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CONNECTION Drivers gone

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Friday voted 5-0 to sign the agreement with Michigan Educational Transportation Systems Inc. to do the busing for the 19,000-student district starting in the fall.

Board President John Jackson and Trustee Steven Sneedman were absent; Vice President Dianne Gonzalez,



The P-CCS Board of Education Friday approved an agreement to privatize the district's bus drivers.

Secretary Adrienne Davis, Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Trustees Barry Simescu and Nancy Eggenberger voted to accept the deal.

In a related move, the board also voted 5-0 to lay off all 133 of the district's bus drivers and monitors. That move was made necessary by the board's decision to privatize its staff.

Under the agreement with METS, the drivers and monitors laid off by Plymouth-Canton get first crack at the corresponding jobs with METS.

Under the agreement, Plymouth-Canton retains ownership of its fleet of buses, its mechanics and its transportation facilities.

Bennett sweepstakes

Our website, Hometownlife.com, just started a new contest for Tony Bennett tickets at the Fox Theatre. Two lucky winners will get a pair of tickets to the Aug. 24 show. Our Facebook followers can enter once a day and invite their friends to enter the contest for extra entries. Every time a person you invite enters, you get another chance to win!

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Service project

The Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs together with members of the local faith community and the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit are planning a service project and 10th anniversary event on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 11. According to Steve Spreitzer, director of programs for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, details for the event are currently being developed and will be shared in the near future.

Questions and requests for more information can be sent to Spreitzer at SSpreitzer@MIRoundTable.org. More information is also available at the group's website, www.MIRoundTable.org.

Canton pharmacists charged in drug scam

*Eight people from Canton — including a doctor, an accountant and four pharmacists — are among 26 people charged in a health care fraud scheme the federal government is calling one of the largest prescription drug scams in state history.

The scam billed insurers for millions of dollars worth of bogus prescriptions, according to an indictment unsealed in court this week.

The 26 suspects allegedly took part in a scheme involving sham prescriptions for Oxycontin, Vicodin, Xanax

and cough syrup with codeine, the affidavit said.

"The allegations against these 26 individuals, particularly of the medical professionals, are significant. These individuals abused their positions of trust and endangered the lives of countless people by illegally distributing more than six million doses of opiate painkillers and depressants throughout southeast Michigan and beyond," said Robert L. Corso, special agent in charge of DEA's Detroit Field Division. "This indictment makes it

clear that the DEA and our partners in law enforcement will continue to investigate and bring to justice those individuals that are responsible for the illegal distribution of prescription medicines."

The 34-count indictment alleges that Babubhai (Bob) Patel, 49, a Canton pharmacist, was the owner and controller of some 26 pharmacies statewide, but hid his ownership and control of the pharmacies through the use of straw owners.

According to the indictment, Patel

would offer and pay kickbacks, bribes, and other inducements to doctors in exchange for them writing prescriptions for patients with Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. The doctors would then direct the patients to fill the prescriptions at one of Patel's pharmacies, the indictment said.

The indictment said Patel and his pharmacists would bill insurers, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers, for dispensing the

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Canton resident Barbie Green with her son, U.S. Army Pfc. Anthony Green, in the hospital after Anthony was wounded by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

Canton soldier earns Purple Heart in Afghanistan attack



Army Pfc. Anthony Green, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, was wounded in July in Afghanistan.

Far from his Canton home, U.S. Army Pfc. Anthony Green narrowly survived in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb toppled a truck-mounted rocket launcher, pinning him under it and killing two of his friends as other soldiers fought off attacking enemy forces.

Green, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, suffered facial fractures and nerve damage, a ruptured eardrum, a concussion, a bullet wound that pierced his right upper thigh — and the heartbreak of holding a wounded soldier's hand as he lay dying.

His mother, Barbie Green, still shudders when she considers how close she and her husband, Guy Green, came to losing their 22-year-old son, who joined the Army last year because he thought it would be good training.

"He wants to someday be a police officer," Barbie Green said, "and he thought this would be good experience for him to have. We're just so lucky that he's alive. We're so grateful."

Anthony Green, a Purple Heart recipient now recovering in Hawaii in a Warrior Transition Unit of Scholfield Barracks military base, had been in Afghanistan since April. He was with the Second Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment,

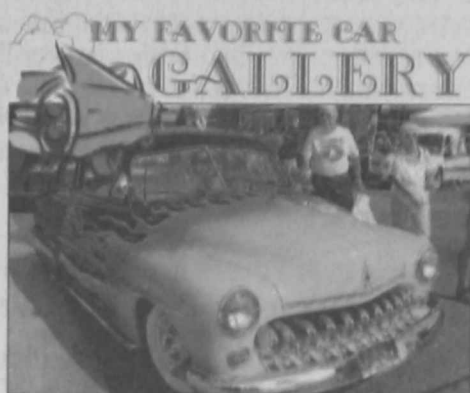
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Send us a photo of you and your favorite car (by the end of August) and you will be entered into a random drawing to win one of three \$25 gas cards. The photo can be of your current classic car or one that you drove as a

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Jim and Shirley Fitzgerald admire this classic car last year at the Dream Cruise in Ferndale. Send a photo of your favorite car, and a one-line description of the car and why it is your favorite, to www.photos@hometownlife.com.

Longtime workers change jobs to protect retirement

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two high-ranking, longtime Canton Municipal Services Department employees have decided to call it quits and accept jobs elsewhere — locking in their retirement plans here as state-imposed changes, such as higher health care costs, loom large.

Officials say the move could become more commonplace across Michigan as eligible government workers protect their retirement packages by taking other jobs where they will forgo benefits.

Township Engineer Tom Casari, a 27-year Canton employee, plans to leave in mid-September for a new job as deputy director of public service in Northville Township.

"It's bittersweet," Casari said. "Northville Township is a wonderful community, but so is Canton. I'm leaving a great community with a lot of great people."

Similarly, Canton Public Works Superintendent Mike Karl, a 33-year local workforce veteran, plans to leave by the end of August for a position in Plymouth Township.

Their supervisor, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, said the two men have contributed a combined 60 years to their jobs here. Yet they — and others across the state — have decided to change jobs to protect retire-

ment benefits they worked decades to earn.

"People who are currently eligible to retire are going to have to decide that for themselves," Faas said.

Faas conceded that a potentially large exodus of government workers could lead to "a brain drain of senior people" who can choose to retire and find other jobs, either in the public or private sector.

Officials here and elsewhere have indicated that job flight among government employees could be hastened as those who are eligible to retire scramble to avoid controversial, pending state measures. Those who can't retire — and who are left behind — could potentially face paying at least 20 percent of their health care costs.

Casari plans to retire from a job that pays \$115,932 a year. Karl leaves a \$91,446 post.

Meanwhile, Canton Human Resources Manager David Medley said their departures have prompted local officials to implement a cost-cutting reorganization plan.

Casari's job, which has a salary range of \$88,179 to \$115,932, will be downgraded from township engineer to engineering services manager, with a new pay range of \$77,891 to \$101,260.

Karl's position of public works superintendent will be

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medications, even though they weren't necessary and/or ever provided.

According to the indictment, the participating patients also got kickbacks. They were recruited into the scheme by recruiters, who would pay kickbacks and bribes to patients in exchange for their agreeing to have their insurance cards billed for medications purportedly dispensed at the Patel pharmacies.

According to the indictment, the Patel pharmacies billed Medicare at least \$37.7 million during the scheme, and at least \$20.8 million was billed to Medicaid.

Patel Pharmacies dispensed at least 250,000 doses of \ Oxycontin, at least 4.6 million doses of Vicodin, at least 1.5 million doses of Xanax, and at least 6,100 pint bottles of codeine cough syrup.

In addition to Patel, Canton suspects charged in the 34-count indictment include:

- Pharmacist Dineshkumar

- Patel, 33
- Pharmacist Anish Bhavsar, 35
- Pharmacist Kartik Shah, 34
- Pharmacist Lokeh Tayal, 35
- Accountant Chetan Gujarathi, 38, of Canton
- Harpreet Sachdeva, 38
- Ramesh Patel, 50

The case was investigated by a team of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. "Health care fraud steals funds from programs designed to benefit patients, and we all pay for it," U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade said. "Federal and state investigators have teamed up in recent months to detect and prosecute those who commit health care fraud, and we hope that the strength of our efforts will have a deterrent effect."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

Sheriff touts jail, drug busts

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new Wayne County jail will save taxpayers as much as \$30 million a year after it starts housing prisoners in 2014, Sheriff Benny Napoleon said Wednesday during a visit to Canton.

"That is a huge, huge savings for us as county taxpayers," he told a crowd of 75 people gathered inside the Fellows Creek Golf Club during a Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

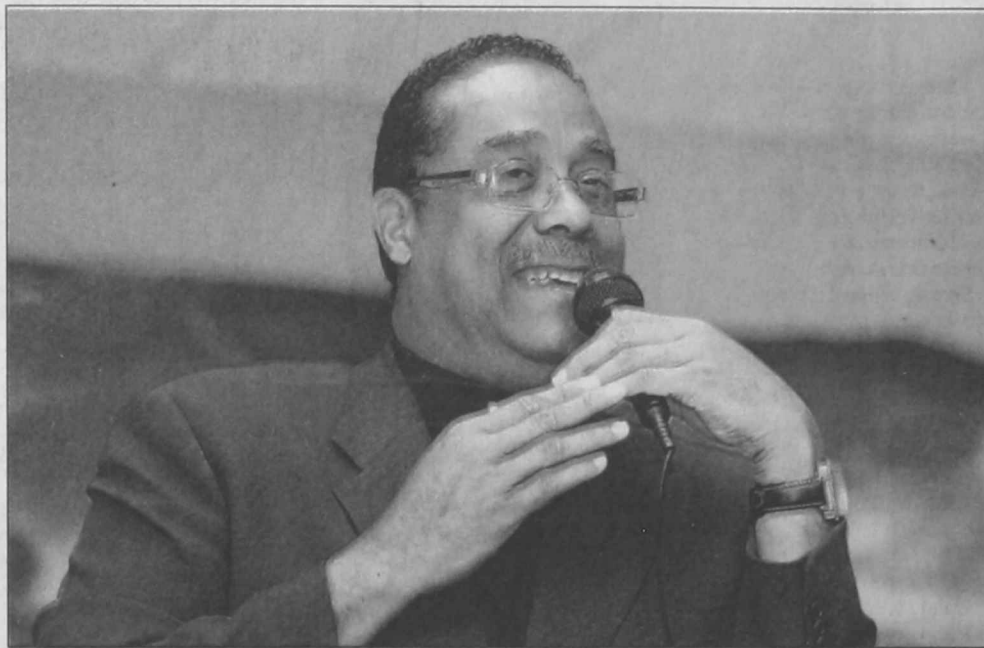
In a separate matter, Napoleon touted his department's narcotics unit for a cocaine bust last weekend in Detroit and two unnamed suburbs that took \$21 million in drugs off metro Detroit streets, seized \$300,000 in cash and led to five arrests. He declined to elaborate.

The new jail, Napoleon said, will streamline prisoner services by allowing authorities to house inmates in one location, demolish two downtown Detroit facilities and potentially lease the Hamtramck-based jail to federal officials.

"One of the first things I committed to (as sheriff) was to build a new jail," Napoleon said.

The new facility, expected to break ground in September, will be located near Gratiot Avenue and the I-375 freeway on the edge of Greektown.

A move to become more financially efficient could become increasingly critical as Wayne County seeks ways



Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon touted a new Wayne County jail during an appearance in Canton Wednesday.

to pay for housing prisoners. Though the three existing jails can house 2,800 inmates, Napoleon said he can only keep 1,800 prisoners behind bars because of a court order requiring more employees to handle a larger jail population.

Amid budget problems, the sheriff's department hasn't been able to expand its ranks to meet the court-ordered demand.

Napoleon turned to state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, who sat in the audience, and indicated any additional state funding would be welcome.

Colbeck replied, "I'd love to sit down and figure out how

we can stretch what we've got right now."

To avoid jail overcrowding, Napoleon said a move to release certain prisoners and monitor them with tethers has saved \$21 million a year. Authorities have tried to place less violent inmates on tethers.

During a sweep last Halloween weekend, the county did spot checks on tethered offenders and found that only six were violating the terms of their release. Of 16 sex offenders, Napoleon said, "every single one of them was where they were supposed to be."

Napoleon also said his department's Internet crimes unit has become more sharply

focused as online predators seek to commit crimes against children. He said it is his goal to keep youngsters "as safes as possible."

Napoleon's visit was orchestrated by Canton Township Trustee John Anthony, a former FBI supervisory special agent. Anthony said it was important for local residents to have a chance to meet a law-enforcement leader who, Anthony said, has made positive strides in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

"He makes things happen," Anthony said after Napoleon's speech. "He's on the right track."

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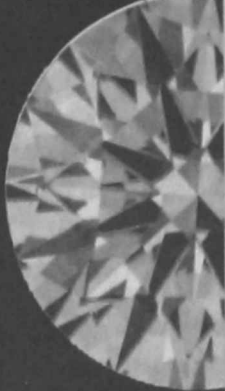
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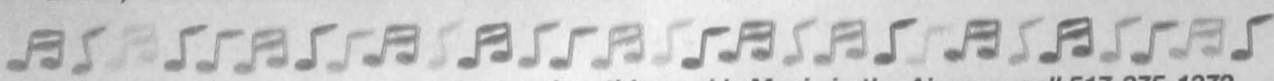
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Home invasion suspect faces trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton man who police say has a heroin problem has been ordered to stand trial amid accusations he committed two home invasions, fled from police in a stolen car and crashed it at Koppernick and Hannan, leaving him injured.

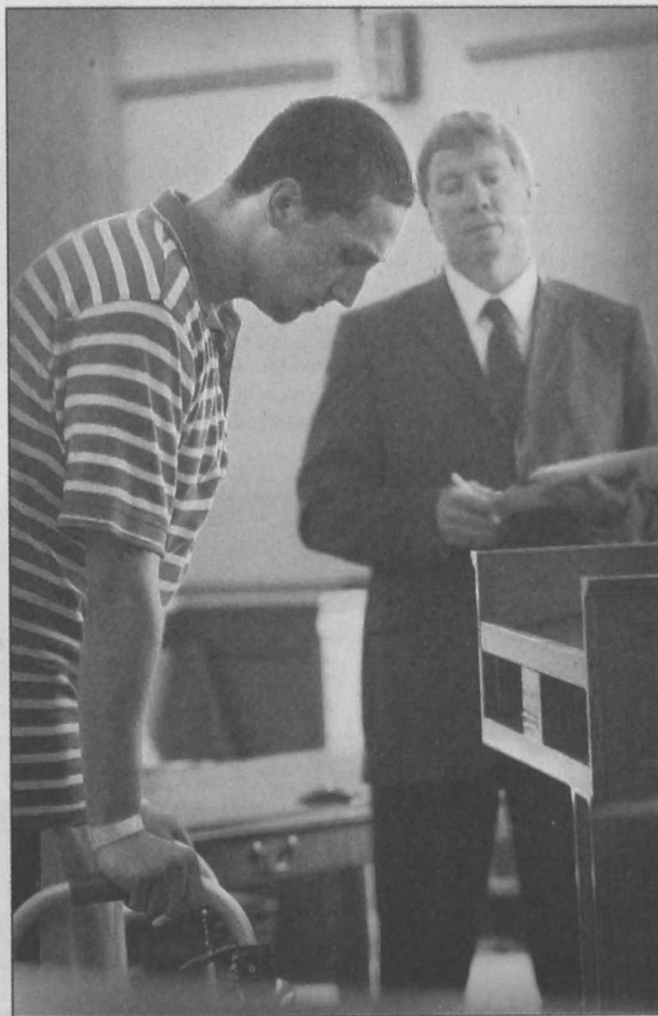
Theodore Gnida, 18, faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he chose Friday to waive his right to a preliminary examination in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testimony.

Gnida, a former prison inmate charged as a fourth-time habitual offender, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of 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 transaction device, or credit card; one count of fleeing and eluding police; and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Police have indicated in 35th District Court that Gnida has a heroin problem. He was charged after authorities say he crashed a stolen car and was captured early June 14 in a residential neighborhood northeast of Koppernick and I-275.

One home invasion occurred on Hillary Drive, where an intruder stole items such as cell phones, a purse, credit cards and cash. The other happened on John Drive, where a suspect took similar items and stole a Ford Flex.

Residents inside the John Drive home woke up after the Ford Flex struck a garbage can and made noise. They called police.



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Canton Police Detective Tim Wright watched defendant Theodore Gnida standing before Judge James Plakas during an earlier court appearance.

Shortly after Gnida's arrest, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said the capture occurred after officers spotted the stolen Ford Flex being driven away and trailed it to Koppernick, where the driver led authorities on a short chase that ended when the car hit a tree.

During his earlier arraign-

ment in 35th District Court, Gnida entered the courtroom using a walker due to injuries he allegedly suffered during the crash.

Though he has been charged, a not-guilty plea has been entered on his behalf.

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CRIME WATCH

Assault charge

A suspect was arrested after Canton police say he assaulted a Kroger employee after he tried to steal six cases of Budweiser from the store on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Michigan Avenue.

The incident happened just before 6 p.m. Sunday.

A police report indicated that a middle-aged white male placed the beer in a grocery cart and tried to leave Kroger without paying. When he was confronted by a loss prevention employee, he pushed the cart toward her and struck her several times with it.

The suspect then ran, got into a silver Grand Am that fled north on Canton Center. Police stopped the car and arrested him. He was facing criminal charges for the incident.

Diamond disappears

A woman checking out at the register at Marshalls, a store on Ford Road east of Lilley, said her diamond ring was stolen after it slipped off her finger.

The incident happened about 5:50 p.m. July 27.

The woman walked away from the register, noticed the ring missing and looked on the floor without finding it. A store video revealed that a customer in line behind the woman had picked up the ring and put it in her purse.

The suspect was described as a white female in her 30s with a small child.

Intruder alert

A woman notified police after an intruder tried to break into her home in the 1300 block of Heritage, northwest of Palmer and Haggerty, between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday.

The victim said she went to bed around 1 a.m. and later heard her dogs making noise. She said her husband arrived home at 5 a.m., started to unlock the door to the home and noticed that someone had tampered with the deadbolt and door knob.

Purloined pickup

A pickup truck and trailer were stolen between 9 p.m. July 27 and 6:15 a.m. July 28 from a business on Corinne, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road, a police report said.

A police investigation indicated that someone had cut through a fence and stole the truck and trailer, which contained lawn equipment.

Another trailer in the yard also had been broken into and items stolen.

Purse snatched

An IKEA shopper notified police after she said someone stole her purse while she was inside the store, northwest of Ford and Haggerty roads, last Thursday evening.

The woman said she was shopping and noticed that her pink leather purse was missing. She said she had placed it on a chair where she was sitting.

The woman told police the purse contained a blue Nike wallet that had a credit card and her temporary Michigan driver's license in it. She also said she lost her cell phone during the theft.

Traffic hazard

Canton police had a red Ford Aspire towed away after it was found parked near Mott and Denton roads, posing a traffic hazard. The car appeared to have a broken tie rod.

The incident happened about 12:40 a.m. Saturday.

A police report indicated the car was parked facing oncoming traffic on the south side of Mott. The area was dark, and police had the car hauled away to avoid having another motorist strike it and potentially face injuries.

Police couldn't immediately locate the owner.

Motorcycle theft

A man returning from work to his residence on Amherst Court, northwest of Lilley and Warren, contacted police after he learned that his motorcycle had been stolen. The theft occurred between 10 p.m. July 25 and 7 a.m. July 26.

The man told police he had left the motorcycle in a carport.

Drugs taken

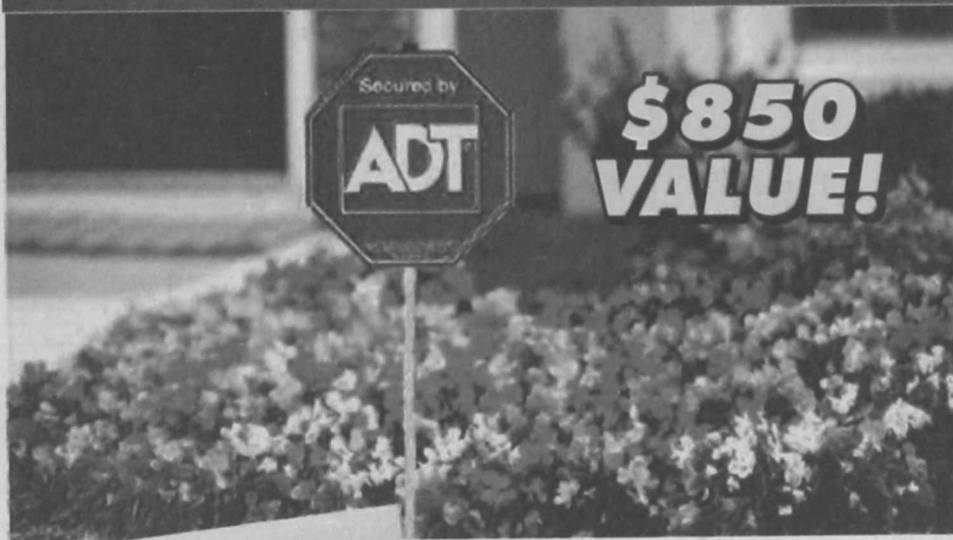
A woman who left her purse on the tailgate of her father-in-law's Dodge Ram truck while she went inside a residence on Tamarack, northwest of Michigan Avenue and Lotz, told police that her prescription drugs were stolen from it.

She told police she left the purse while she went upstairs in her apartment for a moment. When she returned, items inside the purse had been dumped out, and her medications were gone.

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'Spectacular' Concours draws 10,000-plus car buffs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scorching weather couldn't keep people from cool cars Sunday as thousands visited the Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of rare, vintage and classic vehicles, during its Plymouth Township debut.

The golf course at The Inn at St. John's on Five Mile was transformed into acres

of the steel, rubber chrome and glass of the 331 cars, most of them restored to showroom condition, in the Concours. Unrelenting heat made shade trees the second-biggest attraction on the course, after the cars, and wide-brimmed hats for men and sun umbrellas for women appeared to be making a comeback.

With an attendance of over 10,000 Sunday, the Concours drew raves from exhibitors.

"It's spectacular," said Tom Griffith of Verona, Wis., who displayed his 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, a British car, only six of which were delivered to the U.S. "For the first time having it here, I think they did a good job." It was Griffith's first Concours.

"It's a wonderful show. The committee did a great job," said Robert Sirna of Rochester, a repeat Concours



Max Javor and his brother, Jack, from Plymouth loved the cars, and got a ride of their own at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.

exhibitor who showed off his 1958 Kurtis, which raced the Indianapolis 500 for three consecutive years.

FULL WEEKEND

Sunday's Concours was the culmination of several days of related events, including a motoring tour for show-car owners, an exhibition of automobile-themed art, a trip by 40-some of the classic cars to Michigan International Speedway, and an auction of 70 collectible cars that generated more than \$7.6 million in sales.

Cars were exhibited in more than 25 classes, including, for the first time, a class dedicated to Indianapolis 500 racers as a

commemoration of the storied race's 100th anniversary. The Indy class drew more than 30 cars.

"This is a special Indy presentation. Probably one of the best in the country," said Sirna, who opened up the Kurtis on the MIS track Friday. (He had no idea how fast it went, he said; the car has no speedometer.)

Sirna put on a show Sunday afternoon, starting up the Kurtis and revving the engine for a few minutes, attracting a crowd of onlookers who cheered after he shut it down.

The Concours kept local officials and community groups busy with logistics and support services.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume was out Friday, Saturday and Sunday, making sure traffic kept flowing and that township workers kept roadside litter picked up.

"We just wanted to put the community's best foot forward," said Reaume.

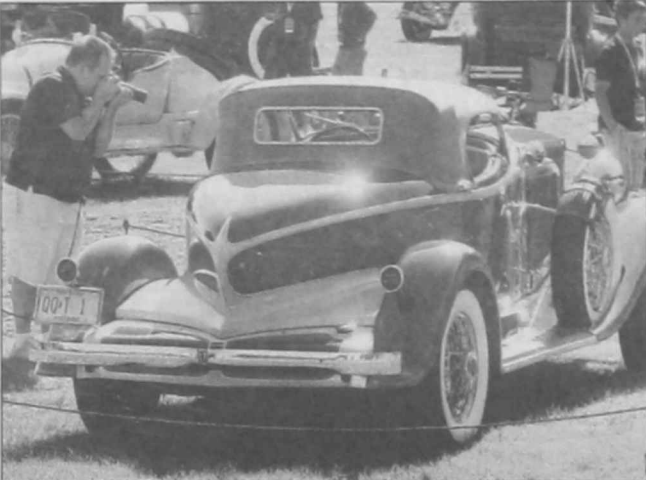
He also took in the car show; Cadillacs are Reaume's favorites, as he worked in General Motors Corp.'s Clark Street plant, where Caddys were made, years ago.

"I think it was spectacular. It was awesome," Reaume said of the Concours presentation.

"I thought it was a very nice venue and just a beautiful setting for looking at some really beautiful cars," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok, who was among volunteers from the Plymouth Rotary who provided parking control at St. John's.

Concours exhibitors and their cars competed for awards in many different categories, but the best-in-show honors went to the 1933 Duesenberg SJ Riviera Phaeton owned by John Groendyke of Enid, Okla. (domestic car class), and the 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn Kurier, owned by Arturo and Deborah Keller of Colonia Tlacopac, Mexico (foreign car class).

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St. John's Volunteer Rick Lipski takes photos of a 1933 Auburn Model 12-161A Speedster during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's.

Movie star's rare Packard fetches \$1.1 million at Concours auction

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 1932 Packard originally owned by actor and singer Al Jolson led the field Saturday as an auction of collectible cars in Plymouth Township generated more than \$7.6 million in sales.

The Packard Twin Six convertible, one of only two made, fetched \$1.1 million from an undisclosed buyer, according to RM Auctions, which

ran the auction, one of many events surrounding Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America.

The live auction at The Inn at St. John's included in-person bidders and others submitting bids by phone; there were 70 cars total on the block. The auction book, required to enter the competition, sold for \$100 each.

"We are very pleased with the results from our St. John's sale this weekend," said Gerry Hockin, RM's chief operating

officer, in a press release. Hockin added the response to the new venue — the annual Concours had been at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester for 32 years — was "extremely positive."

The Packard, which cost Jolson \$6,600 new, hadn't been displayed for nearly 50 years, the press release said.

Another notable auction item was the "Ghost Car," a 1939 Pontiac Deluxe Six with a see-through body made of Plexiglas. Made for the 1939-

40 World's Fair in New York City, the "Ghost Car," with just 86 miles on it, sold for \$308,000.

Other big-ticket vehicles at Saturday's auction included a 1929 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Berline (\$704,000), a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing (\$676,500), and a 1934 Duesenberg Model J Bobtail Speedster (\$506,000).

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SOLDIER

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Third Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division when he was wounded July 19.

"His job was to fire a big truck-mounted rocket," his mother said. "His unit was going between two platoons and hit an IED" — an improvised explosive device, or roadside bomb.

The blast killed Staff Sgt. James Christen and Army Sgt. Jacob Molina and injured Anthony Green and a fourth soldier. Barbie Green said she feels for the mothers of the slain soldiers.

"That just broke my heart," she said.

The Army vehicle pinned Anthony Green down as other soldiers fought off enemy attackers, according to reports his mother has heard. A crane had to be brought in to free some of the soldiers.

Anthony Green was taken

to a U.S. Air Force base in Afghanistan and then to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a military hospital in Germany. He was flown from there to Hawaii, where he continues to recover.

Barbie Green, a Walled Lake Central High School teacher, was in France studying about that country and World War II as part of a program through the National Endowment for the Humanities when she phoned her husband and learned of her son's injuries.

"I was there studying World War II, and war came to my doorstep," she said.

She caught a train to Germany to be by her son's side, and she has since returned home to her husband and their youngest son Ian, who will be a senior at Plymouth High School.

By joining the Army, Anthony Green followed in his parents' footsteps. Barbie and Guy Green actually met when they were field artillery offi-

cers in the Army. She was on active duty for four years; her husband, 10 years.

Now, the Green family is eagerly awaiting a homecoming for their son. He is expected to get a convalescent leave to visit them within a few weeks. After that, his mother said, he is expected to return to Hawaii, but not Afghanistan.

Barbie Green has asked that anyone who wants to contribute to charity on her son's behalf consider two organizations:

- Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org), which provided clothes, a backpack, toiletries and other items to her son during his hospital stay.

- Fisher House (www.fisherhouse.org), which provides away-from-home lodging to military families when their loved ones are hospitalized. Fisher House helped Barbie Green in Germany.

"They gave me a place to stay free of charge," she said.

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AROUND CANTON



Power dancing

The company members of planetdance in Canton recently traveled to Ocean City, Md., for the Starpower Dance Finals. The team consists of 65 members who trained for the week in Maryland. "We had five routines make into the finals and I was very pleased with the outcome," planetdance's Jen Toby said. "Two of our routines placed in the top three out of 1,600 acts and I couldn't be prouder of all the dancers." One of the dancers, Maricia Stafford, was named the "Future Star" of the week and will be mentioned in the upcoming Dancer magazine. planetdance is located at 44314 Cherry Hill and is hosting a three-day summer intensive workshop Aug. 15-17. For more information, call (734) 414-0641 or check out the website at planetdancestudio.com.

Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On?" Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education. **Contact:** For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Cars and bikes

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: 39375 Amrhein Road (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eccles, Livonia)
Details: P.L.A.V. Post #166 hosts the fourth annual Car and Bike Show. Whereas an unknown number of motorcycles will be on display it is anticipated that upwards of 400

"muscle cars" will be present. Both motorcycles and automobiles can be viewed and photographed for free. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be available, for a donation, with all proceeds going to those who serve and protect our freedoms.

Kidz Kamp

Date/Time: Aug. 18-19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Mill Race Village in Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers its "KIDZ KAMP" for grieving children. The camp will offer many fun activities for children of all faiths between the ages of 4 and 12 including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. The camp is free, but space is limited.
Contact: Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

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

Spaghetti dinner

Date/Time: Aug. 6, 4-7 p.m.

Location: 2100 Hannan in Canton (between Palmer and Glenwood)

Details: Abundant Life Church of God sponsors a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, available for any donation amount. The event includes a Silent Auction held from 4-7 p.m. with many great items.
Contact: Abundant Life Church, (734) 722-7688; Jennifer, (734) 536-9917

Golf for hockey

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Hickory Creek Golf Club, Ypsilanti

Details: The Plymouth, Canton, Salem Boys Varsity Hockey Team's 13th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser includes a \$10,000 Hole-in-one contest, prizes for closet to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins, and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner. Cost is \$120.00 per player or \$425.00 a foursome.

Contact: To register please contact Patti at berlin.patti@yahoo.com

Farm exhibit

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

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

Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the

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Shining Stars Theater debuts with 'Story of Grimridge'

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Andrea Fisher saw a need in Garden City and responded by developing a youth theater program.

The group's first production, *The Story of Grimridge*, has one show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Henry Ruff Elementary School at Henry Ruff and Maplewood, east of Merriman. Tickets are \$5, available at the door.

Fisher, 19, a student at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, has had a passion for theater ever since she began performing in youth theater shows as a young child.

"There were no children's theaters in Garden City, leaving the kids with no place to perform close to home," Fisher said.

She wanted to find a way to provide those kids the with same chance that she had to perform onstage. After months of numerous phone calls, e-mails and sending out 300 fliers to

different schools, the idea of Shining Stars Theater became a reality.

"Today, there are 10 very talented girls and boys, ages 8-12, all from Garden City, performing in the program," Fisher said.

She said planning took months and she heads the next day back to college, where she is studying communications and creative writing.

Her mother, Michelle Fisher, is the producer.

The performers helped to write the play, the story of a young girl, Lily, who doesn't believe in "happily ever afters." She finds herself lost in the Kingdom of Grimridge, which is being ruled by the evil Lady Minerva. Lily befriends mermaids, elves and fireflies and learns about the horrible things being done to the kingdom. She must find the courage to stand up to Lady Minerva and, along with Prince Dylan and the rest of her friends, make the kingdom a better place for everyone.

"*The Story of Saving Grimridge* is a fun-filled fairy tale with lots of sing-

ing, dancing and even sword-fighting," Fisher said.

The full cast has 10 performers: Bethany Stoddart as Lily, Emily Proctor as Lady Minerva, Dominic Tomasi as Prince Dylan, Meghann Butchart as Mrs. Cobblestone, Riley Klauza as Aqua the Mermaid, Arianna Sawyer as Kayla the Elf, Alison Kindred as Spinz the Body Guard, Alyssa Griglio as Madame Delia the Gypsy, Lucas Stoddart as the Messenger and Kennedy Klauza as Glow the Firefly.

Proctor, 12, said that she enjoys her role as Lady Minerva because her character gets to be in charge. Tomasi, 11, also like his role as Prince Dylan.

"He gets taken to the dungeon and has to find a way to get free," he said.

Riley Klauza, 11, also plays Mother Nature.

"I'm friends with the firefly and I help Lily solve her problems," Klauza said.

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Kennedy Klauza, Meghann Butchart and Riley Klauza dance to the song "Happily Ever After."

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The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township provided a new home for visitors to the Concours d'Elegance Sunday.

Rarest of the rare cars turn up at Concours

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of the hundreds of classic and antique cars on display Sunday at the Concours d'Elegance of America, two were among the rarest of their kind — even when new.

Tom Griffith's 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, he says, was one of only six delivered to the U.S. from the manufacturer in Coventry, England, and one of only 77 ever made. Rescued from a pig barn in Wisconsin, the model is the only one still on the road in the U.S., he said.

"Probably the most original example of this car in existence," said Griffith as he talked about restoring the four-cylinder Lea Francis.

Nearby Sunday on the golf course at The Inn at St. John's was William Ruger Jr. and his 1936 Cadillac 90 Series V-16, a 6,000-pound behemoth with, yes, a 16-cylinder engine and a "turret top" body by Fleetwood, the famed automobile body specialists. Only 50 V-16s were made annually between 1934 and 1937, said Ruger, and only 11 in the four-door sedan body style of his car.

"Mechanically, it's quite advanced" and also easy to drive, Ruger said.

PERSISTENCE PAYS

Griffith, of Verona, Wis., is partial to British sports cars; his collection also includes a 1949 Triumph, a 1935 MG and a 1952 Allard. This year's Concours was his first.

Griffith bought the Lea Francis about a year ago from a woman whose late husband had driven it. It had sat in a pig barn, where many other vehicles owned by local residents were also stored, for more than three years, and the widow hung onto it for sentimental reasons, he said. The car had been in her husband's family for 57 years.

"Nobody could get to this widow. She didn't want to sell," he said.

It took some coaxing, and a promise of the first ride in the restored car, and the



This 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, one of only 77 made, is owned by Tom Griffith of Verona, Wis., who enjoyed telling admirers about it during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America at The Inn at St. John's.

woman agreed to part with it for \$10,000, Griffith said. Ultimately, he said, he had convinced her that he would do what her husband would have done — restore the car — and showed her examples of his previous restorations.

"She's very pleased that she did sell me the car," Griffith said.

Rust wasn't an issue for the aluminum body on the Lea Francis, Griffith said, and the engine, with just 16,800 miles, needed little but hoses, clamps and a good cleaning.

"I just cleaned it up. That's all I did," Griffith said. With a new battery and fresh gas in the carburetor, it started right up, he said.

The roadster needed brakes and paint, and some parts needed to be rechromed, but the glass is original, and so is the upholstery, though it had been recovered by someone who apparently didn't like the original style, Griffith said.

The British man who had obtained the assets of Lea Francis when the company failed in the 1960s helped Griffith by supplying needed parts.

Griffith, an executive at Badger Printing Systems, likes to take his vintage cars out.

"I go grocery shopping in this car," he said. "I drive my cars. They don't just sit and look pretty."

GARAGE FIND

Ruger, of Newport, N.H., has had his Cadillac V-16 since

1995.

"It needed everything" but "wasn't a wreck," said Ruger. "It was just in somebody's garage," he added.

The Cadillac was restored by Fran Roxas, who has a restoration shop in the Chicago area (Roxas also restored this year's domestic best-in-show winner, a 1933 Duesenberg SJ Riviera Phaeton).

The restored V-16 was ready for two Concours shows in 1998: one at Pebble Beach in California and the other at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, where the Concours d'Elegance of America was held for 32 years before being moved to The Inn at St. John's this year.

Ruger said he enjoyed his return to the Concours, and this year's new venue. "I like it very much. I think it's an improvement because the hotel is right on the grounds," he said.

The retired chairman of the firearms manufacturer Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc., Ruger has a collection of about 30 cars. "There are also collections that are much bigger than that," he said.

Other rare cars at the Concours included a 1966 American Motors Marlin, with a 270-horsepower V-8 engine (only 4,547 made), a German-built 1964 Amphicar, made to travel on land or water (3,878 made) and a 1948 Tucker (only 51 made).

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Owner Bob Anderson from Philadelphia with his 1939 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet Prototype and Concours d'Elegance judges Guy Zaninovich of Ann Arbor, Webster Peterson of Minnesota and Ford Motor Co.'s Jim Farley.



This Aston Martin drew a large crowd, as did the other cars featured at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.



The Avanta was one of the cars on display.



This 1930 Packard 745 Sport Phaeton features its unique hood ornament.



The Mitchell Collection had its 1932 Stutz DV-32 Bearcat at Concours d'Elegance.



Luca Bigioni from Toronto sits in his father's 1952 Champion Special Indy car during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.



Sunday's event featured this 1959 Cushman Eagle motorcycle with a suicide clutch.



This 1954 Kaiser-Darrin "Pine Tint" was on display Sunday.



John Wall from Rochester gets a look at a 1967 Mercury Comet "Funny Car."

Barefoot presents second act in summer series

Barefoot Productions presents Act Two of its "Three Nights of Woody Allen & Music" Saturday, Aug. 6.

Barefoot Productions opened this comedy-music summer series July 23 to a sold-out, standing-room-only crowd. The first of the series, *Old Saybrook*, written by Allen, was a smash hit as could be heard by the laugh-a-minute reactions from the audience, said Barefoot's Craig Hane.

Now the series continues with *Riverside Drive* Saturday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. It's another zany and neurotic short play written by Allen, with wit, humor and, of course, neurosis.

In *Riverside Drive*, Jim, a successful writer, is preparing to meet with his mistress, Barbara, at a secret and secluded location along the Hudson River. What Jim was not expecting was the company of Fred, his writing partner. Fred knows of Jim's affair and discusses the trials and tribulations of continuing this affair. Sometimes Fred's suggestions are not altogether from his own head, or even from this earth. Once Barbara enters the communication line the "affair" becomes frantic and crazier. Imagine, a 'Who's On First' dialogue about adultery.

The production features Wade Martin of Berkley Mass., new to Plymouth, as Jim; Chadwick A. D'Aigle of Northville and Linda McCalister from Ann Arbor.

Following *Riverside Drive*, theater-goers can sit back and hear the sounds of Five Miles More, a jazz quartet from the Ann Arbor area. They will end the night with a concert of the sounds and songs of pure Jazz. Linda McCalister will sit in with Five Miles More to lend her vocal talents.

This performance is for one night only, with a ticket cost of \$15. Reservations are available by calling the Barefoot Productions Box Office at (734) 560-1493 or online at www.justgobarefoot.com. Seating is limited.

The "Three Nights of Woody Allen & Music" concludes Aug. 20 with the performance of *Central Park West* and music from the Adam Dib Quartet.

Barefoot Productions Theater is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 560-1493.



Wade Martin (from left), Linda McCalister and Chadwick A. D'Aigle in a scene from Barefoot Productions' presentation of 'Riverside Drive.' Barefoot presents the play, the second in a three-night summer series, Saturday.

Madonna dean reappointed to state board of nursing

Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced the re-appointment of Madonna University's Teresa Thompson to the Michigan Board of Nursing.

The board was created to establish qualifications for nurse licensure, establish standards and approve nurse education programs; develop and implement criteria for continued competency; and take disciplinary action against licensees when the health, safety or welfare of the public has been adversely affected.

"I believe it is important to give back to the profession and being part of the board offers a level of service like no other," Thompson said. "The regulatory process is an important one to protect the public and regulate the profession."

Thompson, of Farmington Hills, is the dean and professor at the College of Nursing and Health at Madonna University. Thompson earned a registered nurse diploma from the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Ohio, both bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Wayne State University and a doctorate from the Wayne State University College of Nursing. She represents registered professional nurses with a master's degree engaged in nursing education in a baccalaureate or higher program.

Thompson has served on the board for the previous two years. This appointment is her first full-term, which is a four-year appointment.

"I am pleased to be re-appointed. With 23 members on the board, I have witnessed a commitment at all levels of nursing, as well as the public commitment, to have an accountable process for the profession," Thompson said.

Also recently appointed or re-appointed to the board by Snyder are Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, Leah Cohen, Mary Corrado and Mary Brown.

Corrado, of Canton, is president and CEO of the American Society of Employers and has more than 15 years of experience in association management. She is a certified compensation professional as well as a certified management assessor.



Thompson

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Food truck serves gourmet meals cooked to order at your location

Concrete Cuisine, a gourmet mobile food establishment, is owned by local chefs Justin Kava of Livonia and Jeff Aquilina of Plymouth. Kava answered the following questions about the business, which opened May 20.

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

Concrete Cuisine is a fully licensed gourmet food truck with the ability to service most outdoor functions. Our truck comes on-site and cooks fresh food to order for all of our guests. We are in the Livonia area on a daily basis serving Fresh Eats on the Streets! We are available for numerous events including graduation parties, corporate lunches and events, tailgating, block parties, nightlife, sporting events, etc. Concrete Cuisine's chefs can execute their eclectic menu for your party.

What makes your business unique?

Unlike ordinary food trucks, we have a revolving menu with food that is cooked onsite to order. We use fresh seasonal ingredients with Michigan products whenever possible. We specialize in familiar foods with a surprising twist. **How did you first decide to open your own business?**

The original concept for Concrete Cuisine started as "The Finer Diner." We planned on opening an upscale diner but quickly found that the cost associated with opening a full-scale restaurant was way beyond our means. A short time later we read an article in Time Magazine



Justin Kava, Jeff's parents George and Nancy Aquilina and Jeff Aquilina with the Concrete Cuisine truck.



Jeff Aquilina's mom Nancy Aquilina takes orders and waits on customers.

about food trucks in L.A. and decided this was the route to go. We decided to take the same idea of familiar food with an upscale twist, from a traditional restaurant setting, to the new trend sweeping across the nation. Thus the conception and realization of an upscale food truck.

How did you decide to locate in the Livonia area?

Having been longtime residents of the Livonia area, we are both familiar with the city and have family and friends in the area who have been extremely supportive

of Concrete Cuisine from day one. We focus on serving Livonia and surrounding communities on a daily basis. The business's mailing address is in Plymouth; the truck is kept in Garden City.

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

Something funny: As first-time small business owners, with no employees, we quickly found that all of our culinary travels have begun all over again. We are once again the dishwashers, cooks, cleaners, etc. Something we've found to be interesting: most brick and mortar restaurants begin to establish regular clientele who often visit their establishment over time. We have found this to also be true with Concrete Cuisine. We think it is awesome that we have regular customers who come to dine with us even as our locations change.

For more information, call Concrete Cuisine at (734) 709-5566 or visit concretecuisine.com. They are on Facebook and Twitter as Concrete Cuisine.

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

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Volunteers needed

Canton Chamber of Commerce officials are seeking volunteers to pass out Shop Canton bags at the jazz concerts in July and August.

The concerts will be held at various parking lots along Ford Road. Still open are the following dates: Aug. 5 (1), Aug. 19 (1).

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Kroger days

Chilled root beer poured over tasty vanilla ice cream is what Kroger shoppers can expect when they once again show their generous support for Easter Seals Michigan during Kroger's Annual A & W Root Beer Float Days fundraiser through Aug. 13.

Kroger stores throughout the state will be selling famous A & W Root Beer floats on the weekends during these dates for \$1, with 96 cents from each float sale applied directly to Easter Seals' programs and therapies for people with disabilities, mental illness and other special needs.

abilities, mental illness and other special needs.

This year Kroger has decided to extend the program for an additional week with a goal to raise \$100,000 for Easter Seals, nearly doubling the amount raised in 2010.

Beetle mania

The all-new 2012 Volkswagen Beetle features front and rear exterior lighting from Hella, including headlamps, fog lamps, front side markers, tail lamps, rear reflex reflectors and a center high-mounted LED stop lamp.

Introduced earlier this year at the New York Auto Show, the U.S. version of the new Beetle underlines Hella's position as a major supplier of automotive lighting.

"Hella's relationship with Volkswagen and the VW Beetle dates back to the first Beetle prototype in 1935 and the start of mass production in 1945," said Ignacio Moreno, CEO of Hella's Lighting Division in the Americas.

Speaking at a recent press conference at Pine Lake

Country Club in suburban Detroit, he noted that "the partnership has continued with Hella Lighting on a variety of Beetle models over the years."

Hella began development of its lighting programs for the new 2012 Beetle in 2009. To develop the tail lamps, members of Hella's engineering and product development staff in Plymouth, led a core design team located in Lippstadt, Germany. The headlamps were designed by Hella's engineering team in the Czech Republic.

Hella will be providing halogen and HID versions of the headlamp for the American and European markets. The halogen headlamp uses a standard reflector system using an HB2/ H4 bulb for high and low beam. The daytime running lamp and position lamp functions are achieved by using one double filament bulb. Production of the halogen version of the headlamps for the new Beetle started earlier this year at Hella's facility in Mexico City.

CHAMBER CHAT

Leadership Canton

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Leadership Canton Class. Leadership Canton is a Cornerstone Program that provides a conduit for its participants to get to know themselves, each other, and to create a learning community for team building throughout the year.

Each year, as part of the eight-month program, 25 developing leaders delve into the issues facing the community- from education, business and economic development, nature of leadership and the community development to health and human services. The program is designed around in-depth monthly sessions, led by experts in each of the areas, with a focus on the treasures and challenges of the Canton Community.

Application to Leadership Canton's Cornerstone Program is open to all persons living or working in the Canton community area. Join us if you have ...

- A sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve Canton
- Genuine concern for the future of Canton and its community
- Potential for advancement to top leadership positions within your own organization
- The intention of seeking appointments to

community boards, commissions or key volunteer leadership positions

Become part of a recognized network of over 300 Leadership Canton alumnus and their companies. The 2011-2012 class begins in October and is limited to just 25 people.

Deadline for applications with a \$100 (non refundable) deposit is Aug. 30. The application forms are available at the Chamber Office or you can download the form from the website at www.cantonchamber.com, just look in the Member Information section under forms/fliers. Submit forms to the Chamber Office by fax (734) 453-4503 or drop it off at the Chamber Office located at 45525 Hanford Road, in Canton.

Ribbon cuttings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce honors a couple of businesses in the community with a pair of ribbon-cutting events:

- Village Green of Canton celebrates its 20th anniversary at noon Saturday, Aug. 20. Village Green is located at 41420 Village Green Blvd., W., (on the west side of Haggerty just north of Cherry Hill).
- Fireside Hearth and Home cuts its ribbon 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. It's located at 42679 Ford Road, in the strip where Koko Fit and Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Shop is located.

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Nathan Pohl, 11, of Canton recently organized a fundraising yard sale for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, raising \$2,200 with the help of family, friends and neighbors. More than 30 families donated items for the sale.

Diabetes fundraiser had 'lots of prayers'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nathan Pohl hasn't found his diabetes all that hard to live with. "There's really no limitations," said Pohl, 11, a Canton resident and homeschooler. The son of Mike and Cindy plays hockey and runs track. He held a yard sale recently and raised \$2,200 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. "To help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation," he said of his reason for the fundraiser, held for the second year. At least eight people helped this year, including with pricing. "Lots of people donated stuff," he said. "We had lots of prayers for our cause."

All items for the sale were

donated and those left over were given to charities such as the Salvation Army and Clothing Closet in Detroit, mom Cindy said. "It was more like a rummage sale," she said. "We had so much stuff." Nathan was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 9 and has good control of the condition, she said. "He worked very hard" on the sale, Cindy said. "We had a lot of family and friends that helped out." They appreciated all the help and donated items, some of which were unusual, including a toilet paper holder shaped like bicycle handlebars. "It was the first thing that sold," Nathan said. "We laughed so hard."

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Tiny Tot Olympics and Parksapalooza return Friday

Children and parents looking for a way to spend a summer day might want to check out Heritage Park on Friday when two events, Tiny Tot Olympics and Parksapalooza, return. Tiny Tot Olympics is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. offering games and fun for children ages 2 to 6. Every child who participates will be a gold medal winner and have a chance to hold flowers and be recognized as an outstanding athlete. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. A \$3-per-child fee will be collected on site the day of the event. Meanwhile, children ages 5 to 15 are invited to participate in the seventh annual Parksapalooza 1-4 p.m. They will get an afternoon of fun,

games, contests and what organizers called wild and crazy activities. Staff from Canton's supervised playground program will lead the activities, though parents are responsible for their children during the event, located in the Heritage Park amphitheater. A \$5-per-participant fee includes all afternoon activities. For more information on these or other events, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

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50 miles, 50 states, 50 days

Kidney recipient rides bike to raise awareness about need for organ donors

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eighteen people die each day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. So this summer, David Landsberg rides. And rides. And rides. Landsberg, a kidney transplant recipient in 1999, recently rode his bike through the local area, including a trip down Hines Drive on day No. 24 of his "Donors Rock Ride," his quest to ride his bike 50 miles in 50 states in 50 days. Landsberg was joined at the Cycle to Fitness bike shop on Farmington Road in Livonia by six members of the Racing Greyhounds riding club and Jennifer Tislerics, special events and partnerships coordinator of the Gift of Life Michigan. Tislerics said the ride was a "great opportunity to spread his message."

Landsberg is riding his bike to educate the public and promote the need for registered organ, eye and tissue donors. More than 110,000 Americans are waiting for life-saving transplants. Landsberg, who is partnering with Donate Life America on his Donors Rock Ride, began the ride July 4, the anniversary date Landsberg received his life-saving kidney from a 6-year-old boy. "If there are no donors, there are no recipients," Landsberg said. Landsberg, of Dallas, Texas, was born with polycystic kidney disease, a progressive degenerative disease that leads to renal failure, he said. Both kidneys and his spleen were removed in 1998. He was on dialysis three days a week, four hours a day and, he said, he "watched a lot of people die." "When you're sick, you start defining yourself by what's happening in your life," Landsberg said. "I would say I was a dialysis patient. Then one day I saw Kirk Douglas



David Landsberg rides his bike Wednesday in Hines Park as part of his Donors Rock Ride.



David Landsberg (third from left) was joined on his bike ride by members of the Racing Greyhounds and Jennifer Tislerics (second from left), special events and partnerships coordinator for Gift of Life Michigan.

interviewed by Barbara Walters after he had suffered a stroke. She asked him why he was so happy, and he replied, 'I'm thankful it's not worse.' At that point Landsberg thought about Christopher Reeves, who was paralyzed from his horse-riding accident, yet Reeves never gave up in his efforts to regain mobility. "I thought, 'I've got it easy,'" Landsberg said. "I was more

grateful for what I had versus what I didn't have." Landsberg, founder of the Society for Organ Donor Awareness, calls July 4 his "Independence from Dialysis Day." He kicked off the ride in Austin, Texas, that day and will conclude it Aug. 23 in Oklahoma City. His mission is also to register new donors in every state. Landsberg said he feels

"fantastic" and is thankful and grateful for the family who gave him his opportunity to live with the donated kidney. Bike riding is "pretty grueling," doing the 50 miles day after day, he said. "I want to get people's attention to what I'm doing and open up dialogue to the whole donor process," Landsberg said. Landsberg has ridden his Specialized Roubaix bike 1,200 miles as of Wednesday. When he finishes in August, Landsberg will have ridden 2,600 miles. He added two more cities to bring the total number to 52 on the ride. Anyone who wishes to join the Donor Registry can do so at www.giftoflifemichigan.org, by calling (800) 482-4881 or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. Michigan residents who join the Donor Registry receive a red heart donor emblem for the front of their license or state ID card so they know they are fully registered.

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OUR VIEWS

Something to savor P-C, Livonia cook on food service deal

School officials in Livonia and Plymouth-Canton should be salivating over the potential two-year deal between the districts to consolidate food service operations under Plymouth-Canton management.

It's a deal that makes sense for any number of reasons. Both districts are struggling financially, and a consolidation of these services could help both qualify for another \$100 per student in state funding under Gov. Rick Snyder's reform that rewards districts which consolidate services.

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There's the added savings of splitting the salary of the food services director, Kristen Hennessey, whose time and money will now be shared between the two districts.

And it makes sense to share the wealth. In two years, Hennessey has turned the Plymouth-Canton food service operation into a winning prospect, financially and nutritionally. Already, Dodson Elementary has earned the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze

Award, and the other 15 elementaries seem poised to follow the lead.

Lisa Abbey, Livonia's finance chief, said she believes Plymouth-Canton would offer healthier and tastier food, get students through lines more quickly and increase participation by 20 percent, which would generate more revenue in the food services budget.

She said even though the districts are similar in size, 10,000 students purchase lunch at Plymouth-Canton schools compared with 4,000 at Livonia schools. If she's right — and there's no reason to think she's wrong — the financial boon could be even bigger for Livonia.

As Hennessey pointed out, combining with Livonia, a district with some 18,000 students, will give the partners better purchasing power when buying everything from food commodities to napkins and silverware. The potential savings there is great, as well.

The partnership won't come without glitches, of course. Hennessey may log more miles than a marathon runner splitting her time between the two districts. Livonia will hire an assistant, and Patty Russo, Hennessey's chief aide in Plymouth-Canton, will continue to be invaluable.

One of the best things about the deal is no jobs will be lost. Hennessey said Livonia will actually add 10 jobs to help deal with the changes.

More jobs. Money saved. Perhaps money earned, if the districts qualify under Snyder's plan. What's not to like?

"I think this is something that would reflect well on our districts," LPS Trustee Gregory Oke said.

As much as for the financial benefit, the districts should be applauded for innovative thinking. When Livonia's food service chief left for another career opportunity, officials didn't simply settle for the expense of hiring a new director. They opened a dialogue with neighboring Plymouth-Canton and, voila, the deal was born.

"It shows if you start to think outside the box, you can be really innovative and do some things," Hennessey said.

She's right. Administrators found a way to benefit both sides, not always an easy task.

It's a deal everyone can savor.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Michigan's economy is better, worse or the same as it was a year ago?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm retired, so it's hard to say. I'm not around that many people who work, but I'd say people are just going along with what they have."

Ora Hughes
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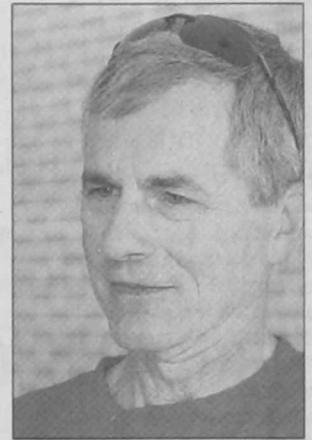
"I would say about the same. I got laid off in December of 2010 – seven months later my lifestyle hasn't changed much."

Elias Musallam
Canton



"Worse. I can tell from houses for sale in my neighborhood. They've gone down in price. So for me, it seems worse."

Nicole Lavroff
Canton



"From my perspective I'd say it's worse, just because I've lost my job within the last four months."

Gary Copenhaver
Canton

LETTERS

Making things up

In regards to the opinion article written by Don Zaksek, I want to know why the Observer allows guest writers to make things up?

In his opinion article "District needs merit-based pay scale" Mr. Zaksek claims the average teacher compensation with benefits is over \$107,000. That number is, simply put, a lie. The starting salary of a teacher in our district is under \$40,000 and with benefits of \$17,000 (Mr. Zaksek's number) that brings it to \$57,000.

Last year, PCCS hired more than 100 new teachers, equal to almost 10 percent of the total number. In addition, almost 25 percent of teachers have five or less years of experience. With that many teachers at the low end of the pay scale, I find it difficult to figure out how the average is \$107,000. Maybe the very top of the scale comes close to his number, but certainly not the average.

Now that we've seen that the numbers don't add up, let's take a look at the actual argument of his opinion piece: merit-based pay for teachers.

In the first and only scientifically rigorous test of merit pay for teachers, conducted from 2006-09 by Vanderbilt University in partnership with the RAND Corp., it was found that merit pay had no impact on student achievement or test scores. Let me repeat: NO IMPACT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OR TEST SCORES. These are the facts.

As a teacher, I work my hardest each and every day to reach all of my students. I take master's level

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classes. I attend subject matter workshops. I read about current pedagogical research. This is what improves teaching, not some subjective merit-based system that has been shown doesn't work.

People are entitled to their own opinions, but not to their own facts. I am disappointed the Observer printed Mr. Zaksek's misinformation or, as someone who doesn't like to use euphemisms would call it, his lies.

Bill Lembesis
Canton

Colbeck has worked hard

In his first few months in office, our new state senator, Pat Colbeck, has worked hard for us and has performed well. During this short time, Pat has:

- Fought any and all new taxes.
- Improved the climate for businesses to create jobs by helping to replace the onerous Michigan Business Tax and by pushing to eliminate government impediments to economic development.
- Promoted health savings accounts and pushed for Michigan to opt out of nationalized health care, leaving health decisions between the doctor and patient, not federal bureaucrats.
- Assisted in the timely creation of a balanced state budget - eliminating a huge projected deficit.
- Worked to refocus our education system on results.
- Promoted true transparency from our government.
- Labored to ensure that our Constitution is upheld in every government decision.

After years of decline, our state is beginning to get back on the path to prosperity. Keep up the good work, Pat.

Tom Marchesano
Plymouth

District one step closer to bankruptcy

BY MICHAEL MALONEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

Without much fanfare, our PCCS Board of Education took the district one step closer to an emergency financial manager at the end of June.

By a 7-0 vote, it approved a budget for the 2011-12 school year. Most of the audience was stunned when interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes recommended the board reject approximately \$10 million in cuts suggested by the administration. Then our elected representatives adopted a spending plan that exceeds revenue by approximately \$20 million.



Michael J. Maloney

Twelve months from now, using the district's own assumptions, P-C schools will be left with only \$70,000 in the fund balance. The "school crowd" has made the argument for years no school district should carry a fund balance, and that the existence of positive fund equity was a license to spend without limit. I disagree with the analogy that the fund balance should be considered a "rainy day fund." A fund balance is similar to the working capital account of a commercial business. As any business owner knows, cash is required to fund day-to-day operations and keep the business going at those times when revenue doesn't come in exactly when it's needed.

Operating with a low fund balance adds

terrible risk to daily operation of a school district. Since large districts like ours are primarily self-insured against disaster, a small fund balance also means should a tornado or other disaster strike one of our buildings, without a fund balance, we would not have the money to make repairs. This is an irresponsible position for any significant entity. Our kids deserve better.

The recurring problem of spending beyond our income actually gets compounded next year. The deficit for 2012-13 will be about \$26 million. If that doesn't concern you, consider this: Many of the assumptions made by the district in the budget are soft, and the problems may actually be significantly worse than stated.

For those of you who think that Lansing either caused this problem, or is likely to come in and save us, it would take approximately a \$1,400-per-student increase to fill the gap next year. Even the most optimistic board member can see the folly in believing that even if Lansing had the desire, it does not have enough money.

Of the \$26 million deficit, about \$4 million is attributable to "Lansing" and the rest to chronic increases over the past 15 years that were never addressed. Even if Lansing had the money, why would officials give it to a district which, like Detroit, completely failed to heed the warning signs or plan for the future? In the past seven years, the gap between revenue and spending has continually gotten worse and as result, our fund balance has continually gotten smaller.

As I try to make sense of our predica-

ment, I can only come to one logical conclusion (assuming this board is behaving logically). I believe the PCCS Board of Education has calculated that rather than make changes to its spending behavior (and the inevitable political heartburn), it purposely intends to bankrupt the school district in 2012, and create an "Us vs. Lansing" conflict, daring the governor to either cough up the extra \$26 million, or install an emergency financial manager and take over the district entirely. This would allow the board to "Blame Lansing." The school crowd believes Gov. Snyder simply won't allow a large suburban district like Plymouth-Canton to go bankrupt.

Our ship has hit the iceberg, but rather than plug the hole, our board chooses to listen to the music and enjoy the caviar, while the ship sinks. All seven board members should be profoundly ashamed. If they lack the courage to act, they should resign.

I am challenging the seven school board members to make a public statement and deny that this is their strategy, and if I am mistaken regarding their motive, tell us specifically what the strategy for success is. The public deserves to know if the board is choosing to gamble with the future of our children. If they choose not to provide detailed plans, we should all assume that my assertion is 100-percent on target.

Michael J. Maloney is a lifelong resident of the Plymouth-Canton community and a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• In response to "Services set for Canton mother of four," Thursday, July 28:

"I knew this young woman, she was a very nice and sweet person. Her husband and her 4 beautiful children are in my thoughts and prayers. She just had a beautiful baby boy 3 months ago. She will be deeply missed."

SNCCoggins

"This is heart wrenching for her family. I have known and worked with her dear mother for many years and she is a lovely, caring and giving woman. Her beautiful daughter was good and kind and has 4 little ones at home. Please send your prayers and kind thoughts to this broken hearted family."

lattewithskim

"This is so very sad. Prayers for this devastated family."

maturelady1

D.C. lessons: Try to keep financial house in order

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

As I was writing this column, the politicians in Washington were debating then voting on raising the U.S. debt ceiling. However, they had not begun to address the bigger problems of the debt and the deficit.

I believed they would reach some compromise and there would be no disruption in Social Security or veteran benefits. Some of the issues, however, discussed and debated deserve comment.

I am happy that the conversation in Washington has changed dramatically over the last year or so. It wasn't too long ago that politicians were all talking about spend, spend and spend some more. Now, the conversation has changed and they are talking about fiscal responsibility. That is a positive development. Our country's debt has mushroomed over the last couple years and it is strangling future growth in America. The conversation about spending cuts is, a positive development.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Of course, where those spending cuts are and how they are implemented is a concern.

I have paid close attention to the childish behavior in Washington and the most disappointing aspect of it has been how irresponsible our leaders have been. Whether it's members of Congress, the Senate, or the president, they all did nothing until the debt problem became a crisis. Shame on them. However, there is a lesson to be learned, and that is when dealing with our personal financial affairs we cannot afford to be as irresponsible as our elected representatives.

When you and I have a financial crisis, the key is to try to identify the problem as soon as possible and come up with a game plan to resolve it. In other words, do the exact opposite of what Congress and the president have done. When you address a problem

before it becomes a crisis, you generally have more options available. When you delay and wait until the last minute, the options are limited.

I believe that you can't rush into decisions. Rather, you need to take your time and review the appropriate documents. One reason people got into trouble with their mort-

gages, particularly adjustable rate mortgages, is they never took the time to understand what they were signing.

Although our elected leaders don't take the time to read what their voting on, you and I can't afford to be that negligent. We have to be proactive.

If nothing more we should learn something from

what's been happening in Washington. We need to monitor our financial situation on a regular basis and when problems arise, don't ignore them. Work through them as soon as possible. That doesn't mean that when problems exist they are easy to solve, because they're not. However, delaying and waiting until the last

minute only compounds the problem and makes it much more difficult.

Good luck!

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

Canton sets household waste day

Canton's annual Hazardous Household Waste Day takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon. This event is open to Canton residents only and is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

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kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, televisions and tires. To obtain a detailed list of what is, and is not, acceptable please call Canton Public Works at (734) 397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

In addition, The Wayne County Department of Environment will also hold a Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Southland Shopping Center located at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor. For more information on the Wayne County collection call 734/326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

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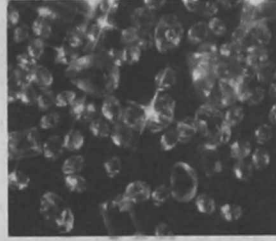
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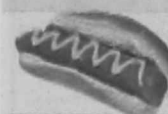
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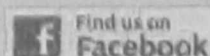
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Rockets coach Anderson let go

Assistant Kovatch named

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS BASKETBALL

In a stunning development, Mark Anderson is out and Eric Kovatch is in as Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball coach.

Anderson, who guided the Rockets to a 19-4 overall record last season, was informed Monday by Wayne-Westland Schools athletic director Greg Ambrose that his contract would not be renewed for a third season.

Kovatch, who teaches science at Glenn, was a paid varsity assistant under Anderson last year and coached the Rockets freshman team the previous two seasons before the 2010-11 team was dropped due to a lack of interest.

The 6-foot-8 Anderson, who played basketball at Central Michigan University, is not a Wayne-Westland district employee.

The 38-year-old Kovatch, a native of Yale and a University of Michigan graduate, has taught in the Wayne-Westland Schools the past 10 years and is a member of the teachers union where he had the option to file a grievance if not given the position.

"There's a (job) posting period and all (coaching) contracts are terminated at the end of the school year," Ambrose said. "All positions at the end of the year are open and we have to consider all applicants. There's a whole process to the hiring and we sent it to Human

Resources and it took some time to resolve.

"Nothing against Mark or what he was doing, but we had to go by what the (district) contract says. Based on what the contract says we had to honor it. You try and stick with those who have been coaching to keep the continuity, but sometimes you run into something like this and you have to make an adjustment."

Kovatch, who was an assistant girls track coach in the spring and will be the Rockets freshman football coach this fall, said he applied for the position when it was posted on May 1.

"I was encouraged by players and parents," Kovatch added. "I look forward to working with these girls. My bottom line — and the main goal and beyond — is to make sure they have a great experience and carry with them a good and wonderful high school experience. The basketball part will take care of itself."

After going 6-15 in his inaugural season as Glenn girls varsity coach, Anderson, with the help of three high-profile transfers, won 19 of 23 games with the only losses coming against Class A state champion Inkster (in the district final) and KLASA South Division rival and two-time state semifinalist Canton (three times).

Please see **ROCKETS, B3**



Paul Fried of Farmington Hills shows off his new recumbent bicycle that has enabled him to continue riding after a serious accident last year.

Back on the bike

Recovered from injuries, Fried rides for CCFA again

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The only person who thought Paul Fried would be able to ride in this year's Paul Fried Charity Ride was Paul Fried.

Doctors, family members and friends thought Fried would never ride a bicycle again, following a serious training accident last year.

But the 61-year-old Farmington Hills man was determined to participate in the event he started three years ago to benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

"Nothing could keep me off the bike," Fried said. "After I got out of intensive care, I was already thinking about riding again."

"Where there's a will, there's a way. I love it. Riding is a passion for me. I would hate to give it up."

"Everybody said, 'Don't get your hopes up; you might not heal.' I said, 'Don't worry; I'm going to be fine.'"

And he is, now. Through sheer will, he'll be pushing the pedals at the fourth annual Charity Ride for CCFA on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Just two days after last year's ride, Fried and other cyclists were riding in a tight pack when Fried's bike collided with another.

He flew over the handle bars and suffered catastrophic injuries — a broken pelvis, collarbone and ribs, a cracked spine and a collapsed lung

— when he landed on the pavement.

Fried's recovery has been nothing short of miraculous.

"That's what they told me in the hospital, considering my age and health situation," Fried said, adding an orthopedic surgeon put everything back together. "He said I probably wouldn't walk again for five or six months, fully unaided."

"I was very determined, and I did it in three and a half months. I consider myself extremely lucky, because I walked away from this with no residual effects. I could have been crippled; I healed up nicely. Maybe that's the power of positive thinking."

Please see **FRIED, B2**



JOHN MCFARLIN

Young Matthew McFarlin exudes confidence while going through patterns recently at the Novi Dojang.

Boy wonder, 6, eyes black belt

At promptly 4:45 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, Matthew McFarlin strides confidently through the huge gymnasium of Canton's Lifetime Fitness Center.

His destination: the choi kwang do dojang (classroom). Classes start at 5 p.m.

More often than not, he will lead the other students through warmup exercises before resuming his place at the rear of the group. For the next two hours, Matthew will participate in intricate patterns designed to promote self-defense, speed, balance and flexibility.

The bright red and black martial arts uniform he wears is a bit unusual in itself, but what surprises most observers is his age. On Aug. 6,

Matthew will test for his first-degree black belt, which is expected to make him one of the youngest ranking black belts in the country at just 6 years old.

So what exactly drives the pint-sized dynamo who won't turn 7 until September?

"If I knew what it was, I would bottle it and sell it on TV," joked Matthew's dad, John McFarlin of Dearborn. "I'd be rich."

The youngster immediately took to choi kwang do after parents John and Arcelie McFarlin signed him up shortly after he turned 4.

"After his second class, I could tell, it was something he really, really liked to do," Arcelie said.

Please see **BLACK BELT, B2**

Menovcik's second 'good next step'

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011 racing season "has been an on-and-off struggle" for Steve Menovcik due to a heel injury that doesn't heal quickly when you're a dedicated runner.

Menovcik was definitely on when he ran in the annual Founders Festival four-mile road race July 17 in Farmington, however.

The 42-year-old attorney was the men's Masters Division winner for the second year in a row, and he was the second runner overall across the finish line.

His goal was to break 22 minutes and he did, running well under that target time at 21:39.

Menovcik, who runs a lot of 5K and 10K races, puts it in the top 15 to 20 percent of his performances based on average time.

"I lost about nine weeks (of training because of the injury)," he said. "I've been working the last 10 weeks to try and get back. I was very happy and

pleased with how the race went and the time I ran."

Furthermore, Menovcik was less than a minute behind the overall men's winner — Emery Pitcel of Richmond, who ran 20:49 and is less than half Menovcik's age.

"I was happy with that," Menovcik said. "I got a chance to talk to him briefly, and he's a really good, young runner (from Grand Valley State University)."

"I remembered him from last year. He passed me this year just before Mile 2. He runs a very smart, strategic race, and has a lot of potential at age 20."

Menovcik, a longtime Farmington Hills resident who works with the Michigan legislature and now lives in the Lansing area, competed in his fourth Founders Festival race.

"The Founders is the only four-mile race during the year," he said. "I actually like the distance. It speaks volumes about a race when the top four finishers come back to race," he said.

"Herman (Smith of the Farmington

Hills Recreation Division) does a great job with registration and running the race. It's always very well done; I'll always put that on the calendar."

Menovcik is more of a long-distance runner, but he likes the Founders race as a nice change of pace.

He's won the Detroit Race for the Cure twice, in 2008 and 2009, and he's won the St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K in Livonia three straight years.

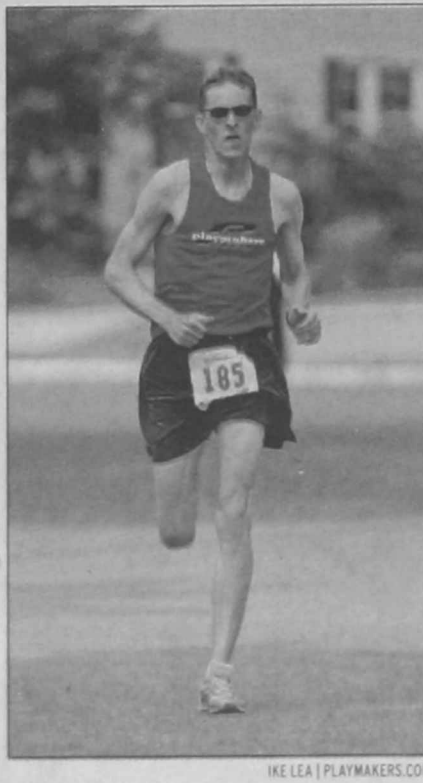
Menovcik's best marathon finish was 13th overall in the 2009 Detroit event when he ran 2:48.41. That was just two weeks after running a marathon in the St. Paul, Minn.

He also ran the Houston Marathon (2:47.28) in January, and his best time remains the 2:41.47 he ran at the San Antonio Marathon in 2008.

Golf had been Menovcik's sport of choice until nine years ago when he started running.

"I've loved it ever since," he said.

Please see **MENOVCIK, B3**



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Steve Menovcik competes in the 2011 Josh Spalsbury Comet Chase 5K race in Grand Ledge on June 18.

SIDELINES

Haeger to Red Sox

Tim Wakefield may have some knuckleball company some day as the Boston Red Sox recently signed Livonia native Charlie Haeger, who was released earlier this month by the Seattle Mariners' Tacoma Rainiers of the AAA Pacific Coast.

The 27-year-old right-hander, a Detroit Catholic Central High grad, went 2-2 with a 7.74 earned-run average for the Rainiers after undergoing back surgery earlier in the spring.

Haeger, who resides in Plymouth, had signed a minor league contract with the Mariners last year. He has spent parts of five Major League seasons (2006-10) with the Chicago White Sox, San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers.

In 34 major league games, Haeger is 2-7 with a 6.40 ERA in 83 innings.

BCAM All-Stars

Livonia Stevenson 6-foot-9 center Jalen Reynolds and Canton guard Dietrich Lever will play Saturday in the 32nd annual Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star Basketball Festival for seniors Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The four-game slate starts with the Class C-D girls game, featuring Miss Basketball Jasmine Hines (Central Lake), at 2 p.m. followed by the A-B girls at 3:30 p.m. Farmington Hills Mercy guard Janelle McQueen will play for the White team in the A-B girls game.

The Class C-D boys game, featuring Mr. Basketball Dwaun Anderson (Suttons Bay) starts at 5:40 p.m. (followed by a slam dunk contest). The A-B game completes the slate at 7:50 p.m.

Reynolds, headed to Brewster Academy (N.H.), will play for the A-B White team, while Lever will play for the A-B Black squad.

Tickets are priced at \$10, \$15 and \$20 and are available at TicketMaster and the Palace box office, or by calling (800) 745-3000.

Murphy sets marks

The Spartan Aquatic Club's Camden Murphy set a pair of records in last weekend's Michigan Long Course 14-and-Under State Championship meet held at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Murphy swam a 1:03.59 in the 100-meter backstroke to break the record of 1:04.94 (set in 1985) and the 50 butterfly in 28.5. He also captured the 200 butterfly (2:28.49), 50 backstroke (33.03) and took second in the 50 freestyle (27.48) and 100 freestyle (1:00.94).

Heersink medals

Livonia's Ian Heersink came away with three medals in last week's National Roller Figure Skating Championships held in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The 12-year-old, representing Riverside Arena in Livonia, captured a silver medal in the Elementary A Boys Circle Figures, along with bronze medals in the Boys Loops and Combined Figures.

It was the fourth consecutive year Heersink has medaled at the Nationals.

O&E men's golf

Registration is on for the 2011 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hole medal play event Sunday-Monday, Sept. 4-5, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 and is limited to the first 120 golfers. There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes in three different flights (championship, first and seniors 55 and up). Entries close 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com or call (248) 476-4493.

The Big Chill

Late Thunder Bay goal keeps Bucks from Final Four

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thirteen-hour bus rides are never enjoyable.

But the Thunder Bay Chill made the long trek from northern Ontario well worth it with a 2-1 victory over the host Michigan Bucks for the Premier Development League's Central Conference title at Ultimate Soccer Arena's in Pontiac.

Wilson Rodrigues Neto's unassisted goal in the 86th minute coming off a corner kick restart proved to game-deciding goal and propelled the Ontario team into next weekend's PDL Final Four.

"That's what we're all about, we do a lot of traveling," Chill coach Tony Colistro said. "This was actually one of our shorter trips.

"A lot of the guys came back from last year's (Final Four) team that had a lot of experience, they really wanted to go there. But they knew it was going to be a tough path and the Bucks had been there many times before, too."

Thunder Bay's first goal came off a restart. Midfielder Gustavo Oliveira-Araujo De F scored in the eighth minute off a free kick from 20 yards out to stake the Chill (14-2-2) to a 1-0 lead.

"I was trying to switch up the wall," said Bucks goalkeeper and Livonia Stevenson High grad Mitch Hildebrandt said. "It was just my mistake. The kid hit a ball, it went through the wall and deflected. It took a short hop and went right over me. If I could do it 20 more times I'd probably save 19. It was just a tough pill to swallow on that

one."

The Bucks (13-3-2), however, evened the count at 1-all when Stewart Givens drilled a penalty kick into the lower left corner net just three minutes later.

But that was the only goal Thunder Bay goalkeeper Stephen Paterson would yield the rest of the night.

The Bucks, coming off a dramatic 3-2 double-overtime win the night before in the conference semifinal over the Des Moines (Iowa) Menace, seemed to slow down at the start of the second half.

It also didn't help when Bucks had to play a man down after midfielder Thomas Catalano left to go to the locker room just before halftime to have a bloody cheekbone re-stitched.

Catalano did return early in the second half, but there was a shift in play.

"I thought we were getting caught with our outside backs, coming up too soon and they (Thunder Bay) were coming back on the counters early in the second half and it kind of put us back on our heels," said Bucks coach Gary Parsons. "They did amp it up and they played much better in the second half. In the first half we didn't put our chances away, and in the second half they kind of equalized the game, stepped it up and got a good goal."

Hildebrandt, who plays for Oakland University, also saw the same pattern develop.

"They (Thunder) came out really well in the second half," he said. "We came out - too many gaps. We were all over them the first half and that kind of played into us going

forward and getting caught."

Rodrigues Neto's goal, a laser shot off a deflection, then sealed the Bucks fate.

"We haven't done well (on restarts)," Colistro said. "We were getting a lot of corners, but we hadn't been capitalizing. We have been practicing them a lot with Wilson, who got the game-winning goal, as our key player. Usually he's heading the ball into the net, but we'll take it any way we can get it."

Although the Bucks fell short of their goal of reaching the PDL's coveted Final Four, they did capture the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

"These guys are a pleasure to have," Parsons said. "They're all good players. I'm very, very happy with the commitment they made over the summer time. That's the most difficult thing keeping these guys going during the summer time because it's also vacation time with the guys out of school and stuff."

"To get that to make the commitment and play for you all summer, and balance the schedules, and maybe give up some things . . . it's sacrificing and I love them. The guys are great."

Hildebrandt, who had an eight-match shutout string snapped in the semifinals, also benefitted from the summer experience.

"I'll take away friendships," he said. "These were a great group of guys. It was great playing with them. Everybody gave heart. With my play . . . I was consistent through 18 games. It was good."

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JOHN MCFARLIN

Hard-kicking Matthew McFarlin shows his stuff during Northville's Fourth of July parade.

BLACK BELT

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At that time, classes were being instructed by Master Dorothy Stoddard. Michael Ayerst took over the Canton choi program when Master Stoddard retired to devote full time to her new duties as a grandma.

The McFarlins initially were apprehensive that it might affect Matthew's progress, but if anything it seemed to make him even more determined.

"We asked him if it was going to bother him to have a different teacher, and he said 'Nope' and that was that," Arcelie said.

What exactly attracted young Matthew to martial arts?

According to John, "If I had to make a guess, I would tell you that he got it from watching the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) on TV. He wanted to be like Shawn Michaels, who called himself 'The Heartbreak Kid.'"

"Shawn was known for a high kick maneuver he called 'sweet chin music' and Matthew was trying to do it himself. We figured that choi kwang do would be the way

to go, because they promoted self-defense without advocating any kind of physical contact."

These days, the "Sweetheart Kid" is almost like any other 6-year-old. He plays soccer, enjoys T-ball, bowling and fishing and is taking swimming classes at the Canton Lifetime Fitness Center.

YOUNG AND PROUD

Matthew, who will be entering second grade at Howard Elementary in Dearborn this fall, recently joined the Choi Demo Team based out of Novi. As one of the youngest and most advanced junior students, it makes him proud to be part of such a tightly organized squad.

The Demo Team performs choreographed routines set to music for conventions, seminars and at monthly color belt tests held in Novi. Most recently, they were seen at the Northville Fourth of July Parade.

Sabumnin (which means teacher or instructor in Korean) Ayerst put Matthew's accomplishments in perspective.

"If he keeps going the way he has, working hard at it, by the time he's 22 years old he could be a fifth-degree black

belt, which would make him the youngest, highest ranked black belt in the world," Ayerst said. "But if nothing else, we've given him the tools to succeed in whatever he wants in life. He can be anything he wants to be."

And as for the parents? "I used to cry like a baby every time Matthew would earn a higher color belt," John said. "But he's been promoted so many times that these days my eyes just get a little misty."

According to Arcelie, "Matthew has put a lot of hard work into his choi lessons. He's a good boy, the best thing in our lives."

As a reward for his last promotion, to brown belt senior, the parents purchased Matthew tickets for The Wiggles concert held July 29 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Aren't The Wiggles an act for little kids you might ask? Yes, they are. But at 6, Matthew is still little. He likes The Wiggles.

And maybe someday, who knows, World Wrestling Entertainment might be looking for a new "Heartbreak Kid."

This article was submitted to the Observer.

Plymouth Canton Cruisers seize state title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After being hired last March, Josh and Alexandra Morgan have made quite a splash as swim coaches for the Plymouth Canton Cruisers.

The Cruisers were in cruise control last weekend, capturing the team title in the 2011 Michigan Long Course 14-and-under State Championships held at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

The combined girls and boys teams accumulated 1,116 and 967 points, respectively, for a grand total of 2,083 to seize the crown in the 57-team field in a meet which was co-hosted by the Cruisers and Bulldog Aquatic Club.

Kingfish Aquatic and Club Wolverine placed second and third overall with 1,942 and 1,485.5, respectively.

The Cruisers' Jon Wang was the top individual point-getter for Boys 10-and-under with a total of 109 including firsts in the 100-meter freestyle (1:08.16), 200 freestyle (2:25.36) and 400 freestyle (5:04.54).

He also took a second in the 200 individual medley (2:49.33) and a third in the 100 butterfly (1:17.29).

Wang also teamed up with Eric Liu, Gabriel Cohen and Tristen Shao for first in the 400 medley (5:37.26) and 400 freestyle (5:01.51) relays.

Liu also took third in the 50 backstroke (38.57).

Another Cruisers standout

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was Jack Walsh, who was runner-up in individual points with 107 thanks to firsts in the 100 backstroke (1:03.51), 400 IM (4:47.82) and 200 breaststroke (2:17.16).

Walsh added a second in the 200 IM (2:16.9) and teamed up with James Xue, Max Conblath and Socrates Papageorgiou for firsts in the 800 freestyle (8:36.38) and 400 medley (4:20.67) relays.

Papageorgiou contributes firsts in the 100- and 200 breaststroke events with times of 1:09.89 and 2:35.7, respectively, along with a third in the 200 IM (2:20.59).

Not to be outdone in the Girls 13-14 age division was the Cruisers' Miranda Tucker, who tied for second overall in points (114).

She placed first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.57), 200 IM (2:25.18) and 200 breaststroke (2:41.56).

Tucker also added second in the 100 butterfly (1:05.8) and was a member of three first-place relay teams.

The foursome of Hannah Jenkins, Lisa Zhang and Linda Zhang set a state record in the 400 medley relay (4:35.65) and won the 800 freestyle relay (9:06.19).

Tuckers, the Zhang sisters and Emily Toro also won the 400 freestyle relay (4:07.26).

Linda Zhang also finished second in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.72) and placed third in

the 200 breaststroke (2:47.43) and 200 IM (2:29.07).

In the Girls 11-12, Meghan Mans led the way for the Cruisers with a first in the 100 backstroke (1:11.18); second, 50 backstroke (33.37) and 100 backstroke (2:33.45); and third in the 400 freestyle (4:48.12).

The Cruisers' quartet of Mans, Katie Xu, Emma Noonan and Nicole Pumper placed third in the 400 freestyle (4:27.15) and 400 medley (4:52.25) relays.

Xu also added a second in the 200 breaststroke in 2:56.05).

Michael MacGillivray (Boys 11-12) earned top three finishes in four different events for the Cruisers led by his win in the 200 backstroke (2:36.04). He also took second in the 100 backstroke (1:12.7) and thirds in the 50 backstroke (34.41) and 400 IM (5:32.2).

In the Girls 10-and-under, Jenna Chen placed third the 50- and 100 breaststrokes with times of 42.19 and 1:32.6, respectively.

Chen, Kylie Goit, Anne Tustian and Miranda Li were runner-up in the 400 medley relay (5:54.29) and third in the 400 freestyle relay (5:23.12).

The Cruisers now move on to the 14-and-under USA Swimming Zone Championships representing Team Michigan at the IUPUI Natatorium, Aug. 5-8, in Indianapolis, Ind.

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FRIED

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Fried, the co-owner of an accounting firm, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease when he was 20. His injuries were made worse by the fact he also has osteoporosis, the result of taking steroids to treat the Crohn's disease.

"Doctors warned me about that, if I got in an accident," he said. "Never in my wildest imagination did I anticipate something like this."

"I'm very lucky; I cracked my helmet, but I didn't have any head injuries. I've had a lot of close calls in life, but somebody up there likes me. I'm still here and still plugging along."

REACHING COMPROMISE

Fried's determination to ride a bike again led to serious discussions and even arguments with family members and friends.

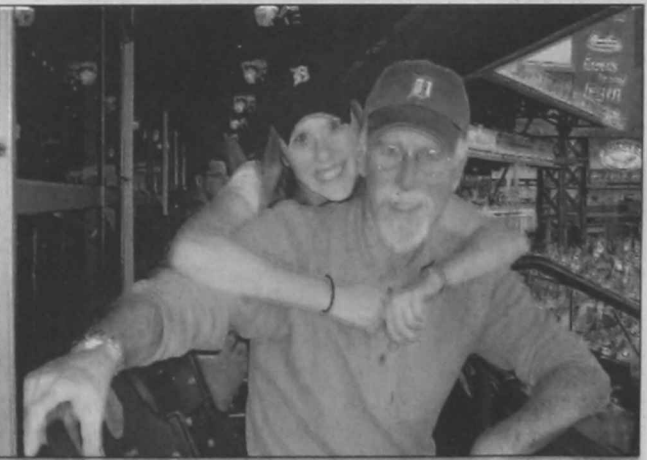
"I've always felt there's an answer to everything," Fried said. "My friends and business partner were extremely nervous about me resuming the sport."

The answer was a recumbent bike, which has the rider seated in a reclined position instead of being forward leaning on the handlebars.

That was the solution, the compromise, that resolved the debate between Fried and others concerned about his safety.

Fried sits even closer to the ground and is further reclined in his version of the recumbent bicycle.

"It's a racing bike," he said. "It's built for speed and it's very fast. I didn't think I would



Katie Fried, who admires her dad's positive attitude and determination, and Paul Fried take in a Tigers game together.

enjoy it as much as I am.

"It came in six weeks ago, and I've been riding it ever since. I love it. I did 35 miles on Sunday morning, so I'm happy with my progress. I'm ahead of where I thought I'd be at this point."

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Aug. 20 event will be a 25-mile ride. To participate or make a donation, see the website at online.ccfa.org/paulfriedcharityride2011 or send an e-mail to PAF123@aol.com.

"I may go the whole 25, but I'll probably just do two laps and 16, so I can spend some time talking to some riders there," Fried said.

"I would love to do the full event, and I know I can do it. My goal this summer is to get up to 50 to 55 miles at a time."

Fried's other goal is to raise \$10,000 again, as the event did last year with 75 riders. He hopes to increase that amount by one or two thousand. He added 100 percent goes to CCFA. Fried hadn't ridden a bike

in 40 years until 2007 when he began training for a 210-mile ride to benefit CCFA in Seattle. He was exhausted but hooked after he did the full ride.

Due to health concerns, none of his doctors would sign the permission form the next year. That's when he got the idea to start the Paul Fried Charity Ride for CCFA and have an event closer to home.

"I developed a philosophy 41 years ago when I was diagnosed with Crohn's," Fried said. "My attitude has always been I truly can overcome anything. I look on the bright side no matter how many times I end up in the hospital. It's a bend in the road, and I can overcome any obstacle."

"My daughter, Katie, always says: 'I'm so proud of you; you've overcome so much and always have a wonderful attitude.' I don't want to go through life thinking, 'Woe is me.' I'm not going to let illness define me or get me down. My attitude is to control my life and how I live it."

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gymnastics camp for girls ages 11-and-up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 8-12.

The fee is \$79. For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly

Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwilchowski@gmail.com.

Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Warrior Dashers

Livonia Churchill High alums Quinn Osgood (right), Ryan Keeling (middle) and Stephen Charnley (left) finished runner-up, fourth and 13th, respectively, in the Boys 14-19 age division Sunday at the Warrior Dash, a 5-kilometer adventure race held in Mount Morris. The two-day 3.1-mile cross country foot race, which attracted a field of nearly 5,700, featured 11 obstacles including fire-jumping, rope-swinging and mud-crawling (under barbed wire).

Osgood, a 2010 Churchill grad, was fourth overall in 24 minutes, 20.2 seconds (7:51 per mile), while Keeling, another 2010 alum, was eighth in 25:07.3 (8:06 per mile). Charnley, who graduated in June, placed 51st overall in 28:03.4 (9:03 per mile).





Hawks champions

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Hawks capped a 13-4 season by defeating the Livonia Seawolves, 7-5, Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park for the 16-and-under Colt Inner-City League championship. Members of the Hawks include (first row, from left): Chris Scheffer, Devon Spalding, Austin Hovermale, Austin Wilson; (second row, from left) Jeffrey Tromans, Tyler Dingman, Kyle Hunter, Alex Harris; (third row, from left) coach Steven Hovermale, Chase Bovia, coach Greg Hovermale, Marcus Washington, Ryan Schaffer, coach Joe Schaffer and manager Jeff Bovia.

15U Concealed Security off to quick series start

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So far, so good for the Concealed Security in the 15-and-under USSSA International World Series held in Crystal Lake, Ill. The Livonia-based team advanced out of its pool with a 5-0 record and earned a fourth-seed in the 24-team elimination double-elimination round tournament. Concealed won its fifth straight Monday with a six-inning (mercy rule) win over the Cleveland (Ohio) Hit Club as Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin) went 3-for-3 with four RBI and two runs score. Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson) added two hits, including a double and two RBI, while pitcher Zach Schmidtke (Dearborn Heights/Divine Child) was the winning pitcher. In Saturday's pool play open-

SANDLOT BASEBALL
er, John Slater (Southfield) got the win in relief and drove home Nisun and Dee Jawad (Dearborn Heights) with the game-winning two-run single in the top of the seventh to beat the Lake County (Ill.) Sidewinders, 7-6. Slater went 3-for-4 with three RBI and struck out four in 1.2 innings in relief of starter Alex Padilla (Romeo). Nisun also went 2-for-2 in opening-round victory. In Round Two on Saturday, Padilla went 2-for-3, including a grand slam and six RBI in a 13-2 victory in five innings (mercy rule) over Genoa City (Wisc.). Winning pitcher Kenny Miller (Lakeland) limited the Wisconsin team to three hits and struck out six. On Sunday, Concealed opened with a 5-2 win over

the Illinois Sparks as Slater went 3-for-4 at the plate and got the save in relief of Stevens, who allowed just two hits and struck out seven in five innings to pick up the victory. Nisun also added two hits. Stevens then came through with a pinch-hit 3-run triple as Concealed quieted the Illinois Thunder in six-inning mercy, 18-5. Lane Gusler (Woodhaven) was the winning pitcher, while Alex DeYonker (Franklin) closed out the win in relief. Concealed, which improved to 30-18 overall, received a first-round bye and was scheduled to meet the winner of the game between the No. 13 seed and No. 20 seeds. The tournament featured a field of 36 in six different pools including teams from Japan, Brazil and Sri Lanka.

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Storm takes title

Livonia's Storm, a 10-and-under girls travel softball team, capped a stellar summer season by capturing a tournament recently in St. Joseph. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Madeline Schornack, Emily Paluk, Jenna McCann, Elena Wioncek, Maggie Bacigal; (middle row, from left) Kourtney Klatt, Camryn Cork, Maria Targosz, Elizabeth McCann, Catherine Olchanski, Sarah Mesack, Jenna Kwiecinski; (top row, from left) coaches Joe Schornack, Elizabeth Bacigal and Bob Bacigal.

ROCKETS

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"I'm disappointed the way the thing went down," Anderson said. "We had a lot of success and lost to just two teams — those games may have been ugly, but we got better as the season went along." Seven players return off last year's squad including starters Joslyn Massey (transfer from Detroit Renaissance), Erica Covile (transfer from Detroit Cody), Shakeya Graves (transfer from Detroit King) and Kaira Barnes, along with key reserves Abbey Wright, Stephany Brown and C.J. Hickerson. "Even though we didn't

have a freshman team, I allowed him (Kovatch) on my staff to get paid," Anderson said. "I thought it was underhanded the way the guy went about it. What can you do? We went 19-4. He knew the girls would be successful. The guy is doing it for selfish reasons." Anderson previously served as a boys JV coach and varsity assistant at Glenn for 10 seasons under both Joel Lloyd and Dan Young before replacing Mike Schuette (now the boys varsity coach at Wayne Memorial) for the 2009-10 season. "I thought I did a good job and my reputation speaks for itself," Anderson said. "I'm not happy with the decision and did not agree, but rules are rules. I'm so darn frus-

trated because I had a good rapport with the students and faculty. I always put John Glenn first." When asked about Anderson being unseated as varsity coach, Kovatch simply stated: "I have no comment." Kovatch said he has already put together a staff of assistant coaches which includes parents Lowell Massey (varsity) and Genesis Barnes (JV), along with Glenn girls varsity track coach and faculty member James Fitzgerald (freshman). Meanwhile, Anderson said he is not done coaching. "Maybe I'll be back with the boys," he said. "I still want to coach in some capacity. I love to coach."

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RU boys soccer

Redford Union High boys soccer conditioning sessions will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Hilbert Middle School, and Fridays at the RU weight room. For more information, call RU boys varsity soccer coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234.

Home Run Derby

Once again, they'll be knocking it out of the park for the Miracle League of Plymouth. The second annual Dale Rumberger Home Run Derby is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at Salem High School's varsity baseball field. High school players from KLAA teams who competed in 2011 have been invited to participate, along with players from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and other schools in the area. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Miracle League of Plymouth to benefit ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field.

The Miracle League of Plymouth was established in 2010 by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. For more information about the derby, e-mail Barker at tcbarker114@yahoo.com. To learn more about Miracle League of Plymouth, go to www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Youth baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for 2012 Canton Cardinals travel baseball

SPORTS ROUNDUP

teams will be Sunday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 21 at Heritage Park. On Sunday, Aug. 7 and on Sunday, Aug. 21, the following tryout sessions include: 8:30-10:30 a.m., 9-and-under; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 10-and-under; 12:30-2:30 p.m., 11-and-under; 2:30-4:30 p.m., 12-and-under; 4:30-6:30 p.m., 13-and-under; 6:30-8:30 p.m., 14-and-under. Players are encouraged to attend both tryout sessions per age group, but must attend at least one session to be considered for the team. The age group is determined by the player's age on April 30, 2012. For more information, contact Canton Cardinals baseball commissioner Alan B. Zidzik at (313) 805-2756. • Tryouts for the 2012 Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club, a 10-and-under team, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton. The Plymouth-Canton based Chiefs, who welcome players from all communities, will play in the KVBSA as well local tourneys. If unable to attend tryout dates an evaluation can occur before Aug. 13. For more information, call (734) 377-3123; or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com. • Open baseball tryouts for the newly-formed 11-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be at 10 a.m. to

noon Saturday, Aug. 6 and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 8, at Canfield Arena Field, located on Kinloch (south of Ford Road) between Beech Daly an Inkster, in Dearborn Heights. Players from all communities are welcome and you need to attend only one of two sessions. Arrive 15 minutes prior to each session. For pre-registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail bebbenlatt.net. • Tryouts for the 11-and-under 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, 14 and 21 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth. The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tourneys and eight spring and summer tournaments. For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@wowway.com. • Tryouts for the 15-and-under 2012 Great Lakes Cardinals will be from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Massey Field, located at Haggerty and Plymouth roads in Plymouth. The Cardinals will be a tournament team only with three-to-four tourneys scheduled following the high school baseball season. For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@wowway.com.

MENOVCIK

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"The running community is a great group of people, and I've made so many friends through running. "I'm a very competitive person to begin with, and it provides me with the opportunity to compete. I love to compete with the best runners out there, and I don't shy away. I like to challenge myself and see where I stand against other runners. "Every weekend there's a race some place. I've done 32 marathons in nine years. That's what I focus on, but I

love doing 5Ks, 10Ks and half-marathons." Menovcik's means of recreation and even relaxation is a good training run after work. "I'll come home and put on my shoes and head out," he said. "I like to get out and run for an hour. On weekends, if I'm training for a marathon, I'll be doing some longer runs. "If I can put a race on the calendar, it motivates me to continue training even during the really hot days when you don't want to go out there. If I have a race coming up, it forces me to get out there." Menovcik added he made good progress in the Founders race in his come-

back from the injury. "The pace was a little slower than you would probably expect," he said. "Admittedly, I got a little impatient and went out and took the lead until Emery passed me. "I knew he was going to win, but I was very pleased with the way I was able to run the second half. It was very hot and everybody was trying to be a little conservative with the pace to try to save something for the second half. "It was a good experience, and I was very happy with the overall result, working my way back off the injury. It was a good next step to get ready for some future races."

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BURKHART, RICHARD C.

Age 84, Aug. 1, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Lucille. Loving father of Richard, Jr. (Judy), Sandra (Flem) Stiltner, Linda (Eric) Partridge, Edward (Margery) Burkhardt, Karen (Tom) Miller and Mary Ann (Greg) Ferrell. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Dear brother of Ernest (Esther), Doris (the late Lou) Schoop, the late Homer (Lois), Paul (Pat), the late Edna (Lester) Cummings and William (Gayle). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Thursday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Crosswalk Community Church of the Nazarene 38600 Palmer Rd. Westland, MI 48186. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



BUSH, BARBARA J.

Of Plymouth, Mi age 65 passed away July 2011. She was born in Dearborn, Mi, the daughter of Clyde & Blanche (Lark) Thrasher. She grew up in Dearborn and met her husband Donald E. Bush at the Dearborn Youth Center. They dated for five years and married on June 11, 1966. Barbara attended Detroit Business College and worked as a legal secretary and as an executive secretary at ARA Food Service before becoming a co-owner in O. & D. Bush Jewelers, for 30 years. Barb raced Corvettes with her husband at local, state, and national level, participating in autocross and tracks racing across the country. She earned many club and regional championships. She was a member of the Corvette Club of Michigan, and the National Council Corvette Clubs, for 35 years and the legend Corvette Club. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Donald Bush of Plymouth, Mi and daughter Tammy Cameron of Concord, N.C. and son in law Dave Cameron. Her brother Ken (Linda) Thrasher of Sterling Heights, Mi. A funeral service was held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Memorials may be made to <http://www.pancan.org/> or mail to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 1500 Rosecrans Ave Ste 200 Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266-3721 in Tribute of Barbara J. Bush. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

LEE, ARTHUR, J.

Age 90, January 29, 1921-August 1, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Jeanne. Father of Michael (Sharlene), Suzanne (Bill) Bowman, Gordon J. and Shirley A. (Peter) Santino. He is the grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 5. WWII Navy Veteran and retired from Ford Motor Livonia Transmission. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile today, Thursday 4-9 pm and 10 am Friday before procession to Parkview Memorial. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

MIKA, VICTOR

Age 65, July 28, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Stanley & Margaret. Survived by his loving siblings, Marge (Raymond) Gabel, Mike (Joyce), Tony, Stan (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews. Best friend of Wally and Sue Pociask. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Memorial gathering Thursday 2pm until the Memorial service at 5pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com



RUCKER, WILLIAM JAMES, SR.

Age 88, of Beckley, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2011 at his residence. Born July 1, 1923 in Ashland, KY, he was the son of the late John Garrett and Mildred Pratt Rucker. William was President and Chairman of the Board of Mt. Eagle, Proud Eagle and Northern Eagle Distributors. He was a member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church and a U.S. Army veteran of WW II. He was a Kentucky Colonel for 58 years and was looked upon as a Kentucky gentleman who wore a suit and tie everyday of his working life, lived by his word and did business with a handshake. He never believed in retirement and worked up until a year before he died. William had a love for thoroughbred horse racing and loved to attend the Kentucky Derby which he did for 60 consecutive years. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married for 55 years, Patricia Ann Johnson Rucker, son, William James Rucker, Jr. of Beckley; daughters, Cynthia Rucker Parkes of Winchester, VA, Catherine Rucker Parkes of Grand Rapids, MI and Carol Jo Rucker Butera of Dearborn, MI and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2011 at the Beckley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robin Debnam officiating. Friends may visit with the family at the church from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday. Pallbearers will be Bradley Parkes, William James (BJ) Rucker, III, Brian Rucker, Patrick Parkes and Chad Parkes. On line condolences may be left at www.cafefh.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, P.O. Box 1472, Beckley, WV 25802 or The Beckley Presbyterian Church, 203 S. Kanawha St. Beckley, WV 25801. Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home, Beckley.

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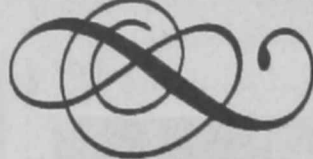
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Vacation Bible School makes peace a priority

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Karen Poole hopes to plant the seeds of peace through art, dance, drama, games and photography during Nardin Park United Methodist Church's annual Vacation Bible School.

The Farmington Hills church has offered Vacation Bible School for many years, but it's the first time Poole has directed the program — and she has added a few new wrinkles this summer.

"We've chosen not have a fee this year. This needs to be our gift to the community," she said, adding that church members sometimes enroll grandchildren in the program or invite friends.

She also created her own curriculum with a peace theme in lieu of purchasing a ready-made lessons, which the church had done in the past.

"It's because I'm an independent thinker and I believe peace

begins with ourselves as individuals," she said. "We live in a community that is multicultural ... we don't always take the same journey, but we need to respect each other."

Poole has planned a variety of projects to underscore scriptural references to peace and peacemaking and to spark discussion.

Youngsters will photograph scenes of peace, which will become a part of a collage or calendar and they'll decorate squares of material for a peace quilt. They'll also work in clay on personal totem poles and will create peace poles for their gardens.

"We may do a walking prayer from the sanctuary to the classrooms. Each time you take a step you say scripture such as 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' A woman in our church has a degree in dance and she will work with the children, along with music," Poole said. "On Thursday night we'll have sharing time with parents, neighbors, grandparents."

Students will make their own snacks and games will help participants learn to work cooperatively.

Classes also will support an overseas mission. Poole plans to offer a few suggestions and help youngsters decide on one project. Last year each student received a change purse made from a blue jean pocket to help them collect donations for the cause.

"I remember one boy last year said 'I brought my whole week's allowance and I didn't want to keep any of it.'"

She said Vacation Bible School drew about 60 children last year, but can accommodate approximately 100 youngsters.

Sessions will run 9:15 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19 at the church, 29887 West 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8860 or visit www.nardinpark.org to register.



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Jazzing it up

Local newcomers join seasoned musicians at annual festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
& STAFF WRITER

Bill Scanlon and his fellow musicians in The Midnight Players will bring a youthful twist to the Plymouth Elks Lodge's second annual Outdoor Jazz Festival this month.

Scanlon, a Plymouth resident and a music major at Grand Valley State University, couldn't be happier knowing his group will share the stage with such local jazz heavyweights as George (Sax) Benson, Ron Kischuk, Judie Cochill, Jerry McKenzie and Johnny Trudell.

"It's really exciting to be able to meet these guys. We're really excited and I think we're ready for it," he said. "I hope I can show that kids today are not all just listening to hip hop and rock. There's a more diverse crowd in our generation."

"Johnny Trudell is going to be playing a tune with us. That's going to be great for us. I'm looking forward to meeting him."

Trudell and show announcer Paul Hunt of Redford are coordinating the festival, which will run 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the lodge, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, west of Haggerty, in Plymouth.

Performers will include The Midnight Players, McKenzie's Just Jazz Group, Kischuk's Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band with Judie Cochill on vocals, George (Sax) Benson Quartet, the Johnny Trudell Quintet and the Gene Parker Jazz Quartet from Toledo, Ohio. Admission is \$10, which includes a beverage ticket and a food ticket. Audience members should bring their own blankets or chairs.

MUSICAL BARGAIN

"You can't go any place and get a concert from 1-7 and get a sandwich and drink for 10 bucks," said Hunt, a drummer who is retired from touring and club performances.

He introduces performers at the Michigan Jazz Festival, held every July at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and along with Trudell also hires musicians for the monthly fourth Tuesday night jazz session held inside the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

"This (outdoor festival) is only the second one we've had. We are slowly trying to build it up," Hunt said. The festival drew approximately 400 jazz lovers last year, but organizers expect that figure to more than double this year. The indoor Tuesday night session always sells out a month in advance.



The Midnight Players will perform Sunday, Aug. 14, at the second annual Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 Outdoor Jazz Festival.

"There's a lot of interest in jazz but the interest is in the older group. We try to get young people involved," Hunt said.

NEWCOMERS

Sally Pinchock, who helps publicize the monthly jazz sessions at Plymouth Elks Lodge, extended an invitation to The Midnight Players after hearing Scanlon and Chris Tabaczynski of Northville play sax at Mass at St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township.

"I know these kids are good. I'm excited about that," she said.

"The thing that appeals to me about jazz is that it's American made. You have to be a huge team player to be in a jazz quartet, to know when to come in and take off on a solo. Everyone respects each other's position. To me, that's what's so awesome."

Members of The Midnight Players rehearse together regularly, but honed their skills in the jazz band at Detroit Catholic Central High School.

"We got to play at a lot of assemblies. We played one very big dinner auction every year and played the whole night. It was good experience," Scanlon



Gene Parker (left) on clarinet, Johnny Trudell on trumpet, and Ron Kischuk on trombone jam at Plymouth Elks' Outdoor Jazz Festival last year. They'll perform with their bands at the second annual show on Aug. 14.



George (Sax) Benson belts out a jazz tune with his quartet at the first annual Plymouth Elks Outdoor Jazz Festival last year.

said. "The music department packs a punch."

Tabaczynski is a junior at the school; Jordan Fanco of Livonia, a drummer, is in college; Dean Sansovich of Novi, pianist, will be a senior at Detroit Catholic Central this year; and Cameron Stapp of

Novi, the bass player, recently graduated from the school and will attend college this fall.

Scanlon hopes the festival helps open more doors for The Midnight Players.

"I would love for the band to be playing a steady gig every week."

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Time/Date: Aug. 5-27, with opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

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Time/Date: Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6; KT Tatara, Aug. 11-13; Geoff Tate, Aug. 18-20; Nathan Macintosh, Aug. 25-27; Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17

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Livonia rescue enters adoptable cats in show

Ann Grenier, founder of The Country Cat and The City Kitty, a Livonia cat rescue, will do just about anything to find homes for her adoptable felines. This weekend, she'll take all 22 of them to the International Cat Association (TICA) Cat Show in Lansing where they'll vie for ribbons, awards and the hearts of potential adoptive families.

She says anyone from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland, Redford and Farmington who attends the show and adopts one of her cats, will receive the ribbons earned in competition.

"I will register their new kitty in the TICA — The International Cat Association — registry," she noted. "If someone does adopt, I can continue to show the kitty through the entire weekend and bring the kitty to them."

Her own cat, River, also a rescued feline, will receive an award for earning a ninth place in the Great Lakes Region Household Pet Kitten division for the 2010 show season.

The show runs 4-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 6-7, at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. The show will include 20 judging rings, vendors and more. Admission is \$3. www.glcatsconsortium.org

Church gearing up for annual arts festival

Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Township is accepting applications from artists for its annual juried arts festival in September.

Artists may download an application form and guidelines from www.nativityartsfestival.org. Application fees are \$25 through Aug. 14 and \$35 from Aug. 15-Aug. 31. Painting, drawing, collage, hard and soft sculpture, clay, blown and panel glass, fiber, photography and graphics will be accepted for consideration. Work must have been created during the last three years.

Artists whose works are accepted into the show will listed on the festival Web site with a link to their own Web sites.

The Lakeland Society of Artists and the Polish Mission of Orchard Lake are co-sponsoring the festival, which will run Sept. 16-18. The church, located at 21220 W. 14 Mile, will be decorated as an art gallery. All pieces will be for sale.

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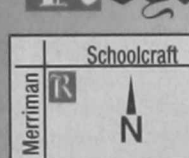
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Heritage Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4

Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Five Guys Named Moe

Coming up: Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25

Contact: (248) 473-1848

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 5

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Those Delta Rhythm Kings

Coming up: Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2

Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24

Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August

Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville

Details: Free concert series includes Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.

Contact: (248) 349-0203

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Chrome Folk Bar-B-Q, Aug. 6; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12, Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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

DANCE

Moon Dusters

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance



Kelly Stonebraker is Pippi Longstocking in the 8th Wonder Theatre production Aug. 5-13.

lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

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

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300,

www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-

Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday in July and August.

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts in the Main Picnic Grove run 6:30-8 p.m. and are free with regular Zoo admission. Admission prices are reduced to \$5 for all visitors after 5 on Wednesday in July and August. Guests may bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from Zoo concessions. The concert schedule is: Aug. 10, Jill Jack (folk); Aug. 17, Sun Messengers (Motown and R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and

Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's)

Contact: (248) 541-5717

Family Fun Fest Carnival

Time/Date: 5-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 4-5; noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

Location: Founders Park, located on Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275, in Farmington Hills

Details: Rides, games, food, pony rides, and a petting farm, along with special events held each day, including a variety of free entertainment acts on the Carnival stage. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets cost \$1 each or an all-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for \$18. Discount coupons for the wristbands, for \$14 on Thursday or Friday and \$16 on Saturday or Sunday, are available at more than 200 merchants in Farmington Hills, at the Costick Center or at www.wadeshows.com

Contact: (248) 755-0433

Tiny Tot Olympics/Parksapalooza

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 is Tiny Tot Olympics; Parksapalooza runs 1-4 p.m.

Location: Heritage Park, west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Every child, 2-6, who participates in the pint-sized games, will be a gold medal winner and will have a chance to hold flowers and be recognized as an outstanding athlete. Parents may bring their cameras to capture the moment. The \$3 per child fee will be collected on site. Kids, 5-15, may participate in Parksapalooza's afternoon of games, contests and wild and crazy activities led by staff from the Supervised Playground Program. Parents are responsible for their children during the event, which will be held in the park amphitheater. Activity fee is \$5 per person



Five Guys Named Moe will perform Thursday, Aug. 4, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

FILM

Main Art Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4

Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

Contact: (248) 470-4290

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Water for Elephants," all seats \$3

Coming up: "The Beaver," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Somewhere in Time," tickets \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

MUSEUMS

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23

Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth

Details: Rediscovering the Civil War

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Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

SAVOR the season

with grilled salads, fish, steak

Grilling can bring so much more to the table than basic brats and burgers. In these recipes, cookbook author and celebrity chef Nick Stellino uses a few key ingredients that add new dimensions of flavor to seafood, steak and even salad. He calls on olive oil and vinegars from Pompeian to make savory marinades and zesty seasonings that will make you truly savor the grilling season.

Olive oil, a key component of the Mediterranean Diet, is a great way to follow the 2010 USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which urge people to cut back on saturated fats and recommend an increase in mono-unsaturated fats. For more of chef Stellino's recipes, as well as how-to videos, visit www.pompeian.com and www.facebook.com/Pompeian.



chef Nick Stellino

NICK STELLINO'S GRILLING TIPS

- Grease grates of grill with Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil before heating.
- Pre-heat barbecue with cover down (high for gas) for 15 minutes.
- Never cook fish or seafood over direct heat on a grill (gas or coals), because it scorches the exterior while leaving the interior undercooked. Shut down half of gas grill (or move coals from one half of grill to the other side) and put fish/shrimp on cool side of grill. Cover grill to cook.



Grilled Salad with Goat Cheese

SKEWERED SHRIMP WITH BLACK BEAN-LEMON RICE

Serves 4

Marinade/Dressing:

¾ cup Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil

¾ cup Pompeian Red Wine Vinegar

3 tablespoons lemon juice

2 medium garlic cloves, minced

1½ teaspoons salt

¾ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

Skewers:

24 large raw, headless, peeled shrimp, with tails on (about 1 pound)

24 whole green onions, trimmed to 6 inches in length

24 cherry tomatoes

2 poblano chili peppers, seeded and cut into 24 pieces

8 12-inch bamboo skewers, soaked in water

Rice:

3 cups hot cooked brown rice

15 ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained

¾ cup chopped cilantro

3 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Whisk marinade ingredients in small bowl. Reserve ½ cup mixture in separate bowl and set aside. Place shrimp in a resealable plastic bag, pour marinade over shrimp, seal tightly and coat well. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning frequently.

Remove shrimp from marinade (reserving marinade). Place shrimp on skewers, alternating with tomatoes, chilies and onions (folded in half).

Preheat grill on high heat. Brush skewers with reserved marinade and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until shrimp are opaque in center.

Place remaining marinade in a small saucepan on the grill to heat slightly. Toss rice with black beans, cilantro and lemon zest.

To serve: Top rice with skewers and spoon remaining marinade over skewers.

TOMATO, BURRATA AND ARUGULA SALAD

Serves 4 to 6

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

¼ teaspoon dried oregano

¼ teaspoon sugar

4 large tomatoes, preferably heirloom

4 ounces baby arugula salad

3 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided

1 tablespoon Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar, divided

6 to 8 ounces burrata cheese, cut into 4 pieces, or fresh mozzarella, cut into slices

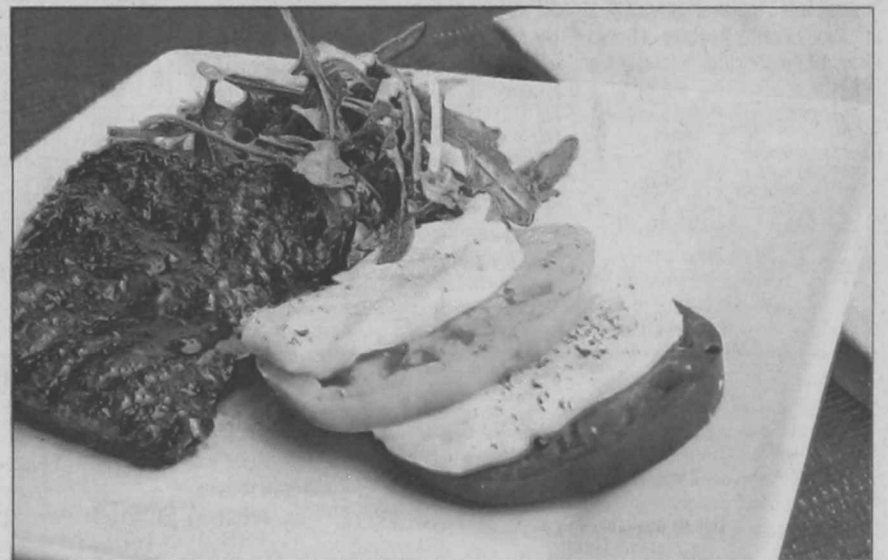
1 ounce shaved Parmesan cheese

Mix dry spices and sugar together in small bowl.

Cut tomatoes into slices about ½ inch thick; place on a tray and sprinkle with the spice mixture on each side. Let slices rest and absorb the flavor for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Dress arugula salad with 1½ tablespoons olive oil and ½ tablespoon vinegar.

To serve: Place dressed salad in the middle of each plate; top with tomato slices, then with pieces of burrata or mozzarella slices. Drizzle each plate with remaining olive oil and vinegar. Top salads with shaved Parmesan.



Grilled Skirt Steak with Tomato-Infused Marinade and Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad.

GRILLED SKIRT STEAK WITH TOMATO-INFUSED MARINADE

Serves: 4 to 6

2½ to 3 pounds skirt steak

Marinade:

5 garlic cloves

½ cup fresh mint, loosely packed

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

1 cup fresh parsley, loosely packed

1 cup fresh basil, loosely packed

1½ tablespoons salt

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary

1 28-ounce can Italian-style peeled tomatoes

¾ cup Pompeian Pomegranate Infused Balsamic Vinegar

2 tablespoons sugar

To marinate meat: Place all marinade ingredients in food processor and process for 2 minutes into a smooth liquid paste. Place meat in a large resealable plastic bag and cover with the marinade. Seal bag and swish marinade around to make sure it coats all of the meat. Let the meat marinate in the refrigerator for at least 5 hours — preferably overnight — turning twice.

To cook meat: Preheat grill or broiler to high. Cook the skirt steak 4 to 6 minutes per side, according to your liking. Cover with foil and let it rest for a few minutes before slicing.

To serve: Cut steak into slices and serve with Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad.

GRILLED SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE

Serves 4 to 6

2 large heads radicchio, cut in half

2 large heads Belgian endive, cut in half

2 red bell peppers, cut into quarters and seeded

2 yellow bell peppers, cut into quarters and seeded

6 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided

5 ounces baby arugula salad

8 tablespoons goat cheese, crumbled

1½ tablespoons Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar

Preheat grill or broiler to high.

Brush radicchio, endive and peppers with 4 tablespoons olive oil.

Cook on a hot barbecue or under the broiler for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until they start to color on each side. Place on a cutting board while still hot and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Place arugula salad and goat cheese in a bowl with the radicchio, endive and peppers; mix well until the cheese starts to melt.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and balsamic vinegar; mix well and serve.

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Alarm can be good investment, but shop around

The summer months are the perfect time for a vacation getaway. Unfortunately, they are also the perfect time for a home robbery. According to the FBI, July and August have the highest rates of burglaries. Better Business Bureau is advising homeowners, who are looking to secure their property this summer, to do their research when picking a home security system.

According to an Academic Study of Home and Business Security by Temple University, the Electronic Security Association says that homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems. (Actual statistic ranges from 2.2 times to 3.1 times, depending on the value of the home.) Losses due to burglary average \$400 less in residences with security systems than homes without alarm systems.

Although no system makes your home completely burglar-proof, a home security system can reduce your chances of being burglarized and give you some peace of mind. In 2010, BBB received nearly 25,000 inquiries from customers asking about burglar alarm systems.

"It's important to investigate the purchase of a home security system with the same care you would any major purchase," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community Relations of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "There are too many door-to-door salespeople selling home security systems out there that don't always have your best interest at heart."

BBB advises consumers to do the following when looking to invest in a home security system:

- Choose a professional installer. The best home security system will accommodate your lifestyle and specific valuables you want protected. Carefully consider your security requirements and budget. You may also get recommendation from the insurance company that covers your home. Deal only with reputable firms and check out the company with BBB first.

- Contact at least three companies before selecting an installer. Find out if they are properly licensed in your state



and if they screen employees before hiring. Make sure to check with the ESA website for a list of member companies throughout the United States who have agreed to abide by the National Code of Ethics.

- Ask about all charges up front. Prices for home security systems will vary, based on the level of protection and type of technology used, so be sure to compare apples-to-apples bids on similar systems. Do not forget to factor in the initial installation charge, as well as monthly monitoring charges. Also, talk to your insurance agent; some systems may qualify you for a discount on homeowner's premiums.

- Know the ins and outs of your contract. If your alarm system will be monitored, either by your installing company or by a third-party monitoring center, find out the length of the contract. Typically, monitoring contracts are between two to five years in length. What is your recourse if you are not satisfied with the services provided? Can you cancel the contract? What are your rights if your monitoring company is purchased or acquired by another alarm company? If the alarm sounds, does the company first notify you or the police? How soon? What happens if you can't be reached? Does the company have a

local security patrol car? Are there costs for false alarms — and if so, who pays? What's the early termination fee if you move? These are the types of questions you need to consider before you obligate yourself to a long-term contract.

- Insist that the installer "walk" you through your system until you fully understand how it works. This will prevent the most common problem: false alarms. False alarms are an indicator of the quality of the alarm installation and user education. Ask for a complete inspection of your property and an itemized written estimate. Review the sales contract closely to ensure you understand exactly what equipment and protection you will be provided.

- Beware of "Door Knockers." The BBB has received reports of "high pressure and fear selling practices" from door-to-door Home Alarm System salespeople. These salespeople were citing false police reports of recent burglaries that had not happened or are making claims that the resident's current alarm provider has gone out of business. Some home owners were misled into signing a contract for a new system, before canceling the contract on their existing system or they discovered that their current alarm provider was not out of business, resulting in their

having to pay for two different alarm systems at the same time.

Additional advice:

- You do not have to let door-to-door salespeople into your home.

- If you are not interested, say "good-bye" and shut the door.

- Individuals should provide credentials and identification.

- They should be able to display proof of a city-provided neighborhood solicitation permit.

- Ask if the company is local, regional, or national!

- Do not be misled by false police reports.

- Do not be pressured into signing a contract — if the deal is good today it will be good tomorrow. Beware of claims of "limited offers" and that the company is ready to immediately install the system. Reputable companies let you compare bids and engage in a comprehensive review of your security needs.

- Be sure to completely read and understand any contract before signing, and remember your FTC, "right to cancel" a contract within 72 hours since it is signed at your home.

For more home tips you can trust, visit <http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/bbb-news/>.

Land use claims based on facts

Q: I will try to give you factual scenario of my problem. A and B owned adjoining waterfront lots which were originally part of a larger parcel subdivided by A's grandmother. After subdividing, the members of the A family regularly used a short path across what became B's lot to visit each other and to get to a beach and boat mooring area. No one in the family ever asked for or received permission from any other family member to use the short path. When B acquired their lot later, it was the first transfer of any part of the original parcel out of A's family. Now, B is claiming that A has no right to use the short path across their land. A is saying that they have a prescriptive easement which requires continuous use for at least a number of years under claim of right adverse to B. Who



Robert Meisner

do you think will win?

A: Ordinarily, when a claimant offers proof of continuous use with the owner's knowledge,

a presumption arises that the use of the land in order to obtain a prescriptive easement was hostile and under a claim of right which are requirements to establish a prescriptive easement. However, some courts have held that that presumption does not arise if the putative dominant and servient estates were owned within the same family during the period when the prescriptive acts occurred. In such cases, the courts have held that the comings and goings of family members, across property owned within the family, are by accommodation or permission and do not have the requisite adversity to support an imposition of a prescriptive easement by one family member upon another. The chances are A's claim will fail because she cannot offer affirmative proof of hostility, but each case depends upon its particular facts.

Q: Do you have any information on the status of residential construction and the costs of residential construction in Hong Kong?

A: Hong Kong is a highly densely populated city and depending upon the location, construction costs, as well as purchase costs, can be as high as New York or Paris and, in some instances, higher. The closer you are to the water, the more expensive the property is. If you are on a mountain top or a drive leading up to the mountain, the homes and/or apartments can cost over a million dollars for a one or two bedroom unit of less than 1,000 square feet.

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

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	1973 Ashbourne Dr	\$405,000	Garden City	47720 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$226,000	Northville	11359 Columbia	\$58,000
	1855 Chateau Rd	\$287,000		8256 Westchester Ln	\$188,000		17685 Gaylord	\$55,000
	49274 Ivybridge Way	\$305,000		6631 Arcola St	\$87,000		20532 Gaylord	\$23,000
	399 Kings Way	\$164,000		29046 Block St	\$24,000		18243 Lennane	\$10,000
Livonia	4599 Pond Run	\$163,000	Northville	501 N Leona Ave	\$93,000	Plymouth	18682 Lexington	\$60,000
	44975 Rector Dr	\$110,000		348 Radcliff St	\$72,000		9242 Louis	\$92,000
	8182 Trafford Ct	\$80,000		18723 Bainbridge Ave	\$165,000		34025 Cambria Ct	\$14,000
				14609 Blue Skies St	\$110,000		37415 Cherry Hill Rd	\$225,000
Westland			Redford	9101 Brentwood St	\$122,000	Westland	35020 Donnelly St	\$90,000
				16915 Canterbury Tr	\$245,000		30889 Grandview Ave	\$70,000
				16822 Farmington Rd	\$95,000		28017 Mackenzie Dr	\$76,000
				38749 Five Mile Rd	\$72,000		36307 Manila St	\$10,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	16011 Lauderdale Ave	\$226,000	Farmington Hills	36545 Saxony Rd	\$150,000	South Lyon	58715 Castle Ct	\$40,000
	30851 Lincolnshire E	\$200,000		36219 Crompton Cir	\$235,000		1099 Fountain View Cir	\$70,000
	16124 W 13 Mile Rd	\$78,000		27880 Kendallwood Dr	\$110,000		23680 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
				29361 Laurel Dr	\$80,000		23782 Prescott Ln E	\$61,000
Birmingham	1538 Buckingham Ave	\$505,000	Novi	22280 Parklane St	\$233,000	White Lake	24503 Pierce St	\$80,000
	592 Catalpa Dr	\$450,000		30496 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$155,000		8265 Eastway Dr	\$276,000
	1250 Latham St	\$385,000		28505 Rollcrest Rd	\$94,000		530 Lakeside Dr	\$40,000
	727 N Eton St	\$59,000		30190 S Stockton Dr	\$67,000			

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the office, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Attendees will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Foreclosures

A program on "Buying Foreclosures" will be presented by Linda Orleans, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Study results

Results from the J.D. Power and Associates 2011 Home Buyer/Seller StudySM, recognize RE/MAX for providing the highest overall consumer satisfaction for both home buyers and home sellers. In last year's study, two different companies ranked the highest in each category, but this year home buyers and sellers both rated RE/MAX the highest.

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