifetime of savings and declare bankruptcy, and then think of them as free-loaders?

• Why do politicians insist that we can rely on private enterprise to regulate health care when the market has done such a spectacularly dismal job of it so far?

• What kind of American feels that as long as I and my family are protected, it's OK to let other Americans twist in the wind?

Here's a challenge — find me a person with diabetes and/or a sick child who has no health insurance and no trust fund who wants the new health care law repealed. Mr. McCotter? Anyone?

Joy Kind  
Livonia

# Promoting Michigan as a great state begins with us

The best form of advertising is word of mouth.

While sitting on a flight to South Florida, my seatmate and I got talking about the beauty of Michigan.

He's lived in Florida a good part of his life and only thought of Michigan as a frozen wasteland or the old rust belt — until he moved to the beautiful town of Chelsea, Mich. Now he and his family enjoy the bounty of our stunning peninsula.

My seatmate told me that when he can coax/encourage his Florida friends to venture north (summer only!), they are amazed by the vast-

ness and glory of Michigan and return for vacations here, again and again.

That's when it hit me — those of us who call Michigan home often forget what our mitten state has to offer, taking our state for granted.

Perhaps we have let the woes following the Great Recession and our imploding economy and auto industry that once buoyed us for many decades weigh us down.

Perhaps it is time to revisit our state motto: "If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you."

Look about us indeed.

I shared the idea of turning all Michiganians into state promoters with Mike Finney, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, asking that his job development and tourism

agency consider providing us all with the tools to invite family and friends to enjoy/promote/explore Michigan.

What if we made it easy for individuals and families to "sell Michigan"? Could we put packages together containing discount coupons, maps, videos and other Michigan goodies and give them to Michiganians, thereby encouraging us all to share with relatives and out-of-state friends? It could help us make the beauty of Pure Michigan more attractive — and give our tourism industry a boost!

What about using social media networks to promote Michigan?

How about making those spectacular Pure Michigan commercials available to everyone and encourage them to load them on to Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter feeds, thereby promoting Michigan to family and

friends, and making ourselves self-promoters of our state?

### GREAT MINDS

As it turns out, the crew at MEDC, under the leadership of the governor and Finney, has just finished the beginnings of such a word-of-mouth campaign to promote Michigan.

As Joseph J. Serwach, managing director of communications for MEDC, stated in an e-mail to me: "in communications and marketing, we've continually learned that a simple conversation is the best way to educate, to influence, to make a case and change minds."

Word of mouth works! Joe informed me the MEDC just completed a video, "Why Michigan?" The goal is to promote Michigan via social networking and are encour-

aging everyone to share "Why Michigan?" widely ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWYz1BnXYLg&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWYz1BnXYLg&feature=channel_video_title)).

Take the time to download and watch, share and save; it is as inviting as it is stunning.

Michiganians, here's a tool for us to tweet and post to Facebook, MySpace and your favorite social networking outlets, informing families and friends about our great state.

Each and every one of us can turn into a Michigan-family promotional arm for "Pure Michigan — too good to keep to ourselves."

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# Philharmonic kicks off patriotic summer

The Michigan Philharmonic will kick off the summer season and its new name by presenting a free pops concert 6:45 p.m. Saturday at Canton's Liberty Fest.

Those who can't make it to the June 18 fireworks spectacular have other chances to hear the former Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in a casual summer atmosphere. A Friday, June 24 Pop's Plus Concert is set for Kensington Metropark in Milford and on Saturday, July 2, The Michigan Philharmonic will salute America with a special concert in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

This Saturday's concert in Canton's Heritage Park is a family friendly program featuring American favor-

ites "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "This Land is Your Land," "America the Beautiful," and more. Guests are invited to enjoy the music which starts at 6:45 p.m. at the Amphitheater Stage. The Liberty Fest fireworks will cap off the evening and light up the sky at dusk.

The Friday, June 24, "Pops Plus" program at Kensington Metropark starts at 8 p.m. and features music from films such as "An American in Paris," "West Side Story," and "Bridges on the River Kwai." In addition the Philharmonic, under the direction of music director and conductor Nan Washburn, will perform John Phillip Sousa's march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The concert is free and open to the public; however,

a \$5 daily park entry fee is required.

The July 2 program, "An American Salute," celebrates the nation's birthday with a fun, family-friendly free concert at 7:30 p.m. that showcases popular American composers Richard Rodgers, Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein. The big brass, cannons and church bells of Tchaikovsky's spectacular "1812 Overture" provide a sensational grand finale to this summer concert, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers*, in partnership with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, IHA and the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Bring a lawn chair, relax,

eat a slice of pie and celebrate the holiday close to home in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The July 2 concert is part of a long weekend of Fourth of July holiday attractions in the city and township, including a Plymouth Community Band concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, in Kellogg Park (veterans will be honored); Music in the Air on Friday, July 1, in Kellogg Park featuring "Zap Toro"; Saturday's Plymouth Township Fireworks Spectacular in Plymouth Township Park (at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha) at 10:30 p.m.; Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade at 9 a.m. July 4 and Plymouth Township's Good Old Fashioned Picnic after the parade in township park.



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Music director/conductor Nan Washburn leads the members of the Michigan Philharmonic in a Saturday concert during Canton's Liberty Fest.

## Bank fees can add up, so consider options

It seems over the last few years consumers have gotten used to fees. Whether it's airlines charging to check bags, or hotels adding resort fees to the cost of the room.

Generally, when it comes to fees consumers don't have many alternatives. In some situations, they just have to grin and bear it. However, there are certain situations where consumers have choices and it pays to be proactive. Some of the fees are small, however, when they are recurring, they add up. One area in particular where consumers can save money and where there are options is banks.

Banks have a history of charging various fees — whether it's the outrageous amounts they charge for bounced checks or even just to print checks. I recently read an article about the new fees that some banks around the country are charging. They include fees for:

- Talking to a teller
- Cashing in coins
- Receiving an incoming wire transfer of money
- Redeeming points
- Account closing fees

To be fair to banks, they are in business to make money and profits for their shareholders. Therefore, in this tough and difficult economy, banks are no different than any other organization pursuing new ways to produce revenue. There is no doubt that in the past, because of some of their procedures, they've incurred costs and have not received any revenue. I recognize that. What I don't like is how difficult some banks make it to determine what their fees are. They offer different types of accounts and services, each with its own fee structure. When they implement a new fee or raise an existing one, banks have a tendency to bury the information, making it difficult for the customer to stay informed.

That being said, whether banks are justified in charging the fees or not, I'm not sure. However, consumers have options.

### FEES DIFFER

Not all banks charge the same fees. In addition, not all accounts at a bank pay the same fees. Depending upon the type of customer you are and the type of account, you may pay different fees.

The key is to focus not only on what fees banks charge, but rather, whether the fees are for services you need. If you choose not to receive paper statements and like receiving them online, the fact the bank charges for paper statements is irrelevant to you. On the other hand, if your bank is charging you for incoming wire transfers and you receive incoming transfers, then the fee is important.

Look at your bank statement over the last few months and see what fees you are paying. If there are recurring fees, it may make sense to consider a change.

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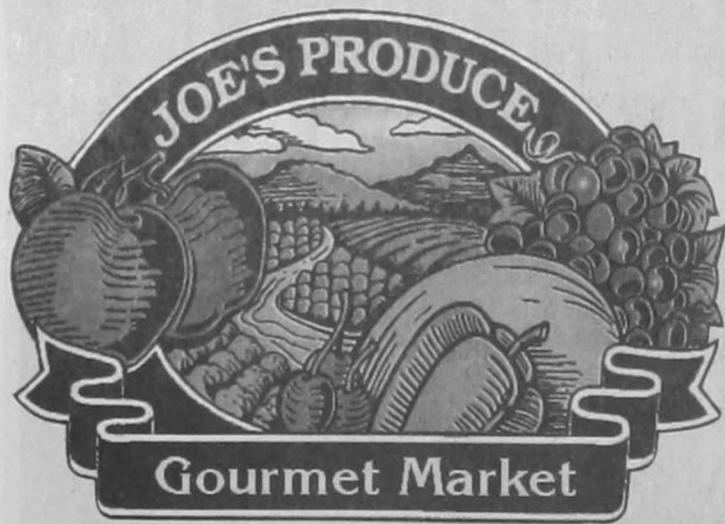
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# Chiefs hit wall in D1 quarters

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Until Tuesday's game at Michigan State University, all the Canton varsity softball team knew about Mattawan was its top billing.

It didn't take long during the Division 1 state quarterfinal at Secchia Stadium for the Chiefs to find out the No. 1 ranking was accurate.

Mattawan senior pitcher Lauren Gevaert gave up a leadoff single to sophomore catcher Catherine Porter and that was it as the Wildcats cruised to a 12-0 victory. The game was shortened to six innings due to the mercy rule.

Need any more proof that Canton ran into a buzzsaw? Gevaert struck out 11 batters

and the Wildcats (34-5) clubbed 15 hits and three home runs — one hitting a tree located some 20 feet behind the center-field fence.

"They're a real good team," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "We just had an off-day. We can play with them tomorrow, but today just wasn't our day."

"Nobody's held us to one hit in a ballgame. Give credit to their pitcher. She did an outstanding job, moved the ball around a lot."

Canton senior shortstop and co-captain CarolAnn Sexauer tried to give her teammates a primer on what to expect playing in a big state tournament game.

Central Michigan-bound Sexauer was on Canton's back-to-back D1 state semifinalists in girls basketball.

"We talked about it and it's really easy to let this atmosphere get to you," Sexauer said. "It's something that's really hard to master."

Canton wasn't able to do so Tuesday as Saturday's doubleheader romp in the regionals quickly seemed like a distant memory.

"There's nothing else you can say," Sexauer said. "We've come so far. It's just a bummer when we don't play to our potential."

## BAD OMEN

Things didn't go well from the start. In the top of the first against Chiefs freshman pitcher Hanna Warren, leadoff batter Alyssa McBride reached on a single and was sacrificed over by Sara Johnson.

But the throw back across the diamond to try to cut down McBride heading for third

Please see **QUARTERFINAL, B2**



JIM CALABRESE

Canton's varsity softball team, coached by Jim Arnold (far left), celebrates after winning Saturday's Division 1 regional final against North Farmington. Part of the celebration despite breaking a foot during the regional semifinal was senior co-captain Samantha Partain (seated, holding the trophy). Also up from the JV for depth were Paige Aresco, Megan Grant, Kendyl Richter and Shannon Watson. The rest of the team, listed alphabetically, includes: Alyssa Boucher, Hailee Craig, Kaitlyn Keys, Jesse Lerner, Lauren Leskovitz, Heidi Lucke, Kaitlyn Mattson, Partain, Catherine Porter, CarolAnn Sexauer, Breanna Schnur, Sarah Wagner, Hanna Warren and Jessica Webster.

# Canton powers to regional title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A mighty display of early offense started Canton on its way to a regional championship in softball Saturday afternoon.

The Chiefs enjoyed an 8-0 lead after three at-bats in the tournament final at Novi, and they rolled to an eventual, 11-1 victory over North Farmington.

"We came up and just hit the ball," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We hit the ball all day today, and that's the key at this level."

"We're scoring runs; we're hitting the ball. (Lauren) Leskovitz hit two home runs today; (CarolAnn) Sexauer also hit a home run and played great defense at shortstop. We were just pounding the ball." The Chiefs, who had 11 hits in the final game, scored six runs in the third inning on just three hits, two

walks and three errors.

But the Canton hits were big ones. Kaitlyn Mattson hit a two-run single, and the next batter, Leskovitz, greeted North relief pitcher Katy Severson with a two-run homer.

"Knowing North Farmington, you can score six runs, but you can't be comfortable with that," Arnold said. "They've come from behind twice (in district tournament games to beat Northville and Mercy)."

"We told the kids: 'You can't be comfortable with this many runs. You have to keep putting pressure on them.' They listened and they did that. It was awesome."

Canton (34-6) added a run in the sixth inning when Sarah Wagner walked and scored from first base on a dropped fly ball in the outfield.

The Chiefs tacked on two more in the seventh. Mattson had an RBI single, and Wagner walked with the bases loaded.

## UNSTOPPABLE

"I tried everything — change-up, screwball, riseball, drops, fastballs, everything," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "I tried it all, and they just hit it all."

"They were on and we weren't that game. We hit the ball right at people. (North had the) bases loaded, and we didn't come through."

"It was one of those games they did everything right, and it seemed everything went wrong for us. But that's the game, and I'm all right with that."

While seniors Mattson (3-for-5), Leskovitz (3-for-4) and Sexauer were instrumental in the victory, Arnold marveled at the play of his younger players, too.

The Nos. 8 and 9 hitters, freshmen outfielders Paige Aresco and Kendyl Richter, both recently elevated from

Please see **REGIONAL, B2**



Plymouth freshman Lauren Babcock (No. 7, left) and her senior sister Jennifer were inseparable during the 2011 season.



Being teammates was something to smile about for Salem senior Victoria Kaye (No. 12, left) and freshman sister Olivia.

# Oh, sister!

## Soccer sibs get most out of rare opportunity

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Varsity soccer and siblings is a winning combination — something happily vouched for by the Babcocks and Kayes.

Although their respective high school seasons just ended, the experience of senior and freshman sisters being together on the same team won't ever be forgotten. That goes for the sisters and their soccer moms.

And two PCEP varsity girls soccer squads had the same sister-sister thing going on:

- Senior Jennifer Babcock, 18 and freshman sister Lauren, 14, teamed up with the Plymouth Wildcats.

- With the Salem Rocks were senior Victoria Kaye, 18 and freshman sister Olivia, 15.

In both households, there was something about varsity soccer somehow changing the family dynamic.

"Cleaning their room and fighting it out over clothes is one thing," Nora Kaye said. "But when you have an odd-man rush charging your net, you better communicate effectively and figure things out quickly if you want to be successful."

"Sports transcends the drama of sisterhood. It equalizes the sibling rivalry factor."

## TWICE AS NICE

According to Shelly Babcock, this season proved twice as gratifying and unforgettable, for obvious reasons.

"The first time they called the Plymouth lineup and I heard both their names called I was choked up," Shelly said. "During one game, Marissa (Williams) the goalie yelled, 'Jen, send it to your sister!' The parent section chuckled and I loved it."

Please see **SISTERS, B2**

# Hard luck fells Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## BASEBALL REGIONALS

Missed opportunities and a couple calls that didn't go their way cost the Canton Chiefs in Saturday's Division 1 baseball regional semifinal against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Warriors avenged losing to Canton in the 2010 regionals with a 4-2 victory at Novi High School and advanced to the regional final against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central which the Shamrocks won, 7-4.

Although Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield

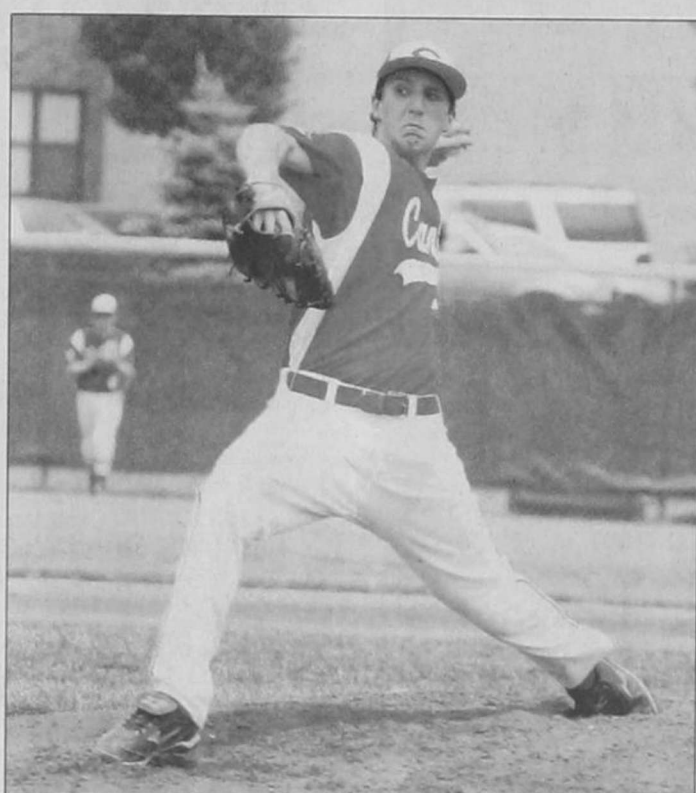
lamented the tough-luck loss, he praised his senior-laden ballclub (27-7) — winners of four straight districts.

"They have a lot to be proud of," Blomshield said. "Before they stepped foot on our campus, Canton hadn't won a district since 1989."

"A lot of those kids were part of four districts ... they won a lot of ballgames, they have nothing to be ashamed of."

Brother Rice head coach

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**



DAVID REED

Canton southpaw pitcher Mike Stafford (No. 15) fires the ball toward home plate during the baseball regionals.

## SIDELINES

### MWGA stroke play

Shelly Weiss of Southfield shot a 78 to take first flight low gross honors in the 25th annual Michigan Women's Golf Association President's Stroke Play event held Saturday at the North and South courses at Pheasant Run in Canton.

Rounding out the top three in Flight One were Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia) and Lisa Bishop (Belleville) with 82 each.

Taking low net honors in the first flight included Theresa MacPherson (Royal Oak), 68; Pat Witek (Livonia), 69; and Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), 72.

### Rockettes golf outing

Circle this date on your calendar: Sunday, Aug. 7. That's when the Fox Hills Golf Club will host the 11th annual golf outing for the Salem Rockettes' Pom and Dance Team.

The outing will take place on the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills, located at 8768 N. Territorial west of Plymouth.

The registration deadline is July 29 with the fee of \$100 per golfer.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 7 with a noon shotgun start.

There also will be a performance by the Salem Rockettes.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf followed by a Buffet Dinner with two-hour open bar and silent auction as well as a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and other contests.

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### 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 [hopetourney@yahoo.com](mailto:hopetourney@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.

### 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](mailto:jethome@comcast.net). Thompson coached Jesse when the youngster played second base for the Canton Vipers 13U and 14U teams.

# Chiefs win big despite injury

## SISTERS

FROM PAGE B1

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton senior co-captain and starting second baseman Samantha Partain broke her left foot during Saturday's Division I softball regional semifinal, the Chiefs merely shuffled the deck and continued on their merry, winning way.

Canton head coach Jim Arnold moved starting right fielder Sarah Wagner to take over for Partain at second and all Wagner did was start a 4-6-3 double play to end the Chiefs' 8-0 victory over Birmingham Groves.

Wagner fielded the ball and calmly flipped it to senior shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer to

begin the double play.

"We all practice in different positions so I had complete confidence in her (Wagner)," Sexauer said. "Nothing felt out of whack or anything because we've been practicing like that, just in case something like that happens."

Partain — a .450 hitter — singled in Canton's sixth run in the fifth. She then sustained her injury trying to steal second base.

Although teammates hoped she would be OK to play the regional final against North Farmington, X-rays determined the break.

The Chiefs were in total control of the opener, with junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher giving up just four hits while

tossing her second shutout of the year.

"It felt really good," Boucher said. "I just wanted to win for my seniors, we had our banquet the other day."

"So I just wanted to win for them, and having them back me up ... it just felt really good."

Canton jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first and never looked back.

Junior left fielder Jesse Larner walked and scored on a double by Sexauer (4-for-4, three runs, three RBI).

Following up with her first of two run-scoring doubles was senior first baseman Kaitlyn Mattson.

The big blow of the game was senior center fielder

Lauren Leskovitz' three-run homer in the third to make it a 5-0 game.

Sexauer singled and Mattson and Leskovitz ripped a two-out liner down the left-field line.

The ball hit the foul pole and bounced back onto the field, Leskovitz stopped at second thinking it was a double.

"I saw it back on the field so I just kept running to third," Leskovitz said. "Then he was like 'Home run,' and I said 'Are you sure?'"

Wrapping up Canton's scoring was Sexauer's two-run home run to left-center in the seventh, plating Larner (who had walked).

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## REGIONAL

FROM PAGE B1

the jayvee, hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the second inning. Sophomore catcher Catherine Porter was 2-for-4. The winning pitcher was freshman Hanna Warren, who scattered five hits, struck out four and walked two in a complete game.

"We worked all week on low and outside, getting the screwball on the inside, trying to get them on the handle," Arnold said.

"She listened and did as we asked her to do. For a freshman to come out and pitch like that in a regional championship game is pretty darn good."

Aside from two errors in the bottom of the third that led to North's only run, the Canton defense was outstanding, especially the play of Sexauer. She made three putouts and had seven assists on 6-to-3 plays.

"(The Raiders) hit the ball real well; they bunt and play the short game," Arnold said. "We actually put in a defense for that just prior to this game."

"We call it a double-two where the shortstop and second baseman are up, and it worked out extremely well. We took it away from them."

### CONFIDENT FEELING

The early lead and good

defense helped to put Warren in a comfortable situation and allowed her to pitch with confidence.

"I knew my team could back me up," she said. "We're a very good infield team. Even when I'm down, they make me laugh and make sure I keep going and have to be tough. I was scared but I knew, by the third inning, we had it."

"Les' home run helped a lot; even our jayvee players helped us. (Sexauer) called me off a lot, and I needed that help after I overthrew the first one. She's spot-on and a great shortstop, and we're going to miss her next year."

Nikki Wald scored the lone North run on a single and a throwing error, a sacrifice and another miscue. The Raiders (34-4) committed five errors.

"That team I did not know," Brubaker said. "That's not our kind of game. No way!"

Makenzie Coulter started for North, worked two innings and faced the first three batters in the third. Severson finished the game. The duo allowed six walks had five strikeouts.

**INJURED SENIOR:** Senior second baseman Samantha Partain suffered a broken foot and season-ending injury while sliding into a base in Canton's semifinal win over Groves.

Partain, a four-year starter for the Chiefs, stayed on the bench for the final game, how-

ever. She was unable to walk to the third-base line for the medals and trophy presentation. Coach Jim Arnold and another player helped her as she hopped on one foot to the chalk to be with her teammates.

Partain sat in a chair for the awards ceremony. Afterward, her teammates gathered around her, making her the centerpiece for the post-game pictures.

Sophomore outfielder Sarah Wagner replaced Partain at second base. She was 0-for-2 in the final game, but she walked three times, scored two runs and had one RBI.

**PITCHING COMBO:** Junior Alyssa Boucher and freshman Hanna Warren have shared the pitching duties for the Chiefs this year.

Boucher pitched the semifinal game, and Warren was the intended starter for the final. Arnold had Boucher ready to go just in case she was needed.

"We have two different kinds of pitchers, two different kinds of speeds," he said. "If I had to, I could take (Warren) out and put the dropball pitcher in there."

A pitching change was unnecessary as Warren gave the Chiefs what they needed in the way of solid pitching, limiting the Raiders to five hits.

"I thought I did pretty well," Warren said. "They're

a very good hitting team. I had to pitch inside and get my change-up working. They could hit anything I threw at them, so I knew they had to be off balance. They had to be pitched inside."

In the bottom of the third, North had a run in and the bases loaded with two outs. The inning ended with a fly ball to shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer.

"There was only one time in the game I had talk to her," Arnold said. "That one inning she got a little nervous. Other than that, she started bearing down and throwing the ball."

"No, she didn't (have any reason to be nervous with an 8-0 lead) but she's a freshman. She's going to get better. If she keeps working hard, she'll be fine. We're happy to have her."

**HUGE COMPLIMENT:** Arnold told players at the start of the season: "Position by position, this is the best, most talented team we've had here at Canton. We just have to stay together. That was the whole focus of this year."

That was high praise for the 2011 Chiefs, considering the great teams Canton had (and Arnold coached) in the early 1990s. The Chiefs were state finalists in 1992.

"We had three or four good ballplayers and an exceptional pitcher (Kelly Holmes)," Arnold said. "Position by position, this is the best team we've had."

## QUARTERFINAL

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sailed over Heidi Lucke's head and Mattawan was on the scoreboard.

The second was uglier for the Chiefs, with an error, bases-loaded walk and wild pitch accounting for two more runs.

It could have been worse. With the bases loaded and the Wildcats looking for more, Sexauer ranged far to her right to snag a low liner that kept the score at 3-0.

Canton (36-7) settled down a bit, playing a good defensive inning in the fourth thanks to a diving force by Sexauer and a heads-up play by Canton junior right fielder Jesse Larner. The latter stopped a rally by fielding a would-be single and throwing out Emily McCarty at first.

Canton's offense, meanwhile, could not get untracked against Gevaart.

The only well-struck balls by the Chiefs were Porter's sharp single to center and a smash off the bat of senior first baseman Kaitlyn Mattson in the fourth that bounced off the shortstop and was ruled an

error. Mattawan then scored four times in the fifth inning and five in the sixth to complete the rout and earn a trip to Battle Creek's Bailey Park for Friday's D1 semifinal. It marks the first time in school history that Mattawan goes that far into the postseason.

Junior catcher Loren Nagy and Gevaart clubbed back-to-back homers against Warren to end her day in the circle. Nagy's was a liner over the fence in the left-field corner, while Gevaart golfed a low pitch high far over the fence in center.

"Usually it's us getting those long balls," Arnold said. Junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher took over at that point, but the Wildcats kept on ripping the ball.

In the sixth, Nagy (3-for-4, two runs, three RBI) homered again to make it a 9-0 game and McBride singled in two more.

Mattawan head coach Alicia Smith said the way her team played against Canton followed the season's script.

"We're just very prepared and our eyes are set on the goal," Smith said. "They've been preparing for this all week. They knew it was a killer

### PUSHING EACH OTHER

You'd get no argument from the Kaye sisters, either.

"Being on the same team definitely helped Victoria and me bond more and become closer than we ever have before," said Olivia Kaye.

But the sisters, both defenders, helped each other out from a competitive standpoint, too.

To put it mildly, they used sibling rivalry as a motivational tool.

"This year was my best year yet, and I believe it is because the two of us pushed each other every game and practice," emphasized Victoria Kaye, a Salem co-captain. "When she made an amazing play, I tried my best to make an even better one."

"That is what you need in a team, people to push you to work your best, and Olivia and I truly did that for each other, which I loved."

As for Olivia, having her older sister on the varsity helped her ease into the world of varsity athletics.

"Going onto a team full of older girls as a freshman was

scary at times," Olivia stressed. "And it helped a lot to know that Victoria was always there for me."

"She is an all-around amazing player and I enjoyed playing in the back with her. I think we both learned a lot from each other."

### LESSONS LEARNED

Rest assured, their moms also got a lot out of the season. For one thing they could see the way the girls interacted away from the soccer field.

"Through competition and the excitement of playing on the same team," Nora Kaye said, "Victoria and Olivia strengthened their relationship, had an opportunity to learn from one another, and built respect and trust."

"We talked about the games at dinner," Shelly Babcock added. "It was always nice to hear Jennifer say, 'Lauren, you played well today.' It warms my heart."

Indeed, those kinds of compliments were genuine.

Jennifer Babcock said seeing her sister improve with every practice and game was something she was glad to have been a part of. That meant her own efforts to be a positive role model and mentor were paying off.

"Me being a senior captain and her a freshman was more of a leading factor for me and a learning factor for her," she explained. "I played my best for her and taught her everything I could."

"I pushed myself everyday to be better just knowing she was watching."

Lauren was doing just that. "She (Jennifer) really helped me become a better player. I'm going to miss her very much next year."

### LIFELONG TRUST

There is the same sentiment with the Kayes.

"Being on the same team as my younger sister was such a different, but great, experience," Victoria said. "It was even better since we both play defense, and we know how each other play."

"She (Olivia) was my outside defender, and every game she made me feel very comfortable because I knew no one was getting past her."

That kind of trust between young teammates now will be carried over beyond the boundaries of a soccer field, for decades to come.

Their parents still will be cheering them on, albeit much more quietly. Of that you can rest assured.

game. "They did everything we asked them to do, come out hitting, put pressure on them by scoring first."

### NO STORYBOOK ENDING

Watching helplessly from the sidelines was Canton senior second baseman Samantha Partain, who sustained a broken left foot against Birmingham Groves in the regionals.

Playing well in her place at second was sophomore Sarah Wagner.

"I worked four years to make it this far and not being able to play, it crushed me," said Partain, a co-captain who hit in the .450 range. "I had so much fun with all these girls, they're my best friends. It was just a fun experience altogether."

But Partain said the injury made it more challenging to walk across the stage during Sunday's graduation at Eastern Michigan University.

"It was a little rough," Partain said with a smile. "Thankfully they had ramps for you to walk up, but it was all right. I was the only girl on crutches, but it's fine."

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## Chiefs reward their best in track and field

Following a very successful season, the Canton varsity boys track and field team's 2011 award winners and 2012 captains were announced.

Sharing MVP honors were seniors Nick Alaniva and Ben Spreitzer, who also shared the Senior of the Year Award.

Coaches Awards were won by Alex Marsh, Alex Nickert, Sapan Patel and Keegan Sullivan while Most Improved Awards went to Austin Golles, Jeff Molchan and Tyler Winningham.

Other awards included the Junior of the Year (Kevin Buford, Ryan Jones, Sean Krolicki), Sophomore of the Year (Josh Joy, Colby Morris,

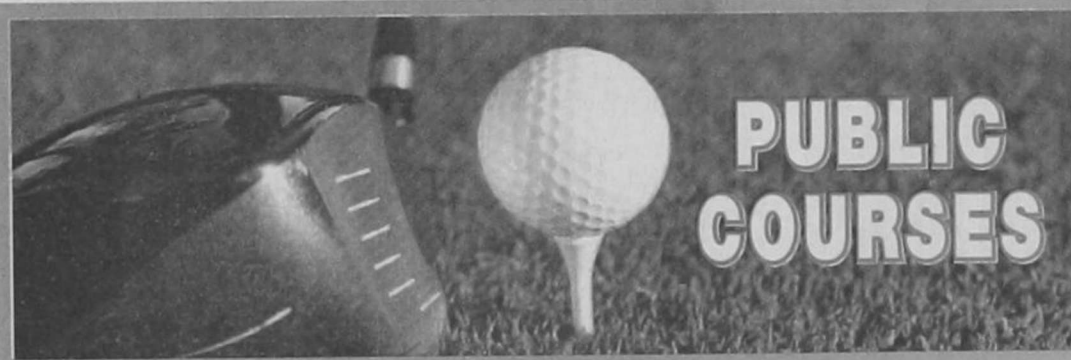


The newly elected captains for Canton's 2012 varsity boys track and field team are (listed alphabetically) Zach Cox, Ryan Jones, Sean Krolicki, Mitch Nickert, Matt Schacht and Tyler Winningham.

Scott Piwowar) and Freshman of the Year (Evan Dunklee, Kyle Zander.

Meanwhile, teammates and

coaches elected Zach Cox, Jones, Krolicki, Nickert, Matt Schacht and Winningham as co-captains for the 2012 season.



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# BASEBALL

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Bob Riker said his team didn't necessarily have any extra incentive to beat Canton just because the Chiefs ousted the Warriors in 2010.

"Half of these guys didn't play against Canton last year," he said.

## UNLUCKY CALLS

The Chiefs also were very close to winning the regionals a second straight season, but it wasn't to be.

Canton starting pitcher Mike Stafford and Brother Rice starter Nick Linnen were hooked up in a scoreless game until the top of the third. The Warriors loaded the bases with two outs when Linnen hit a hard smash down to Chiefs first baseman Robby Golematis.

Linnen scampered down the base line while Stafford hurried over to take the flip from Golematis.

It appeared that Stafford applied a tag to Linnen's chest before the Warrior could touch first, but Linnen was ruled safe — allowing freshman Sammy Stevens (who led off with a double) to score the game's first run.

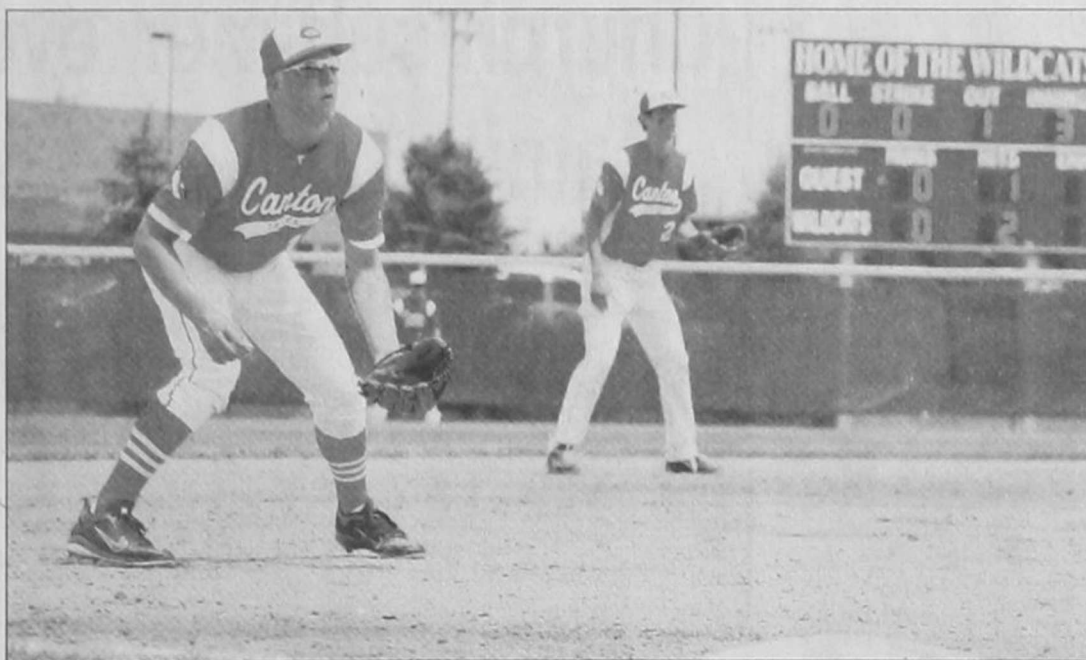
Canton appeared to tie the game in the bottom of the fourth on what would have been a sacrifice fly by Stafford (who suffered a tough-luck loss, having given up just one run).

With one out, junior Ryan Bazner reached on an error and courtesy runner James Hall moved to third on a double down the left-field line by senior shortstop Chris Perkovich.

Stafford then lofted a fly ball to right field that Brother Rice junior Will Schwartz caught. Schwartz threw a one-hop laser to Warriors' senior catcher Jimmy Pickens, who blocked the plate and tagged out Hall for the inning-ending double play.

But it was a bang-bang play that also could have gone in Canton's favor, especially since it looked to some as though Pickens tagged the runner with an empty glove.

"In any game, when you get



Canton's Ryan Bazner (left) and Chris Perkovich (No. 2) man their respective positions at third base and shortstop during Saturday's DI regional semifinal against Birmingham Brother Rice.

to the regionals, ... you are always going to get a break here or there or you're not going to get a break here or there," Riker said. "It's one of these things you can't worry about those things you can't control, you just got to keep playing the game."

## BATTLING TO THE END

Somewhat demoralized, the Chiefs went down in order in the fifth and sixth against Brother Rice fireballing senior reliever Andrew Sohn.

Meanwhile, the Warriors padded their lead to 4-0 in the sixth on a pinch hit homer by freshman Bobby Cross off Canton reliever Vaughn Birchler.

Cross smacked a towering drive over the fence in left.

His round-tripper drove in Tommy Lentz (a courtesy runner for Stevens, who collected his third hit of the game) and Sohn, who reached when Canton left fielder Mark Main could not hang on to a low liner after making a valiant effort.

"He's been swinging the bat the last three or four weeks about as good as anybody in batting practice," Riker said. "And it was just an opportunity for him."

But true to form, the Chiefs — with the end of stellar careers of several longtime

Canton players hanging in the balance (namely catcher Seth Tschetter, Braden Price, Perkovich, Main, Bernabe Salinas and Garrett Bryden) — scratched out a couple runs in their last at-bat to at least go out fighting.

Bazner and Perkovich singled and both moved up on a groundout. After Tschetter walked to load the bases, a wild throw on a potential game-ending double play brought home both Bazner and Perkovich.

But that's where the rally stopped and the Warriors prevailed.

"It's tough, it seemed like everything was going against us," Perkovich said. "Everything we were hitting were just line drives and they were catching them all. Mark Main hit a great shot down the line (an excellent catch by left fielder Travis Ferguson)

"And that play at home plate where they got the runner at home plate, if we would have got that that would have been a game changer right there. We were just inches away from winning that game."

Earning the win was Linnen, who escaped an early jam in the first that could have changed the flavor of the ballgame.

Canton senior leadoff bat-

ter Price stroked a line-drive double over the center fielder's head. But Bryden missed on an attempted sacrifice bunt and Pickens threw down to second to nail Price, who had strayed a bit too far toward third base.

"That's been a problem for us," Blomshield said. "We've been getting picked off left and right. We've just got to make better choices than that."

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After the game, both Perkovich and Tschetter talked about how tough the loss was to close out their Canton careers.

"It stings a little more," Perkovich said. "It's the last game I'm ever going to play in a Canton Chiefs uniform."

"It's hard to leave my family and my team here at Canton." Concurring was Tschetter, the starting catcher for much of the 2008-11 run that garnered Blomshield 102 victories.

"It was a privilege being with all those guys," said Tschetter, adding that the successful program the Class of 2011 helped build should keep on rolling. "I think they'll win another district, they've got a lot of good talent coming in and they already got the pitching staff."

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# Blazers gear up for Bailey Park

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's softball team is breaking out the Rice Krispie Treats once again.

And that means the Blazers are headed back to Battle Creek for the second time in three years following a convincing 6-0 Division 2 quarterfinal victory Tuesday over Armada in a game played at Novi.

The Blazers, 37-3 overall, advance to the Final Four to face defending state champ Stevensville Lakeshore in a matchup of the No. 1- and 2-ranked teams beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Two years ago Ladywood rode the right-handed arm of freshman Briana Combs all the way to state championship game before losing to Niles.

Combs is now a seasoned junior and she continued her

Justin Verlander-like stretch by throwing her third straight perfect game.

She's now retired 54 straight batters without any reaching base going back to last Saturday's regional.

"She's worked real hard and I got to say it: She's the best conditioned athlete probably in the state," said proud father and Ladywood coach Scott Combs. "I've never seen anybody in all my years work as hard as that to be conditioned to throw seven or 14 innings. And that's what you need. As you get tired — the last 10 pitches that you throw flatten out — you can't have that. It's all conditioning and it's concentration. And that's what we work on every day in practice."

Briana Combs struck out nine of the minimum 21 batters she faced against Armada, which reached the Final Four last year and finished 25-7 this season.



## Tourney winners

The 12U Canton Storm baseball team recently won the Pinckney Pirate Classic with an 8-7 win over the Pinckney Pirates Red in the title game on June 6. The Storm includes (front row, from left) Josh Janovsky, Nick Sprosek, Erich Payne, Josh Rubis, Jake O'Donnell and Justin Raylean; (middle row, from left) Chase Timko, Jake Dattilio, Matt Brooks, Noah Haran, Matt Lessel and Robert Barnes; (back row, from left) assistant coach Scott Payne, head coach Rob Brooks, assistant coach Keith Rubis and assistant coach Steve Barnes.

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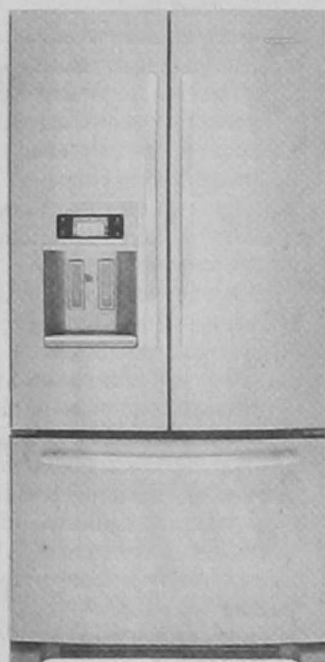
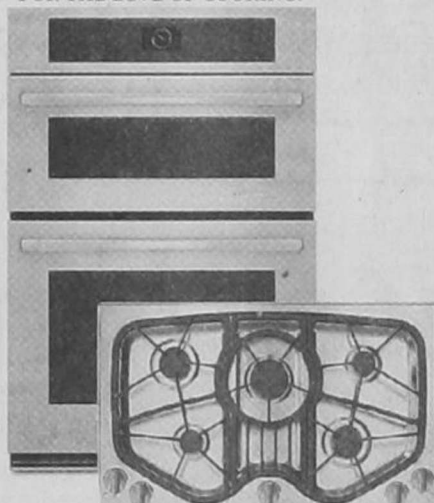
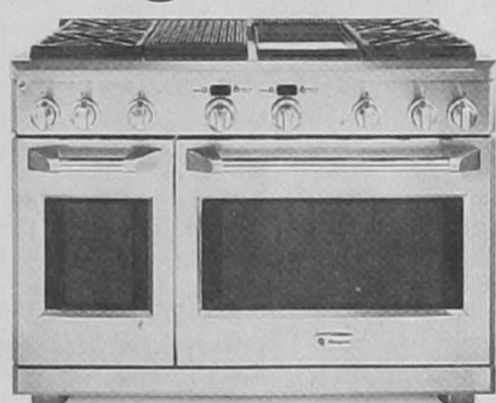
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**BROWN, LINDA ANN**

Of Sterling Heights, May 31, 2011; Age 48. Beloved daughter of Shirley. Dear sister of Allen Brown and Susan Ballard. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586) 777-0555



**McGREGOR, JOYCE ANNE**  
November 29, 1949 -  
June 12, 2011

Joyce Anne LaVeque was born on November 29, 1949 in Trenton, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Elmer LaVeque and Dorothy (Pruett) LaVeque. She was a 1968 graduate of Lourdes High School in River Rouge. Following High School, Joyce, attended Beauty School. After graduating from beauty school, she would spend more than 40 years bringing joy to others as a professional cosmetologist/beautician. Over the years she had been self-employed and had worked at several other shops before settling at Biundo's Salon and Spa the last few years. Joyce had always been well-liked and respected for her experience and personality. At Biundo's she affectionately became known as "The Shop Mother" as she enjoyed giving guidance to others. She married Ronald McGregor on November 16, 1990 in Toledo, Ohio. As an individual, Joyce was always thoughtful, considerate, outgoing, and extremely positive. She was strong in her faith and she had attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She was passionate about her grandchildren, a great mother to her children, and a wonderful wife. In her free time, Joyce enjoyed spoiling her feline friends and she always loved a great garden. Joyce Anne McGregor, age 62, of Monroe passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She leaves to forever cherish her memory a beloved husband of twenty-one years: Ronald of Monroe; her mother: Dorothy LaVeque of Monroe; two children: Joseph (Nadine) Meeker of Newport and Judy (Matt) Graham of Monroe; two sisters: Suzanne Vardakis of Monroe and Patricia (Jeffrey) Bowdler of River Rouge; two brothers: Johnny (Jan) LaVeque of Southgate and Richard (Kim) LaVeque of Cypress, Texas; four grandchildren: Eryn Meeker, Devin Stokosa, Haylee Stokosa, and Christopher Stokosa; and three step-grandchildren: Ashlea Boudrie, Alyssia Boudrie, and Matthew Graham. Friends may gather from 1:00pm until a Celebration of Her Life at 7:00pm, Friday, June 17, 2011 at Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe Street (734) 384-5185. She will lie in state from 9:00am until the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00am, Saturday, June 18, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 501 South Monroe Street. Father James Smalarsz pastor of the church will officiate. Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or send a floral tribute by visiting [www.merklefs.com](http://www.merklefs.com) and then selecting the Life Stories page.



**STEENCKEN (COUSINS), FRANCES J.**

Of Ortonville formerly of Northville and Plymouth; June 9, 2011; age 94; Preceded in death by her first husband Paul Steencken and second husband Rudolph Glanckopf; mother of Barbara (Ed Maklenburg) Steencken of Milford, Joseph (Robin) Steencken of NY and Linda (the late Dale) Helms of Clarkston; grandma of Jennifer (Curt) Rose, Catherine Hammer, Michael Maklenburg, Joseph (Lucy) Steencken, Rachelle (Roger) Apple, Greg (Amanda) Steencken, Erik (Michelle) Helms and Christina Helms; also survived by eight great-grandchildren; sister of Marion Cousins, Betty Dean and the late Robert, Eunice and Alfred Cousins. Frances retired from Michigan Bell and was a member of the Pioneer's Club and Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, baking, knitting and sewing. Funeral service Thursday 5:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Thursday 4 p.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to The Nature Conservancy, MI. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

**JONES JR., RAYMOND**

Age 90, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 11, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

**LAWSON-GLASS, PATRICIA**

Age 64, of Plymouth Twp. passed away, June 8, 2011. A memorial service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI.

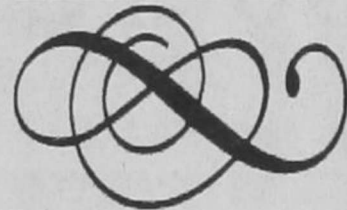
**MALESKY, JEANETTE O.**

Age 86, of Farmington, MI, passed away June 13, 2011. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



**SANDERS, DONALD W.**

Age 88. Went to be with the Lord, May 27, 2011. Don spent three years in the Army Air Force. He retired from the State of Michigan in 1987. On March 2, 1945 he married the former Elizabeth A. Finch & they spent 65 years together. Don was preceded in death by his parents Frank & Hildegard, brothers Frank, Jr., & Bill & two grandsons. Along with his wife, Don is survived by his four children; Diane (Robert) Doyle, Darlene (Mike) Cook, Donald W., & Debra (Jackson) Barry, 14 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren, cousin Jack (Sandy) Lawrence, two nieces & three nephews. Memorial service will be held June 20th at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church, 2801 S. Telegraph, with burial in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorials suggested to the Dearborn Free Methodist Church or Somerset Beach Campground. Arrangements by: John N. Santeiu & Son 734-427-3800 [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



**TERVO, ARTHUR C.**

Age 68, of Plymouth passed away Saturday June 11th, 2011. Loving husband of 37 years to Carol. Beloved father of Kimberly Pawlusiak, Audrey (Clarence) Bringe, Marsha Tervo. Beloved grandfather of Lauren Pawlusiak, Alexis Pawlusiak, Zachary Sarkody, and Megan Bringe. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Helen Tervo. Art Tervo was proud to have served his country in the United States Air Force. He enjoyed his career as a self employed mechanical contractor. Cherished moments were time spent with his family and friends. He was a member of St. Kenneth's Church. Memorial service will be held Saturday June 18th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Livonia Hospice.

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Memorial Church of Christ plans several family activities in lieu of a traditional Vacation Bible School this year.

"Hopefully we can get people interested to come out for a free night to have fun together and make a connection with others," said Angie Schultz, event coordinator.

The series of four "Family Experience" events will start with Family Fun Night, 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the

gym at the church, located at 35475 Five Mile, just east of Levan, Livonia. The free program will include a cook-out dinner, drama performances, giveaways, a worship service and families activities.

"We wanted to try a more relevant way to reach the families in our community," said Schultz. "It can be expensive for a family to go out for an evening together. We wanted to create an envi-

ronment where they could come and have fun as a family for free. We are also creating an environment where parents can see what their children are learning and walk away with tools to help them apply what they learned at home."

Free supervised child care will be available for children, ages 2 and under. No advance registration is required.

### RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto: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 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 weeklong 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](mailto: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) 427-3660

#### JUNE 23-29



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia plans a blood drive Monday, June 27.

**Blood drive**

**Time/Date:** Monday, June 27

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** All blood types are needed. Call to make appointment or walk in.

**Contact:** (734) 513-5067

**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

**Concert**

**Time/Date:** Dessert at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 30

**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Songs of the 1950s; dessert costs \$5 per person

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**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](http://www.endowonline.org)

**Lecture**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Topics are "The World of Esther and Mordechai" on July 6; "Jews in Shi'ite Society," on July 13; "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Students also may pre-register by calling the Beth Ahm office and pay at the door

**Contact:** (248) 737-1931

**Movie night**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

**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.-2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9

**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Gently-used items; Kathy's Bake Sale will be open during sale hours

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

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## Round Trip: Plymouth musician sings about his life, wife, and hometown on new CD

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see why Paul Warren titled his third album *Round Trip*. The autobiographical songs on the CD describe a life that has gone full circle.

"It has several meanings. One, I fly all the time so I'm always round-tripping," said Warren, a guitarist and songwriter who has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999. "And it's coming back to my roots."

Although he performs his own music at clubs and jam nights when he's not on tour or in the studio with Stewart, the Plymouth native says he didn't intend to produce another CD. But moving from California back to his hometown in 2008 after 25 years on the West Coast, got creative juices flowing.

"Everything just felt like a fresh start. I was relatively newly married and suddenly there was a new group of musicians I had never worked with before. I got real inspired just being back here in Plymouth. Being in the Detroit area brought back a lot of memories."

*Motown* one of the songs on the CD, pays homage to the city and its music with such lyrics as "We would go to the Grande, So we could listen to the MC5, California had peace and love, But we were keeping Rock n Roll alive." *She Can't Go Home* was inspired by his wife, Melanie, who left New Zealand to live with him in California. And *Back Where I Belong* references Warren's journey back to his Michigan roots.

"There's something personal about all of them. There are some that are tongue in cheek, but that's part of who I am, too. I feel like I put myself into this record."



The cover of Paul Warren's new CD

### THE PAUL WARREN PROJECT

**What:** CD release show

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 17

**Where:** Callahan's Music Hall, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills

**Details:** Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter, guitarist for Rod Stewart, releases his third CD, "Round Trip." Free concert with special guests The Difficulties

**Contact:** (248) 858-9508

The Paul Warren Project, with Warren on guitar and vocals, John Galvin on organ, Austin Floyd on drums, Jason Bone on guitar and Basquois De Jour on bass, will perform songs from the CD Friday, June 17, at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills.

Warren, 57, has begun working on songs for his next album and has been invited to write for Stewart's next CD.

"I gave him five tracks of this album and he really liked it. As a result I'm not only playing on his new album, but



Paul Warren (right) has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999.

I'm going to L.A. in August to write some songs for it."

### TOURING, WRITING

With Stewart signed to a two-year contract at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., Warren will have plenty of time to focus on his own career.

Stewart and the band ended a tour in Europe last weekend and plan to perform in South America, Australia and New Zealand, but primarily will play stints in Las Vegas — three weeks on and six weeks off — over the next two years.

"I feel like I've really matured as a

musician. It's a late start, but I just love music, so it's never too late. It just feels good to be (writing) again," Warren said. "I just hit 40 years on the road since my first tour. That's even hard for me to comprehend. I feel like I'm very

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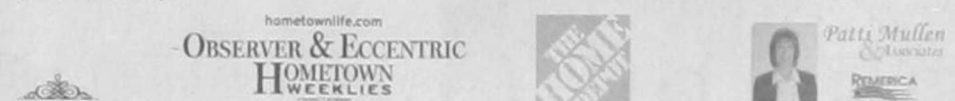
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# WARREN

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fortunate. I still put a guitar around my neck and someone pays me to do it. I couldn't ask for more."

Warren said he fell in love with music as soon as he could think. He was the kid on the kindergarten bus crooning to the other kids. In third grade he gathered his first a capella group together. He beat cardboard "drums" with coat hanger sticks and begged his mom for a real drum set. Instead, she gave him a guitar when he was 12.

He won a talent show in junior high at 13 and started playing at basement parties and at school dances. He performed at the Plymouth Fall Festival when he was 14 and a year later joined a band that opened for groups such as Traffic and Jethro Tull at the Eastown Theatre in Detroit and the Birmingham Palladium.

"I was 15 when I opened for Rod (Stewart) and the band, the Faces. I've never been star struck. I have people I've admired — and Rod was one of them — but I was never afraid of anyone. The night we opened for him he was talking to some girl after the show and I went up behind him and poked him in the back and introduced myself," Warren recalled. "I didn't look at people as my idols. I was one of their peers. I've worked with rock and roll royalty and I always felt I as on the same level musically."

### ON A MISSION

The ambitious and confident teenager, who dropped out of high school at 16, often would "show up places" with his guitar and talk band members into listening. That's how he earned his first overseas tour with a band called the Pacific Gas and Electric. He told the group's bass player that he was better than the band's guitarist and talked the group into letting him play the last song in their second show in Detroit.

"Three days later they called me," he said, adding that the band toured both North America and Europe.



Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter and guitarist, will release his third album Saturday, June 17 at Callahans in Auburn Hills.

He was playing a club called Jimmy's Lounge when Motown Records bassist Bob Babbitt heard him and suggested recording a few of his songs. The recording eventually caught Norman Whitfield's attention and the Motown producer hired Warren for studio work at Hitsville.

"Suddenly I was doing every record and every jingle. Anything in Detroit I was on it. It really opened things up for me."

Over the years he has played on albums by The Temptations, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Undisputed Truth, Rare Earth, Parliament Funkadelic, and Jefferson Starship, to name a few. He has written songs for his own bands and for other artists and has toured with Joe Cocker, The Ventures, Tina Turner, and others in addition to Stewart. He even played with the late operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

"That was a bit surreal. I remember thinking 'How did a farm boy from Michigan end up backing up Pavarotti?'" said Warren, who lived in both rural Canton and in Plymouth as a boy. "This is a really interesting job that takes me to some really interesting places and some really interesting situations."

Visit his Web site at [www.paulwarren-project.com](http://www.paulwarren-project.com). The band also is on Facebook.

## 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.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.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](http://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](http://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](http://gocomedy.net)

### JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### 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:** 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 Lee 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](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** 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](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## GET OUT!



## At the library

"Oceanside" by Lily Dudgeon is featured on invitation cards to the Livonia Artists Club's 51st Annual Exhibit. The watercolor monotype was Best of Show winner last year. This year's exhibit runs through June 29 at The Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery, 323777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Seventeen artists are showing 53 pieces, including oils, watercolors, acrylic paintings, charcoals, collages, mixed media creations, monotypes, graphite and silverpoint art. Livonia Artists Club is the oldest art club in Livonia. It was founded in 1960.



## Celebrating

CSO, a 17-piece Big Band will perform from 3-6:30 p.m. at cabaret-style parties, June 26 and July 10 at Joy Manor, 28999, just east of Middlebelt, Westland. Tickets are \$10 and include food, a cash bar and music. The concerts are designed to celebrate CSO's appearance at the Michigan Jazz Festival next month. It will perform the music scheduled for the festival, along with Motown hits, R&B music and Sinatra favorites. Janice Franco and Brent Davin Vance will sing with the band. For tickets and information contact Craig Strain at (586) 924-6866 or e-mail to [arrangeit@aol.com](mailto:arrangeit@aol.com).

## CONCERTS

### Kellogg Park

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. June 17  
**Location:** Downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Shawn Riley Band  
**Coming up:** 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

# 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  
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Serves 4

4 filet mignon  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
Red Velvet Demi Glace

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Ladle a small amount of Red Velvet Demi Glace onto the serving plate.
6. Place the steak on the Demi Glace then ladle a thin ribbon of additional Demi Glace over the steak.

### RED VELVET DEMI GLACE

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons shallots, minced  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon garlic, minced  
1 cup Cabernet Sauvignon  
1 tablespoon aged balsamic vinegar  
1 cup Demi Glace (can be found in most grocery and specialty food stores)

1. Heat olive oil in sauté pan. Add shallots and garlic, sauté until transparent.
2. Add Cabernet Sauvignon and balsamic vinegar to pan, reducing liquids by  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
3. Add Demi Glace to pan and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes or until sauce has slightly thickened.

### DUKE OF SIRLOIN WITH PUB RUB

Serves 4

4 sirloin steaks  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper, coarsely ground

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry using a clean paper towel.
3. In a small mixing bowl, combine oil, garlic, salt and pepper.
4. Generously rub steaks with mixture on all sides.
5. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.

### BARRON OF RIBEYE WITH ROYAL FOREST BUTTER

Serves 4

4 ribeye steaks  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
1 recipe Royal Forest Butter

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Just before removing the steaks from the grill, place a generous slice of Royal Forest Butter on each steak.
6. Let steaks rest 2 minutes, while butter continues to melt and then serve.

### ROYAL FOREST BUTTER

Makes  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound (6 to 8 servings)

1 ounce shiitake mushrooms, dried, minced (can be found in produce section of grocery store)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Worcestershire sauce  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup unsalted butter, softened  
1 tablespoon garlic, freshly minced  
Salt, to taste  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

### TOP 5 TIPS FOR PERFECT GRILLING

1. Clean and pre-heat your grill on high.
2. Lightly oil and season food before you put it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling, using tongs or a spatula to turn the meat. Cover the grill as much as possible during the grilling process to help lock in the great flavor and to prevent flare-ups.
4. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after you turn over the food. This will give you an evenly cooked product.
5. Place your cooked food on a clean plate and allow to rest for five minutes before serving to retain moisture and juiciness.

1. In a small mixing bowl, add minced shiitake mushrooms and Worcestershire sauce, mixing well until liquid is all soaked up by dried mushrooms. Add butter, garlic, salt and pepper to mushroom mixture. Mix well until smooth.
2. Place the butter mixture in the middle of a large piece of plastic wrap. Form into a log and wrap tightly. Store butter in the refrigerator; it will keep for several weeks.
3. To use, unwrap butter and cut into coin shaped slices.

### COUNT STRIP LOIN WITH PARMESAN CRUSTED CROWN

Serves 4

4 strip loin steaks  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup aged Parmesan cheese, finely grated  
4 teaspoons Italian parsley, chopped

1. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
2. Coat steaks completely with Dijon mustard, using your hands.
3. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with salt and black pepper.
4. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese and pat down well to ensure it sticks.
5. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon parsley.
6. Steaks can be grilled, broiled or pan-sautéed in a non-stick pan to desired doneness.

Tip: Steaks may be prepared one day ahead of time and stored in refrigerator until ready to cook.



Duke of Sirloin with Pub Rub

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# Know your rights when hiring moving company

Following a few simple rules when selecting a mover will go a long way toward protecting yourself from being victimized by scams this summer, according to Better Business Bureau and the American Moving & Storage Association. Chief among them: make sure you know who you're hiring and know your rights.

May was National Moving Month, the start of the busiest time of the year for changing residences. More than 37 million Americans — or about 13 percent — move to a different home every year, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

Every year, however, both BBB and AMSA receive complaints from consumers who have fallen prey to dishonest and often unlicensed moving companies. BBB received more than 8,900 complaints against movers in 2010 — a 5 percent increase over the previous year — primarily about damaged or lost goods and final prices in excess of original estimates. In a too-frequent worst-case scenario, the moving company holds the customer's belongings "hostage" and requires potentially thousands of dollars to unload the van.

One particularly-egregious complaint last year involved a consumer who hired a moving company found on Craigslist. A-1-A Jay's Way Moving quoted a reasonable price of \$80 per hour. It wasn't until they arrived at the new apartment that A-1-A Jay's Way Moving upped the price to \$800 — practically doubling the quoted price. Demanding the payment in cash, A-1-A Jay's Way Moving refused to unload the belongings and threatened that the furniture would be taken to storage, leaving the consumer no choice but to pay the drastic difference in price.

BBB discovered that the company did not have its required licensing as a household mover with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). A-1-A Jay's Way Moving did not respond to the complaint.

"Because anyone with a truck and a website can claim to be a mover, our industry is plagued by con artists who don't adhere to standards for honesty and ethical conduct," said AMSA President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr. "When it comes to such an important decision, you can prevent a lot of headaches by checking on a company in advance to identify which put



**More tips and information on how to choose a mover and plan your move are available at AMSA's consumer website; and the U.S. Department of Transportation's site. To research a mover or find your nearest Better Business Bureau, visit www.bbb.org.**

customer service and integrity first. For interstate moves, that means an AMSA-certified ProMover."

"Checking a mover's credentials is critical and easy. Last year alone, consumers relied on BBB more than one million times for finding a trustworthy mover," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "When making the final choice, go with a BBB Accredited Businesses or, at the very least, choose a business that has a good rating with BBB."

BBB and AMSA offer the following checklist for finding a trustworthy moving company:

- Research the company thoroughly. While state regulations vary, all interstate movers must, at minimum, be licensed by the federal government and are assigned a motor carrier number you can verify on FMCSA's website, www.protectyourmove.gov. Also check the company's rating with your BBB, which maintains more than 17,000 Business Reviews on movers across North America. Having at least a satisfactory BBB rating is one of seven screenings AMSA relies on when authorizing its interstate mover members to display the ProMover logo, the sign of a quality, professional mover which has pledged to abide by the organization's Code of Ethics.

- Get at least three written in-home estimates. No legitimate mover will offer to give you a firm price online or over the phone. Also keep in mind that the lowest estimate can sometimes be an unrealistic low-ball offer which can cost you more in the end.

- Know your rights. Research your rights as a consumer with either FMCSA for interstate moves or the state in which you reside for moves

within that state. Also, enlist the help of BBB or local law enforcement if the moving company fails to live up to its promises or threatens to hold your belongings hostage. FMCSA requires interstate movers to offer arbitration to help settle disputed claims.

- Consider getting full value protection. It may cost a few dollars more up front, but it can provide some peace of mind and eliminate a headache after your move. Investing in full (replacement) value protection means any lost or damaged articles will be repaired or replaced, or a cash settlement will be made to repair the item or to replace it at its current market value, regardless of age. It's important to note that the required minimum coverage of 60 cents per pound would not cover the replacement cost, for example, of a flat-panel TV if damaged in transit.

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## Keep business dealings on up and up

**Q:** Our managing agent finally admitted upon inquiry that our attorney has done work for him on a personal basis and never disclosed that to the board until specific questions were asked. The agent vehemently



Robert Meisner

stands behind our attorney as someone who can do a good job. What do you think?  
**A:** That may well be the case, but the managing

agent should disclose any relationships of a business or personal nature with any persons with whom the association does business including this attorney. Query whether if there is a problem between the association managing agent and the attorney that the attorney will be willing to pursue the managing agent on behalf of the association or, for that matter, even "spill the beans" on the managing agent because of their relationship. Perhaps you need a new attorney and new management company.

**Q:** The president of our association has been charged with a felony. It occurred in the parking lot of our condominium. The victim is a member of our community and has signed an intent to prosecute. We have also had other problems with the president as far as conflict of interest, improper bids, and other criminal charges currently on file. Can our community and/or board be sued for his actions, and, if the victim is awarded damages and medical costs, can the members' property be attached for payment?

**A:** This is, of course, a difficult question which is very fact intensive, but if the other directors were aware of the president's problems and they did nothing, then they may be a part of the problem and potentially liable.

In a sense, responsibility could also be placed on the members in that they elected him as a director. However, whether they have personal liability as members is another matter. Since the other directors elected him as president and did not control the situation, they could become liable. In any event, you are best advised to consult with your attorney and your insurance carrier as soon as possible.

**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 bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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

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41370 Northwind Dr	\$38,000
1439 Oakview Dr	\$129,000
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6029 Inkster Rd	\$52,000
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Livonia	
30545 Seven Mile Rd	\$75,000
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4781 Avondale Ter	\$1,865,000
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Farmington Hills	
31221 Applewood Ln	\$323,000
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29957 Greenboro St	\$145,000

29980 Kingsway Dr	\$213,000
29243 Laurel Dr	\$70,000
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22270 River Ridge Trl	\$136,000
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Milford	
4384 Lancashire	\$60,000
2992 Old Plank Rd	\$65,000
Novi	
26548 Anchorage Ct	\$645,000
44700 Bayview Dr	\$45,000
25472 Danyas Way	\$335,000
25486 Danyas Way	\$350,000
44115 Grand Riv Ave	\$128,000
25780 Island Lake Dr	\$390,000
47194 Scarlet Dr S	\$178,000
39826 Village Wood Cir	\$33,000

240 Wainwright St	\$130,000
29346 Weston Dr	\$148,000
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54365 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
21151 Laser Ln	\$220,000
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Southfield	
26403 Isleworth Pt	\$127,000
23234 Poplar Dr	\$32,000
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- A tractor pulls it
- River in Asia
- Long sigh
- Basilica part
- Turner or Brown
- ER staffers
- Utter defeat
- Library sect.
- Rams and bulls
- Geisha's accessory
- Badminton stroke
- Went steady
- Slam —
- Toga-party order
- Toy on a string
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- Pep
- After-hours
- Big problems
- Santa — winds
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- 1899 gold-rush town
- Road topping
- It once was wild
- Ancient colonnade
- Exercise place
- Peaks near Bern
- Grab a cookie
- Nerd
- View
- Diva's piece

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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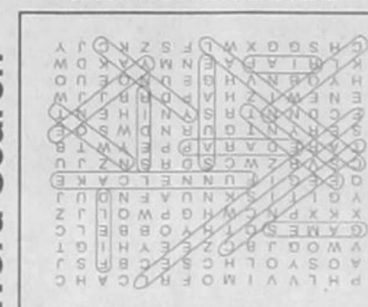
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