

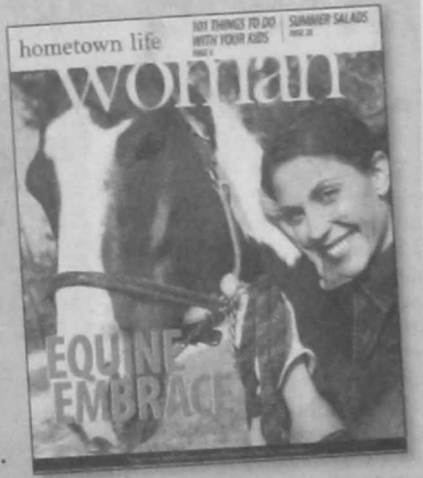
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### Christmas in July

Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree.

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See more details in the July Inspire in print and online at hometownlife.com.

### League honors

Paula Bowman, member of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, received the Leadership in Civic Empowerment Award at the League's recent biannual convention in Traverse City.

This award honors women who have led the way in encouraging informed voters through League work at the local and/or state level. Bowman's work in voter service, message delivery through her local and state Voter publications, and mentoring of colleagues "make her an exceptional leader," officials said.

### White House trip

Only 1,000 schools in the U.S. have been invited to the White House on July 29, to receive a special award from First Lady Michelle Obama, and Plymouth-Canton is among them.

Board of Education President John Jackson and nutritionist Joanne Randolph will represent the district at a reception on the South Lawn at 2 p.m. P-CCS is being recognized for its work to make school lunches and breakfast programs healthier.

On March 23, the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Service presented the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award to Plymouth-Canton's Dodson Elementary School at an all school assembly.

### Rain barrels

The Alliance of Rouge Communities hosts two Rain Barrel Truckload Sales this month.

The first one takes place Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southfield Civic Center south parking lot, located at 26000 Evergreen Road. The other sale is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the City of Westland Department of Public Services parking lot, located at 37137 Marquette.

The 55-gallon barrels are valued at \$150 but will be sold for \$60, tax included. Quantities are limited and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. Rain barrels help lower water bills, improve soil's pH balance, reduce storm water run-off, relieve sewer demand, reduce erosion and flooding and help protect rivers, streams, lakes and the environment.

For more information on the July sales, call (734) 272-0291 or visit [www.allianceofrougecommunities.com](http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com).



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## Presenting the colors

Canton Township residents carried the giant American flag in Plymouth's annual Good Morning U.S.A. parade Monday, helping represent a strong Canton contingent that included, among others, Canton Township officials, the Canton Young Marines, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton and others. For more on the event, please turn to Page A8.

## Canines howling for dog-park fun

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a dog's world. That's the tail-wagging truth.

In just six weeks since the first canines clamored for the doggie door to the Canton Dog Park, the six-acre site has gained 909 four-legged friends representing 705 families.

"It has been wildly successful," township Clerk Terry Bennett said Tuesday afternoon. "It definitely exceeds expectations."

Canton resident Gail Calcaterra routinely brings her 4-year-old pets — Lilly, a Maltese, and Ace, a Havanese — from her Cherry Hill Village home to the small-pooch portion of the dog park. There, they can run off-leash, make new friends and play safely away from the big-dog section of the fenced-in site, off Denton north of Cherry Hill Road.

"The dogs have been out there just about every day since we got our membership," Calcaterra said. "It's like taking them to preschool. First they're like, 'Who am I playing with?' But the more they go out there, the more they enjoy it. They're making friends."

Calcaterra laughed as she described how the seasoned dog-park pooches stop playing and turn their attention when a new arrival shows up.



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TJ, a Jack Russell terrier, decides she either does not want to be photographed or is worried the photographer may drink from her water dish. Maggie really does not care either way. In the background, TJ's human, Jay Ward, keeps an eye on the dogs.

"Even if they don't know each other, they become one group inside the fence," she said. "They're a riot to watch. They play together and run in circles and smile."

Calcaterra and her friend Noreen Desilets, who has a terrier mix, are among the 705 dog owners who have bought a membership, which costs Canton residents \$25 a year and non-residents \$50 for up to

three dogs per family.

The passes are good through Jan. 1, when renewal is required for one-year privileges. The park opened Friday, May 20, after Friends of the Canton Dog Park and township employees celebrated the longtime culmination of fundraisers, boosted by a Wayne

Please see **DOG PARK, A3**

## Exam delayed for home invasion suspect

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old Canton man will have to wait to learn if he will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he committed two home invasions and fled from police in a stolen car he allegedly crashed at Koppernick and Hannan.

Defendant Theodore Gnida appeared Friday in 35th District Court for a preliminary hearing that was delayed



Gnida

until July 29 due to a potential conflict, after it was learned that one of the witnesses is the dental hygienist of a defense attorney who had been brought in to represent Gnida.

The finding prompted 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe to adjourn the case. Gnida, jailed with a

\$500,000 cash bond, faces numerous felony charges following a pair of home invasions that Canton police say happened early June 14 in a residential neighborhood northeast of Koppernick and I-275.

Police have indicated in court that Gnida, charged as a fourth-time habitual offender, has a heroin problem. He already has served time in prison and, if convicted,

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# McCotter makes official bid for president

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
STAFF WRITER

Vowing that "we will restructure government of the future so it is citizen-driven," U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican and Livonia resident, made his official bid as candidate for president of the United States Saturday evening in a grassy field in Whitmore Lake, at the AM radio station-sponsored WAAM Freedom Fest.

"What we need in Washington is someone who understands the wave of the future is not big government, it is self-government," McCotter said. "People need to know that someone in government, no matter how derided or disposable someone thinks you are, will stand for you."

Joining McCotter on stage was his wife, Rita, daughter Emilia and son Tim. His announcement drew a standing ovation and raucous response from the crowd, which broke into a "Thad, Thad, Thad, Thad" chant and waved "McCotter for President" signs overhead.

McCotter noted his other son, George, wasn't with them because he was at work, "which is something every American should have a chance to do."

"We here in Michigan understand that our pursuit of prosperity, our American dream, is in danger. We have seen a government that has refused to restructure itself for the future as we have, as our entrepreneurs have, as our families have. We have seen a federal government that is trying to spend its way into prosperity with our money, and it has failed. We have seen a federal government that has tried to impose government-run health care, despite the consent of the people, and it will fail," he said.

McCotter said "by putting faith in the virtuous genius and industriousness of the American people, we will have better days — and we will start now."

To wrap up his appearance, McCotter grabbed his star-



Thaddeus McCotter (left) and radio talk show host Thayrone X treat the crowd to their rendition of a Chuck Berry hit following McCotter's announcement in Whitmore Lake Saturday evening.

spangled guitar and treated the crowd to a performance of Chuck Berry's "Let It Rock," alongside WAAM talk show host Thayrone X.

Moments later, McCotter's 16-year-old son, Tim, said his father was "driven to his decision by the people."

"I'm all for it," he said. "He seems like the best, most well-spoken candidate — and not just because he's my dad. It's his statement that (the citizens) are in control of our country (that I really agree with)."

Prior to making his bid for the White House, McCotter said it was "a tough decision and a lot of strain on the family" to seek the Republican nomination. Announcing his candidacy officially on July 2 seemed appropriate since it was the day "we signed the Declaration of Independence," he added.

"And I didn't want a canned event in a room where you know everyone there is a supporter," he said.

Among the hundreds who turned out for McCotter's announcement was Lois Zilka of Canton Township. "He comes across as being honest and a real family man," she said. "And from what I hear he is a Christian, which is a big thing with me."

Zilka said she's pleased McCotter doesn't support government-controlled health care. But she's concerned he isn't as well-known as some of the other Republican candidates, which could hurt his chances at the polls. "Nationwide, he's got to get his name out there," she said.

Also in the crowd was Jim Klepser of Milford, who said he hasn't yet decided who will get his vote — but he likes McCotter's conservative viewpoints. "And I think he represents 'Middle America,' big time. He's really in touch," Klepser said.

Barb Mackey of Ann Arbor considers herself "as big of a

McCotter supporter as you can get," noting that she has long hoped he'd announce his candidacy.

"He spoke to my son's eighth-grade class in Plymouth years ago, and I literally left praying to God that he would run for president," Mackey said. "Everything he says is perfect. And he sees (the presidency) as a vocation rather than a big ego trip. And I like how he really wants less government."

Salem resident Guyla Kryka said she's happy with what she's heard from McCotter so far, but needs to learn more. "Now I want to see what he can do," she said.

McCotter is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 11th district, which includes communities in western Wayne County and western Oakland County.

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## AROUND CANTON

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### Garage sale

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus parking lot, 150 Fair St.

**Details:** Hughe, one-day-only multi-family garage sale to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army's Tae Kwon Do group, which is going to an international competition in August. All proceeds to travel costs and cost of competing. Clothing, books, toys/games, power tools, jewelry and other items.

**Contact:** Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464

### Northville grub

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m.

**Location:** Downtown Northville  
**Details:** The Northville Chamber presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand

prize drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30.

**Contact:** The Northville Chamber of Commerce at www.northville.org.

### Spanish camp

**Date/Time:** Aug. 1-5

**Location:** Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool- through fifth-grade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.

**Contact:** (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilinguallfun.com.

### Rockettes golf

**Date/Time:** Aug. 7

**Location:** Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth

**Details:** The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

**Contact:** To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

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could face penalties ranging up to life in prison as a repeat offender.

Gnida is charged with two counts of first-degree home invasion; one count of stealing a vehicle; two counts of larceny in a building; five counts of stealing a financial device, or credit card; one count of fleeing and eluding police; one count of receiving and concealing stolen property; and two counts of being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

One home invasion happened on Hillary Drive, where an intruder took items such

as cell phones, a purse, credit cards and cash. The other occurred on John Drive, where a suspect took similar items and stole a Ford Flex.

The incident on John Drive awoke residents, who contacted police. According to police Sgt. Mark Gajeski, officers spotted the Ford Flex being driven away and trailed it to Koppernick, where the driver led authorities on a short chase that ended when he crashed and hit a tree at Hannan.

Gnida suffered a broken leg and was initially hospitalized, but he has since appeared in court using a walker.

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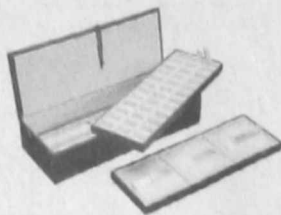
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"This kind of opportunity to allow the family canine member to play off-leash has really exhibited what appears to be a pent-up demand," Bennett said.

The park offers separate play areas for large and small dogs — with roughly 20 pounds being the dividing point — and pet owners say they have done a good job of self-policing the site and making sure everyone cleans up after their pooches.

Dog park users have to make sure their pets have had their shots and are registered with the township. Getting registered costs just \$5 the first time and \$10 a year for a renewal.

Bennett said all the forms a dog owner needs can be found online at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). Simply look for the Canton Dog Park icon on the main page.

Dog owners also may visit the

clerk's office at township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill. The clerk's office accepts cash, check or Visa, though a credit card entails a \$3.95 usage fee.

All dog park users have to sign a waiver form stating that the township isn't responsible for any injury that may occur while using the facility. All of the rules are available on the township website, along with ways to make donations for future dog park amenities such as an electronic card-activated entrance, a water source and other additions.

For now, users are urged to bring their own water to the park. Calcaterra said she and others have been impressed by the dog park.

"I think it was well worth it," she said. "We're amazed with and very happy with how well-behaved the dogs are and how people are self-policing the park and taking ownership."

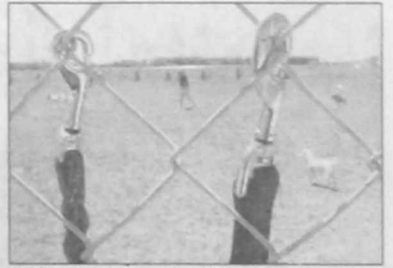
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Davis and Lindsay Lukomski run with their Golden Retriever Carson and TJ, a Jack Russell terrier owned by Jay and Tricia Ward.



Hang up your leash and be a dog for awhile at Canton's dog park.



Shadow, a spaniel mix, retrieves a ball. Shadow's human is Noreen Desilets.

# Signup under way for Miracle League players

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sign up now — and hear "Batter up!" next month.

As the Bilkie Family Field, under construction on Theodore Street behind Central Middle School in Plymouth, nears completion, the Miracle League of Plymouth has opened registration for ballgames scheduled to begin there on Saturday, Aug. 27.

"We've had a lot of interest all summer. We have a long list of people we've just sent the information to," said Deb Madonna, the league's commissioner and co-chair of the committee that put together both the plan for bringing the field, designed for special-needs players, to Plymouth, and the fundraising that made it possible.

The field, on land leased to the league at no cost by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will be scaled down — each basepath will 35 feet, compared to 90 feet in full-

sized fields — and surfaces will be rubberized for safer navigation by children who might be using wheelchairs or walkers. Plymouth's field will include shelters for the players, a grandstand for spectators, and restrooms.

There will be no grass or raised bases, which could present hazards for some players, and players' abilities will be the focus of the games in the non-competitive league. Players will have "buddies" who will help them with their games.

An opening day event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20; Madonna said players will get their T-shirts and get to meet their buddies, and that a ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out. The official season kicks off the following week.

Registration began Friday and continues through Tuesday, Aug. 9, for the fall season. The fee is \$50 per player for residents and non-residents alike. The league will have four age divisions: 5 to 8; 9 to 12; 13 to 17 and 18 and older.

The fall season begins Aug. 27 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 1, with no games scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, because of Labor Day weekend.

Meanwhile, fundraising is surpassing expectations, with the MLP just \$58,000 shy of its overall goal of \$1.1 million. The goal includes the \$500,000 for construction, the \$300,000 lease value of the property and another \$300,000 for an endowment to cover maintenance and future needs.

"I'm really happy with the fundraising," Madonna said. "We're so much further ahead than I thought."

Registration for the Miracle League of Plymouth can be done at the city's recreation office at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during counter hours, noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, Aug. 9. Registration is also available on line. Call (734) 455-6620 for help.

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# Suspect charged with receiving stolen property

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Taylor man has been charged with receiving over \$20,000 in stolen property but it may be a moot point.

He's waiting to turn himself in for a federal prison sentence stemming from the case brought against members of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club.

The local charges against Gerald "Pete" Baggett, 46, stem from the theft of two enclosed trailers from outside two Westland businesses in separate incidents.

The first theft occurred just before 2 a.m. on May 19 when a 16-foot trailer was stolen from Advanced Underground Services, 38657 Webb Drive. The trailer was reported to contain speciality plumbing parts and equipment valued at over \$25,000.

"The suspect vehicle was captured on surveillance video. A couple of weeks later, an employee spotted it on Beech Daly south of Van Born," said Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano. "It was easy to spot."

The vehicle, a white 1998 GMC pick-up truck, was distinctive, Serrano said, thanks to an eight-foot bed, a hot rod hood and other customizing.

As police were obtaining search warrants and setting up surveillance at the home on Beech Daly, on June 27 a 14-foot trailer full of landscaping equipment was stolen from outside Skateland, 37550 Cherry Hill.

"An employee at Skateland had spotted a full-size white pick up truck with a hot rod hood in the parking lot around 1:30 a.m.," said Serrano.

The landscaping business owner, a Canton resident who happened to be a retired police officer, went out looking for his stolen trailer and also spotted the distinctive white pick-up truck parked at a home on Beech Daly south of Van Born, Serrano said.

"There were two subjects standing around the truck and he (the victim) could see his equipment in the back of the truck," said Serrano. "He (the

victim) pulls in behind them and confronts them. The driver runs inside the house and locks the door."

Taylor police arrived and took a 30-year old Taylor man into custody on charges of possessing stolen property, a prescription drug violation and warrants. The second man, later identified as Baggett, refused to open the door for Taylor police, Serrano said, and wasn't arrested until June 30 when Westland officers returned with search warrants.

In addition to searching the home, Serrano said a warrant was also executed for a tattoo parlor on Ecorse Road; it has an upstairs apartment and was the registered address for Baggett's pick-up truck.

Some of the smaller pieces of landscaping equipment were recovered, Serrano said, but a zero-turn lawnmower and a walk-behind lawn mower valued at more than \$8,000 were still missing.

Inside a shed at the home on Beech Daly, Serrano said police recovered specialized plumbing tools and parts identified as belonging to Advanced Underground Services.

Once Baggett had been arrested, Serrano said he learned Baggett has been sentenced to federal prison, the result of large-scale indictments against members of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club. He is scheduled to report to begin his federal sentence next month.

While officers were executing the search warrant at the home on Beech Daly, Serrano said it was noticed that shelves in the laundry room had excessive quantities of Snyder brand pretzels and chips.

On June 13, a 14-foot enclosed trailer containing \$3,300 in Snyder products had been reported stolen from the parking lot at Fairhaven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette in Westland. Police confiscated the bags of snack foods, Serrano said none of the stolen trailers have been recovered.

Baggett was arraigned Saturday and is free on \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

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## Grill grab

1 Canton police received a phone call that the Bowery Grille & Pub, on Ford Road east of Haggerty, had been broken into sometime prior to the morning of June 28.

A man who went to work at 7:45 a.m. noticed a freezer door ajar. He also told police the office had been entered and ransacked. A lottery machine, jukebox and cash register had been tampered with, according to a police report.

A police investigation indicated someone had pried open a door to gain access to the bar.

## Theft thwarted

2 Quick action by alert neighbors halted an attempted bicycle theft about 2:15 p.m. June 27 on Foxcreek, a residential street southwest of Warren and Haggerty roads.

A police report indicated that a woman saw a suspect go into a neighbor's open garage, take a red and silver mountain bike and start leaving the scene, but she yelled at him and told him it wasn't his bike. She described the suspect as a black male, possibly 15 years old, wearing a Polo shirt with multicolored horizontal stripes and blue jeans, and carrying a backpack.

The police report said another neighbor confronted the suspect, who then took the bike back to the garage and left on foot.

## Jewelry heist

3 A man who lives on Wyndchase, northeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty, told police someone broke into his residence on the afternoon of June 28 and took several items of jewelry. A police report indicated the front door had been forced open and a room was in disarray.

## Car larcenies

4 Police were investigating three reports of larcenies from autos that happened on the evening of June 30 at Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty Road south of Ford.

In all three cases, the windows of the vehicles had been broken out.

One woman reported that her purse was missing from under a passenger seat after a window of her 2010 Mercury Mariner was broken out. She said the purse contained \$600 in cash, credit cards, her driver's license and eyeglasses. She said an iPod also was taken from her car.

## CRIME WATCH



Another woman told police her purse was taken from a back seat and her checkbook was missing after someone broke out a window of her 2010 Mazda CX-7.

Yet a third woman told police her purse was taken from a back seat of her 2000 Honda minivan after someone broke out a window of her vehicle. However, a police report said the purse was later recovered on Haggerty Road. Nothing had been taken from it, though her cell phone was damaged after it was thrown on the ground.

Canton police have repeatedly urged motorists not to leave valuables in sight of would-be criminals.

## XBox boosted

5 A man contacted police after someone forced their way into the front door of his mobile home on Geddes, west of Canton Center, and stole an Xbox. He said the incident happened between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. June 28.

## Stolen money

6 Canton police arrested a man for larceny from a building following allegations he stole money from a woman's purse inside a residence at the Sherwood Village mobile home park, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road.

The incident happened between 9:15 p.m. and 10:40 p.m. June 29.

Police initially went to the scene after receiving a report of a disorderly male who had been fighting with another man. Officers returned following reports the man was pounding on the walls of a woman's home and wouldn't leave. He had reportedly taken her shoes and left his own at her residence during an earlier visit.

The woman, meanwhile, accused the man of taking \$60 from her purse. According to a police report, the man admitted to police that he took the cash, prompting police to take him into custody for larceny from a building.

## Fight club

7 Police went to Academy Point mobile home park, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, following reports of a fight after 5 a.m. June 30 involving a group of men in a playground area.

Police found four men at the scene. One of the suspects was told to put his hands on the hood of the car, but he slammed them against the patrol vehicle. He was cited for being a disorderly person.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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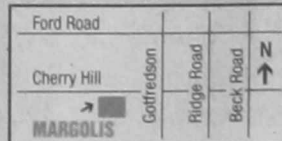
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# Marker near Revolutionary War vet's burial site is unveiled

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



The marker for Titus Hoisington is in front of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth on Church Street.

Descendants of Plymouth's only known Revolutionary War soldier, Titus Vespasian Hoisington, gathered Monday for the dedication of a memorial near where his remains are thought to be buried.

The marker of black granite is on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church, formerly the site of an early Plymouth cemetery known as The Hill. Monday's brief ceremony, following a 24-hour vigil at the site by Vietnam War veterans, included a performance by the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, a rifle salute by the color guard from Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528, and a few words from Mike Roberts, who researched Hoisington's life and whose wife, Patty, is a Hoisington relative.

"It's just a beautiful way to pay tribute," said Evelyn Ziehm, a fourth great-granddaughter of Hoisington.

"I think we need to honor our veterans, and what a special thing to even do it on the Fourth of July," said her daughter, Sandra Kurzer.

Ziehm, who lives near Cass City, and Kurzer of Durand, Mich., said their relative's ties to the Revolution were part of the family lore they heard while growing up.

"We always kind of wanted to search out where his burial was, but it was always kind of

elusive," Ziehm said.

But Jerry Hoisington, of Bancroft, Mich., who is a fourth great-grandson of Titus Hoisington, said he didn't hear that part of family history while growing up. In recent years, however, a nephew researching the family had informed him of his relative's Revolutionary War service, he said.

"I knew he was buried in this area," Hoisington said. "We kept thinking one of these days we'll come down and check it out."

The marker was paid for through fundraising by the Plymouth Preservation Network, following research by Roberts, of East Lansing, and Garry Packard of Plymouth, who has been studying area burial places.

John Pappas of Plymouth launched the campaign and chaired the fundraising effort. "He's on the surface," said

Pappas, referring to the Hoisington memorial, "and our job is done."

Titus Hoisington, who served local militias in Vermont during the war years of 1778 and 1780, and his wife, Hannah, moved late in life to Panama (now Salem) Township to settle with two sons, and died in 1841 in his late 70s.

Many of those buried at The Hill were moved to Riverside Cemetery in 1916, but Hoisington, whose grave was unmarked, was among those who were not.

The dedication also brought Wayne Andersen of Imlay City, Patty Roberts' father and a fifth great-grandson of Titus Hoisington.

"This is an incredible honor," Andersen said. "Unbelievable, really. I'm pretty amazed."

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Mike Roberts talks about his relative, Revolutionary War veteran Titus Hoisington.

## Goodwill hosts tent sale

Goodwill Industries of Great Detroit's "Big Tent Sale" takes place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, July 16, to benefit Goodwill's employment education, training and placement programs that help unemployed Metro Detroiters earn jobs.

Shoppers can find treasures and support local jobs at the sales, set for Goodwill Flagship Upscale Resale Store, 41937 Ford Road in Canton. Shoppers will find great deals on a variety of household items, and new or gently used clothing, and receive up to 75 percent off.

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## Village Theater hosts sculptor's exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts the works of Tim Schantz through July 27 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Schantz's artistic career started with a broken package of Celluclay that he came across while working at a craft store. Deciding to try to put the flesh back on a Terminator endoskeleton, this Canton artist experimented with scores of small figures until one day he decided to try life size works. Eventually, Schantz realized he would not be satisfied if he did not pursue this course fully.

Using Paper Mache as his primary medium, Schantz manipulates his pieces allowing him to work incrementally on multiple pieces at a time. Through continued work on various projects, Schantz overcomes challenges if a piece is fundamentally flawed by readily taking it apart and reusing the best of it.

Schantz describes his work as introspective in nature describing how his first self-

portrait was a series of three that was eventually combined into a single sculpture, called Three Schisms.

"My work on Three Schism was, in fact, so introspective I was not consciously aware of its implications while I was making it," said artist Tim Schantz. "The schisms were a representation of conflict that had yet to fully manifest and not the allusion to past conflict as I had thought. It was then I realized that this was the best process for me to truly know myself."

A public reception for Schantz and his works has been planned for July 11 from 6-8 p.m. at The Village Theater. The Gallery@VT is open for viewing Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during public performances at the theater, and by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5308 or visit [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Cruisers take over Michigan Ave. for annual event

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Don Nicholson, having thousands of cruisers on Michigan Avenue Saturday is the icing on the cake.

The guru of car cruises in and around western Wayne County, Nicholson is expecting a record turnout for the cruise he started four years ago.

"I'm hoping to have 20,000," said the Westland resident. "Last year, we had 16,000 and the year before 9,000. I hope to see that kind of growth again this year."

A part of Autopalooza, run by Pure Michigan, the Motor City Heritage Commission and Visit Detroit, the cruise will stretch from the City of Wayne on the west and Dearborn on the east. It'll feature free music, vehicle displays and nonprofit vendors like the Wayne Rotary Club which will be selling Cruise shirts for \$16.

Nicholson wants Cruisin' Michigan Avenue to become Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise, and attract participants from throughout the metropolitan area as well as surrounding states. Autopalooza is doing just that, promoting the event in Michigan as well as Ontario, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

"I already know that a car club is coming this year," he said. "I've been meeting people on Facebook."

There will be three concerts along the route, including the Inkster Summer Music Festival, featuring Trina Renee and band, Straight Ahead and Robert Penn and Band. The official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, will be at the Avenue Sports Bar and Grille in Wayne, and Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne will host the Black Jack Band.

Businesses like L George's and Brownie's Diner also will be offer-



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ing specials for cruise watchers and participants. And Polk's Auto in Wayne will host an open house with food and entertainment.

There also will be displays and car shows along the route. There will be an emergency response vehicle show at the Dearborn Heights Hall of Justice at Beech Daly and Michigan Avenue, featuring vintage and new police and fire vehicles, ambulances and tow trucks — "anything to do with emergencies," said Nicholson. Village Ford will host the Mustang Club of Southeast Michigan and Jack Demmer Ford will have the Ford Special Vehicle Team.

This year's sponsors are Village Ford and Scrapbusters in Wayne. Nicholson is no stranger to car shows. He's been in the business for more than 20 years. He started the Burger Car Show, now known as Autos for Autism, and ran it for seven years for the benefit of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. He now does a car show for the Western Wayne Skills Center. He has three events coming up after Cruisin' Michigan Avenue — an invitational at the Detroit Historical Museum on July 27; Cruisin' in the Motor City on Aug. 13, a display of alternative fuel vehicles, high end classics, artistically painted and designed and just some good old classics and hot rods on John R in the

Don Nicholson is looking for 20,000 classic car buffs to show up for the fourth installment of his annual Cruisin' Michigan Avenue which starts at noon Saturday.

The charity kickoff party on Friday, July 8, at the Automotive Hall of Fame, is a fund raiser for the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Fund.

"We try to support nonprofits rather than be a nonprofit, so we try to be very cost-conscious," he said. "The cruise is designed to bring business to the businesses in the communities and bring and event to families with little or no cost. We don't bring in vendors to compete with the businesses that are here all year long."

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# Happy birthday, America!

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a huge Fourth of July celebration, Plymouth style.

A variety of events over the weekend helped locals and visitors mark a nation's birthday, with traditional events helping Plymouth cement its reputation as a bustling destination with a small-town feel.

The weekend kicked off with a performance by the Plymouth Community Band Thursday in Kellogg Park. Mother Nature interfered a little bit Saturday, when the first patriotic performance of the Michigan Philharmonic was interrupted first by thunder, then by rain and finally by lightning. Police cut the 90-minute concert short after just 30 minutes.

Then came Sunday's fireworks celebration, which drew hundreds of people to Plymouth Township Park (and countless more who watched from surrounding neighborhoods) for the spectacular 30-minute show.

And, of course, the holiday wrapped up with the Good Morning U.S.A. parade, which got a later start and drew a large, enthusiastic crowd, and the Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic back at Plymouth Township Park to round out the weekend.

Kathy Scott of Plymouth watched the festivities with her 9-year-old daughter, Emily. While Emily has actually participated in the Memorial Day parade, it was the first trip to the Fourth of July parade for mother and daughter. Emily, a member of Girl Scout Troop 40222 from Smith Elementary School, "wanted to see the horses."

"It brings out different folks," Kathy Scott said. "You get to see the people, and to see what the community offers."

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The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps plays its way up Main Street during Monday's parade.

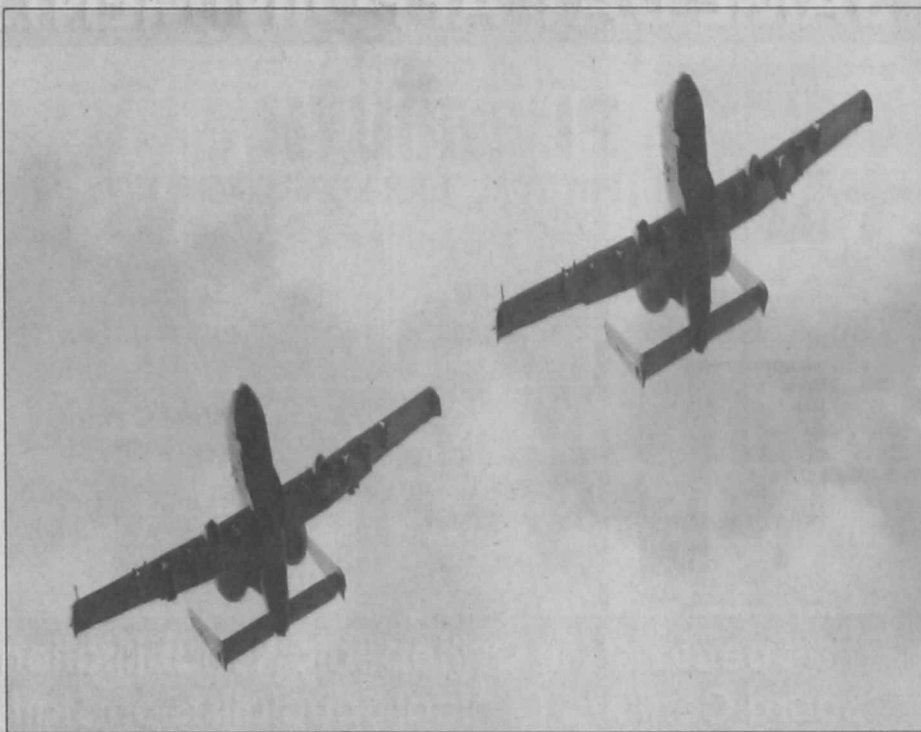
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Sandy and Steve Marulis are Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam.



Fred Hill leads the Briefcase Drill Team, perennial parade favorites.



A pair of A-10 Thunderbolts, a tank-killing Air Force plane nicknamed the "Warhog," passed over the parade route a couple of times Monday.



Jill Dilley of the Plymouth Garden Club greets the large, enthusiastic crowd.



The Michigan Philharmonic had their Saturday concert cut short by inclement weather.



The expression on 7-month-old Jack Hartke, held by mom Jennifer Hartke, can only mean one thing. He's listening to Steve King and the Dittlies for the very first time, at the Plymouth Township picnic.



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## Canton club adds second location

In January of 2009, Jay Little had been downsized out of the chemical and quality control industry for the second time in six years.

Since that industry no longer seemed to be a stable place to build a career, he and his wife Sandi — a veterinarian — decided he needed to find a way to be more in control of his own future.

Since Little has had a life-long interest in health and fitness — he swam competitively for nearly 20 years, played hockey, he runs and mountain bikes — he decided to look for a business opportunity that would allow him to pursue his interests while making a living.

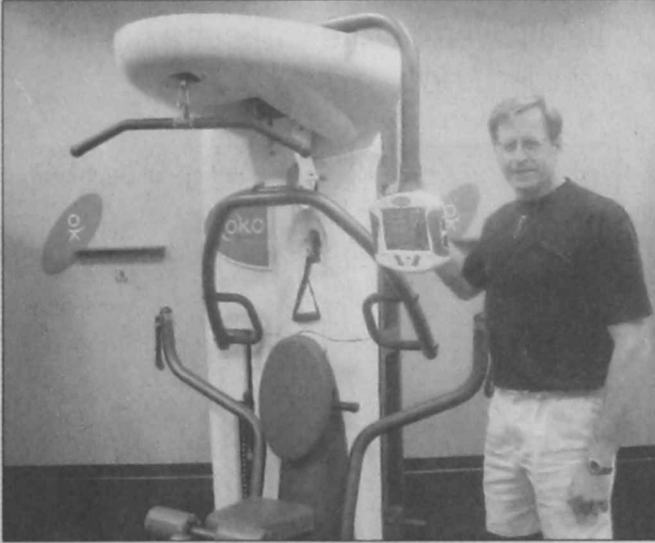
After exhaustive research and many false starts, Jay found Koko FitClub online.

Koko FitClub recently opened a 2,500-square-foot facility at 6385 Orchard Lake Road near Hiller's Market in West Bloomfield. It's the second location for Little; he opened the first location in a 2,000-square-foot facility at 42545 Ford Road in Canton in September 2010.

Membership continues to rise and Little projects a 500-percent increase in membership by year's end. He projects a 400-percent increase in membership by year's end in Canton.

Both locations utilize Smarttrainers, which are multi-function weight machines scientifically designed to perform over 100 different exercises. The machines use computer technology to guide members through an individualized 30-minute strength workout. Each center also has treadmills and ellipticals that use computer technology to guide members through a 15-minute cardio workout at an intensity level chosen by the individual to suit their own needs.

"I did hours and hours of research on just exactly what type of exercise facility I wanted to own, and the more I



Jay Little opened his Canton Koko FitClub in August 2010 and recently opened a West Bloomfield location.

### KOKO FITCLUB

**Business Name and address:** Koko FitClub, 42545 Ford Road, Canton  
**Your name and title:** Jay Little, owner  
**Your hometown:** Saline, Mich.  
**Business opened:** August 2010  
**Number of employees:** 4  
**Business specialty:** Helping people get fit  
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looked at it, the more appealing Koko FitClub became," Little said. "I spent a couple days at the company's headquarters learning about its philosophy and I felt well-suited to be a franchisee. The company has 30 locations and plans to open approximately 79 more by year's end."

"What sets Koko Smarttraining machines aside from other machines is the technology," Little added. "Each one can do over 100 strength-training exercises without having to change machines. Each is equipped with video monitors to show how to perform the exercise

and provide immediate feedback. Koko FitClub is a revolutionary new way to address fitness for busy adults who want to be fit but don't have the time or the training to feel comfortable with more the more traditional gym setting."

"When clients begin a strength training session, a Koko Key is plugged into the touchscreen user interface on the Smarttrainer, which guides members through the workout. Each exercise is introduced by a short onscreen demonstration, and the member is guided through a range of motion assessment so that the exercise fits the individual."

The Littles chose the West Bloomfield and Canton locations for the high car and foot traffic each has, both areas fit the company's target demographic, and the rental rates are good. Each location offers a free two-week trial for prospective members. The membership cost for one month of unlimited access to the club is less than the cost of one hour with a personal trainer.

For more information about Koko FitClub call (248) 862-2409.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### August luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its August networking luncheon Aug. 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance member registration, \$30 for non-members at the door and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

August's luncheon will feature guest speaker Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sheriff. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is the second largest law enforcement agency in Michigan, with more than 1,300 officers among its ranks. Its mission is to pro-



Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon is the featured speaker at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's August luncheon.

tect and serve the citizens of Wayne County by serving as a regional law enforcement resource to the county's 43 local police departments.

Napoleon is an attorney, a graduate from the National

Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, former Chief of Police for the City of Detroit and currently employed as our Wayne County Sheriff. "Benny Napoleon brings a host of experience and conversation to our community," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

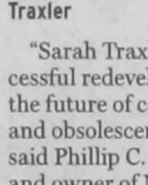
August's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Community Financial and TDS Metrocom. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, July 29.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Planner promotion

Michigan's largest community planning and design firm, McKenna Associates, has promoted Ann Arbor native Sarah Traxler to Director of Community Development.

Traxler, who in six years at McKenna has provided planning and redevelopment services to several Michigan communities, will oversee the company's expansion of helping municipalities maximize the benefits of federal programs while continuing to provide community planning and design services to dozens of community clients.



Traxler

"Sarah Traxler is the force behind major successful redevelopment projects that are changing the future of communities by replacing blight and obsolescence with hope and opportunity," said Phillip C. McKenna, AICP, PCP, president and owner of McKenna Associates. "Her work in Saginaw, Wayne and Oakland Counties has made Sarah one of the state's preeminent community development specialists, with a gift for navigating the sometimes complex world of state and federal programs to ensure communities see maximum value for their citizens."

Traxler received a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Michigan. She was also elected a board member of the Michigan Community Development Association and is a sought-after speaker on eminent domain and brownfield redevelopment.

McKenna Associates provides community planning, landscape architecture, urban design, zoning, economic development, community relations, public participation, and municipal wireless services to more than 150 cities, counties, townships, villages and select private firms across the Midwest.

### Insurance excellence

James Fedewa, agent with Farmers Insurance of Brownstown and Canton, has been inducted into the Farmers' "Topper Club" of Farmers' top sales producers. Fedewa has been recognized by Farmers for outstanding sales achievements in 2010.

"Farmers congratulates James on qualifying for this year's Topper Club. James is committed to providing quality insurance coverages and

industry-leading service to Farmers' customers," noted Farmers President of Enterprise Marketing, Paul Patsis.

Fedewa represents Farmers Insurance locally through Farmers Insurance of Brownstown located at 25471 Telegraph Road and Canton located at 7610 Market Drive.

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies is the country's 3rd largest insurer of both personal lines passenger automobile and homeowners insurance, and also provides a wide range of other insurance and financial services products.

### Dental fundraiser

Bright Side Dental group has helped raise more than \$4,000 for Gilda's Club metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club provides support and programs for people living with cancer. "Bright Side Dental has been a wonderful friend to us, and we are very appreciative of their efforts to help our organization provide social and emotional support to people touched by cancer," said Heather Hall, Executive Director of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

Bright Side Dental donated five dollars for each new patient in all Metro Detroit dental offices. In addition to raising money for new patients, donations were made by staff members, patients and doctors. "We were thrilled with the support of our patients and staff. We would like to thank everyone that was involved and we are extremely proud to have received such generous donations from our doctors," said Josh Gershonowicz, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations.

For more information about Bright Side Dental call 1-800 Painless or visit <http://www.brightsidedental.com/>.

### Back to scratch

The Cupcake Station is fifth in the nation in the "Get Back to Scratch" contest, which lets friends, fans and customers vote for its signature item. You are able to vote daily to help the Cupcake Station win a new mixer for its Head Pastry Chef.

Cupcake Station is offering "BOGO FREE" cupcake for each time you vote and bring in your "Thanks for Voting" page at any location. (Limit one Free Cupcake per vote, per day). The contest ends Aug. 21, at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Sept. 6. Please go to the following link to vote for our Signature Item: <http://www.getbacktoscratch.com/directory/profile?id=214>

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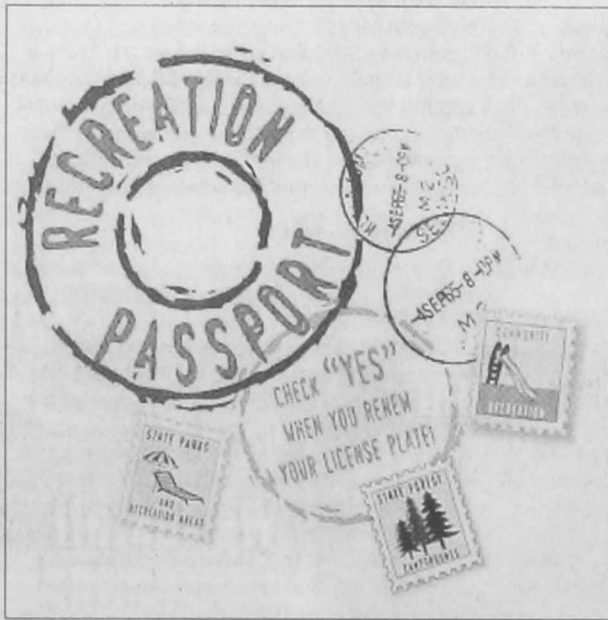




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## OUR VIEWS



# Recreational passports

## Lawmakers' license plate gamble pays off for parks

State lawmakers took a gamble last year that looks like it might be paying off for Michigan's struggling state parks.

Beginning in October, the state offered residents the opportunity to pay an additional \$10 with their annual vehicle registration that would allow them free entry into Michigan's 98 state parks, recreation areas and boat-launch sites. The so-called "recreation passports" represent a substantial savings for regular park patrons who had been paying \$24 for an annual park pass.

More importantly, however, the extra fee provided Michiganders with an easy opportunity to help raise money to properly maintain the state park system.

Recently, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes announced that more than one million recreation passports have been sold in the first eight months they were available. That puts the program well on pace to surpass the \$12 million that was generated each year by the former permit system.

DNR officials had estimated that 17 percent of vehicle registrations would have to include a recreation passport in order for the system to sustain funding. As of now, that rate is 20.5 percent and appears to be climbing, according to DNR officials.

As we said in endorsing the new program, we think enough Michigan residents recognize the importance of maintaining a strong state park system that they will be willing to pay an extra \$10 a year for free access to those attractions.

The funds definitely are needed. The park system stopped receiving money from the state's general fund in 2004 and since then has been largely dependent on revenue from entry and camping fees for operations, leaving little money for maintenance and updates. The DNR estimates the parks need about \$38 million for proper maintenance and replacement of facilities, yet in recent years the department could devote only about \$2 million a year to such purposes.

Michigan's state parks are a treasure worth protecting and maintaining. We hope that the initial success of the recreation passport program continues and grows so that the parks get the care and attention that they need.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

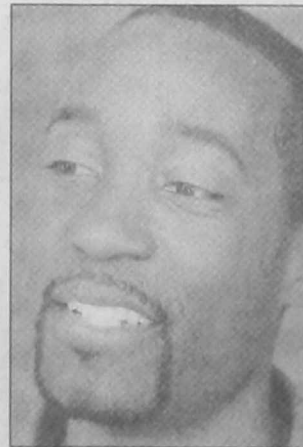
### Should motorcyclists be allowed to ride without a helmet? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"No. I'm a nurse at the University of Michigan trauma unit, and I see those kinds of injuries all the time."

Shirley Lamerato  
Canton



"No, because it's very unsafe. It can be fatal or cause life-changing injuries."

Rodney Tucker  
Detroit



"No. It's just too dangerous. There are too many drivers on the road."

Marcia Morris



"They should. It should be an adult decision."

Terry Morris  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Who's wild-eyed?

In a recent item on Yahoo News regarding speculation about a successor to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, an unnamed Republican "source" commented that President Obama had better not nominate a "wild-eyed" candidate if he wants to avoid a confirmation battle that would end in defeat.

According to that "source," the so-called "wild-eyed" candidate would be one who sought to add revenue as part of a solution to the long-term deficit, debt problem. That unacceptable candidate would likely support well-thought-out cuts to eliminate waste while preserving Social Security, sustaining Medicare and Medicaid without negatively impacting service delivery and favor a paring away of defense spending as part of a deal to raise the debt ceiling. I guess a pretty strong majority of the American public, according to several recent polls, must be "wild-eyed" in that context since eliminating luxurious subsidies, modestly increasing taxes on people earning over half a billion per year and cutting defense spending get rave reviews.

At the same time, polls show that moves to cut "so-called" entitlements that we all have paid for are very unpopular, ill-advised and should not be part of any deal to raise the debt ceiling.

With a climate for wealthy taxpayers the best in decades and a floundering middle class making far less income, tax revenues as a percentage of GDP are the lowest in decades. Consequently, although most Republicans would have you believe otherwise, we have a huge revenue problem that must be addressed regardless of what the never-elected, not "wild-eyed" anti-tax guru, Grover Nordquist says, if the objective is a deal on the debt ceiling.

The not "wild-eyed" Republicans who would attach Draconian cuts, perhaps future "spending caps" or a balanced budget amendment to a debt ceiling deal without any revenue

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increases would likely characterize those who disagree as "wild-eyed." They are the same not "wild-eyed" people who supported the Ryan budget plan which would, according to the CBO, increase debt by \$6 trillion over a decade and would necessitate a debt ceiling increase almost annually. How could Ryan's budget be law with a "spending cap" or balanced budget amendment? Guess we will have to defer to newly announced not "wild-eyed" Presidential candidate and noted wordsmith, Thaddeus McCotter, to explain this conundrum since he is knee deep in it.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### Embrace 21st century

Dear Mr. LeBlanc,  
Shame on you!!!!

Not only is Skype (and other methods of electronic communications) acceptable, but it also vital and necessary! It's amazing you didn't have anything to say about all the members that choose not to appear at all. There's your lack of openness and interaction.

Instead you want to take time to take issue with Skype. Skype/Web-Ex/Go-to-Meeting are all the wave of the future and should be embraced as a way to have people available versus absent! Please wake up and smell the 21st century! You can ask questions, have them answered, and communicate freely by Skype as can anyone in the room, so there is no issue about openness or interaction. Apparently you just haven't used the technology.

I hope you are not using such antiquated ideas when running our city.

Lori A. Mireles-Smith  
Westland

### Time for EPA to act on mercury emissions

The people have spoken, it's time for the EPA to act.

When the Clean Air Act was amended in 1990 with bipartisan support in Congress, the EPA was given authority to control mercury and other hazardous air pollutants from major sources of emissions. Before acting, the EPA needed to study emissions from power plants and present their findings.

In 2000, the EPA determined that limiting toxins like mercury emissions was "appropriate and necessary." Now, nearly a dozen years later, the process has finally begun moving forward.

On May 24 in Chicago the EPA held an open public hearing on lowering emissions of toxins like mercury. Busloads of people from Michigan arrived in Chicago to make their voices heard. They joined a strong majority of citizens that were speaking out in favor of mercury and air toxic rules. The people have spoken and it is time for the EPA to implement standards for cleaner, safer air for the health and safety of all people.

Ashley Hall  
Environment America field organizer  
Livonia

# 'Entitlement' not just for the rank and file

BY JERRY VORVA  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Due to the present state of our economy we have been forced to examine the cost and effectiveness of all levels of government.

Those of us in the private sector have felt the full force of a devastating five-year recession. We have suffered pay and benefit reductions, loss of jobs, destruction of 401(k)s and retirement accounts, extreme loss of value in homes, and even the actual loss of personal residence in foreclosure actions.

All of this while the public sector was artificially held harmless with

our tax dollars vis-a-vis state and local overspending and the Obama stimulus which, as designed, only helped the public sector.

Now, as we ask the public sector to help by taking modest reductions, we are witness to the extreme entitlement attitudes that we always knew were there. They have demonstrated a la Greece, with violent protest, work stoppages and screaming demands for the status quo.

These attitudes, though, are not just the purview of the rank-and-file union member but equally rampant in elected and administrative ranks, as well. I offer these true accounts, which I have been telling for years, as evidence.

While I was a state representative I was talking with a couple of other legislators, when one of them

began to praise the pay raise and benefit increase that was bestowed on us. I asked him, "What about the taxpayer?" He replied without hesitation "screw the taxpayer, they get what they have coming. They have no idea what we do here. They need us, not the other way around." Sadly, this attitude was prevalent in both caucuses.

As I was working on Prop A, schools of choice, charter schools, fines for striking teachers and a change from defined benefit to defined contribution system I was asked to meet with the local MEA members in Livonia. The members there wanted no part of these reforms. I asked how any of these reforms hurt the children. I was told "It's not about the kids, it's about our benefits."

When they realized that I was

unmoved by their positions they said, "You had better hope that your kids don't have to go to public schools."

My wife and I home-schooled our children until sixth grade, then used private schools for middle and high school. Now, we see the violence in Madison, Wis., protests in Lansing and our local firefighters attempting to force us to pay more in taxes to maintain the status quo that has helped to bankrupt us.

As further evidence of the entrenched attitudes, I offer a more recent account from right here in Plymouth. Recently I was at a fundraiser. Present, of course, were the usual political suspects. While there I entered upon discussions on both revenue to and cost of government. At one point I started to talk about staffing levels of the

local police departments with the Plymouth Township chief of police. Finally, I got him to agree that he and I could police both the township and city of Plymouth with the staffing level of the township alone, saving millions.

It seems we have finally come to an awakening. In historic elections, Michiganders and other Americans are on the precipice of reigning in, redefining, and restoring the proper balance and original design of taxpayer/public employee relationship. We are reminding the public servants at every level that we hire them to serve us not the other way around.

Jerry Vorva is a local businessman, former state representative, city commissioner, police officer and president of the local police union.



Jerry Vorva



# Portfolios, like gardens, need maintenance

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

The first half of 2011 is over and it has been an incredible six months. It seems the world has gone from one major event to another. Each event has had an impact on consumers.

We have seen the ongoing strife in the Middle East with regimes falling (Egypt) and others (Syria and Libya) resorting to barbaric tactics to remain

in power. The events have a direct impact on us. We have all seen oil prices surge since the beginning of the year. It's funny, we now think \$3.50 for a gallon of gas is actually cheap.

The first six months of the year also saw a variety of issues that impact us in the euro zone. As the European economies try to get their fiscal houses in order, cracks in the coalition have developed. In addition, populations throughout Europe, particularly Greece, have resisted necessary financial changes.

Problems in the euro zone affect us here at home. Europe is a major trading partner and our economies are interconnected. A collapse of a country in the euro zone impacts our financial markets.

Closer to home during the

first half of the year we have seen a roller coaster ride in the economy. At the beginning of 2011 it appeared we had turned the corner and the economic recovery was gaining speed. By the end of the first half of the year with rising unemployment, the conversation has shifted from whether the current stall is temporary or not.

The next six months will be no different from the last six months. Whether it's what happens with the budget debate in Washington, new issues in the Middle East or more problems in the euro zone, there will be issues.

However, we can debate the issues all we want, however, we can't change them. What we need to focus on is what can affect our portfolios.

### MAKE CHANGES

It's a great time to review your portfolio and make adjustments where necessary. I recommend the strategy known as asset allocation where you're allocating your investment dollars into a variety of different asset classes. For example, emerging market, government securities and small cap U.S. are examples of asset classes. Typically, an investor is going

to have many asset classes in his/her portfolio. The typical portfolio I manage probably has 15 asset classes. The key to maintaining a portfolio is to rebalance your portfolio on a regularly basis (such as every six months).

If you've allocated 10 percent of your portfolio to investment grade corporate bonds and now it represents 15 percent of your portfolio, the strategy would be to sell five percent and invest that in an asset class that is underweight. Following this strategy allows you to buy low, sell high.

Investors should not blindly

stay in an investment just because they've had it for years. The question is, however, when do you sell? My rule is that I do my research ahead of time and generally I'm going to stay with an investment for at least two to three years. If after that period the investment is underperforming others in its asset class, then generally that is my signal to sell. I don't have loyalties when it comes to investments and I don't love them. Investments are a tool. If that "tool" stops working, I'm leaving it and moving on.

For those who manage your own investments, the buy and

ignore method just doesn't work. Portfolios are like gardens — they start out beautiful but if you don't take care of them they become an eyesore.

This is a great time of year to do some maintenance on your portfolio. Just like a little weeding in the garden can make your garden bloom, a little pruning of your portfolio can keep it growing.

Good luck!

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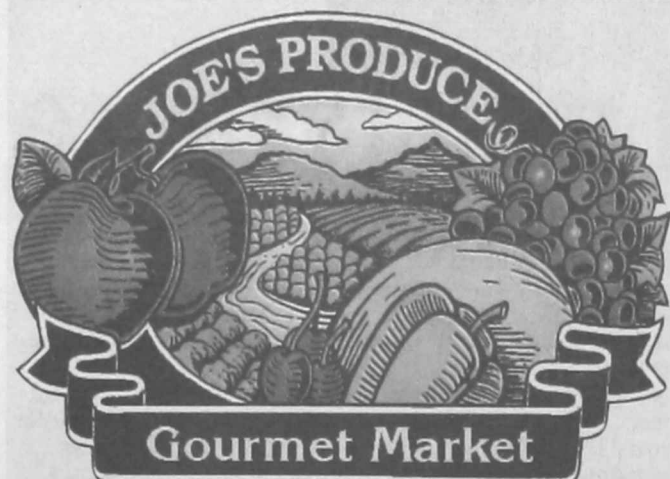
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# Novice golfers benefit from pro's advice

Hickory Creek's Bealert teaches the game to newcomers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's never too late for middle-aged men and women to get serious about golf, and some have found their perfect instructor in Hickory Creek Golf Course's Tami Bealert.

The Hickory Creek PGA pro's "New to Golf" class is drawing rave reviews and repeat customers from folks who took different paths to sign up for the six-week program.

For example, 50-year-old Charlene Warner of Canton is a forensic analyst for the Michigan State Police and needed a stress-buster. All of her co-workers hit the links with regularity and finally convinced her to go for it.

"The kind of stuff we look at, you don't walk away from it," Warner said. "It stays with you, very graphic. And I said, 'Why are you guys so into golf?'"

"And they said it's because they can go out there and forget



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Hickory Creek instructor Tami Bealert talks to 'New to Golf' students Lawrence Weathersby (left) and Margaret Panoff, both of Canton.

Please see **GOLF, B3**

## SIDELINES

### Hildebrandt stars

The first-place Michigan Bucks struggled in the road Sunday, but came away with a critical point in a Premier Development League 0-0 men's soccer draw against the host Hamilton (Ontario) FC Rage at Brian Timmis Field.

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson) notched his eighth shutout of the season as he made several key saves including a beauty in stoppage time to deny the Rage a late game-winner.

"There has really been only one part of our team that has been consistent game-in and game-out, and that has been Mitch," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said of the Oakland University keeper. "He has been brilliant in every game this season and has not taken a minute off. We have let him down more than once defensively and he has continued to bail us out. I haven't seen all the teams in the PDL this season, but I can't imagine another keeper with a better highlight reel of saves than Mitch has this year."

The Bucks stand 8-1-2 (26 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference, while Hamilton (3-5-3, 12 points) kept its faint playoff hopes alive in the franchise's inaugural season.

"If we are going to succeed and make a run in the playoffs, we need everyone to step up and play to the same standard as Mitch has committed to this season," Parsons said.

The Bucks returned to action Wednesday in South Bend to take on the Indiana Invaders, another tough team trying to secure the third and final playoff spot in the Great Lakes Division.

The Bucks then return home Saturday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac to face the Cincinnati Kings. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and it will include Bucks Hall of Fame Night.

Tickets are \$10 (adults 16-and-over) and \$7 (youth) at the door. Children 5-and-under will be admitted free. All advance tickets are \$5 if purchased online by visiting [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

### Maybury Classic

The 2011 Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 23, at Historic Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck, in Northville.

The Classic, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, includes a 1-mile run-walk (on a paved trail) starting at 5 p.m. followed by an 8-kilometer run-walk (on dirt and paved trails) at 5:30 p.m.

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

The family fun event also features story hour, face painting and hands-on activities.

Cash awards will go to the overall male and female winners, along with masters (over-40) male and female champions. First-, second- and third-place age-group awards will also be presented, along with finishing medals for all 1-mile participants.

T-shirts will go to all pre-registered 8K runners.

The cost for the 8K is \$25 (before July 21) or \$30 (race day). The 1-mile fee is \$5. Race day registration starts at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.northvilleroadrunners.org](http://www.northvilleroadrunners.org).

### Coaches wanted

Wayne Memorial High School is accepting applications for girls varsity volleyball coach and boys varsity cross country coach for the fall season, along with a boys varsity track coach for the spring season (2011-12).

Interested applicants should contact Greg Ambrose at (734) 419-2201; or e-mail [ambroseg@wwcs.k12.mi.us](mailto:ambroseg@wwcs.k12.mi.us).

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills (at right) and Tom Fisher won the 75-and-over doubles title in the Midwest Super Senior tournament.

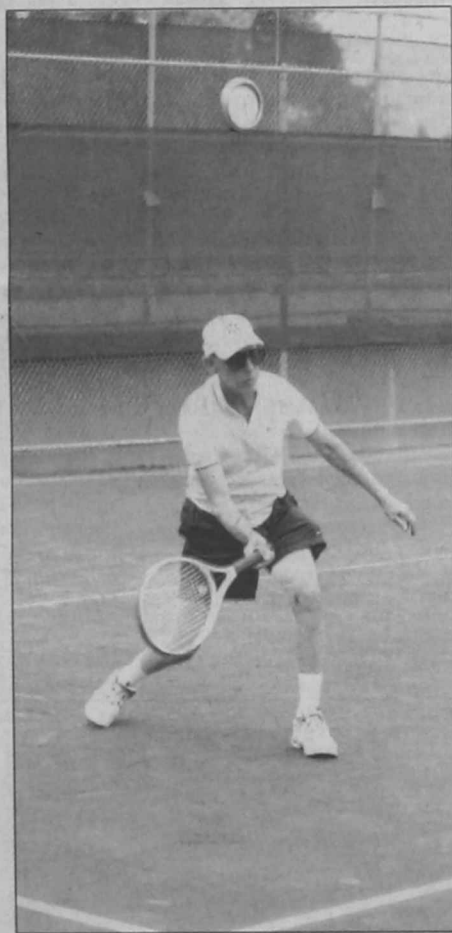


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# He's still a tennis champion at age 76

Farmington Hills' Solomon rates Super Senior label

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills has played tennis nearly his entire life, and he can still swing a mean racket at age 76.

He and Tom Fisher won the 75-and-over doubles tournament in the recent Midwest Super Senior Clay Court Championships at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club.

Solomon, a longtime member of the Farmington Hills club, wasn't there to earn USTA points or boost his ranking, however.

"If I'm feeling well, I might play the nationals," he said. "I really just played it because it's fun. I played tennis through high school and college, and I played some national tournaments in the 60s. I just love the game."

When he says the 60s, Solomon means the 60-and-over age group, although he was quite the accom-

plished tennis player before the 1960s.

While a student at Wayne State University, he and his brother won the Presidents Athletic Conference doubles title in the mid '50s.

Solomon and another Michigan serviceman later won the U.S. Eighth Army doubles championship, and Solomon was the runner-up in singles.

Solomon, who worked in the City of Detroit finance department, earned a No. 5 national ranking in the 60-and-over age group 14 years ago. He and Fisher also won the USTA Midwest doubles title in the 65-and-over bracket.

"I don't travel and play tennis much any more," Solomon said, adding he stopped doing that in his late 60s. "I don't play very many tournaments now, because singles

Please see **TENNIS, B3**

# Ex-Whaler gets big \$\$\$ in deal with Columbus

Canton's Wisniewski signs for \$33 million

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's James Wisniewski is on the move again in the National Hockey League, but this time it appears he's buying instead of renting.

The 27-year-old defenseman, who has played with five different NHL clubs, signed a lucrative six-year, \$33-million contract Friday with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Wisniewski, coming off his best NHL season, ranked fifth among defensemen in offense scoring 10 goals and adding 41 assists while playing 32 games for the New York Islanders and the last 43 with the Montreal. (The Canadiens traded his negotiating rights on Wednesday and will receive a fifth-round pick as compensation.)

"My family and I are really excited to be a part of the Blue Jackets organization, and I'm looking forward to getting to Columbus to help this team win games," Wisniewski said in a press release. "I think this is a team that is ready to take the next step and I'm excited to help us become a winning team and a Stanley Cup contender."

The 5-foot-11, 208-pound Wisniewski, a former Plymouth Whaler and fifth-round pick (156th overall) by the Chicago Blackhawks, has appeared in 329 NHL games scoring 27 goals and adding 121 assists.

He has also made 18 Stanley Cup playoff appearances including 12 games with the Anaheim Ducks (2008-09) and six last season with the Canadiens.

"There were less than about six-to-eight teams that my agent and I have figured out that had a chance to sign a defenseman with a need for a defenseman like that," Wisniewski told the NHL Network on Friday. "So, for me to get my rights traded to Columbus is a pretty exciting move, especially seeing that they traded for Jeff Carter (an All-Star from Philadelphia) . . . and they look like they're in the right direction to me."

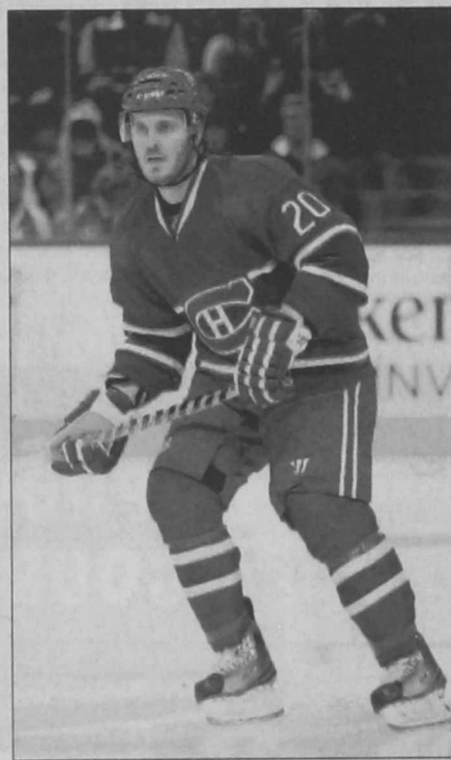
The Blue Jackets hope Wisniewski becomes a key member of the team's revamped blue line.

"James is a player we identified very early on and we are thrilled to have him as a member of the Columbus Blue Jackets," Columbus general manager Scott Howson said in a press release. "He brings an offensive skill and grit to our blue-line, character to our dressing room and will be a key contributor to our hockey club."

Speculation about Wisniewski going to his hometown Detroit Red Wings, who were in the market for a defenseman after Brian Rafalski's retirement, were just rumors.

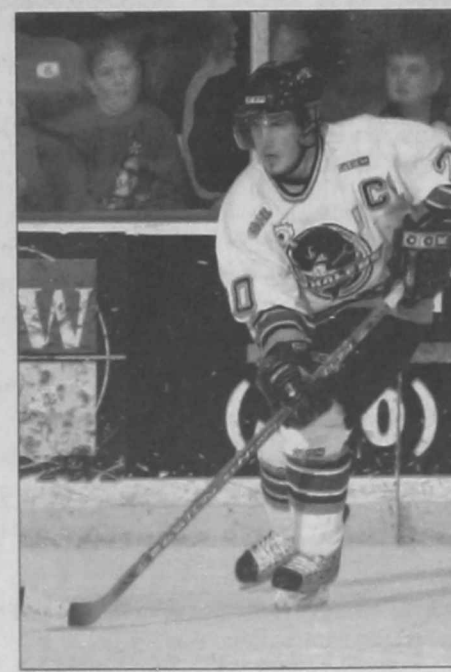
"For me, knowing Detroit's history that they only pay the market value for a defenseman or any player, so I didn't think it would be a fit for myself," Wisniewski said. "And being in Columbus, it's three hours away. It's close

Please see **DEAL, B2**



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Canton native and former Plymouth Whaler James Wisniewski signed a lucrative deal last week with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. He finished the 2010-11 season with Montreal.



Canton native and former Plymouth Whaler James Wisniewski signed a lucrative deal last week with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.



# All-Area golf team features a state champion

**ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM**  
 Max Kollin, N. Farmington: Kollin had an outstanding junior year in which he won the Division 1 individual state championship. He shot 73-71 at Oakland University, finished in a two-way tie for first place and won a playoff on the first hole.

A repeat member of the first team, Kollin also won the Farmington and Huron Valley invites, the Oakland County Division 1 and city tournaments. He averaged 73.7 in tournaments and 37.5 in nine-hole matches. Kollin's best round was the four-under 68 he shot to win the county title.

"He is so deserving of this award and other awards that will, hopefully, come his way," coach Bruce Sutton said. "He has an enormous talent. I think he has an unlimited future in golf. I really believe there's going to be a D-1 school that is going to get him. I know he will be a great addition to whatever school he selects. When you look at his year, he is a golfer; he's just a very competitive golfer."

**Nick Williams, N. Farmington:** Williams makes his third consecutive appearance on the all-area first team. Williams, a four-year varsity player who has a scholarship to Grand Valley State, averaged 76.5 in tournaments and 38.3 in nine-hole matches. He shot sub-80 rounds in 11 of 13 tournaments. His best was a one-under 71 to win the second OAA White Division tournament.

"He's such a great young man," coach Sutton said. "When you talk about a person of his ability, when you have a bad round of 79, most people would be very happy with that. He had a roller-coaster season (ranging from par to the high 70s) and he wasn't satisfied with it, but I would take a roller-coaster ride with him playing any day."

"He was a statesman for the team. When we had eighth-grade orientation, he'd be there trying to recruit future golfers for the team. He represented North Farmington very well. He is going to really shine when he gets to Grand Valley."

**Josh Heinze, Plymouth:** The junior averaged 77.8 per 18 holes this season and was the overall medalist at the KLAAs Conference Championship shooting a one-under-par 71 at Pheasant Run.

Heinze also placed second at the Legacy Tournament, with a one-under-par 71, and played 18-hole tournaments on 10 occasions.

His efforts were key to the Wildcats reaching the Division 1 state meet for the second straight season. Plymouth also finished 9-1 to win the KLAAs South Division.

"These four guys have led our team both by the play on the course and their behavior on and off the course," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore about his All-Observer quartet of Heinze, Justin Bauer, Kyle Rodes and Ryan Rieckhoff. "All four gentle-

**2011 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM**

Max Kollin, Jr., N. Farmington  
 Nick Williams, Sr., N. Farmington  
 Josh Heinze, Jr., Plymouth  
 Justin Bauer, Sr., Plymouth  
 Ben Proben, Jr., Churchill  
 Anthony Serafa, Sr., Harrison

**SECOND TEAM**

Matt Coursen, Sr., N. Farmington  
 Adam Giordano, Sr., Stevenson  
 Brian Patterson, Soph., Salem  
 Kyle Rodes, Soph., Plymouth  
 Ryan Rieckhoff, Soph., Plymouth  
 Eric Duprey, Jr., Salem

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

Bruce Sutton, North Farmington

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Harrison senior Anthony Serafa is an all-area, first-team player.

man also excel in the classroom as well as on the course.

"As a coach, I could not ask for better players to lead our team."

**Justin Bauer, Plymouth:** Another Plymouth stalwart on the team's run to the D1 state meet, Bauer averaged 78.3 for 18 holes (based on 10 tournaments).

He also finished second at the district tournament at Whispering Willows with a one-over-par 73.

Bauer's consistent excellence sparked the Wildcats over his career, as the team reached the state championships in three consecutive seasons.

**Ben Proben, Churchill:** The junior was named Churchill's MVP for the second year in a row after averaging 38.2 per nine holes and 78.5 for 18.

Proben, who helped the Chargers to a second place finish in the KLAAs South Division, earned a runner-up finish in the Wayne County Invitational with a 75 at Dearborn Country Club and also placed third in the Division 1 district with a 73 at Whispering Willows.

"Ben is also a scholar athlete for the second straight year," coach Paul Worley said. "His easy demeanor on the course and his excellent short game this season has made Ben a more complete player and has led to his success this season."

**Anthony Serafa, Harrison:** Serafa was one of the few four-year players in Harrison history. He had a fine tournament season, averaging 78.7 in eight events. Serafa won the first OAA White Division meet with a 75 at Huron Meadows. He also was fifth (75) in the Seaholm Invite, 16th (77) in the Bedford Invite and seventh

(78) in the second OAA tourney. Serafa was an individual regional qualifier at Huron Meadows, and he will play for Oakland Community College next year.

"He made steady improvement over four years," coach Bill Spencer said. "He had good tournament scores this year. Dual matches don't mean too much; it's what you do in tournaments, on the big courses."

"His short game is probably where he still has to work, but he hits the ball a long ways. If you can get up and down on a few holes, you're going to save yourself a lot of strokes, and you're going to be shooting in the 70s. You don't get somebody like that very often for all four years. He's been a gentleman, a real positive asset for those four years."

**ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM**

**Matt Coursen, N. Farmington:** Asked to comment on Coursen, coach Bruce Sutton said: "Mister 82!" That's how he was known in past seasons because of his consistent rounds of 82. That changed this year as Coursen dropped his tournament average to 79.2; he shot 39.8 in nine-hole matches. His lower scores helped the Raiders have the successful season they did. Coursen shot a one-over 73 in the second OAA event and a 75 in the district tournament, both at Huron Meadows.

"He brought his game to the forefront this year, knowing he couldn't shoot 82s any more," coach Sutton said. "He had to be in the 70s. Going back to last summer, he really wanted to step up and be one of those golfers we could depend on for a great

score, and he just delivered each and every time.

"It was interesting to see him in the trees and rough from time to time, but he sure got the job done when he needed to. It was great to have him on team. He's such a nice young man; he always has a smile on his face."

**Adam Giordano, Stevenson:** The four-year varsity performer and team captain played in every match for the Spartans.

Giordano averaged 38 for nine holes and 81 during 18-hole tournament play.

He was medalist in six matches and earned all-Kensington honors with a 77. Giordano added a 77 at the Division 1 district tourney at Huron and was a four-time Livonia City champion.

Giordano plans to attend Ferris State and major in pro golf management.

"Adam was by far the most coachable player I've ever coached," Jim Omietanski said. "He was well respected by his teammates and players from other schools. Adam will be missed by everyone next year."

**Brian Patterson, Salem:** The sophomore averaged 79 per 18 strokes, the lowest on the Rocks.

Highlights included earning team medalist honors at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins (82), the Huron Valley Invitational (80) and in a nine-hole dual meet against South Lyon.

He also was fifth overall at the U-D Jesuit Saturday Shootout at Golden Fox Golf Club.

"Brian has an extremely strong work ethic," Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "He is always putting extra time in to work on his game."

"He consistently shows a passion for golf and I look for him to continue to improve these next two years."

**Kyle Rodes, Plymouth:** Like his varsity teammates, Rodes competed in 10 18-hole tournaments in 2011, averaging 78.9 strokes.

He placed third at the Legacy Tournament with a one-under-par 71 and teamed up with Ryan Rieckhoff at the state tournament for a total of 155 over two days.

**Ryan Rieckhoff, Plymouth:** The sophomore tallied a 79.7 average over 10 18-hole tournaments. On the second day of the D1 state tournament, he registered a score of 74 and finished that round in 15th place.

**Eric Duprey, Salem:** The third-year varsity golfer continues to be an instrumental member of the Rocks, delivering big in clutch situations.

At Fox Hills in a dual meet against Novi, Duprey was the overall medalist with a score of 35 (for nine holes). He was medalist against Livonia Stevenson, registering a score of 39.

Other highlights included finishing fourth overall at the Dearborn Elite Invitational and 11th overall at the Wayne County Invitational. Both events were at Dearborn Country Club and he shot an 80 each time.

"Eric has been an intricate



Max Kollin N. Farmington



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Eric Duprey Salem



Bruce Sutton N. Farmington

member on the Salem golf team for the last three years," Nimmerguth said. "He has spent his entire career at the varsity level. He has a love for the game and I know he will continue to strive to improve."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington:** Sutton was named Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons after guiding the Raiders to another successful campaign.

The Raiders, who were undefeated in seven duals, won both OAA White Division tournaments and the overall championship. They shot a season-best 298 in the second event.

North also won the Jackson Lumen Christi and Dearborn invites. It was second in the Division 1 district at Huron

Meadows, the Huron Valley and West Bloomfield invites and the Oakland County Division 1 tournament at Pontiac Country Club.

The Raiders, who were ranked No. 4 in the D-1 coaches poll, just missed qualifying for state, shooting a 309 and finishing fourth at Lyon Oaks.

"We had such a great season," Sutton said. "It's true that everything must end. This was a very special team, and we had high expectations. We had a great season, and I really hated to see this end."

"I'm very proud of the boys. We dedicated ourselves four years ago to put North Farmington on the map. They have sure made North Farmington known as a golf team. We put ourselves out there."

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**DEAL**

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 enough for the family to come, but far enough to keep them away (laugh).  
 "Actually, I went down to Columbus with my agent Bill Zito on Wednesday night and spoke with Scott Howson and Scott Arniel (head coach). On Thursday morning I got a tour of the rink and got to see the city, and see their future plans.  
 "Everything was adding up as far as going in the right direction, and I was getting really excited to be a part of

that. It's something new and something fresh, and being a key guy in the rebirth and trying to become a winning organization."  
 Wisniewski made his NHL debut with the Hawks during the 2005-06 season. He was traded on March 4, 2009 to the Ducks, who held onto him until July 30, 2010 when they shipped Wisniewski to the Islanders for a conditional third-round draft pick.  
 On Dec. 28, 2010, the Islanders traded Wisniewski to Montreal for a second-round draft pick and a conditional fifth-round pick.  
 Wisniewski can now unpack

his bags and not put the movers on speed dial.  
 "Just having the five one-year deals in a row is mentally exhausting," Wisniewski told the NHL Network. "Every year thinking I had a good year, I'll get a long-term deal instead of getting a one-year deal or arbitrate. I went through arbitration two years in a row.  
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**GOLF**  
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everything they see. I said, 'I need that.'  
So does Lawrence Weathersby, 53, a Canton man who like Warner is now starting his second straight New to Golf session at Hickory Creek (Ford Road just west of the Canton border).

"I had a kidney transplant 17 months ago," Weathersby said. "So, I (was) just vegging on the couch. My wife (Angela) said I needed a hobby, to get out of the house and do something."

"Doctors told me I needed to get out and exercise. So I didn't know what I wanted to do."

His wife bought Lawrence a starter set of clubs, and he subsequently noticed a sign near Hickory Creek about golf lessons.

So far, so good, as he signed up for an encore session of New to Golf, which takes place Tuesday evenings.

Although Weathersby continues to take things slowly — he is building up his strength while alleviating the hypertension that contributed to his kidney disorder — he couldn't be more thrilled about finding something he can do for years to come.

"I just got the clearance to get out and do some physical activity," he said. "So I'll take a nap, then come out here and I won't do anything else (after that). My energy level is still low."

"But it makes me feel good because it's a sense of accomplishment."

**DIAL IT DOWN**

Weathersby joked about wanting to power his way to success in whatever game he tackles. But he's changing his tune thanks to Bealert.

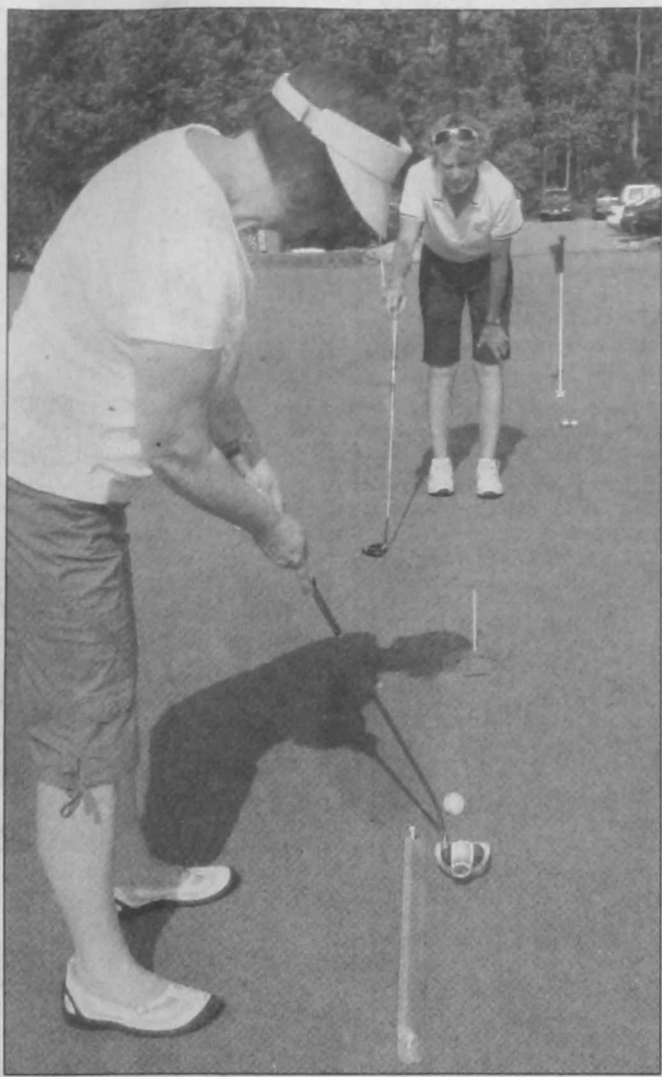
"She's a good teacher," Weathersby said. "She takes her time and works with us."

"... Since I've started taking this class, I feel really much better as far as holding the club, swinging the club, making contact. And not so much using power at this point, you know? I figure that will come."

New to Golf is transforming Warner, who said she used to throw her clubs into the creek — at the local miniature golf course.

"That's all I did before was Putt-Putt, so this has made a world of difference," Warner said. "Now I can hit the ball. I know what the clubs are now."

Her police colleagues also have noticed a difference with



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Hickory Creek golf pro Tami Bealert (background) works with Canton's Joanne Mouch as she practices on the putting green.

her demeanor.  
"Even my co-workers are like, 'Man, you're a lot nicer,'" she said.

According to Bealert, also a Canton resident, instrumental to her ability to reach new golfers is the fact she takes things slowly and doesn't talk down to the students.

There are handouts to review at home, as well as a number of various golf props and demonstrations all designed to boil down a particular day's activity into something easy to remember.

**TAKE YOUR TIME**

Bealert said a lot of novice golfers tend to "grab a club, go to the range, take the biggest, longest club, never have a lesson and try to whack at it rather than take it in small steps."

New to Golf students quickly find out that kind of approach doesn't cut it, for those who want to be consistent and play well.

"I always start with putting, and then chipping and then pitching," Bealert said. "It's a progression. I start from the small swing and build up."

Also building up is the clientele for the class.

"I think it's working out great," she said. "The New to Golf class is basically a beginner's class. We call it New to Golf because it just sounds better."

"Because you are actually a new golfer for like two or three years, you got to start somewhere and it doesn't matter how old you are."

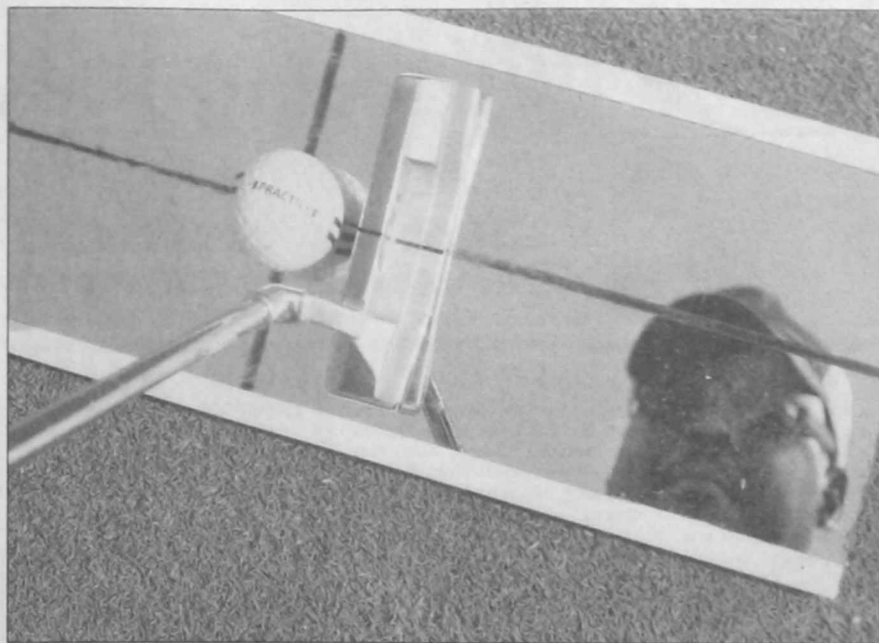
Meanwhile, Warner and Weathersby are back for another round of the New to Golf program because they know they're works in progress as far as being competent linksters is concerned.

"I still have a lot to learn," Warner said. "I'll be out here practicing, this is definitely a practice game."

"Based on how much it helps me with the stress from my work, I'll be out here a lot."

For more information, call Bealert at (734) 731-0238, send her an e-mail (TrainwithTami@yahoo.com) or go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

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Canton's Lawrence Weathersby uses a putting tool to make sure he correctly lines up his next try.

**It's never too late to learn**

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not every person Tami Bealert instructs at Hickory Creek's "New to Golf" series is a newcomer to the sport.

Consider Thom Bales of Ann Arbor. He's a tournament winner (The Mulligan Tour, anybody?) who still finds time to tweak his game in Bealert's weekly class at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Bales took up golf to about seven years ago, mainly to have something to do with his then-retired dad Bill.

"He said he plays golf, so I bought a cheap set of clubs at Meijer and started playing," Thom Bales recalled.

But it wasn't until 2010, several years after joining The Mulligan Tour (a for-fun-only junket that visits courses all over southeast Michigan), that Bales decided he could use a little bit of instruction.

"I had a lesson here and there," he said. "But last year I just wasn't playing at the level that I thought I should. I knew I needed to bite the bullet."

A golfing colleague suggested Bealert, a PGA pro at the Superior Township course (just west of Canton), because "he said she was really good with kids. So that made me think maybe she'd be good with me, too."

Bales laughed when he made that comment, but it's no joke how the dozen weekly sessions last year — and additional ones this summer — are helping his game.

When he first signed up for Bealert's class, he had a handicap of 17-18. Now, it's improved to 11-12.

"It's a tip culture, there's all these things you're supposed to do," he continued. "One person says do this and another says do that. I think what a teacher or coach helps you do is focus you."

Bealert is there to keep Bales and other golf students from veering into bad habits — whether with their backswing, follow-through or other aspects of the sport.

For Bales, having a sounding board such as



One of Tami Bealert's instructional staples is making plenty of time for her beginning golf students.

Bealert is good for any golfer.

But so is just having a blast out on the course, which is the mission of The Mulligan Tour.

"The first rule is to have fun," he said. "And the second rule is to refer to rule number one."

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**TENNIS**  
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is difficult at this age.

"On a warm day, I don't want to play three sets. I still play a little singles, but not in tournaments."

Solomon, who started playing tennis when he was 13 in public parks in Detroit, stays in good shape physically, however.

"I probably play tennis at the club three or four times a week," he said. "I work out at least a couple days a week there and also swim."

"At our age, you have to be in pretty good shape (to play any kind of competitive tennis). Otherwise, you're just standing around."

In the June 23-26 tournament sponsored by Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Solomon and Fisher breezed past the No. 1 seeds in their first match, 6-1, 6-2, and they won by injury default in the final.

"The final was against people whom Tom and I have played with and against," Solomon said. "It

was a 50-50 matchup. I thought we played well, but one of the guys on the other team didn't play as well as he usually does and that was helpful."

Solomon added he and Fisher, who also is 76, play against or with each other at least once a week at the club.

"There aren't a lot of people who play good doubles at age 75," Solomon said, adding they're at the doubles end of the age brackets. "Tom and I are the oldest, and the others are in their 50s and 60s. There are people over 80 who play, but just not at the same level."

**OTHERS FARE WELL, TOO**

Solomon wasn't the only Farmington Hills player to do well in the Super Senior tournament.

Roberto Boeker was a finalist in the men's 45 bracket, and Mike Lynch won the men's 50 consolation title.

Lynch lost to the eventual runner-up, Jan Akervall, but won his next two matches over Mitsuhsu Koboshi (6-0, 6-1) and Jonathan Frank (7-5, 6-2).

Lynch wasn't that impressed by his comeback performance, however. One of the top five players in the Midwest a few years ago, he's still making a comeback from an injury.

"I wasn't real happy with the way I played, at least from my perspective, at the level I'm used to playing," Lynch said.

"I'm pleased with my progress, because I kinda fought through it. (The recovery and return to playing tournaments is) progressing, and I'm still fighting the age process."

Lynch, 54, also was a longtime runner, logging six miles a day for 20 years, until he suffered a knee injury.

"I thought running would help my tennis," he said. "Eventually, I wore out the cartilage and had to take a break from play tournaments."

Following surgery and some time off, Lynch has been playing tennis again on a regular basis since March.

"It's a good start on the road back," he said. "I've got a little ways

to go for sure. I'm certainly not content with where I'm at now, but I'm working at it hard."

Lynch said he wouldn't miss a chance to play a tournament at Detroit Tennis & Squash Club, and that's not because it's in his hometown.

"I played all over the place for a period of time, and the Detroit Tennis & Squash courts are the nicest I've ever played on," he said. "They're phenomenal clay courts and, of course, clay courts are a little easier on the body."

"They're kept up real nice. (General manager and tournament director) Dean (Snyder) has done a fantastic job on maintenance."

"For a guy like myself who has a passion for tennis, I can play more frequently without the punishment a hard court would give your body. It's much more forgiving. I can play longer, play harder and play more frequently without effects."

Lynch, who works for DTE Energy, won tournaments on consecutive weekends and lost a total

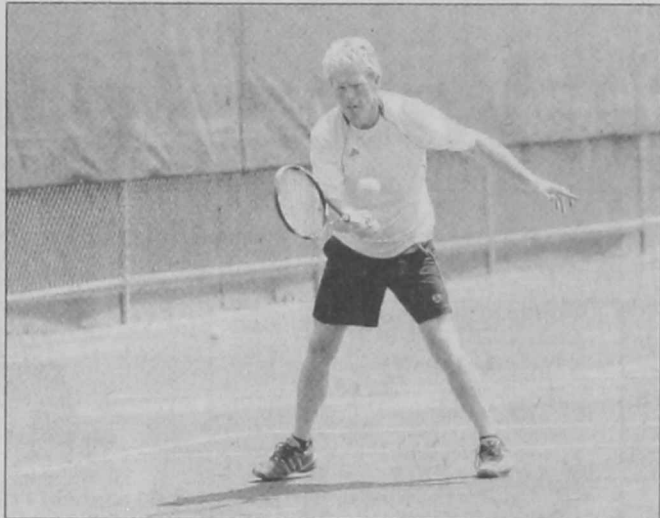


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Mike Lynch won the consolation title in the men's 50 age bracket in the Midwest Super Senior tennis tournament.

of just three games the last year he played tournaments.

"That was my highlight," he said. "This was my first tourna-

ment in two years, so I don't have a ranking at present. So, to the other guys my age: Watch out because here I come."

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**EDWARDS, BEVERLY J.**

Of Grass Lake, age 70, went to be with the Lord June 30, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Edna Solomon. Bev is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 49 years, Cliff; daughter, Lisa (Curt) Lapham; son, Cliff (Hillary) Edwards Jr.; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, William (Nicki) and Warren (Beatrice) Solomon; several nieces and nephews. Bev was an example of love and devotion as a child of God, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As a lifelong Christian, Bev was a 35 year member of Grass Lake Assembly of God where she mentored countless children through her years of teaching Sunday School, Junior Church, and passing out sticks of gum and smiles from her favorite pew. A devoted and much loved teacher of 35 years in the Garden City School District, Bev continued her love of teaching through substituting and assisting her six grandchildren with countless school projects. She spent her final hours surrounded by her loving family, never failing to make them smile through her humor and love for life. She has promised to send us all a picture text from heaven with a view from her golden golf cart. Services were held July 5, 2011 at Grass Lake Assembly of God. Please sign Bev's guest book at sherwoodfh.com

**KONKEL, RUTH**

Age 93 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother to Susan Schloss, James (Patricia) Konkel, Roger (Jane) Konkel. Dear grandmother of six and great grandmother of 7. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan), Livonia Wednesday 2-9 PM. Funeral service Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church in state 10:00am until funeral mass at 10:30am.

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**LA CROIX, FRANCIS JOSEPH.**

of Trenton, 6/30/2011; Age 90. Beloved father of Paul. Dear uncle of Robert Winslow. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1954



**MOZI, CAROLINE C.**

Age 85, July 2, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Matthew M. Dear mother of Julia Quejado, Harold Hayden Jr., Patricia Pollum, Sharon Bliss and Renee Blankenship. Step-mother of Adele Dubicki. Grandmother of Jamie, Marcy, Jason, Stephanie, Kelly, Dana Jr., Kimberly, A.J., Christopher, Scott, Jeremy and the late Kenny. Great-grandmother of 14. Visitation was Tuesday, July 5 at Santeiu Funeral Home. Mass was Wednesday at St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to Hospice of S.E. Michigan. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

**PAUL, CLODA RAE**

Age 86, July 1, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Drexal Paul for 55 years. Loving mother of Donna (Marque) Cryderman, Dennis (Lillian) Paul and Debra (Forrest) Miracle. Cherished grandmother of Brittany, Heather and Erika Paul, Ashley and Travis Miracle. Great grandmother of Mae Rose Thomson-Miracle. Step-grandmother of Marque Cryderman, Elizabeth Crowton, and David Cryderman Rose. Step-great-grandmother of Kara, T.J., and Hailey Kowalski, Nick Crowton, Lena and Kaylee Rose, and Levi Cryderman. Also survived by twin sister, Cleda Fay Carter. Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.).

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**STACHOW, KAREN R.**

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her side. She is survived by her half-brother Paul Kinder her loving step-daughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehnen and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehnen, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.

**SUTTON, PATTI F.**

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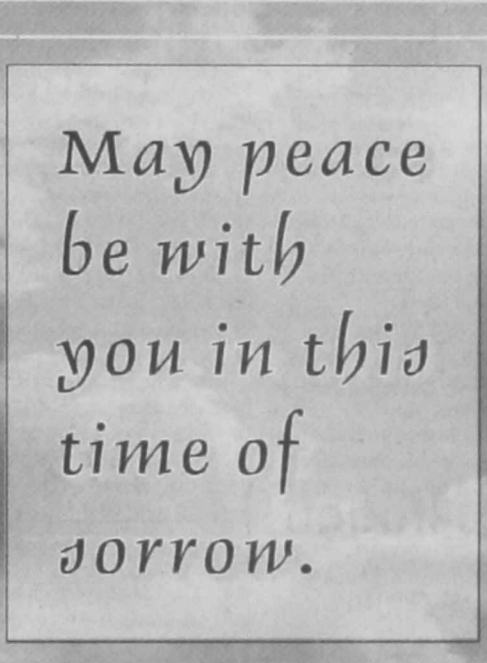
**HALL, DEBRA ANN.**

of Lincoln Park, 6/22/2011; Age 56. Beloved mother of Kathleen (Lionel) Crump & Douglas (Cheri) Wells. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181



**IOVAN, PETER**

June 29, 2011, age 85. Loving husband of Delores. Dear father of Dennis (Jody), Mark (Susie), Jeffrey (Susan), Timothy (Jeannine), Linda (Bill) Siewert, Michael, Stephen (Rhonda), Deanne (Jim Kissling). Beloved grandfather of 18 and great grandfather of seven. Memorial Mass Friday July 8 at 10 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



The parking lot at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia overflows with household items, recreational equipment, toys, clothing and other gently used donations during its first annual Free Stuff Giveaway last year.

## Church gives away 'stuff' to all in need

BY SHARON DARGAY  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Todd Lackie promises "no hoops, hurdles or qualifications you have to meet" for those who attend his church's second annual Free Stuff Giveaway on Aug. 6.

"This is not just for the needy. It's for the whole community," said Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia. "One of the things we've discovered, since the economy went the way it went, is that needy used to be thought of as a class issue. Needy today is a situational thing. You find middle class families where dad or mom lost their jobs. They may have a home and lots of things in life, but they may be in a situation where they have a real need now. People who have never been in need before are in need now."

Lackie hopes to fill those needs with gently-used clothing, household items, children's goods and toys, furniture and anything else donated to his church between now and giveaway day.

Anyone interested in obtaining free stuff can attend the giveaway from 9 a.m.-noon on Aug. 6, at the church, located at 20200 Merriman, Livonia; (248) 476-8222

In the meantime, Kenwood Church of Christ is collecting donations for the event.

Gently-used items may be placed in the drop box under the canopy at the church's main entrance.

"The items given will stay locally," he said. "It will help your neighbors."

Last year the church gave away approximately 10,000 items during the event last year.

"It was astounding. We had people lined up waiting before we opened. We had everything from furniture to clothing. We had a sink. We didn't have any major appliances, although we would be glad to receive them," he said.

The church won't take anything that's broken or deemed inappropriate. Volunteers will distribute tickets, representing an allotment of items, to each person who attends the Free Stuff Giveaway. Lackie said the ticketing system ensures that everyone gets something and no one single person takes more than they need. He said the church this year will increase the number of clothing items each participant can take.

Kenwood Church of Christ reaches out to the community "on a regular basis," Lackie said. It will begin collecting classroom supplies this month for teachers at Webster school in Livonia. The congregation is about a third of the way through a project designed to feed 5,000 Haitians.

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## Festival organizers offer tips for enjoying art fair

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Old is new and recycled is cool at the Plymouth Art in the Park this year.

"We're seeing a lot of recycling, repurposing in all of our shows," said Raychel Rork, who together with her mom, Dianne Quinn, founded and manages the annual art show.

"There's a guy who makes handbags completely out of recycled record album covers. They're the coolest thing you've ever seen. He's from Chicago and he travels all over with these amazing handbags. They basically are pieces of art."

"We have someone who is making jewelry out of type-writer keys. You can get a bracelet that makes a statement."

If Rork were wearing a statement bracelet it might just say "authentic" or "original" because contrary to rumors that the art fair juries in artists with manufactured items, it's just not so, Rork says.

"No, there is not stuff that is not handmade. What does go on is there are people who own private property that rent spaces to anyone. There is a huge mix — someone may sell stuff from China — surrounding the event. There is all kinds of stuff out of our control. People assume it's a part of Art in the Park."

The only businesses allowed to set up a booth within the fair are corporate sponsors.

"We're grateful we have sponsors to help us cover costs," Rork said. "We're a pri-



Zamar Jazz Band is scheduled to play Saturday and Sunday at Plymouth's Art in the Park

ivate entity. Those corporate sponsorships help cover the cost of chairs, on site EMS, paying police overtime. We take all the trash and haul it away. There are things people take for granted, and we want them to."

Plymouth's Art in the Park runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Keep these suggestions in mind as you head to downtown Plymouth for the festival this weekend:

• Shuttle — If you're reluctant to take the shuttle because this year you might

just buy that hand-chiseled coffee table by your favorite sculptor, you worry in vain. The free shuttles are more on the order of a tour bus than a commuter van. They're not only air-conditioned, but have plenty of storage space.

"The buses are big, professional motor coaches" Rork said.

The shuttle runs 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 8; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, between the ACH Plant, 14425 Sheldon, just off M-14, and Plymouth City Hall in the heart of downtown.

• Parking — Skip it and take the shuttle. If you're determined to park in town, realize that free parking "is basically nonexistent in an event this size anymore," Rork said. "There are a lot of great organizations that charge a small fee to park. You know that your dollars are going to something worthwhile."

• Write it down — "Take note of where you park, what street and lot. Pretend you're at Disney World," Rork said. "We've driven people around for 30 minutes because they couldn't remember where they parked or because they



Purses by Karen Hoetscher of Chicago, Ill., will be on display at Plymouth's Art in the Park.



Jewelry is among the artistic accessories and wearable items sold at Plymouth's Art in the Park. This piece is by Cathy Davis of Trenton.

ber your favorite artist's name, you can ask for help.

"Usually there are a few more questions we need to ask, like where are they from? And we can whittle it down from there," Rork said.

• Art-loving dogs — Don't take your dog to the fair if it's prone to fight with other dogs or doesn't like crowds. "We recommend you don't walk them around the blacktop for too long. They can burn their feet," Rork added.

• Art-loving kids — About 20 youngsters will sell their handmade art at the fair. Just like the adult artists, kids are juried into the event and must pay a small fee to participate.

"Parents thank us because they are learning about the business aspect as well," Rork said. "The kids are proud of what they make. It's a great place to take kids to buy from other kids."

• Toys on tour — Lego toys will be on hand with its new Ninjago series of spinning, ninja-fighting characters.

"It's a national tour. We're honored because we were chosen as one of eight stops in the country," Rork noted. "They'll have interactive things going on. It's a perfect fit."

• Music — The intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Fourth is the place to be for live music. One Love Reggae Band will perform Friday and Zamar Jazz Band plans Saturday and Sunday.

• Art in action — Watch professional artists chalk Vincent van Gogh masterpieces at Main and Penniman and paint a "living mural" at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

missed the last shuttle."

• So many questions — Yes, Rork's information booth crew will try to answer questions like "Where is the lady with the purple earring thingys?" If you can't remem-

## Disney casting for filming in Michigan

Disney Studios is seeking Little People to play "Munchkins" in its film, *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, that will begin production in September and continue through early November.

Extras must be 4'7" or shorter, any ethnicity, 18 years old and older.

Submit photos, measure-

ments and contact information to ozextras@yahoo.com.

Simple snapshots, including face and body, are acceptable. Measurements should include height, weight, coat, neck/sleeve, waist/inseam and shoe size for males; height, weight, bust, waist, hips and shoes for females. Submissions should include age, phone number,

place of residence and availability — even if it's just one day.

Some talent may work one day or up to four weeks.

The movie will be filmed in Pontiac.

Submissions also may be mailed to Oz Extras Casting, P.O. Box 729, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303.

## Take a chance on summer 'Zoomance'

The Detroit Zoo will offer an adult-only, over age 21, after-hours event, Summer Zoomance, Thursday, July 14.

Summer Zoomance will run 6-9 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$8 for all guests and parking is \$5. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members as well as for members of Detroit Young Professionals and After 5 Detroit who buy tickets in advance.

Summer Zoomance allows grown-ups to relive their fond memories of the Detroit Zoo while creating new ones dur-

ing a twilight stroll among the award-winning animal habitats. The Sun Messengers will perform at Rackham Fountain, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase from Zoo concessions.

Summer Zoomance guests can take a prehistoric journey through Dinosauria, the Zoo's blockbuster summer attraction featuring 30 animatronic dinosaurs. Visitors also can ride the Dino Simulator at the Wild Adventure Ride and experience the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater,

featuring "Planet Earth: Shallow Seas 4-D Experience" and "Dora & Diego's 4-D Adventure." Tickets for each experience are an additional \$4 per person.

July 14 is the first of two Summer Zoomance dates this year. A second event will be held Thursday, Aug. 25. Buy tickets online at [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org) or at the admission gates the night of the event.

The Detroit Zoo is located at 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 541-5717.

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# Raise a toast to Master Brewer Pierre Celis



Beer Tracker  
Nate Parsons

The beer community lost a pioneer earlier this year in one Pierre Celis. If you've ever relished a Hoegaarden, Blanche De Chambly, or even a Blue Moon, you have Master Brewer Pierre Celis to thank.

Once considered the lost style of brewing, "Wit" or "Witbier" has enjoyed a renaissance in recent years mostly due to Celis. As a younger man, Celis spent time sampling hazy wheat-flavored beer from dozens of breweries in the

Flanders region of Belgium. The last traditional Wit was brewed in 1955, shortly after brewers either shuttered their doors or gave into mass market lagers with lucrative contracts. Celis successfully resurrected the style in 1966 with his flagship offering Hoegaarden.

After years of legal wrangling with corporate beer mongers, Celis headed to the U.S. in 1990 only to have similar circumstances lead to a corporate takeover of his beloved brewery. Teetering on the

edge of extinction, The Michigan Brewing Company (MBC) rescued Celis Brewing by purchasing it from Miller Brewing in 2002. Understanding the heritage, tradition, and responsibly MBC enlisted Celis to transport the Wit style legend back to prominence. A happy ending was delivered when Celis White, brewed by Michigan Brewery Company took home the gold medal from the Great American Beer Festival in 2003. Celis will be missed but his influ-

ence on the beer community will be enjoyed for many generations. Traditional Wits are wonderful refreshing wheat based beer with light to medium body, slight sweetness and a zesty finish. The body is slightly cloudy due to the use of unmalted wheat, and pale to light gold in color. It has a clean crisp profile, low hop bitterness, and a sizeable white head.

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## Healthy makeover

Southeastern Michigan - Health Alliance Plan (HAP) is accepting entries into its Retro Recipe Redo contest through July 31.

As the Happy Together Summer Fest - celebrating HAP's 50th anniversary - makes its way through Oakland, Genesee, Wayne and Macomb counties, HAP will be on the lookout for the very best healthier versions of recipes in three categories: potluck and picnic favorites; casseroles and comfort foods; and desserts.

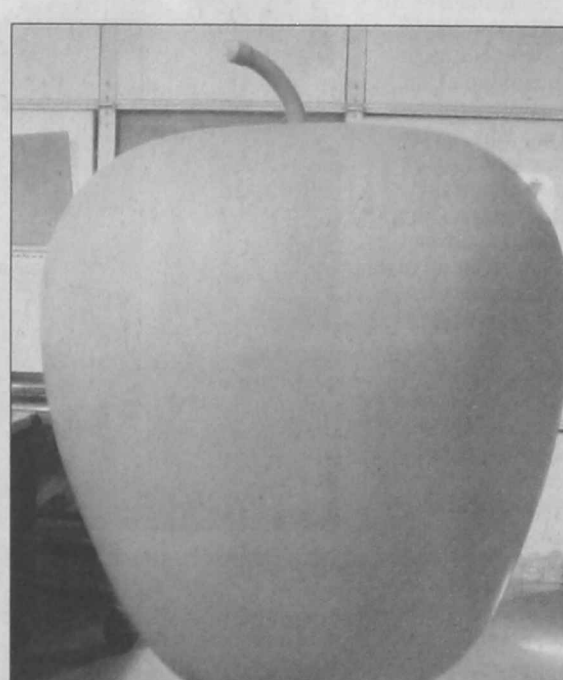
The Retro Recipe Redo contest challenges foodies and home cooks to cut the fat, calories and/or salt from favorite family recipes without compromising taste or ease of preparation. The contest is open to adults from Genesee, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties and surrounding areas. There is no cost to enter. The contest guidelines, recommendations and entry form can be found at hap.org/50th. A panel of judges will pick the best dishes during Happy Together Summer Fest events in West Bloomfield, Flint, Detroit and Warren. Prizes include a private dinner prepared by a professional chef, fitness discounts, cooking classes and more.

## Beer, wine available

Canton - Olga's Kitchen opened a new restaurant recently at 41725 Ford Road, Canton that serves wine and beer, featuring smaller vineyards. A select variety of domestic and imported beers will be available with special local micro-brew options. The menu includes favorites and new items. Bread making takes center stage in an open kitchen that allows guests to watch. The restaurant is open 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. The Canton Olga's Kitchen also offers curbside delivery. Place orders to the new Canton Olga's Kitchen by calling the restaurant at (734) 983-9200. A full menu is available at www.olgas.com.

## Big apples

Garden City - Farmer's markets in Garden City, Farmington, Novi and 17 other communities will get creative with apples this summer. Each market has signed up to get a 4-foot-tall fiberglass structure in the shape of an apple and will hire a local artist to decorate it. The project, meant to raise awareness of the state's largest fruit crop, is coordinated by the Michigan Apple Committee and the Detroit Eastern Market. The apples



Local artists will decorate giant apples at farmer's markets.

will be on display August-September at the participating farmers markets. Apple Trail Passports will be distributed to encourage people to visit the farm markets and see the art on display. For each of the markets they visit between Aug. 1-Sept. 17, they'll receive a stamp on their passport. Those earning at least five stamps will be entered into a random drawing for several prizes. An online vote also will be taken for the public's favorite apple. Prizes will be given in multiple categories for the

various apples, including a People's Choice Award, at the Eastern Market's Apple Gala and Auction on Oct. 14

## Book signing

West Bloomfield - Dave Wodnicki, the author of *Coffee Quest: One Guy's Journey to Find a Decent Cup of Coffee*, will meet other coffee lovers from 1-3 p.m. July 9, at Pistachio's, 5741 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. He'll talk about his search for the perfect cup of coffee and will sign books.

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# Add fresh, frozen or dried cherries to your meal for antioxidants, flavor

The National Cherry Festival is in full swing this week in Traverse City.

If you're heading north this weekend there's still time to catch pie-eating challenges, pit-spitting contests and grand cherry buffet, among dozens of events, before fireworks bring it all to a close on Saturday, July 9.

You can enjoy cherries at home every day by adding them to salads, beverages, breakfast foods, snacks, couscous, rice, risotto and pasta. Tart cherries have among the highest levels of disease-fighting antioxidants, when compared to other fruits. They also contain 19 times more beta carotene than blueberries or strawberries, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, iron, fiber and folate.

Here are a few cherry tips, followed by recipes, from the Cherry Marketing Institute:

1. **Fruit Fizz** — Make a refreshing cherry spritzer by adding cherry juice concentrate to ice cold seltzer water.
2. **Be Smooth** — Blend frozen cherries with cherry juice concentrate and lowfat yogurt. Add a straw and you have a sensational smoothie for breakfast or a snack.
3. **A Perfect Parfait** — Keep a bag of frozen cherries in the freezer and grab a handful when hunger strikes. Thaw them for a few minutes and then layer with lowfat vanilla yogurt and granola.
4. **Brighten up Breakfast** — Swap your typical berries for dried cherries and add them to your cereal, oatmeal, yogurt or pancakes.
5. **Grab and Go** — Get your antioxidants on-the-go with an easy "do-it-yourself" trail mix using dried cherries, almonds and whole-grain cereal. Or add dried cherries to ready-made granola.

### CHERRY AND LAMB TAGINE

From Paige Adams of Chicago, Ill.

**Ingredients:**  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 red onion, thinly sliced  
 1 pound boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1½-inch pieces  
 2 garlic cloves, minced  
 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces (about 1 pound)  
 1 red pepper, cut into 1-inch strips  
 1 teaspoon ground cumin  
 1 teaspoon paprika  
 1 teaspoon ground coriander  
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon black pepper  
 1 can chopped tomatoes (15 ounces)  
 1 cup water  
 1 can chickpeas (15 ounces)  
 ¾ cup dried cherries  
 2 tablespoons cilantro, roughly chopped

**Directions:**  
 Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven or 5-quart heavy pot over moderately high heat. Add the onion and lamb, and brown the lamb. Stir in the garlic, sweet potatoes, red pepper, cumin, paprika, coriander, cinnamon, salt and black pepper. Add the chopped tomatoes and 1 cup of water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer covered for 15 minutes. Add the chickpeas and cherries and continue simmering until the lamb and sweet potatoes are tender and the sauce has thickened.

Sprinkle the tagine with cilantro and serve with couscous.



Cherry and Lamb Tagine

### SPICED CHERRY POPCORN MIX

For an antioxidant boost, toss a handful of dried cherries into your favorite purchased snack mix.

**Ingredients:**  
 1½ teaspoons sugar  
 ½ teaspoon apple pie spice blend  
 1 package 100-calorie microwave popcorn  
 ¾ cup dried tart cherries  
 Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray

**Directions:**  
 Stir together sugar and apple pie spice in small bowl; set aside. Pop popcorn according to the package directions. Carefully open the package and pour into medium bowl. Add cherries. Lightly spray with no-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with sugar mixture; toss until coated. Makes about 2 (2 cup) servings.

**Cherry Cinnamon-Spiced Popcorn:** Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon for the apple pie spice blend.

**Red Hot Cherry Spiced Popcorn:** Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute ¼ teaspoon ground allspice for the ½ teaspoon apple pie spice blend and season to taste with ground (cayenne) red pepper.

### SWEET AND SPICY SEARED TUNA WITH CHERRY CABBAGE

From Paige Adams, Kendall College, Chicago, Ill.

**Ingredients:**  
 Tuna:  
 ¼ cup tart cherry juice  
 1 tablespoon sesame oil  
 2 tablespoons chili paste (sirracha)  
 4 cloves garlic, crushed  
 1 tablespoon soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
 ¼ cup green onions, chopped  
 4 tuna fillets (ahi, albacore or similar)

**Directions:**  
 In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame oil, chili sauce, garlic, soy sauce, mustard, tart cherry juice and green onions. Heat a large skillet to high heat. Sprinkle the tuna with salt and pepper, spray with cooking spray, then sear for 90 seconds per side for rare (or until desired doneness). Remove from heat, cool slightly, and slice. In a medium bowl, whisk together the honey and rice wine vinegar. Toss with the dried tart cherries and cabbage. Prepare rice according to package directions.

To assemble, place equal amounts of rice onto the center of four plates. Push down the center of each mound to create a well and fill each well with equal amounts of dressed cabbage. Add slices of tuna, drizzle with sauce and sprinkle with parsley. Serve.



### CHERRY CHOCOLATE RECOVERY DRINK

**Ingredients:**  
 4 ounces chocolate milk  
 2 tablespoons tart cherry juice concentrate  
 2 tablespoons plain yogurt  
 ½ ounce dark chocolate, melted  
 1-2 teaspoons maple syrup (optional)

**Directions:**  
 Melt chocolate in saucepan over low heat or in the microwave for a few seconds. Add chocolate milk, tart cherry juice concentrate, yogurt, melted chocolate and maple syrup together and blend or mix well. Chill and serve.

### CHERRY TIRAMISU

**Ingredients:**  
 7 ounces lady finger cookies  
 (Flavor options: 10 large basil leaves, chopped or 2 ounces shaved chocolate or 6 tablespoons dark rum)  
 Cherry Syrup:  
 ¾ cup cherries  
 ½ cup sugar  
 1 cup water

**Directions:**  
 Boil for 8 minutes. Let sit until it reaches room temperature.

**Mascarpone Filling:**  
 1 cup mascarpone  
 ¾ cup whipping cream  
 ½ cup sweetened condensed milk

Mix the cream, milk, and mascarpone together until smooth.

**Directions:**  
 Dip the cookies in the syrup for a few seconds each side. Place a layer of cookies in a 9-by-9-inch-square dish. Top the cookies with a layer of the mascarpone cream, followed by the cherries taken from the syrup. Add a layer of one of the flavour options, if desired (add the rum directly to the syrup). Continue with another layer of dipped cookies and finish by topping with the remaining mascarpone cream.

# Chill out with no-bake treats

Summer has arrived and that means sizzling temperatures won't be far behind. In summer heat, forget about turning on the oven. Yet even when the temperature climbs, my delight in making desserts for family and friends doesn't wilt. That's when I turn to my file of favorite no-bake sweets.

**Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie** is a dreamy dessert: A delicious shortbread crust is lined with raspberry jam and fresh raspberries, topped with a creamy lemon filling and garnished with more fresh berries. This classy pie always impresses.

**Frozen Hot Chocolate** is rich and frothy — thick enough to eat with a spoon or enjoy through a straw. Hot cocoa mix and evaporated milk make this chocolate concoction an irresistible cooler. Top tall glasses of this treat with whipped cream for kids of all ages.

Check out more chilling ideas at [www.VeryBestBaking.com](http://www.VeryBestBaking.com).

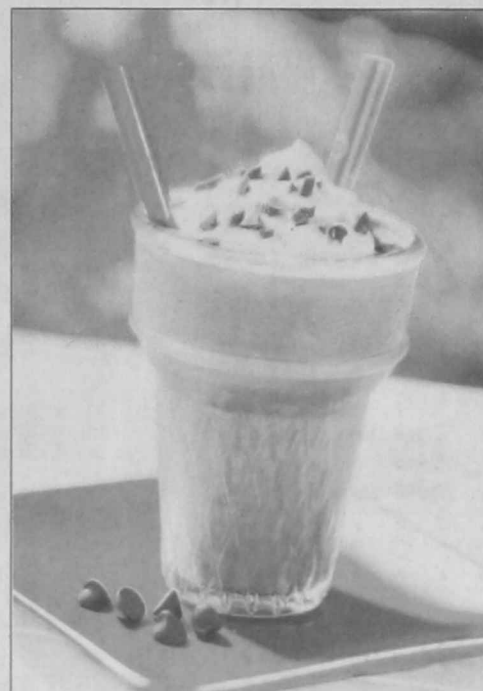
### CREAMY LEMON RASPBERRY PIE

**Makes 8 servings**  
 ¾ cup seedless red raspberry jam  
 1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) shortbread crumb crust  
 ½ pint (about 1 cup) fresh red raspberries, divided  
 4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk  
 2 packages (about 3.4 ounces each) lemon instant pudding and pie filling mix



Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie

Grated peel of 1 lemon  
 1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided  
 Additional grated lemon peel (optional)  
 Spread raspberry jam over bottom of crust.



Frozen Hot Chocolate

Sprinkle ¾ cup raspberries over jam.  
 Beat cream cheese in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually add evaporated milk, pudding mix and lemon peel. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in half of whipped topping. Spoon into crust; top with remaining whipped topping.  
 Refrigerate 2 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining raspberries and additional lemon zest, if desired, just before serving.  
**Nutrition Information per serving:** 420 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18g total fat; 11g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 30mg cholesterol;

510mg sodium; 57g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 20g sugars; 5g protein; 4 percent DV vitamin A; 8 percent DV vitamin C; 15 percent DV calcium; 2 percent DV iron.

### FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE

**Makes 4 servings**  
 3 tablespoons superfine granulated sugar (or baking sugar)  
 1 envelope (2 to 3 tablespoons) double chocolate, rich chocolate or milk chocolate flavor hot cocoa mix  
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
 ½ cup each Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels and Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels  
 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Carnation Evaporated Milk, divided  
 4 cups ice cubes  
 Whipped cream

Place sugar, cocoa mix and butter in top of double boiler set over gently boiling water. Stir frequently until melted and smooth paste forms. Add morsels; stir. When morsels begin to melt, slowly stir in ½ cup evaporated milk. Stir until smooth and velvety. Cool to room temperature.  
 Place chocolate mixture, remaining evaporated milk and ice in blender (in batches, if necessary); cover. Blend until smooth. Pour into individual glasses or bowls. Top each serving with dollop of whipped cream. Sprinkle with additional chopped morsels, if desired. Serve with straw and/or spoon.  
**Nutrition Information per serving:** 390 calories; 200 calories from fat; 23g total fat; 15g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 60mg cholesterol; 170mg sodium; 40g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 36g sugars; 9g protein; 6 percent DV vitamin A; 0 percent DV vitamin C; 45 percent DV calcium; 0 percent DV iron.

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