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Water quality

Members of the House and Senate's bipartisan SE Michigan Caucus, including Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, attended a Lake St. Clair Appreciation Day in order to learn more about the issues



facing one of Michigan's most important natural resources. As part of their efforts to enhance

the entire southeast corner of Michigan, members of the SE Michigan Caucus have identified water quality issues as one of the most important factors to be considered when putting together a plan for regional development.

"The SE Michigan Caucus is a good example of how Republicans and Democrats can work together to solve the problems facing our region," Colbeck said. "Working cooperatively, we can resolve water quality issues with our Great Lakes and protect this valuable natural resource for generations to come."

Blood donation

Donors who contribute a pint of blood during a blood drive at the Canton Public Library Friday, Aug. 26, have a shot at several prizes.

Donors can win either two tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, or free gasoline for a year. Edible Arrangements will donate a box of chocolates to everyone who donates blood. Library officials point out blood donations are the lowest seen by the American Red Cross in over a decade.

Reservations are being accepted now, in person at the library reception desk, by phone at (734) 397-0999, Ext. 1071, or by e-mail at gladdenk@cantonpl.org. The drive runs 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

District 22-for-25 in AYP scores

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When all three high schools reached Adequate Yearly Progress status for the first time a year ago, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials were ecstatic.

This year, two of the three schools failed to meet AYP (though they still received accreditation), but district officials are still pretty pleased with where they're at academically.

"We need to do a better job of letting people know what goes into an AYP score," said Dana Jones, the district's director of academic and assessment services. "People see you either made it or you didn't make it ... if you didn't make it, you must not be doing a good job. That's not the case. We did great."

The news is overwhelmingly positive for Plymouth-Canton, with 22 of its 25 buildings achieving AYP status for the 2010-11 school year. Only Plym-

outh and Salem high schools and the Starkweather Education Center failed to reach AYP, although the "B" on the report card still provides the accreditation they need.

Jones said the AYP system itself is making AYP status more difficult to achieve, since the target for reaching it continues to change. When the No Child Left Behind program started, she pointed out, districts had to have 38 percent of their students proficient in reading and 47 per-

cent proficient in math to reach AYP. For the 2010-11 school year, those numbers had risen to 74 in reading, 77 in math. And they're going up again next year (to 85 for reading, 82 for math).

Moving targets

"That's twice as rigorous as what they were in 2001," Jones said. "Increments change every year, and often there are as many as 10 percentage points

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The Grutzka family reunion started Saturday at their great-great-grandparents' graves in Canton's Kinyon Cemetery, and finished up at a nephew's home in Fenton.

Reunion helps bridge generation gap

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In the fall of 2009, Patricia Bruce and Judith Lowery stood in the same Susz, Poland (formerly West Prussia), church in which great-great-grandparents Michael and Christine Gutzke had been wed, and they wept.

Nearly two years later, the tears flowed again as Bruce, Lowery and five generations of the Gutzke family gathered in Canton's Kinyon Cemetery Saturday to dedicate a new headstone over the graves of Michael and Christine, whose immigration in the late 1800s had established the family in the area.

The family reunion was the end of an odyssey that began when Michael and Christine journeyed to America in April 1873, and marked the first time, according to Bruce, that so many generations of the family had gotten together.

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Finances improve, but Canton still faces hurdles

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

New financial projections released Tuesday indicate Canton's general, fire and police funds could have a combined balance of \$4.6 million by the end of 2012 — a startling change from earlier estimates of a \$14.4 million deficit.

Yet even if the \$4.6 million figure holds true, it still marks a steep decline from a combined \$11.7 million balance in late 2009, prompting local officials to warn that Canton, while averting a deficit, still has to rein in expenses and protect its perilous cash reserves.

"We've gone from bleak to not so bleak, but we're not out of the woods yet," Finance Director Rick Eva cautioned Tuesday. "We're still using fund balance."

In deficit-thwarting moves, Canton leaders have imposed a 1.75-mill police and fire tax, demanded employee concessions such as unpaid furlough days, trimmed spending across all departments, chose not to fill certain jobs, downgraded other positions to reduce pay levels and slashed over-

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Canton firm lobbies for federal support of wind energy

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton Township company making inroads in the wind energy industry has enlisted help from the dean of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, who has been in the House since 1955, on Tuesday visited the Haggerty Road headquarters of Danotek Motion Technologies, a 10-year-old company that, among other things, designs and assembles permanent-magnet generators for wind turbines.

With pending orders of more than \$50 million, Danotek relies on a chain of 18 Michigan suppliers, including several in the Detroit area, for the parts and ser-

vices that go into its products. The company has grown from 12 employees in March 2009 to almost 70 today, recruited from around the globe, including nine with Ph.D. degrees.

"We have created this technical melting pot in the Detroit area," the chief executive officer, Don Naab, told Dingell.

Incentive's future unclear

Naab asked Dingell for support, particularly for the renewal of the production tax credit, or PTC, which offers wind farms a tax credit of 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity produced through utility-sized wind turbines. The

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Congressman John Dingell tours the Danotek plant with Director of Manufacturing Bill Berghoff and CEO Don Naab.

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By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone clamoring for choice in the Nov. 8 race for four seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education got their wish.

Sixteen people got into the race by the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline, including all four incumbents and two former board presidents.

The 16 candidates will compete for the seats currently held by the four incumbents seeking reelection: President John Jackson, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez and trustees Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneiderman.

Sneiderman, Jackson and Eggenberger had previously announced their intentions to run. Gonzalez had been on the fence due to time considerations

involved with running the family business, but decided at the last minute to enter the fray.

The race also includes a pair of former board presidents, Canton residents Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath, both of whom have been outspoken in their criticism of the current board's handling of the district's budget.

The other candidates in the race include:

- Stephanie Goecke, a Plymouth mother who has served on the board of the Educational Excellence Foundation for 10 years and has volunteered at events, in classrooms and for the marching band.

- Sheila Paton of Plymouth, who heads the Legislative Action Network, a grass-roots group working on education issues, including funding, with represen-

tatives in Lansing.

- John Nichols of Canton, an outspoken critic of the board's consideration of closing Fiegel Elementary School.

- Abdullateef Muhiuddin of Canton, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School.

- John Barrett of Plymouth, a city commissioner and longtime administrator in the Farmington school district.

- Mike Andro of Canton, who lost a 2008 bid for a seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

- Newcomers Matt Dame, Clifton Nealy, Michael Redman and Angie Williams-Chehmani, all of Canton.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw their name from consideration.

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PTC, first launched in 1992, is set to expire at the end of next year. Danotek doesn't receive the credit directly, but gets a "major trickledown benefit" from it, as do suppliers and turbine manufacturers, said Sarah Zajas, the company's marketing director.

Dingell, while favorable toward the incentive, didn't sound optimistic about its chances. Given "where we are right now," with budget-cutting dominating the conversation in Congress, it's unlikely the PTC will be renewed, at least in its current form, he said.

"I think that's damaging," Naab responded. "You're preaching to the choir here," Dingell said. "Right now there are other blockheads ... running the place."



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Danotek President and CEO Don Naab speaks with Congressman John Dingell.

Dingell, however, did say his staff would help Danotek "in every proper way" to navigate the bureaucracy when it comes to issues like immigration for potential employees, or where to turn for borrowing capital. Dingell has had two stints, totaling 16 years, as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the most recent during the 2007-08 term.

Danotek officials said uncertainty about the renewal of the PTC over its lifetime has created boom-and-bust cycles in the wind energy industry, and cited statistics showing that new on-shore wind turbine installations fell last year after shooting up in 2008 and 2009.

Not knowing whether the incentive will be available, "makes it very difficult for (companies) to press the button to proceed," said Peter Gibson, vice president of sales and marketing.

Power efficiency

Danotek's permanent-magnet generator uses a rotor — the rotating shaft inside the generator —

with a heavy, powerful magnet instead of a traditional electromagnetic of coiled wire. A sign on a magnet on the shop floor Tuesday said the magnet could affect watches, jewelry and credit cards, and warned visitors not to come within four feet of it.

Permanent-magnet generators, Naab said, are more efficient, have fewer moving parts and are easier to maintain than the traditional kind. They are also better able to generate power at lower wind speeds.

Gibson said the technology can give wind turbine makers and wind farms a competitive advantage.

Naab later said the company values Dingell's support of Michigan businesses.

"We were very pleased to host Congressman Dingell at Danotek," Naab wrote in an e-mail. "He showed much enthusiasm for our company's initiatives to create an industry-leading high-technology company and the creation of highly skilled jobs here in Canton."

Danotek has a \$3 million contract with Clipper, a wind turbine manufacturer owned by United Technologies, and is preparing to test a permanent-magnet generator prototype in a Clipper wind turbine at the University of Minnesota next month.

Danotek's local suppliers include Fastenal in Canton, Loc Performance Products in Plymouth Township, RS Electronics in Livonia and ProtoTool, a machine shop in Farmington.

Dingell, 85, is the longest serving House member.

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difference. That's quite a jump."

Compounding the problem, according to Jones, is the scores are calculated in various subgroups — by race, nationality, gender and special education, for example — as well as overall scores. And failure to reach AYP in any one of those individual subgroups constitutes failure as a whole to reach AYP.

While declining to say which subgroups were identified, Jones said Plymouth-Canton's failures were a result of subgroup performance.

"The difficulty is not only are there targets for the general population, but it's for sub-groups, too," Jones said. "Each of those individual subgroups needs to hit the target. One of those subgroups misses the target and you don't make AYP."

State requirements on standardized tests such as the MEAP and the Michigan Merit Exam are increasing, too, a fact Jones said will make AYP that much harder. For instance, the "cut" score last year for the MEAP was 400, and it may go as high as 420 — "We don't have that number yet," Jones said — for the 2011-12 school year.

To keep up, Jones said, the district is doing several things, such as expanding options to include sheltered learning classes for English Language Learners students and co-teaching special education students with general education classrooms.

"Ten years ago special education students were often sequestered, in a group with a special education teacher who had great knowledge of special ed curriculum. Now

"They're all our students, and all our departments are working hard together to make sure the needs of those students are met."

DANA JONES
P-CCS administrator

they're with teachers who have knowledge of the rigorous (general education) course content, as well. They're all our students, and all our departments are working hard together to make sure the needs of those students are met."

Statistically speaking

Statistics released by the Michigan Department of Education seem to bear out what Jones is saying. For the 2010-11 school year, proficiency targets increased by about 8 percentage points in reading and eight to 12 percentage points in math, making it more difficult for schools to make AYP.

And, despite more schools not making AYP, every school building in Michigan still received state accreditation.

"We must continue to set high expectations for our schools so our students are prepared for the competitive global economy," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. "But we need an accurate and honest reflection of where our schools are in preparing our students."

Flanagan said he expects the percent of schools making AYP to continue to fall next year as Michigan is raising its assessment cut scores, which determine student proficiency.

"While scores may ini-

tially decline, educators support this change because preparing students for long-term success is the right thing to do," Flanagan said. "I have faith that our outstanding educators across this state will rise to this challenge — and continue to do so with honest effort and integrity."

Karen Obsniuk, dean of the College of Education at Madonna University in Livonia, said higher education is working in partnership with K-12 schools to research fair and effective ways to evaluate educational achievement among a diversity of learners.

She said lack of funding and changing targets have made NCLB "very difficult to implement."

"I think schools are working hard to find better ways to meet those benchmarks."

Not everyone is a fan of the AYP process. Trish Brown, who heads Canton-based Tipping Point Education, a think-tank initiative for K-12 and higher education, said AYP "isn't realistic" and forces schools to conform to what government wants without any increase in funding.

"I ask any parent living successfully within the middle class, and having a vocation or college education, to take the test, along with the government officials who voted to enforce these ineffective measuring tools and see how well they do. Let's stop finding ways to tell out children they aren't proficient and identify realistic goals that students must meet to be proficient. I guarantee many who criticize education would not be able to pass the tests we require our children to take."

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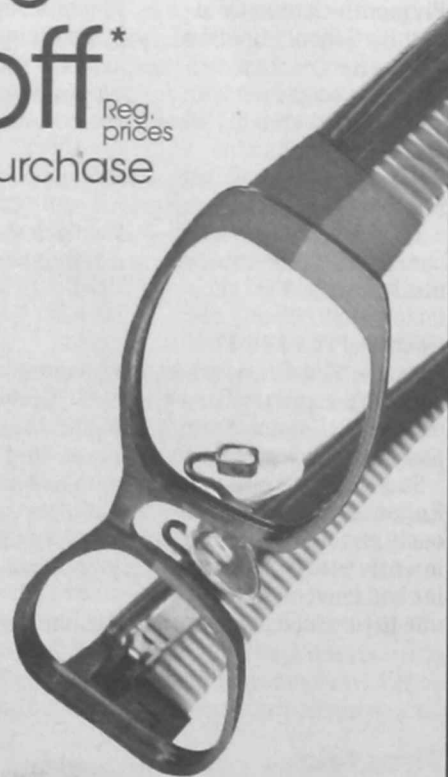
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The incident happened about 3:45 p.m. last Thursday. The customer made a purchase for \$10, paid with a \$50 and asked for different denominations when he received his change. He did this several times and used both hands.

After the third exchange, the man quickly left, but store personnel realized he had made off with \$150. The suspect was described as a black male, about 30 years old, 5-foot-10, wearing a red hat and shirt and black shorts.

Warrant arrest

Canton police arrested a man wanted on several warrants after going to investigate a dispute between a man and a woman around 5:40 p.m. Monday in the 1200 block of Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

The man told police the dispute had started because his child's mother became upset after she saw some exchanges on Facebook between him and another woman. He denied having any physical relations with the other woman.

Police learned, however, that the man was wanted for several warrants including receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, misdemeanor traffic offenses, a marijuana charge and a probation violation. He was placed under arrest.

Tires taken

A man told police someone stole four wheels and rims from his silver, 2010 Chevrolet Camaro while it was parked in the 8600 block of Honeytree, in The Crossings apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, between 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

The man said he left his car in his parking spot and later found the wheels and rims missing. The car had been placed on patio blocks.

Police also found 10 silver lug nuts on the ground near the vehicle. The owner estimated the rims were valued at \$600 each.

Pizza problem

An employee of Jet's Pizza in the 41200 block of Palmer, west of Haggerty, contacted police after a tip jar containing \$20-\$25 was stolen from the front counter shortly before 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The employee said one white male and three black males entered the store, and while two of the black males — both tall — positioned themselves by the counter, the white male reached between them, grabbed the tip jar and fled the business.

An employee ran after the suspect but couldn't catch him.

The white male was described as 5-foot-11, 180 pounds and wearing an Oakland Raiders baseball cap. The black males were described only as tall, between 6-foot-2 and 6-foot 4, and one was wearing a black shirt.

—Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

REUNION

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"It's the first time in probably 100 years that all of these people will gather," said Bruce, who helped organize the reunion. "We thought it would be nice to see how many of them we could get."

Journey begins

For this family, the story begins with the immigration of Michael and Christine, whose journey, family legend has it, took six weeks of sailing, during which their freshwater supply ran dangerously low and their boat was nearly rammed by a steamer.

But the couple settled in Detroit, where Michael worked as a laborer. At their deaths in 1896 and 1900 respectively, Michael and Christine were buried in Kinyon Cemetery, located at Ridge and Gyde in Canton.

The story fast-forwards about 80 years to the 1980s, when Bruce's family unwittingly expanded. Bruce and her sister, Joann Washburn, had been exploring the family line through Internet genealogy, and saw a posting on a genealogy website from Lowery, who was researching her own family.



Brothers Richard (left) and Wes Wilkie led the prayers at the dedication of the grave marker for their great-great-grandparents, Michael and Christine Gutzke, who came to American in 1873 from West Prussia.

Turns out, it's the same family.

"I had started doing research and they were doing research, and we didn't know anything about the connection," said Lowery, who lives outside Atherton, Ga. "(Bruce) filled in some blanks for me, and I filled in some blanks for her. It's such a wonderful thing to discover."

The cousins did more joint research and discovered the burial plot at Kinyon Cemetery, though they found out the graves

were unmarked, although a Daughters of the American Revolution transcript shows one had originally been placed. The cousins made it their mission to get the graves remarked, a mission that brought five generations of them to Kinyon on Saturday.

In the footsteps

But first came another journey, with cousins Bruce, Lowery and William Gutzka going to Poland in the fall of 2009. The three traveled to Susz, Poland, where they

toured the area where the Gutzke family originated, including the Evangelical (Lutheran) churches where their ancestors were baptized, confirmed, married and where their deaths were recorded.

"We went to all the places they lived, saw all the churches," Lowery said. "We were standing in the churches where these people were confirmed. We were all in tears."

"We were going back and walking in the footsteps of our ancestors," said Bill Gutzka. "It was an emotional experience."

It was an emotional experience Saturday, too, when the family gathered to dedicate the newest marker for their great-great-grandparents' graves.

Kurt Gutzka watched Bill Gutzka's immersion in the project and knew he wanted to be involved, too. He made the trip Saturday from Vancouver, Wash., in large measure to find out more about where he came from.

"My dad got into it, and I tagged along with him, it was a father-son moment," Kurt Gutzka said. "We were out here a few years ago, and found out a lot. I want to know my roots."

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time costs. Elected officials reduced their own salaries a second time.

The efforts — for now — averted a deficit that had threatened to stream-roll toward the \$15 million mark, largely driven by falling property values and tax revenues.

Trustee John Anthony marveled at Canton's efforts to transform a potentially huge defi-

cit into a \$4.6 million balance.

"That's absolutely remarkable," he said.

Still, a separate look at the general, fire and police funds indicates a downward trend, despite the cost-cutting and tax-hiking measures. Consider:

- Canton's general fund stood at \$6 million when officials closed the books on 2009 — an amount that is expected to plunge to \$2.3 million by the end of 2012.

- During the same

three-year period, the fire fund is projected to fall from \$3.3 million to \$1.1 million.

- The police fund, meanwhile, is expected to decline from \$2.3 million to \$1.1 million.

Trustee Todd Caccamo, who has announced he will resign his part-time post effective Aug. 31 due to professional reasons, said Tuesday it is "still unacceptable" for Canton to continue depleting its fund balances.

Canton Assessor Doug

Shaw and the outside auditing firm Plante & Moran has indicated that Canton's property values could potentially have reached their low point and could begin a gradual rebound. Yet property tax revenues typically lag two years behind a housing-market recovery, and some officials still worry about a hoped-for turnaround.

"Are the brighter days going to be in 2012 or 2013? I'm not so certain," Caccamo said Tuesday.

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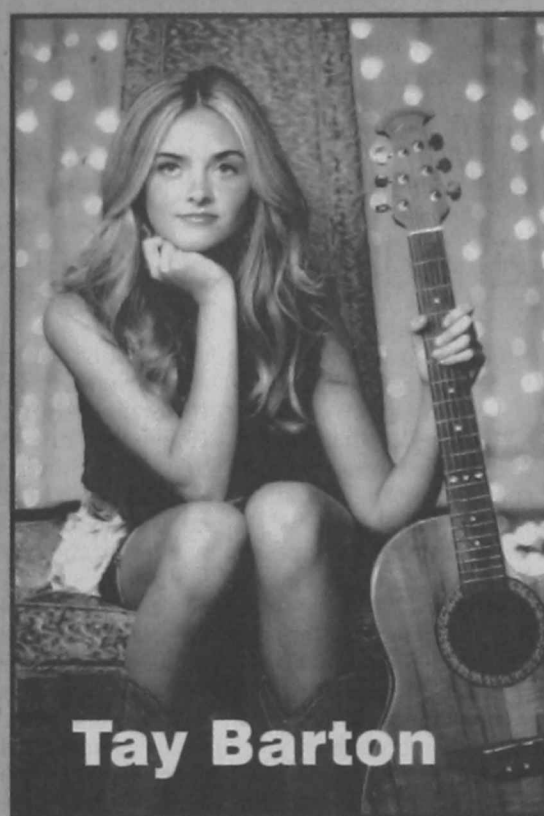


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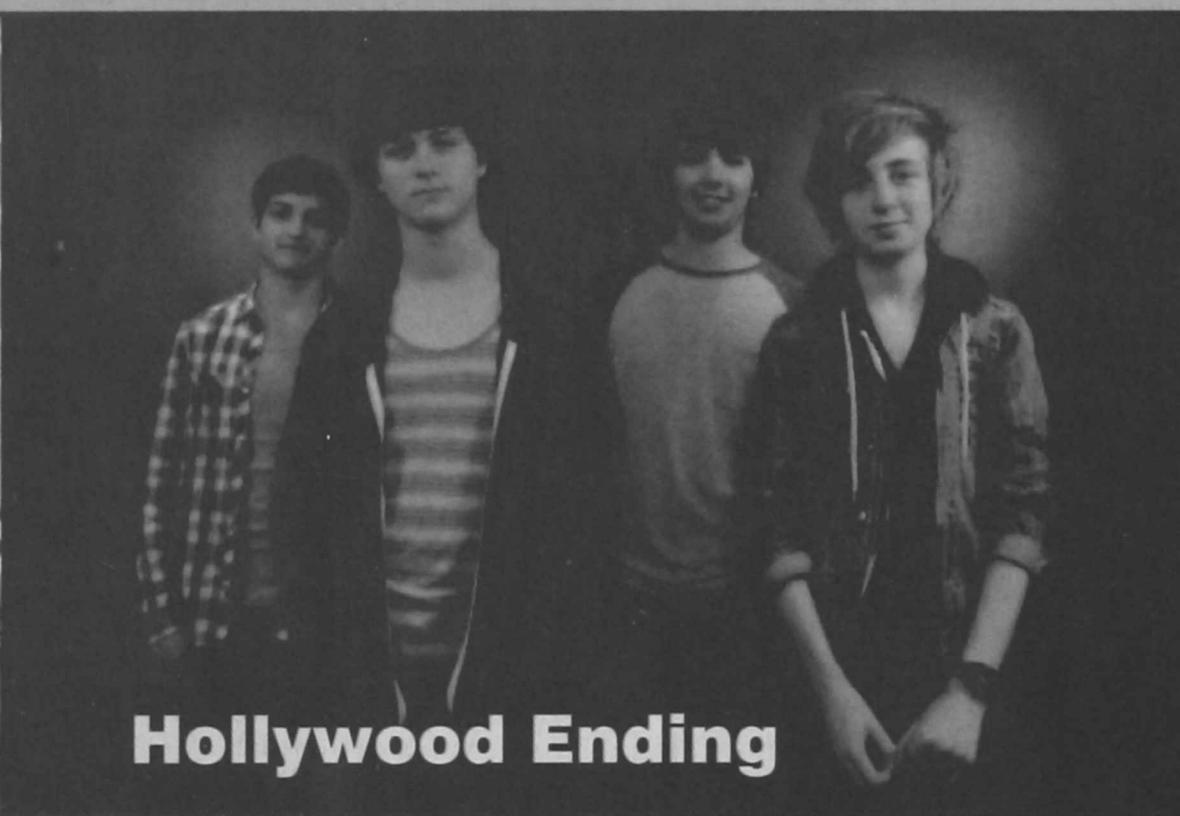
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Blitz hopes to help 300 youngsters

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Jeremy Hughes is taking part in his first "Back to School Blitz," the annual school supply drive headed by the Plymouth Salvation Army, but the importance isn't lost on him.

Hughes, interim superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was impressed the fourth annual drive, sponsored by the Salvation Army but this year joined by nearly two dozen other agencies, including the school district, was targeting some 300 youngsters.

"That's a significant number," said Hughes. "I didn't realize it was going to help that many kids. That's a great thing."

The drive is designed to help provide school supplies to needy children in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

As the economy continues to struggle and



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Debbie Abbey of Plymouth stops by the Plymouth Salvation Army with a donation of school supplies. Corps Officer Maj. Daniel Hull just happened to be in the parking lot when she rolled up.

most charity organizations are scrambling for financing, the PSA and 21 other local civic groups, churches and other charitable organizations are combining their efforts to make sure kids have what they need when school starts next month.

"We reached out and asked because everyone is taxed in terms of funding," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the PSA. "I thought everybody doing a little bit would be better than a few individual groups

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trying to do too much. The need is definitely there."

In addition to traditional school supplies, the drive aims to provide youngsters with clothing items — primarily new socks and underwear in all sizes — as necessary.

Along with the clothing items, the Blitz is looking for items on the "School supplies wish list," including colored pencils, 24-count crayon boxes, one-subject notebooks, glue sticks, bottles of glue, markers, backpacks (especially for K-2 students), scissors (with rounded edges), yellow highlighters, one-inch, three-ring binders, red, black/blue pens, erasers, rulers, supply boxes/bags, composition books (wide ruled) and pocket folders.

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Woodward ready for annual Dream Cruise

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

Michael Lary has been dreaming since January, and this week his dreams will come true.

Lary, event director for the city of Ferndale, has been busy since early this year, planning for the 17th annual Woodward Dream Cruise and associated events that run from Thursday through Saturday this week.

If there could be a hub for the Cruise, which officially runs all day on Saturday, it would be in Ferndale. As the city's Cruise motto notes, Ferndale is "where it all began," when Nelson House decided to hold a fund-raiser to benefit a soccer field in Ferndale.


That was in 1995. This year, Lary expects a crowd of 80,000 to enjoy the Ferndale events. Unfortunately, this year House won't be there to enjoy it, having died last year, but he might have been proud to know that the tradition lives on.

"Everything depends on the weather," Lary said of the expected turnout. "Most of the (Cruise) are based on tradition."

Lary calls himself "very blessed" to have what he says is a wonderful group of team leaders and volunteers to help with the Cruise. There are 18 team leaders and 70 volunteers, the majority of whom come back every year, Lary said.

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Seniors show their mettle for medals

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

There were no designer uniforms, no Olympic rings, no torch bearer. The Olympic village was a picnic shelter where athletes gathered for a breakfast of scrambled eggs and sausage before putting their skills to the test in such sports as Frisbee toss, euchre, baking, Wii and creative writing.

Welcome to the Olympics, Wayne County style, where people age 50 to 90-plus put their skills to the test in hopes of winning gold, silver or bronze medals.

"It's fun and it's just fun to do," said Jay Young of Canton, who was hoping to add to the silver medal he won last year. "I got involved because of the activities at the senior center. They encouraged us to get involved."

The seventh annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics kicked off Monday with an opening ceremony. Hosted by the City of Livonia, the event attracted senior athletes from 16 western Wayne County communities. The athletes are spending this week competing in a variety of events held at senior centers such as the Friendship Center in Westland to the Italian American Club in Livonia and the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

The athletes also received praise from U.S. Rep. John Dingell and Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, who warned them to stay away from baseball's latest banned performance enhancing substance, "moose antler spray."

Ficano got the job of lighting the Olympic torch with the help of Kirksey, Wild and Dingell, before sending the

athletes to the first of five days of competition.

Four of the five events Young signed up for were held Monday morning - Frisbee, football and softball throw and the soccer kick, a contest in which he won a medal last year. His fifth event was pickle ball, held Wednesday at Hillside School in Northville.

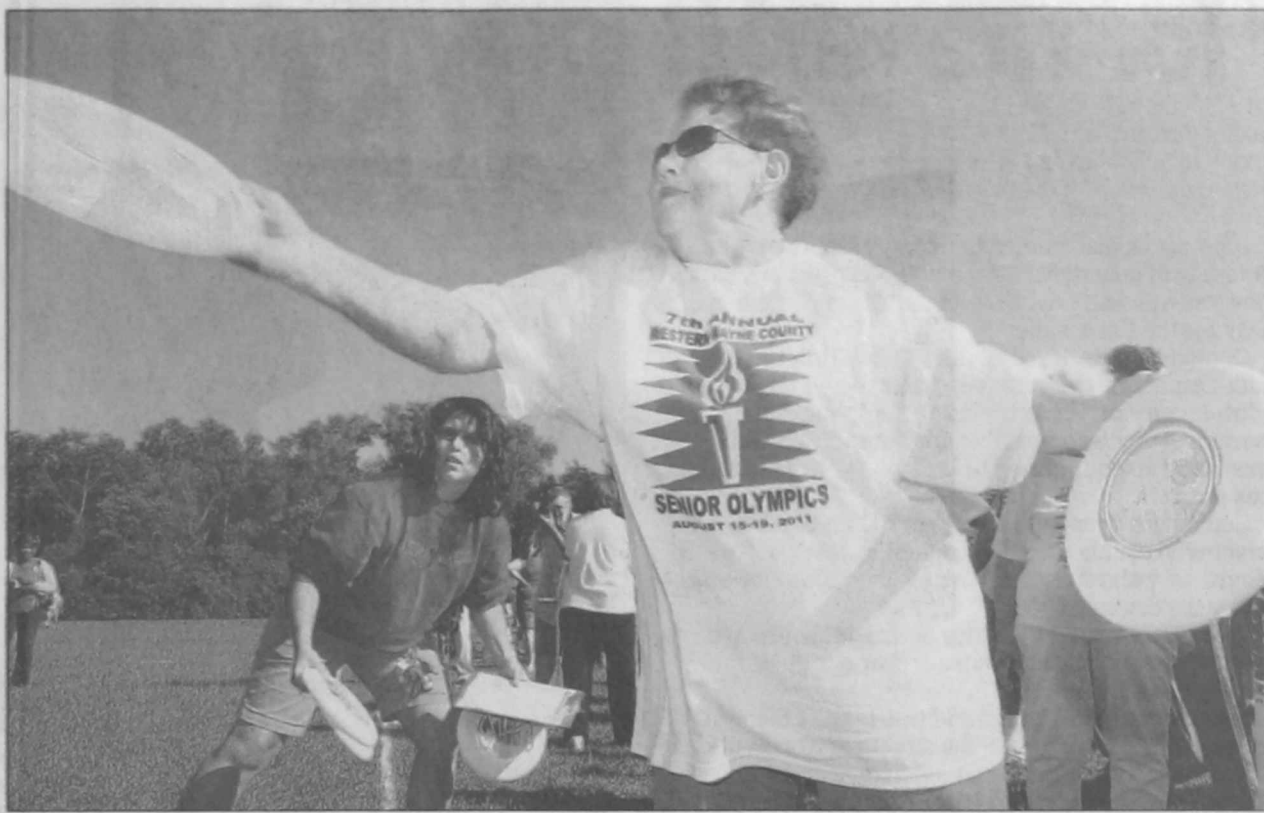
"You play it on a badminton court with a wooden paddle and a plastic ball, it's the rage in Florida, people line up to play it," said Young. "There's a lot of excitement, it's fun."

Bodenmiller pointed to her girl posse — Jane Carbone, Dolores Hrlac and Boots Kawa — for being a senior athlete. "They dragged me into it," she said. "It's only my second year, but it's been fun." Carbone said the group isn't "rocking chair ladies." They all have a few medals to show for their efforts. She made a shadow box filled with political pins and hangs her medals on it. Kawa plans to take hers to "her glory," while Hrlac has them hanging on hangers with her Olympic shirts.

On the Livonia team, Pat Eickhoff was planning to pray to the bowling god. She and Husband Larry have been in serious training at home on their Wii game system. She has a 200 plus average while her husband is at 260. They're in a Livonia league and have on occasion bowled a perfect game.

"I hope to do 300 and that's hope in capital letters," Pat Eickhoff said. "I bowled three consecutive 300 games last week at home."

"It's a great sport for people who are retired and you don't have to spend money," said Jim Fineran of Redford, also a member of the Livonia team. "And you don't have to lift a 16-pound ball."



Jerry Gawnra of Canton competes in the Frisbee toss.

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The Canton crowd, from lower left: Francesca Provenzano, Virginia Garner, Lonnie Haines, Russ Haines, Tom Smyczynski, Judy Smyczynski, Lori Bonifiglio, Ruth Fairbanks, and Gloria Cifaldi.

Pat Eickhoff describes

Fineran as kind of the team leader because he encourages and motivates everyone.

"We've got to get someone to win from Livonia," he said. That someone might

be Alice Hosback. She's been Wii bowling since September 2009. She refers to Fineran as her coach and said he "insists I'm going to win."

Hosback bowled in the 1940s in the Greyhound League, but after a double mastectomy, the 91-year-old found she couldn't heave the ball down the lane. When she saw the Wii remote, she knew she could once again do a sport she just loves.

"I saw this game and they were using something that looked like a telephone and I figured I could do that," she said.

Hosback wasn't hard to spot in the competition held Wednesday in Westland and Plymouth.

"She's the only one in a little pleated skirt and high heels," said Pat Eickhoff.

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Dolores Hrlac, Carol Bodenmiller, Jane Carbone, and Boots Kawa carry the Canton banner during opening ceremonies.



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Winning one ‘for the girls’

By Brad Kadrach
Observer Staff Writer

A young woman named Courtney rested near the fountain in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Saturday, roughly halfway through the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walk.

Courtney, a Redford resident who didn't give a last name, felt the splashes from the water, turned pink by city officials trying to show their support in every way possible for some 1,500 walkers who raised millions of dollars for breast cancer research.

Courtney's friend is a four-year breast cancer survivor who couldn't make the 60-mile weekend trek, so Courtney walked for her. And for everyone else affected by the disease.

"For all the girls," Courtney said in response to a question about why she walked. "For our girls, for your girls, for every girl."

She was hardly alone. In addition to the 1,500 walkers, thousands more lined the streets of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia and other areas over the weekend, cheering on the walkers as they headed toward the closing ceremony in Dearborn.

Onlookers offered cheers, support, water, food and hugs as the walkers made their way through downtown Plymouth. Many stopped to rest, including Dr. Cindy Glasson of Lake Orion.

Glasson's best friend was diagnosed with breast cancer some 10 years ago. She's also had patients affected by the disease.

"I'm walking for my best friend," said Glasson, 55, while holding her young grandson. "And I'm walking for my patients."



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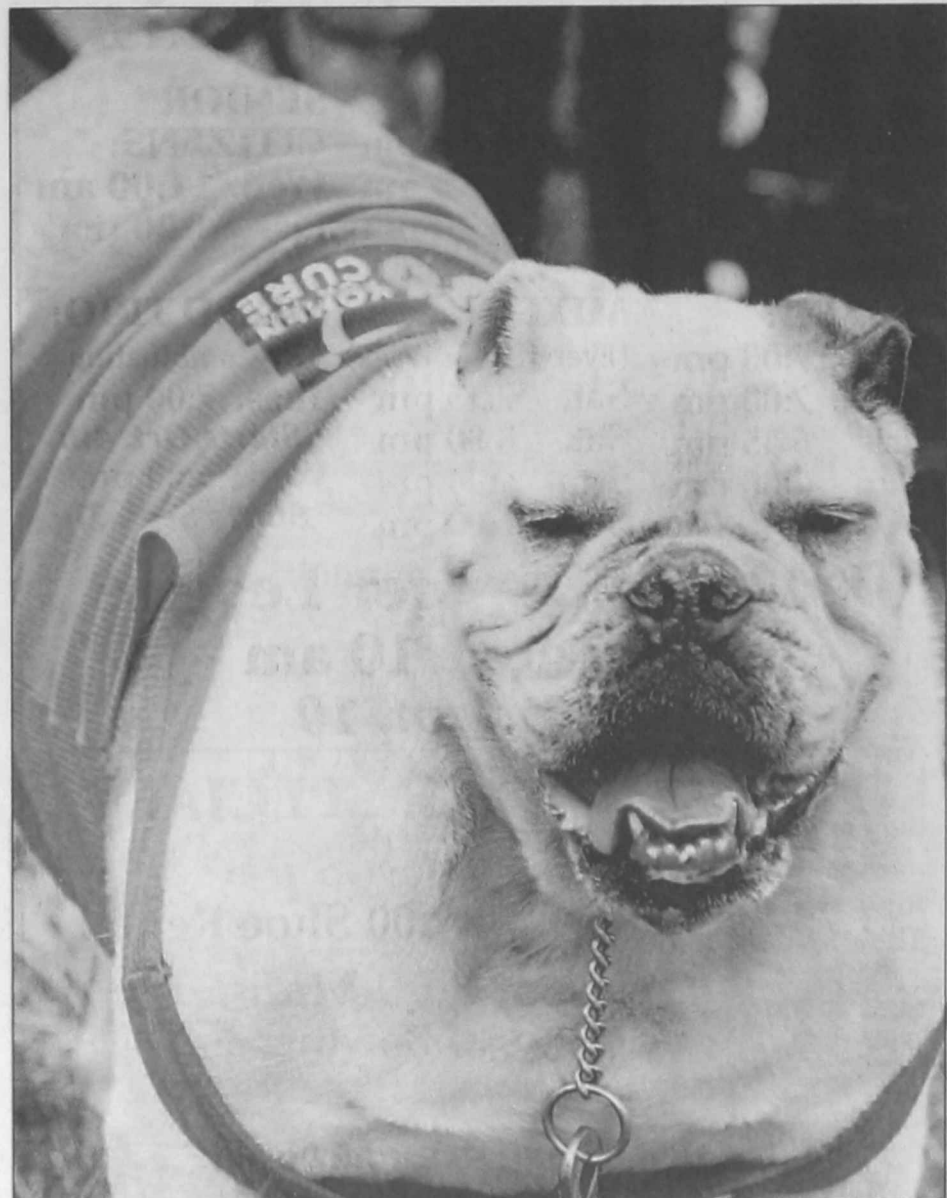
Vanessa Dekoekkoek from Muskegon (left) and Julie Wagonmaker from Grand Haven came out in costume.



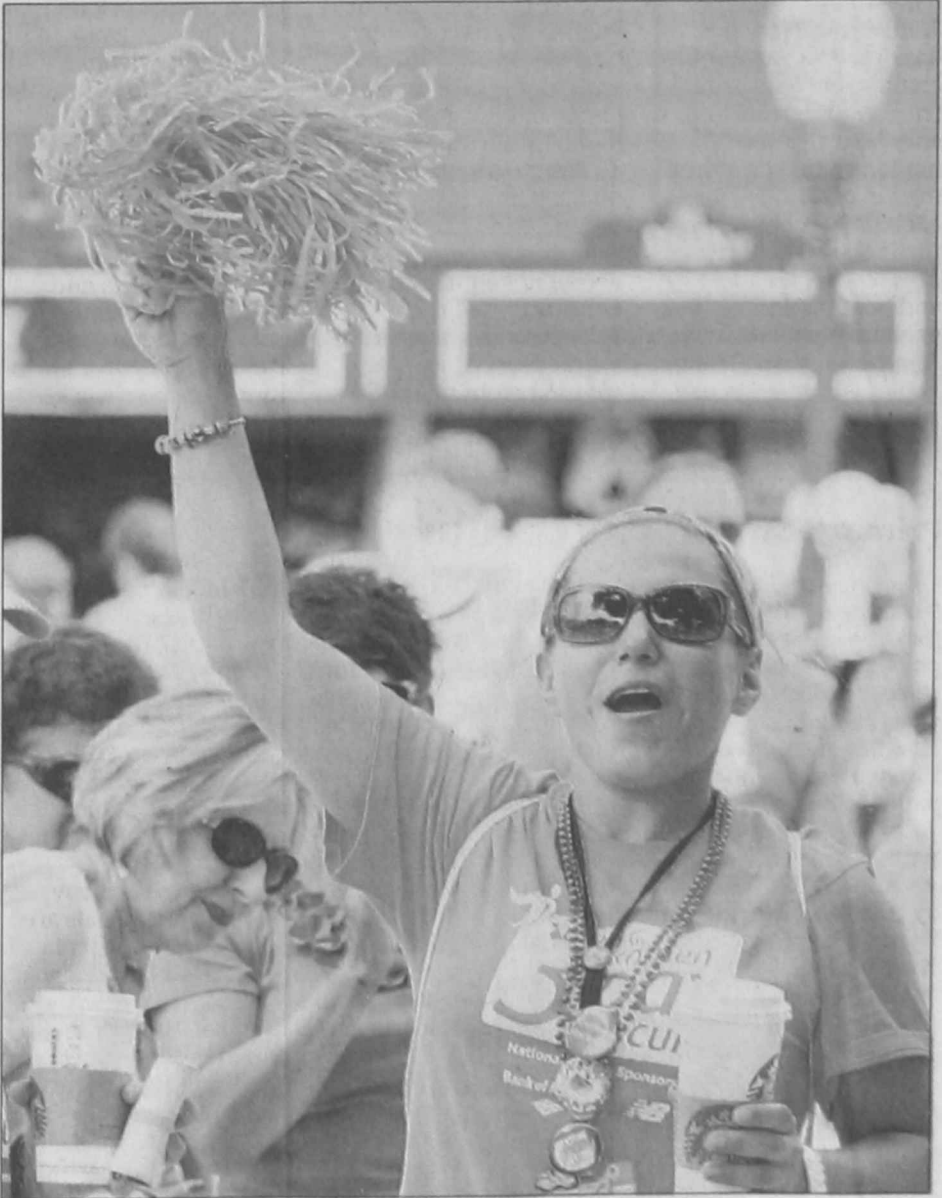
Lauren Boike and 18-month-old Kole Boike of Dearborn find the pink water in the fountain in Kellogg Park.



Darcy Blakemore of Westland, walking her fifth 3-Day for the Cure, whoops it up as she passes through the cheering station in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.



Cletus, an 8-year-old English Bulldog, came out in support of his owner.



Ryan Mackillop of Brighton cheers on walkers as they cross Main Street.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Glenn Nenninger and Dennis Griffin opened Big Apple Bagels at 302 Canton Center Road in Canton back in March.

Bagel business rises from scratch

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

Big Apple: We have capacity for up to 30 customers in our dining area plus outdoor seating. We provide free wi-fi, cable television and satellite radio. Delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more within a reasonable geography. Free coffee and soda refills for our dine in customers. We can cater any event including platters of deli sandwiches, box lunches and trays of our muffins.

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

Big Apple: Glenn and I have been friends since high school (Divine Child class of 1988). We have always discussed opening a business together and finally took the plunge.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Big Apple: We felt Canton was a growing and thriving city that was conveniently located in proximity to all major expressways which would allow us to be able to deliver and cater events all across the metro Detroit area.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Big Apple: There are a couple of key advantages which we have over our competition. One advantage is that we bake all our products from scratch each day. Most of the major chains get their product trucked in frozen and only heat the pre-made product. We mix the dough and batter each day and bake throughout the day to provide the freshest and best tasting product possible. Another key difference is that Glenn and I are

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Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Big Apple: We have and will continue to add to and improve our product choices. We have added Bagel chips, dog bones as well as several additional types of bagel and muffin options.

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

Big Apple: We were overwhelmed by the response of the Canton community on our first Saturday open. We had staffed based on previous stores and the business they had done on their first weekend open, but good people of Canton far exceeded the average number of customers on a typical first weekend. Glenn's wife along with my sister in law and niece came to the store about 10 a.m. to buy bagels and see how it was going. As soon as I saw them I walked up with a T-shirt and hat and congratulated them for being our newest employees. They jumped right in and

helped us get through the rush. I'm still not sure if they ever got their bagels. It was crazy but great!

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Big Apple: We opened our store in the middle of a tough economy but we feel that that has only made us better. Everyone is watching how they spend every dollar today. People have so many choices and deserve quality and value for their hard earned dollars, so that is what we want to provide to them for choosing us.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Big Apple: I would advise anyone looking to start a business to understand the commitment it takes to make a business a success. There are no short cuts, it takes long hours, hard work and the support of your family and friends.

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

Big Apple: We hope to continue to grow our catering business as more and more people find out about us and start bringing us to lunches and meetings or events they are having at their work.

Spotify could change online music

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

More than a decade ago, a peer-to-peer file sharing network named Napster revolutionized the way Internet users received and shared their music. For about two years, between the summer of 1999 and the summer of 2001, users who installed the Napster network could download MP3 files from other users.

Napster was great because it was free. Unless, of course, you were part of the music recording industry, in which case Napster was awful — because letting the entire world take music for free is also illegal.

The highly regarded music site was soon shut down and in its place came a number of other illegal file sharing networks, which each had its spotlight.

Eventually, Apple cashed in the Internet music scene with iTunes — a program that compliments the iPod and has dominated the music scene for years. Even with the emergence of online and mobile music apps such as Pandora and Grooveshark, which lets users create custom stations and playlists and listen to music virtually commercial- and ad-free, iTunes has dominated online music.

But Apple's long reign at the top of the charts may be coming to the end because another revolutionary music site has just made its way to the United States. The site is called Spotify and chances are you've heard about it online, on a friend's Facebook wall or even in

the news.

Spotify is a Swedish-based streaming music site (streaming means no illegal downloading) that allows users to

browse and listen to more than 15 million songs for free. According to Wikipedia, the site is growing by more than 10,000 tracks per day.

The site remains viable because of sidebar ads and banner ads and also because of commercials in between songs. Moreover, users can create their playlists and access them from any computer. Whereas iTunes can cost up to 99 cents or more per song, Spotify is free and a great option for online music — if you can deal with a few ads.

Spotify can also be accessed on the mobile web as it has iPhone and Android apps. Spotify for Blackberry is in development. Moreover, Spotify also has social features similar to that of Grooveshark. Users are allowed to create a profile and connect with their friends on Facebook to share playlists and view favorite songs.

It also allows for the integration of playlists of iTunes. And for those who really like the concept of paying for music and skipping the ads, Spotify costs \$5 per month in the U.S. for premium memberships without commercials — although commercials on the site are reported to only last as long as 15 seconds.

If you are interested in a cheaper alternative to

iTunes that won't eat up space on your hard drive, visit www.spotify.com to request an invite. All you have to do is put in your e-mail address and when space is available you can begin your free membership. For those who don't want to wait, a number of invites are available for those who have free memberships at Klout.com, a site that is often discussed in this space.

Users who sign up for the \$5 per month premium accounts also don't have to wait in line. Of course, the new incarnation of Napster — a legal music sharing program which is now owned by Best Buy — also costs \$5 per month for unlimited listening.

Spotify recommends that users have computers with processing speeds of 1 GHz or above. For the non-tech savvy, desktop computers purchased in the last seven years or so likely exceed this processing speed. Laptop computers purchased in the past three to six years likely exceed this processing speed.

After launching in the U.S. this summer, Spotify has been valued at about \$1 billion U.S. But only time will tell if that valuation of will continue to grow and if Spotify can continue to creep up on iTunes as the best music destination.

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Mark Lindley.

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OUR VIEWS

Clean campaign

Keep mud-slinging to a minimum in school board race

With 16 people in the race, the campaign for four seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is definitely a crowded one. But that doesn't mean it can't be a clean one.

And that's exactly what we hope it is.

There's a danger, with the rancorous year the Board of Education had, and with three incumbents in the race, the campaign will get a little murky. A good number of harsh words were exchanged, among board members and among members of the community, during a year when the board fractured so openly

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Personalities should be shoved aside, and personal attacks should be left to the national politicians, with a number of local issues for voters to consider, including:

- The handling of the contract for former Supt. Craig Fiegel. This is the issue on which the board split. The pro-Fiegel board members forced

the issue in September, and the anti-Fiegel faction stood their ground. They forced him out in November, then took several months to bring in an interim superintendent.

Some observers believe enough anger still lingers on both sides to make it difficult for the incumbents in November. This issue has the biggest potential for name-calling, back-biting and rancor, and we hope candidates keep that from happening.

- The budget. This board still hasn't made enough decisions to wipe out the \$18 million deficit and are relying on too many uncertainties, including potential concessions from the teachers and wiping out the district's fund balance.

- The privatization of the bus drivers/monitors positions.

- The closing of Fiegel Elementary School. Another issue on which board members angered a segment of their constituents, picking Fiegel seemingly with the throw of a dart in an effort to save money. We think the choice made sense, but enough residents disagreed to keep the board from doing it. They shied away from the controversy at the last minute, with Trustee Adrienne Davis casting the deciding vote.

- The decision to increase class sizes, and the resulting decision not to raise them. The board originally decided to lay off teachers and hike class sizes, but in the end decided a) not to let the cuts reach the classroom to that degree or b) didn't have the stomach for the political fight, depending on your point of view.

Incumbents generally have an advantage because they have a legacy on which to run and they have name recognition. There are a few people in the race who've been active in a number of these issues and so are more well-known than others. And, of course, there are several candidates of whom voters may never have heard.

In order to overcome some of the advantages, candidates may feel pressured to take the low road. We hope that won't happen.

With this many candidates, we hope the race remains free of the kind of vitriol and name-calling that often muddies campaign waters.

Voters deserve a clean campaign. Candidates should give it to them.

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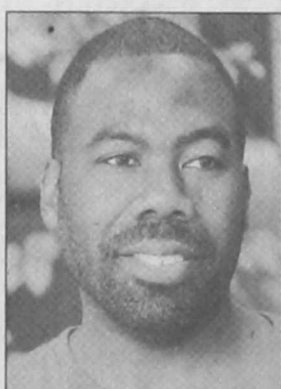
How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this year?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm sure they are going to win, but I follow soccer."

Hamad Abdelkader
Canton



"I think they will do better than last year — maybe one or two more wins than last year."

Lenoris Hightower
Westland



"I don't think they will make it to the Super Bowl, but I think they will do better than last year."

Shay Miller
Canton



"I'm not a big fan of pro football, but I think they will be better this year based on how they ended last year."

Dan Noonan
Canton

LETTERS

Colbeck's what we need

I may not like everything my state senator, Patrick Colbeck, stands for and if I really conclude that he is not doing the job that I think he should be doing, I vote against him in the next election. That is how our democratic process works.

The so called "very, very angry people" who are attempting to recall Sen. Colbeck for supporting emergency manager legislation are not only wasting taxpayers' money but undermining the legitimate votes of a majority of voters that elected Patrick Colbeck to do a specific job; Get our state's finances in order and get us out of the fiscal morass we are in.

There is no question that the recall effort is pushed by unions angry at the power given to emergency managers that include vacating union contracts that are no longer sustainable and probably very ill-advised to begin with.

Unions, it appears, are not willing to allow our democratic process to properly function but, as witnessed by the many union-sponsored recalls nationwide, are hell bent on getting their way by hook or by crook.


All I can say to these union lackeys is to grow up and face reality. Michigan is finally waking up and seeing the damage caused by politicians paying unions for their voter support and money by voting for every benefit the unions asked for.

Sen. Colbeck is exactly the type of politician the state desperately needs right now; a politician un-

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afraid to do what is good for the state and its people and not kowtow to union workers and leaders who represent only a small fraction of the state's population, but are used to getting everything they want, all the time.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Resign with regret

It is with great regret that I am informing you of my intent to resign my elected position as Canton Township trustee, effective Aug. 31.

I was a casualty of the 2009 economic downturn when my division was sold to a foreign entity. This was a traumatic event and I knew first-hand the emotional pain many of our fellow citizens felt and continue to feel. However, through this adversity, an even greater career opportunity presented itself where I can con-

tinue to serve my country in ways I could have never imagined.

For the last two years, I was able to balance career responsibilities with my elected duties, but with a recent promotion I fear that will no longer be possible. The ability to provide for one's family must take precedence, yet I do not want you to be under-represented and therefore feel it is best to take this action.

It is also time to adjust priorities. I have always had Country and Corps at the top of my list and now it is time to give God and family their deserved place, as both have certainly stood by me in my darkest hours and have helped me in my greatest achievements.

I was first elected in 2004, and then re-elected in 2008. Over the last seven years we have accomplished many things together. I have met some wonderful people, including fellow residents, township employees and public servants on both sides of the political aisle. I have learned and grown much due to these people and this experience, and I thank all of you for it.

We have many challenges ahead, but Canton, and you, will nonetheless emerge victorious with your help. Therefore I encourage other conservative professionals to become involved and apply through the township supervisor's office to be appointed to this position for the remainder of my term.

With My Deepest Gratitude and Respect,

Todd Caccamo
Canton Township trustee

GUEST COLUMN

Forum will engage, educate veterans

By Joan Noricks
Guest Columnist

Months after sponsoring our first Veterans Educational Summit in the fall of 2010, we are still reeling over its success. With the recent award of a grant from the Holbrook Charitable Trust, the Canton Community Foundation is excited to again offer this program to veterans, and legal advocates who work with veterans.

Set for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14-15, in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, our second educational summit promises to be just as inspiring and informative, if not more so, than last year's program. It was amazing to see the overwhelming need veterans have for accurate information about the benefits and programs for which they may be eligible.

We encourage all veterans to attend, as well as the advocates who are required to receive legal continuing education credits to work with the VA.

But first, a couple of myths must be busted.

Myth One: Veteran benefits are

not welfare. As our board member Jim Fausone, an attorney who works with veterans, so aptly says: "These are resources and entitlements that have been earned by service to their country." And that means all veterans are entitled to benefits that apply to their circumstances.

Myth Two: A veteran need not be injured, wounded, maimed or in any way permanently disabled during service to be eligible. But being disabled also doesn't disqualify a veteran from benefits and programs. "We are trying to find ways to make veterans aware of their benefits," said Mike Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, who spoke at our 2010 forum.

Even Harris, who also serves on the board of directors for Senior Alliance of Wayne County, admitted he was unaware of the Aid and Attendance benefits, which provide help with the basic life needs, such as dressing and eating.

The CCF program is the only one of its kind in Michigan that offers professionals an opportunity to earn legal continuing educational credits. Our program includes the first day that targets professionals and arms them with the necessary information to earn the required continuing educational credits. Veterans and their families are the focus of the program's second

day. We plan to include vendors who offer services to veterans and senior citizens.

We were delighted to see approximately 150 veterans attend last year. This year we want to double that. Our goal is to educate the younger vets of the available benefits at an earlier stage in their lives.

Yet another goal is our new Veterans Service Fund that will be used to provide grants to other nonprofit organizations that work with veterans. The creation of an endowment ensures that service to veterans can be sustained.

With more than 700,000 veterans in Michigan, education of veterans and the professionals who serve them is a must. Of the total number of veterans living in this state, more than 240,000 are of the Vietnam era, while 138,000 are Gulf War veterans, and 77,700 are of the Korean conflict. World War II veterans account for 65,700 of the total, while peacetime veterans number more than 180,000, according to the VA.

We encourage not only veterans, but all those who serve and help veterans to join us Sept. 14 and 15. Spread the word.

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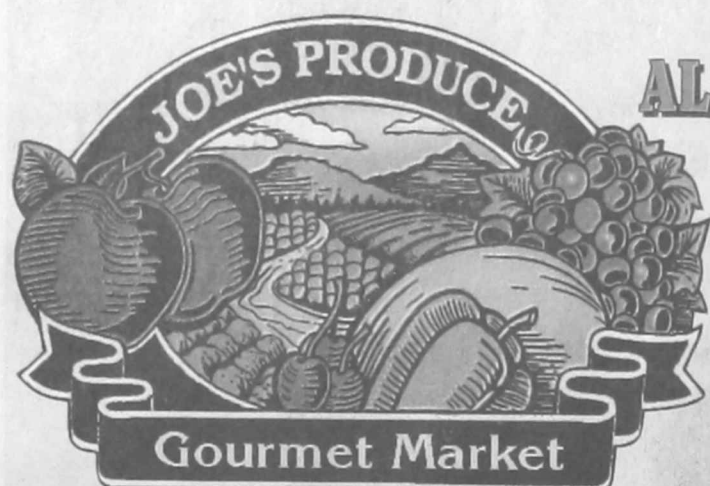
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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW — PART 1

Rocks await Central test

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Another year, another difficult grind in the KLAA Central Division undoubtedly awaits Salem's varsity boys soccer team.

At least, that's the view of veteran head coach Ed McCarthy, whose squad opens the season at Saturday's Balconi Invitational.

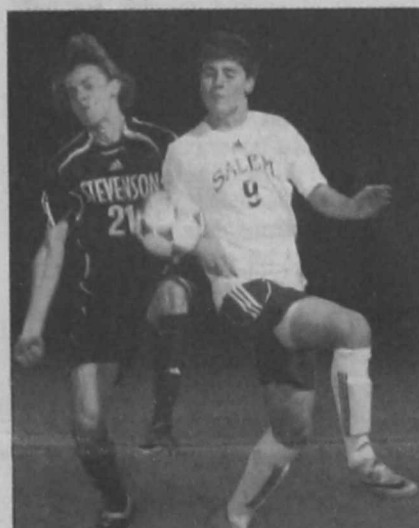
"With Novi, (Livonia) Stevenson, Northville, our division is arguably the most talented in the state," McCarthy said. "And overall, (the) Kensington-Lakes is very tough with at least four Top 10 teams.

"Our district is certainly the most difficult to win in the state with Novi, Canton, Northville, (Ann Arbor) Huron, Plymouth, Salem. We expect to compete for our division and district titles."

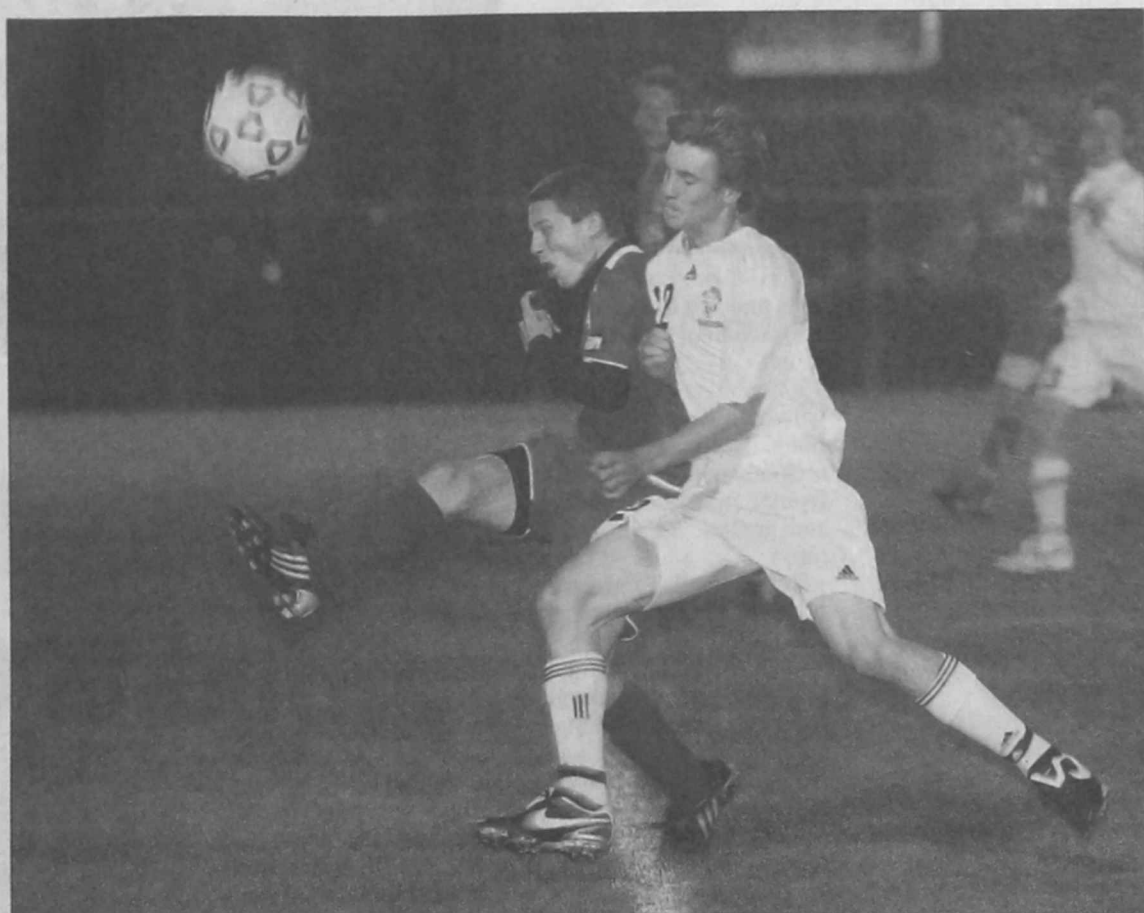
The Rocks do have a solid nucleus along with several impressive newcomers as the squad looks to improve on last year's record of 9-8-3 overall and 5-5-0 in the Central.

One particularly intriguing player is junior forward Chris Dierker, a natural athlete who will also be playing football this fall (not to mention being a key player for Salem's varsity basketball team).

Please see ROCKS, B2



Going for possession of a 50-50 ball during this 2010 contest are Salem's Jake Genrich (No. 9) and Livonia Stevenson's Alexander Prokop. Genrich is back for another season with the Rocks.



In a 2010 pre-district game, Canton defender Neil Zech (left) clears the ball away from Plymouth's Nick Russ (No. 22). Zech is one of several top returnees for the Chiefs.

Solid vets to lead Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Another strong season could be in the cards for Canton's varsity boys soccer team, which swings into action at Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational — along with Park rivals Plymouth and Salem.

Ninth-year head coach George Tomasso welcomes a solid core of returning players from the 2010 squad that won KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference crowns and ultimately finished with a stellar 20-4-2 record (bowing out in the Division 1 semifinals).

At least Tomasso has a pretty good idea what kind of team the Chiefs will be again in 2011, despite not having last year's 26-goal scorer Bobby Budlong (lost indefinitely with an injury).

"The good thing is they know each other, so they've basically played with each other the past

BALCONI INVITE

What: Annual Gary Balconi Soccer Invitational.

When/Where: Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Schedule: 10 a.m. games are Canton vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit, Plymouth vs. Walled Lake Northern, Salem vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Midland Dow vs. Ann Arbor Huron. Semifinals are at 11:45 a.m. followed by finals at 3 p.m.

two seasons," Tomasso said. "They have a good understanding of each other (and) they have very high expectations for this season."

Tomasso said the team's checklist begins with the Balconi Invitational, when the Chiefs will face University of Detroit-Jesuit at 10 a.m.

From there, the squad looks to repeat in the division and

conference and take it as far as possible during the state tournament.

Saturday's eight-team tournament, which honors former district athletic director Gary Balconi (who was a staunch supporter of the soccer program), is a helpful starting point.

"It really identifies what your team needs to work on, what it needs to improve on to have success during the year," Tomasso added.

As for the other PCEP teams, Plymouth will face Walled Lake Northern and Salem squares off against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with both games also at 10 a.m.

Leading the way

Although Budlong's loss will put a strain on the offense, the Chiefs figure to not let that become a major distraction. For that, Tomasso cited

Please see CHIEFS, B2

Golf for pucks

Hockey players seem to be natural golfers, and the two sports are coming together for a fundraiser later this month.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Ypsilanti, a golf tournament to benefit the Plymouth, Canton and Salem varsity boys hockey teams will take place.

Proceeds from the 13th annual event will help those teams with the costs associated with playing the 2011-12 season.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, plus prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins and door prizes.

Golfers will receive doughnuts and bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner.

Cost is \$120 per player or \$425 per foursome. To register, contact Patti at berlin.patti@yahoo.com.

Big Prep Showdown

High school football is just around the corner, with Canton and Salem set to open with games on Thursday, Aug. 25, and Friday, Aug. 26, respectively.

But the season really kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Big Prep Day Showdown at Eastern Michigan University.

That's because the defending Division 1 state finalist Plymouth Wildcats will square off at 11 a.m. that day against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

The Plymouth contest is one of several to take place during the Showdown at Rynearson Stadium.

For information on tickets, visit the Plymouth Wildcats website, www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

Canton golfers second at Fellows Creek

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's Claud Johnston continues to prove that age is no limit.

Currently ranked No. 25 in the Golfweek/Wilson Super Senior Amateur (over-70) rankings, Johnston posted a 27-hole total of 109, including a 68 on the closing 18 holes to lead all comers in the 2011 City Golf challenge held Saturday at Fellows Creek G.C. in Canton.

Johnston, who has played in the U.S. Senior Open, has captured the City Challenge in five different decades dating all the way back to the 1960s.

For the fifth straight year, Westland took honors with a team total of 604 followed by Canton and Livonia with 622 and 676, respectively.

Westland's championship flight team consisted of individual runner-up Matt Darnell (110), Jim McComb (121) and Keith Kiesznowski (123).

Canton's championship flight team was led by Leo Martin (114) followed by Bill Perry (125) and Gary Dristy (127).

Livonia's threesome consisted of Tyler Bledsoe (129), Brandon Dare (131) and Joe Schultz (134).

Johnston's led Westland's Senior division champs along with Tom South (129) and David Kinnell (130).

In the first flight, Westland's Bob Decker (126), Zach Williamson (132) and Brendan South (138) led the way.

Razmig Boghikian was the Open Division champion with a 114 followed by Ray Wood and Edward Wolf with 120 and 121, respectively.

The Wayne County winner was Ted Salavdori with a 127, while runner-up Mike Lorenz shot a 148.

Wayne Memorial High girls golf coach Sandy Felan and Cherie Clark tied for medalist honors in the Women's Championship flight at 129 each with Kathy Stellma four shots off with a 133.

Sara Wold was the Women's Senior winner with a 142 followed by Virginia Sexton (147) and Linda Grandfeldt (151).

In the new Father and Son Challenge, Larry and Matt Darnell led the way with a 234 followed by Bill and Brent Perry at 254 and Tom and Brendan South at 267.

Join the Legends

Are you a young baseball player from Canton or Plymouth looking for a new travel league experience?

Well, the Motor City Legends might be just the ticket for you.

The MC Legends are a new travel team in the KVBSA who will begin play in 2012. Although comprised mostly of players moving up from the Motor City Giants 10U travel team, team officials are looking for a few elite players to fill out the roster.

Tryouts are 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, and 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, (with registration 15 minutes before each tryout) at Haggerty Diamond C (located on the northeast corner of Haggerty Road and Hines Park). Attendance at both tryouts is not mandatory.

Prospective players must be age 11 or younger by May 1, 2012, and a tryout waiver form must be completed. Contact Mike Zaia at (248) 462-9380 for more information and to pre-register.

There will be about 20 league games and three or four tournaments throughout the year, along with practices.

The cost to sign up is \$600 with half due on Sept. 15.



Michael Downing of Canton epitomizes intensity for USA Hockey's Under-17 Select team during the Five Nations Tournament.

Power plan

Ex-Shamrock icer maps out winning future

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Mike Downing isn't your typical 16-year-old.

This week, he is leaving home — and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central — to play junior hockey in the United States Hockey League with the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints.

Last week, the 6-foot-3, 190-pound defenseman captained USA Hockey's Under-17 Select team to the championship of the Five Nations Tournament, clinched with Saturday's 5-1 win over Switzerland at The Cube in Ann Arbor. (The squad won all four games it played, by a 20-8 goal differential.)

Oh, yeah, he wants to play hockey at the University of Michigan and hopefully the NHL someday. But if that doesn't work out he has a fallback plan — to be a

cardiologist.

"I committed to Michigan and from there, hopefully I'll go play in the pros," said Downing, in a matter-of-fact tone. "If not, I'm going to be a heart doctor."

Undoubtedly, his heart and those of his parents (Peggy and Rich) were pounding pretty hard over the course of the Five Nations tourney.

Among the best

That would be an understatement given that Mike tallied the game-winning marker on Aug. 9 against the Czech Republic in one of the tournament tilts.

"It was on a power play," Downing recalled. "A kid went to shoot it and it deflected off somebody and the puck bounced in front of me and I just kind of finished it off and put it top shelf."

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CHIEFS

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the leadership and on-field talents of senior co-captains Connor Furgason (defender) and Mitch Posuniak (forward).

"He (Furgason) is the team member that always picks us up when we're down and he has a knack for scoring goals when we need them," Tomasso said. "Mitch really has a good understanding of how to finish the ball, but his hard-working effort is what gets him those opportunities."

"He's been a solid leader, He's always led by example for the past two years."

Furgason and Posuniak scored nine and 18 goals, respectively, during 2010 and should ease the burden of Budlong's absence.

Of course, Tomasso knows Budlong's injury leaves a significant void. "Not having Bobby is a huge loss."

But Canton has other players who can make things happen.

Tomasso said junior forward Danny Ovesea

is "another hard-working goal scorer with solid vision" around the scoring zone.

Canton really is strong at midfield, led by seniors Shean Krolicki and Nathan Bergeson.

"Shean's got a creative mentality that 100 percent benefits the team when we're building up to an attack," Tomasso said. "And Nathan's a solid utility player with a good technical style."

Back on defense, Furgason will key a solid crew that also features seniors Neil Zech and Tyler Winningham.

"He (Zech) is just a solid defender with a very good attacking style," Tomasso said.

Meanwhile, Winningham is starting his third season as a varsity regular.

"He has been one of the most consistent defenders that we've had," Tomasso said. "And he helps complete our back line."

Bottom line

Canton has plenty of dependable depth, including senior midfielders Bryan Berinti, Cody

Kahrs, Bryan Ren, senior forward Ryan Kilgore and senior defender Connor Hicks.

"They're just solid, hard-working players that complete our team aspect," Tomasso said.

Others expected to chip in are junior midfielder Scott Piwowar, junior defender Connor Shennen, sophomore midfielder Griffin Parks, senior forward/midfielder Mitch Pepper and sophomore midfielder Ken Krolicki (Shean's brother).

In goal will be senior Steven Murphy (a defender on the 2010 varsity) and junior Ian Wingate, who played on the junior varsity last season.

Murphy and Wingate will get plenty of instructional help in areas such as footwork and timing from Tomasso, a former star goalkeeper for Canton.

But all in all, Tomasso is confident he has a team to be reckoned with.

"Just take it one game at a time, understanding what you need to do to be successful," he said.

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McCarthy has a deep midfield group back in the fold, led by seniors Chris Ensor, Jake Pascarella (also a forward), sophomore Blake Townes and sophomore twins Connor and Brady Cole.

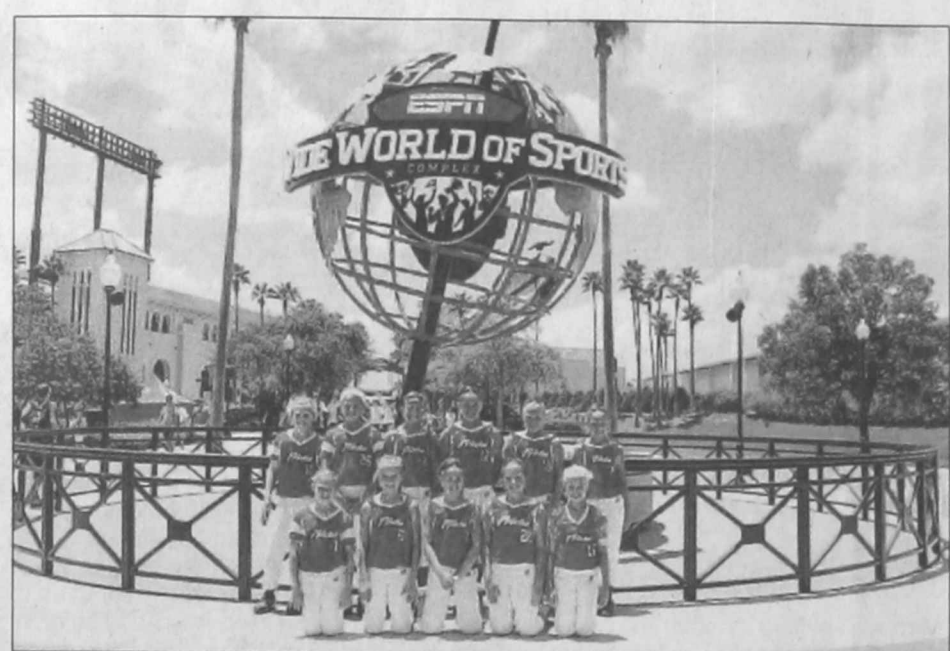
On defense will be senior co-captains Jake Genrich and Austin Covert, along with senior Brandon Duschl and junior Luke Hazen.

They will provide solid support for junior goalkeeper Erick Beas and sophomore keeper Collin Hewett (a varsity newcomer).

Rounding out the ros-

ter are senior forward Colin Rooney, senior midfielder Max Nolta, junior midfielders Tyler Fosdick and Tyler Bashaw, junior defender Daniel Marsden, senior defender Joe Stephan and junior defender Grant McKinney.

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The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10U fastpitch softball team finished second out of 44 teams at the recent USSSA World Series, held at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla.

PC Pride does area proud in Orlando

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10-Under fast pitch softball team had an outstanding showing at the recent USSSA World Series in Orlando, Fla.

Although the Pride did not win the series, a 9-2 record was good for second out of the 44 teams that traveled to Florida from around the country. Both losses came at the hands of the victorious Orlando Aftershock.

That gave the squad a 66-3 record for the year, following 11 tournament victories along the way.

At Wide World of Sports, the Pride fell 3-2 to the Aftershock in the first game of the winners bracket, the Pride defeated the Fort Worth Batbusters by a 12-3 score.

Needing to knock off the Aftershock two more times, the Pride took a 1-0 victory in a very well-played game. That set up the fourth game the team played on a day where the heat index was more than 110 degrees.

"We lasted until the fourth inning with a 1-0 score before the heat and fatigue got to us," Pride head coach Dan Bressler said.

There were plenty of



Plymouth-Canton Pride pitcher Jennifer Bressler throws the softball toward an opponent during the USSSA World Series.

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individual highlights, with Jennifer Bressler voted the tourney's offensive MVP. She had two game-winning hits and batted .412 with 12 RBI. Bressler also pitched her team to a 5-1 record, including two shutouts.

Pitcher Madison Rosiewicz threw a perfect game against the NFGS Thunder of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. while Morgan Overaitis and MacKenzie Knight also pitched outstanding.

Helping the pitching was a stellar defense keyed by center fielder Jessica Tucci, who made

several crucial catches and started a triple play.

Corner outfielders Alaina Heightmeyer and Nicole Dawson also played strong defense while other top defenders included catchers Makayleigh Silverman and Izzy Dawson, third basemen Lucy Cronin and Justice Ruggles.

In addition to Jennifer Bressler, the Pride had several hot hitters, too.

Those included Overaitis (.389, seven RBI), Tucci (.375, seven RBI), Dawson (.375), Silverman (.333), Heightmeyer and Knight (each with five RBI).

He aces it

Plymouth's Andrew Connor, 13, scored a hole-in-one on July 27 at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Course. Andrew aced the No. 15 hole, which is 136 yards. He was having a group lesson with Fox Hills pro Jordan Young. Pictured are Andrew (middle), flanked by longtime school friends Sam DeLoe (left) and Robert Calendar. Sam and Robert witnessed Andrew's big moment. All three boys attend West Middle School in Plymouth.

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Michael Downing looks for the puck during the Five Nations Tournament last week in Ann Arbor.

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Downing wound up with one goal and one assist during the Five Nations tournament, not to mention some intense game experience he can take to Dubuque.

"It's rough, there's a lot of top, solid players from basically all the five countries that are in this," he said. "It's been fun but it's been hard."

Downing was one of 22 top players from around the United States selected to don the red, white and blue at The Cube.

"It's been a great experience, just playing with all of these guys and getting to know all of them, coming together as a team," Downing said. "It's just been great all around."

Being part of the extremely successful Catholic Central hockey program helped Downing gear up for the tournament.

During the 2010-11 season, Downing scored six goals and assisted on 10 others to spark the Shamrocks to a 15-9-0-1 record.

Catholic Central lost to eventual Division 1 state champion Novi during the regionals.

"They (CC coaches) all just kept pushing me, keeping me working hard and everything came together," added Downing, whose older brother Jake (also a defenseman) also is moving to the Fighting Saints this week.

Beyond Iowa, Downing's hockey plans include Ann Arbor but not the Ontario Hockey League — even though the Sarnia Sting holds his rights.

Former U-M player Robbie Czarnik wound up leaving the college circuit to play for the OHL's Plymouth Whalers, but Downing won't be skating down that same path.

"I'm not going to do that," said Downing.

Not too many 16-year-olds talk about their life's game plan with such maturity and conviction.

But then again, Downing is already proving he is far from your typical teenager.

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Hot on ice during summer circuit

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the high school hockey season is just around the corner.

And coaches of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins unified girls hockey team is gearing up for the 2011-12 season, with a red-hot showing by current and prospective future members of the team during a summer season providing hope for much optimism.

The PCS summer season recently concluded with the Penguins sporting a 8-1 record.

"The summer season is a great way for the girls who don't currently play for the high school team to get a look at what it (PCS program) has to offer," said Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson, following the final summer tilt at Canton Arctic Edge.

Players — whether returning veterans or others looking to make the squad — were exposed to the facility and routine they will have to follow if they are on the team. Johnson said the eight-week summer session thus was an invaluable learning tool.

"From the private locker room ... to the off-ice conditioning and training, players were able to experience what it is like to play for the varsity team and to meet



Members of the PCS Penguins combined girls hockey team compete during a recent game at Canton's Arctic Edge.

the coaching staff," said Johnson, a former player at Western Michigan University who is entering her third season at the Penguins' helm.

Also on the staff are assistant coaches Emily Nelson (ex-University of Michigan player) and former Western Michigan women's hockey coach Brad Johnson (in his third season with the Penguins).

Program on the rise

According to Mary Beth Johnson, the summer season also is a chance to shine the spotlight on what has been a very successful program since she took over the squad in 2009-10.

During that season, PCS won the Division II state



title and nearly repeated last winter — falling in double overtime in the championship game.

Meanwhile, five players from those two teams have gone on to join college rosters at Michigan State, Ohio State, Grand Valley State and Northern Michigan universities as well as the University of Colorado.

Members of the PCS

summer squad included Kaitlyn Allard, Becky Lough, Elena Bongiovanni, Beth Johnson, Rose Krasofsky, Jackie Lough, Nicole Natelborg, Cortny McAdoo, Jenna Carter, Elizabeth O'Donohue, Hannah Laho, Alexis O'Flynn, Morgan Cusumano, Emily King, CeCe Hitch, Loren Hitch, Sydney Smith, Shannon Schuit, Madison Schultz, Amanda Hoehn and Kayley Kotulak.

For those interested in coming out for the 2011-12 PCS Penguins, contact Mary Beth Johnson at smeeb@aol.com. Conditioning skates begin in September.

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MHSAA cautions athletes about heat

There's been plenty of heat this summer, and the high school sports season is here.

That's a reminder that there are always concerns about physical activity in hot and humid conditions.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association continues its role in providing its member schools educational information to assist them in minimizing the possibility of heat-related catastrophic injuries to student-athletes.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year, especially when deaths at the professional, collegiate and interscholastic levels of sport occur, and especially since they are all preventable with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that 33 high school players have died from heat stroke since 1995 — two occurring last year.

Each year, the MHSAA

provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late Summer and early Fall. Football practice can begin at MHSAA member schools on Aug. 8, followed by all other fall sports on Aug. 10.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA Website has a set of Frequently Asked Questions about dehydration and a page dedicated to hydration and heat illness where preventative steps are outlined, as well as the signs and symptoms of heat illness and action steps to take when it is observed.

Visit MHSAA.com, click on Schools, and then on Health & Safety Resources to find the information.

"There is no excuse for any number of heat stroke deaths since they are all preventable," said John R. Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA. "Our coaches are so much more aware of hydration and heat issues now, but you can never let your guard down."

Hickory Creek golf

Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road (at Ford Road), in Superior Township, has two upcoming golf events starting with the junior scramble for ages 5-17 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Volunteers are needed to walk with each group. Pizza and prizes follow at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.

On tap is Ladies Night Out "Margaritas on the Range" from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 (cost \$20 before Aug. 20) along with the Glow Golf & Fish Fry from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

For more information, visit TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

Fall baseball

The 11th annual Total Baseball fall baseball league will be from Aug. 20-Sept. 25 at the Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark, Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School and at Total Baseball-Wixom.

The 10-game schedule on Saturday (American) and Sunday (National) includes the following age group divisions: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, high school JV and high school varsity (wooden bats only on Sunday).

The cost is \$250 per player (jer-

seys, hats and coaches are provided). Team fees are \$1,200 (ages 9-14) and \$1,500 (JV and varsity) and includes umpires, fields and standings.

For more information, call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166; or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com.

To register online, visit www.totalsportscomplex.com.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials will stage its rookie soccer referee training class 5:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at St. Alfred's School, 9540 Telegraph Road, Taylor.

The target audience is Class 1 for high school juniors and seniors, which will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring program, along with Class 2 for interested adults.

The class fee — \$35 for high school students and \$55 for adults — includes MHSAA registration fees. (If already registered with the MHSAA, the cost is \$30.)

Those completing the course will be eligible to officiate high school, junior high and Catholic Youth Organization games for the 2011 fall season.

For enrollment information, call Byron Beattie at (734) 775-4134; or to request a registration form, e-mail bsqurdehs@comcast.net.

Golf outing

The fifth annual Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours family golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

The \$75 golf package includes 18 holes (with cart), meals and refreshments. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its seven-week Learn to Skate Session I classes beginning the week of Sept. 12 through the week of Oct. 24 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

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4-and-up — 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills — 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only — 5 p.m. Monday.

The fee for residents is \$55 or \$67 for non-residents. (Free skate rental is also available.)

Walk-in registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call Kerri Ahmet at (734) 466-2412.

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Age 94, August 15, 2011. She is the beloved wife of the late Mervyn (d.1980); the devoted mother of Harold (Nancy); and cherished grandmother of Nicole. Funeral Service Monday, August 22, 2011, 10:00 AM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice: angelahospice.org heeney-sundquist.com



WHEELER,
KENNETH LEROY

of Plymouth, MI passed away at his home on August 16, 2011. Born in Sciota, Illinois on February 11, 1920 to Lawrence Oliver and Una May (VanOrder) Wheeler, the Wheelers moved to Fremont, MI where Ken grew up and attended the Fremont schools, graduating in 1937. He married Agnes E. Carlson of White Cloud October 12, 1946. Together they lived in Detroit, Garden City, and Plymouth, Michigan, with a year in the state of Washington. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Agnes, daughters: Diane (Bertel) Schou of Green Banks, WV, Janice (Geoffrey) Schrock of Plainfield, IL, LeAnna (Bruce) Christenson of Canton, MI, sons: Victor Wheeler of Plymouth, MI and James (Katherine) Wheeler of Sterling Heights, MI. Eleven Grandchildren: Paul Schou, Victoria Wheeler, Dylan, Kelsi, Kara and Dana Schrock, Ryan, Christina, Catherine, Carl and Julianna Christenson, and Sister Mildred (Arnold) Woodring of Fremont, MI. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harry (Doris) Wheeler, and sister Lora Ann (Hessel) Wever. Ken was creative and industrious. He built his own Amateur Radio station as a boy and was an Amateur Radio Operator (W8SRX) for many years, making friends around the world. After marriage he designed and built their home in Plymouth, MI. During WWII Ken served in the U.S. Army from November 18, 1941 to August 21, 1945 stationed primarily in the South Pacific including Australia. He was injured by a bullet in the shoulder, suffered partial hearing loss, and contracted malaria, although he continued serving and was involved in battles in the East Indies, Papuan, Southern Philippines (Lib), Luzon, and New Guinea. Army qualifications included: Combat Infantryman Badge, and Radio and Code specialist. Decoration & Citations Ken received: Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, Six Overseas Service Bars, One Service Stripe. Yes, he was a true American Hero. Ken received a BSEE Degree from Detroit Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He taught Engineering classes at Detroit Institute of Technology and Wayne State University. Next Ken did top secret work for the U.S. Government at Burroughs Corp. (now Unisys), then worked at Chrysler on the Missile that carried the first U.S. man into space. His work included the Jupiter C and Mercury Projects, including the Redstone rocket. Working for Boeing took him and his family to Seattle for a year in the early 60's. Later, he worked with a committee to set engineering standards for U.S. Government. Ken was very proud of helping to start Washtenaw Community College by setting up the Electrical/Electronic Engineering Department in 1965. He wrote the first "purpose" statement for the college, and developed the first class catalog. Ken headed the Electrical Department, along with teaching and counseling students, until his retirement. Even long after retirement, students and staff would contact Ken for advice and help, and never turned down their requests. He loved to teach, work on cars or electrical equipment, and enjoyed talking to people and telling jokes. Each summer Ken and his family traveled and camped through all of the U.S. continental states and providence Southern Canada. Ken was an Eagle Boy Scout and remained in Scouting until his death, a total of 79 years. He was a role model for the Scout Oath and Law. From being a scout, to a troop Leader, to being a District Commissioner he enriched the lives of many boys and their families. Always encouraging boys to participate any way they could. One of Ken's quotes was: "If a young man has one good experience or learned one life skill through scouting, then the program has been a success." Ken worked with the Goodfellows, was Volunteer of the Year in Plymouth, and was an active member of the 41st Infantry Division Association, holding various officer positions. Visitation at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, Friday from 4-8PM. Funeral Service at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, Saturday 2 PM, Viewing at 1 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Sunset District, Great Lakes Council, 1776 W Warren Ave, Detroit, MI, 48208. Please share memories at: http://www.schrader-howell.com



WILTSE, JOHN A.

was born on November 25, 1931 in Pontiac, Michigan. He passed away on August 10, 2011, at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Leila Seese Wiltse; his son Peter, grandchildren Kaitlin and John P. Wiltse and their mother Elizabeth Palmarozzi, daughter-in-law Rhonda, of Plano, Texas, their children Heather Buegler, her husband Britt and their son Bo, Erica Harvey and Houston Harvey; daughter Lynne Hughes of Victoria, Texas, daughter Joanna Middleditch, her husband Tom, their children Sean and Samantha of Ypsilanti, Michigan; daughter Kerry Lovelady, her husband Glenn and their children Kerilee, Glenn, and Kevin of Mayer, Arizona. He is also survived by his brother Richard Wiltse and wife Bea of Tucson, Arizona. He is preceded in death by his brother James Wiltse of Norfolk, Virginia, as well as his parents, Cecil C. and Mary G. Wiltse. John graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan on June 15, 1957 with a B.S. in Pharmacy. He was initiated as an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of The Rho Chi Society at Idaho State University on April 13, 1984 and went on to earn a M.Ed. in Vocational Education from Idaho State University on December 21, 1989. John served in the Army on active duty for 3 years and in the reserves for 5 years. He attended the Army Security Agency School to become a Morse Code Interpreter and was stationed in Graz, Austria. His service awards include: Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); National Defense Service Medal; and Marksmanship Badge (Carbine). After leaving the service, John took over Wiltse's Community Pharmacy in Plymouth, Michigan where he was a compassionate, competent owner for 25 years. Many customers remember him opening the store after hours so they could fill a prescription immediately and get their loved one on the way to good health once again. He was never too busy to explain medications or answer questions for anyone who came in the store. While involved in providing pharmacy care for many patients, he still made time to found the Plymouth Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and was president from 1969-1970. He was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Club Leadership as President for his time in office. After making the decision to sell the pharmacy, he and his wife, Leila, moved to Idaho where he taught in the Department of Pharmacy at Idaho State University. He was recruited by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho to manage and develop their outpatient pharmacy. His development of the pharmacy was so successful that the hospital built a new outpatient pharmacy that was quadruple the size of the old one to accommodate the increased business. John retired from Saint Al's in 1997 but remained active in pharmacy. He was the Executive Director of the Idaho State Hospital Pharmacists from 1996 to 2001. He also received the Pharmacist of the Year in 1997. John and Leila decided to move to the sunny south and became members of the Sun City-Georgetown community in October of 2001. John soon became active in the Sun City Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and served as president from 2003-2004. In addition, he became founding member of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003. He served as a pharmacist in Louisiana during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. John continued to maintain his interest in helping others even after retiring as a pharmacist. He volunteered at the Scott & White Clinic in the lab. He had many neighbors and friends who will miss his smile, sense of humor and willingness to help others. He has touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. The family wishes to thank the ambulance personnel who arrived so promptly, and the staff at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock for their excellent care and obvious compassion. A memorial service will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williamson Dr., Georgetown, Texas on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The service will be followed by interment and graveside service at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 State Highway 195, Killen TX 76542. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sun City Kiwanis Foundation Fund. You are invited to leave a message or memory in the memorial guestbook at: www.RamseyFuneral.com

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DUFOUR, DANIEL L.

Age 30, August 4, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved father of Corbin Covell Beattie, Gavin, Nevaeh, & Kiera. Dear son of Catherine Dufour. Brother of Ann Harris and Brian Dufour. Uncle of MariAnn and Michael Harris and Bentley Galinis. A Funeral Service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7 PM. Please share a memory of Daniel at www.rggharris.com.



GOTHAM,
ALICE NANCY

Age 88 of Livonia. Cherished wife of the late Byron Roy. Beloved mother of Janice Kozub and Greg (Nancy). Proud grandma of Alicia M., Kelly J., and Brian R. Dearest sister of Thelma and the late Eleanor and Raymond. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Alice had a great love for many activities such as gardening, swimming, tennis, reading, playing the piano, bike riding, ice skating, and story telling. Memorial Contributions may be made to Arthritis, Alzheimers and/or Lung Cancer Assoc. Funeral was Wednesday at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

RUBIN, RUTH B.

Age 91, August 12, 2011 of Garden City. Ruth was a 29 year volunteer for the Garden City Hospital Guild. Beloved wife of the late Herman. Loving mother of Robert, Marilyn Wren, Roger (Mary) & Raymond (Gayle). Dear sister of Gerald Kuck, and the late Lois Gierada. Also survived by seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggharris.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

AUG. 18-24

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting applications now
Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product
Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpooffice@arounddetroit.biz

GRILLING, CARS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Summer Steak Grill-out, with vintage cars on display. Kids also will get a chance to sit in a fire truck, police car, or construction vehicle at the Touch-A-Truck display. Grilled steak with all the trimmings is \$5.
Contact: (734) 422-0149

LUNCH AND LEARN

Time/Date: Following 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service on Aug. 20, and 27
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads the series on "New Perspectives in Jewish Law." Topics are "Are we obligated to immunize our children?" on Aug. 20 and "Should a nonprofit organization return donations of ill-gotten gains?" on Aug. 27. No knowledge of Hebrew is required
Contact: (248) 851-6880 or www.cbahm.org

PICNIC, CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20
Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan and Delaware, north of Five Mile, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Put on your poodle skirts, slick your hair back and join the church for oldies music, food, bouncer/dunk tank, games, clowns, face paints, and plenty of fun at this community picnic and car show. Presented in conjunction with Clowns Around Redford. Partial proceeds will benefit Care Packages for Troops, Michigan Chapter.
Contact: Sue Makins at (313) 516-724

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Time/Date: Through Sept. 10
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262
Canton, Mi. 48187
Details: Religious and cultural school open enrollment. Students (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) of all kinds of Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families always welcome. The congregation also holds services, 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton. For more information about the school open house, call Ilene Honiss at (734) 502-5197
Contact: betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 18-19
Location: St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Held outdoors at the church
Contact: (313) 538-1142

UNDER THE STARS
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. family picnic, followed by Shabbat service at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19
Location: Temple Shir

Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Details: Service under the stars with annual picnic
Contact: RSVP for the picnic to the Temple office at (248) 737-8700

AUG. 25-31

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Party for people who are in financial need because of job loss or reduction in income. There will be games, food, and fun. Each registered child will receive free school supplies
Contact: Register at (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

FUN FAIR

Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27
Location: Alpha Baptist Church of Livonia, 28051 W. Chicago Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads
Details: The fair will include a jumbo slide, dunk tank, face painting, balloon animals, caricatures, live entertainment, and games for children of all ages. Refreshments are free and will include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. Attendees 18 years and older will be eligible to enter a free drawing to win a TV or other prizes
Contact: (734) 421-6300 or www.alphabaptistlivonia.com

KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta, will give a presentation on his latest book, "How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids." Michuta will offer a practical guide for keeping kids Catholic in a very explicit, hands-on way that explains both the pitfalls and strategies that threaten to turn children away from their faith
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

PROGRAMS OFFERED
Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 28
Location: St. Hilary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford
Details: A short meeting will be held to explain the programs offered by the church for both adults and children
Contact: Sr. Marie Miller at (313) 533-1560

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

CLASSES/STUDY
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past.
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOP-Snext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children.
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162



Tommee Profitt and his band will perform Sunday, Aug. 28 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, in Livonia.

Christian band melds rock and worship

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia will rock out to the sounds of Christian keyboard musician Tommee Profitt and his band on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The group is based in Grand Rapids, but has toured nationally and shared the stage with such artists as Newboys, MercyMe, Leeland, Group 1 Crew, Family Force 5 and comedian Brad Stine.

Profitt, a Grace Bible College graduate, produced and recorded his fourth album, *I Know Your Love*, which was released this year.

"He likes to describe it as keyboard-driven rock and worship," said Justin Olivetti, Mt. Hope youth pastor. "It's not overpowering. He does keyboard and the band backs him up. If people know Chris Tomlin and Michael W. Smith, they'd be comfortable with his music."

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the concert will start at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling the church at (734) 425-7280. Although the concert is free, the church will accept donations.

The contemporary Christian music concert is a first at Mt. Hope, but it's among many ways the church ties to engage and serve the community.

"He asked if he should gear it towards teens or family and I said let's gear it toward family and com-

munity. That's our number one reason for doing it. We want to provide more services and outreach to the community.

"We try to plan something every couple of months to reach out."

The church is among three locations in Livonia that offer affordable grocery packages through Angel Food Ministries. Vacation Bible School, "Trunk or Treat" — an alternative to Halloween Trick or Treat — and annual "Rally Day," picnic are among the free events offered to the public. Rally Day is set the first Sunday after Labor Day and draws "a lot of visitors" to the church, Olivetti said.

"Our youth ministry program reaches out to kids and teens of all ages. One big push is to get kids and teens into the church. Our biggest push is to do a lot more service and missions opportunities."

The church offers a junior high school youth group at 4 p.m. and a high school group at 6 p.m. every Sunday.

Teens regularly work with mission projects locally and take an annual trip out of state. Last year they repaired homes in West Virginia. The next trip will involve urban ministry. "There's a fun event every single month. We do a canoe trip, a road rally," Olivetti added.

For more about Mt. Hope Congregational Church and its programs, visit the church's Facebook page. For more on Tommee Profitt visit www.tommeeprofitt.com.

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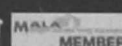


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Barbershop singing strikes a chord with Livonia man

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Gary Prevo is looking for a few men who can carry a tune.

The Livonia resident plans to start a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and will rehearse with new members at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Road, east of Stark, in Livonia.

"If you can walk you can dance and if you can talk you can sing," said Prevo with a laugh. "If anyone has the nerve to come up and want to sing, there is a place for them. We need singers of all caliber and voices."

"I have to have four barbershoppers to open the chapter. I have three or four others for sure. I think I've got a director. It's going to work out well. We're starting at the bottom and plan to go straight up and have a lot of fun."

Prevo has sung with barbershop choruses off and on for more than 30 years, starting with the Renaissance Chorus — now called HarmonyTown — in Westland, where he also served as its business manager for a few years. He also sang with Huron Valley Harmonizers in the Milan-Ypsilanti area, the Floral City Harmonizers in Monroe chapter, and is a member of the Gentlemen Songsters in Royal Oak, the Livonia Civic Chorus and the Finnish American Singers in Farmington Hills. He occasionally volunteers with the Broe Rehab Therapy Choir.

Prevo hopes to draw singers from Livonia, Northville, Farmington, South-



Gary Prevo (second from left) of Livonia organized a group to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at a Detroit Tiger Baseball game last summer. A return performance is slated for Sept. 1. Prevo also is organizing a new barbershop chorus.

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GARY PREVO
Livonia

field and other nearby communities for his new chorus.

"I didn't want to go back to the (Renaissance) chorus," Prevo said, adding that he was looking for "a new direction" in barbershop singing, something closer to home.

"I've always started something when I thought there was a need for it."

He called the Society's headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., and started the organizing process for a new chapter. Then he waited several months to firm up plans.

"It's been a bit of a trip, but the timing had to be right," he said.

Prevo said his goal for the group is to "just have fun," no matter if its delivering

musical valentines or performing in a show.

"We're going to do all that fun stuff."

In addition to recruiting singers for his new barbershop chorus, he's also making arrangements for approximately 60 singers from a variety of choirs to sing the *Star Spangled Banner* at an afternoon Detroit Tiger baseball game, Sept. 1 at Comerica Park.

He gathered a group together last year and sang the national anthem at Comerica Park for the first time. The singers also belted out *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* outside the park. Prevo said he plans to do that again this year.

For more information about the new Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter in Livonia, call Prevo at (734) 620-0080.

Canceled jazz fest rescheduled

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 will try again this weekend.

The organization cancelled its second annual Outdoor Jazz Festival Sunday, Aug. 14 because of rain. It is rescheduled for 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 on the grounds of the Lodge located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The music lineup includes The Midnight Players, a young, local jazz group; Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz with vocalist Steve Blackwood of the television program, *Days of Our Lives*, and the movie, *Machine Gun Preacher*; George (Sax) Benson Quintet; Ron Kischuk's Masters of Music Big Band Minus 9 with Judie Cochill on vocals; Gene Parker Jazz Quartet; and the Johnny Trudell Quintet.

A \$10 donation includes one food ticket and one beverage ticket. Food and beverage will be available for purchase and no outside food or beverages will be allowed. Parking is in the Elks lot and the adjacent shopping area. Festival visitors should bring their own blankets or chairs.

For more information call (734) 453-1780 or go to www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Celebrate Canton history at annual fair

Step back in time and watch historical demonstrations at Canton's annual Village Faire, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

The event also will include music, face painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and the Canton Lions Club corn roast. All-you-can-eat wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

Visitors can come early to the event to stroll the grounds and shop for fresh Michigan-grown produce and local handmade crafts at the Canton Farmers Market. It's open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 16 at Preservation Park.

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Contact: (248) 344-0497

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Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

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

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Andy Woodhull with Jeff Dwoskin and Justin Sullivan, through Aug. 20; Dave Landau with Cory Latarski, Aug. 24-27

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Geoff Tate, Aug. 18-20; Nathan Macintosh, Aug. 25-27; Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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



Devin Scillian will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Concerts

Contact: (734) 455-1453

THE ARK

Time/Date: Sumkali, Aug. 18; Todd Snider, Aug. 19, Bill Bynum & Co., Aug. 20; Simon & Garfunkel Retrospective by AJ Swearingen & Jonathan Beedle, Aug. 21; The Rosie Burgess Trio, Aug. 23; Goitse, Aug. 24; Great Lake Swimmers & The Pines, Aug. 25; Suzy Bogguss, Aug. 26; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 27; Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Wictor and Jen Cass, Aug. 28

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

HERITAGE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Arizona Son with Devin Scillian

Coming up: Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25

Contact: (248) 473-1848

KELLOGG PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 19

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Mass Transit Band

Coming up: Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2 Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features 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 Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19 and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 23, Imagination Theater

Contact: (248) 349-0203

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: 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

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Pianist Victor Goldberg performs Brahms "Variations" and "Fugue on a Theme" by Handel, Haydn "Sonata in B" and Scriabin "Fifth Sonata." Tickets are \$20 for members and seniors and \$23 for nonmembers

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338, Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 or visit www.vivaceseries.org

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Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every

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Paisley Fogg will perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 in "Mustang Alley" east of Woodward off Nine Mile, in downtown Ferndale during the annual Woodward Dream Cruise. Other bands will include Acoustic Brothers, 1:30 p.m., Rock Bottom Band, 4 p.m. and Toppermost, a Beatles Tribute Band, 7 p.m. Live music also will run from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 the evening before the official cruise begins, in downtown Ferndale. Woodward Dream Cruise visitors also will find live music in other communities along the Woodward Dream Cruise route, which begins in Ferndale and stretches north to Pontiac along Woodward. Although many of the communities offer exhibits and events on Friday, the official cruise starts at 8 a.m. Saturday; www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB

Time/Date: Doors open, 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner, 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights

Details: Dinner-dance celebrating the club's 44th anniversary features music by Stas Golonka and the Chicago Masters. Admission is \$25, which includes buffet dinner, dancing, beer, wine and pop

Contact: For reservations call Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

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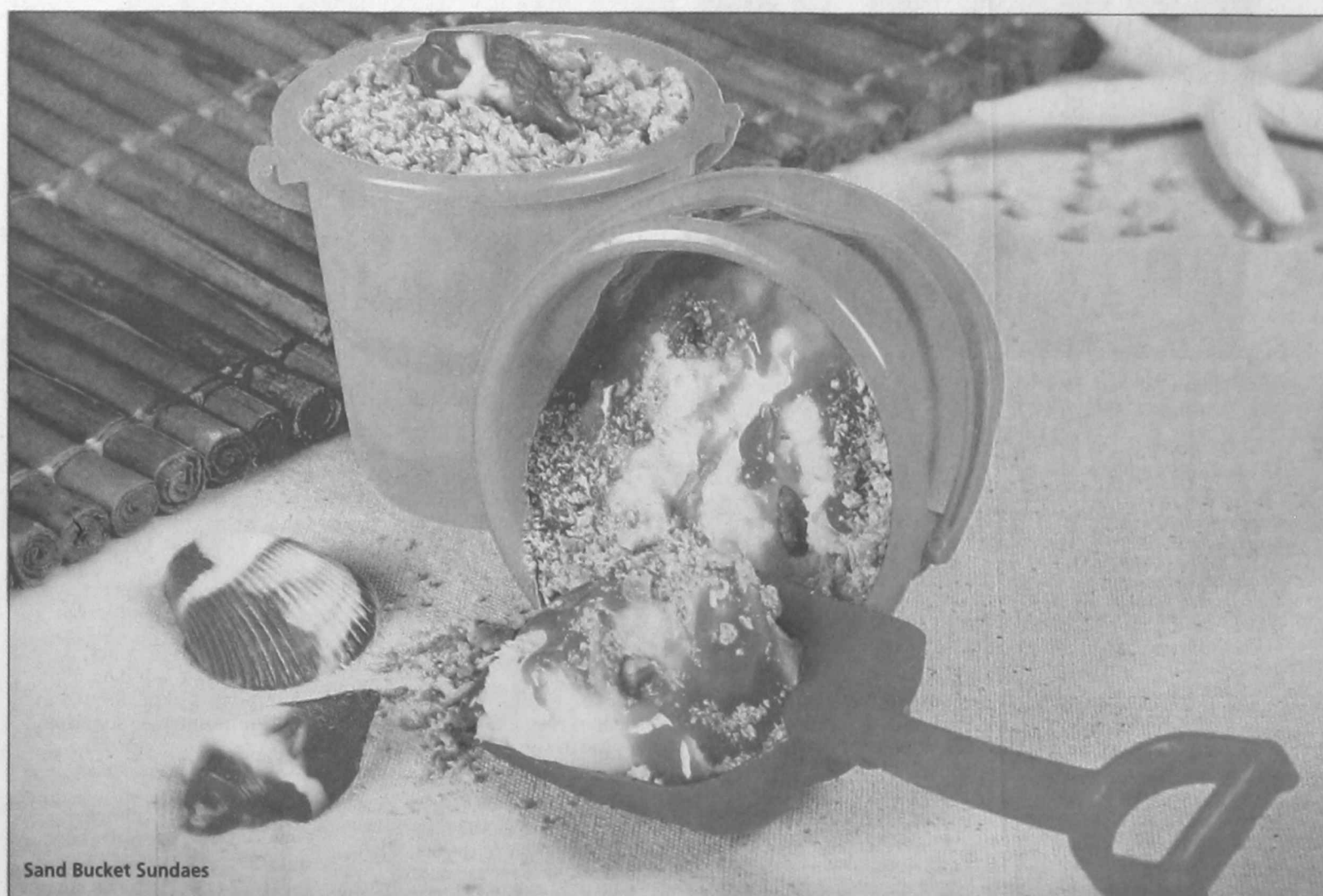
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- Share the love. Know someone who loves sundaes? Give them a sundae gift basket filled with everything they'll need to indulge their cravings: a sturdy ice cream scoop, a pair of sundae glasses and long spoons, and a selection of syrups and toppings.
- DIY sundaes. Set up a sundae bar so guests can create their own sweet masterpieces. To help things move along smoothly, pre-scoop the ice cream. Put individual scoops of various ice cream flavors in paper cupcake liners. Set them up on a tray, then freeze until it's time to serve.
- Think outside the traditional bowl. Use waffle bowls to hold your ice cream sundae, or start with an ice cream sandwich as your base and complement with tasty toppings.

Campfire Sundaes

Makes 4 servings

Your children will have fun making their own campfire desserts.

- 4 chewy chocolate chunk granola bars
- 4 1/2-cup scoops Blue Bunny Premium Peanut Butter Panic Ice Cream
- 4 tablespoons butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping
- 16 pieces candy corn

Cut granola bars in half lengthwise then in half widthwise, forming 4 pieces.

For each sundae, arrange 4 granola bar pieces on a small plate to form "wood logs." Top with 1 scoop ice cream, 1 tablespoon butterscotch-caramel topping and 4 candy corn "flames." Serve immediately.

Courtesy of Family Features

Sand Bucket Sundaes

Makes 8 servings

This make-ahead dessert is great fun for summer parties or family desserts.

- 4 cups Blue Bunny Caramel Praline Crunch Frozen Yogurt
- 1/2 cup butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup cinnamon graham cracker crumbs
- Gummy sea-shaped candies, optional
- Sea shell-shaped chocolate candies
- 2 small pails or buckets (about 2 cups in size), washed

In each bucket, layer 1 cup frozen yogurt, 2 tablespoons butterscotch-caramel topping and 2 tablespoons cinnamon graham cracker crumbs. Repeat the layers ending with graham cracker crumbs.

Dessert may be eaten immediately or frozen at least 1 hour. If eating immediately, decorate with gummy and chocolate candies. If freezing, decorate just before serving.

S'Mores Dippers

Makes 4 servings

No campfire is needed for these s'mores.

- 1/2 cup marshmallow crème
- 1 teaspoon half-and-half or milk
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
- 1 tablespoon red, white and blue cookie sprinkles
- 4 Blue Bunny Champ! Chocolate Swirl Mini Sundae Cones

In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine marshmallow crème and half-and-half. Microwave on High 20 seconds or until mixture just starts to puff; stir until blended. Cool for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, in another small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and colored sprinkles; stir. Dip cones into marshmallow mixture then into graham cracker mixture. Serve immediately. Additional cones may be used to use the remaining graham cracker and marshmallow mixtures.

Recipe tested in a 1250-watt microwave. Adjust cooking times accordingly.



S'Mores Dippers

Strawberry-Kiwi Passion Sundaes

Makes 2 servings

No extra bowls needed to make these sundaes.

- 1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 medium kiwi, peeled
- 2 Blue Bunny Personals Premium Double Strawberry Ice Cream
- 4 teaspoons chopped white chocolate
- 2 teaspoons sliced almonds

In a small bowl, combine strawberries, sugar and orange peel, gently mix.

Slice kiwi lengthwise into quarters then slice into bite-sized pieces; gently fold into strawberries. Set aside 10 minutes to form juice.

Top each Personal with half the strawberry-kiwi mixture. Sprinkle each with 2 teaspoons white chocolate and 1 teaspoon almonds. Serve immediately.

Triple Chocolate Cake Sundae

Makes 4 servings

Chocolate lovers will adore this sundae topped with a white chocolate-raspberry sauce.

- 3 tablespoons half-and-half
- 1 3.5-ounce bar high-quality white chocolate, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup fresh raspberries, divided
- 4 1/2-cup scoops Blue Bunny Chef Duff's Premium Triple Chocolate Cake Ice Cream

In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine half-and-half and white chocolate. Microwave on High, 30 seconds; stir until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Heat an additional 10 seconds if not melted. Cover and refrigerate until thickened to a medium sauce, about 50 minutes. If the sauce thickens too much during refrigeration, re-warm slightly in microwave, about 10 seconds. The recipe was tested in a 1250-watt microwave. Adjust cooking times accordingly. Gently fold in 1/2 cup raspberries.

Place ice cream into 4 serving bowls. Top each with a scant 2 tablespoons white chocolate-raspberry sauce and about 4 fresh raspberries.

CITY BITES

Sweet donation

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN — The American Red Cross and Edible Arrangements have devised a tasty way to boost low blood supplies this month. They are giving every donor at American Red Cross blood drives a coupon good for a free six-piece box of gourmet dipped chocolate fruit. Make an appointment to donate blood at redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Hot invitation

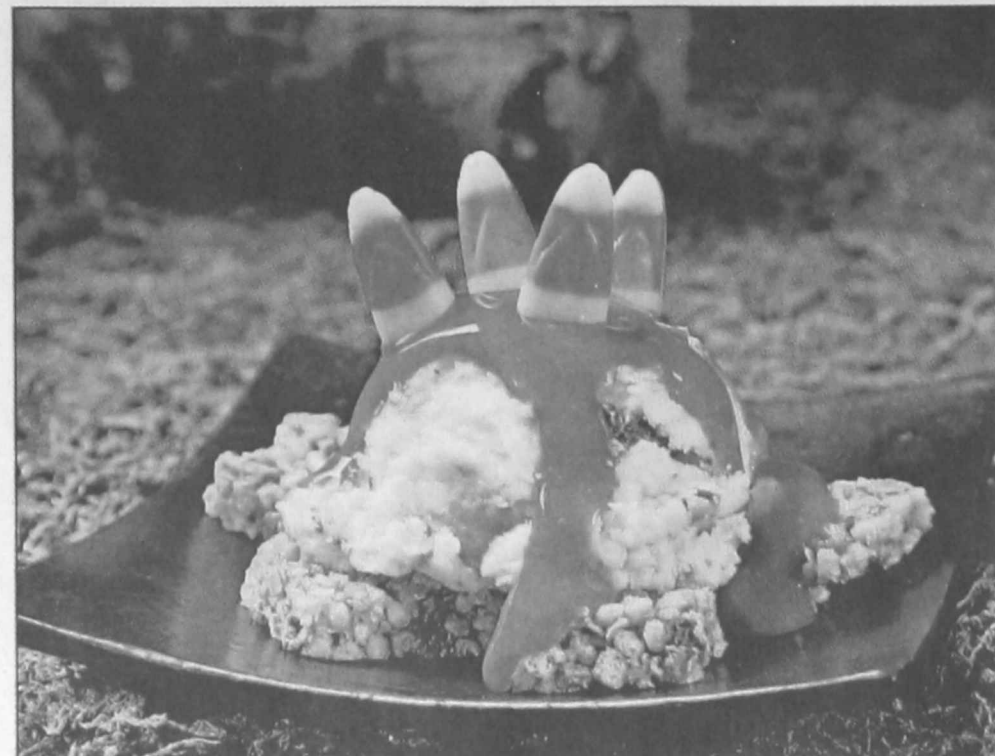
PLYMOUTH — Got a great chili recipe? Organizers of the 16th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off are looking for contestants in the red chili, chili verde and salsa competitions set for Sunday, Oct. 9 in downtown Plymouth. Winners will take home more than \$2,000 in prize money, and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff sponsored by the International Chili Society. The World Champ wins \$25,000. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off will run 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and will include a "best booth" contest, "Battle of the Businesses," "Restaurant Chili Challenge" and a chance for visitors to sample the entries and vote on their favorites. Sign up by calling Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, by e-mailing to glrchili@sbcbglobal.net or visit www.GreatLakesChili.com

Chile pepper roast

NORTHVILLE — Kroger will roast Hatch chiles from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at 17447 Haggerty, Northville and from 2-5 p.m. at 44525 Ann Arbor Road West, in Plymouth. Hatch chiles are long, green and exclusively grown in the Mesilla Valley near Hatch, New Mexico. Frieda's Specialty Produce, a distributor of exotic fruits and gourmet vegetables, will supply select Kroger supermarkets with authentic extra hot Hatch variety chiles. They'll be available by the pound, both roasted and fresh, beginning Aug. 19.

Champagne cruise

BERKLEY — Blazo's Pie Shoppe in Livonia and Real Bar BQ in Canton are among the restaurants that will serve delicacies for sampling at the ninth annual Champagne Cruise 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at Westborn Market, located on Woodward north of 11 Mile, along the Woodward Dream Cruise route. Proceeds from the event will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization that collects surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to more than 170 emergency food providers in the Metro Detroit area. Modern Tribe, featuring Charles and Gwen Scales, will play the musical selections throughout the evening. Champagne Cruise also will include a silent auction. Tickets are \$150 each — \$100 of which is tax deductible — and are available online at www.forgottenharvest.org.



Campfire Sundaes

Survey: Most still prefer owning over renting

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Most Americans still believe that owning a home is a solid financial decision, and a majority of renters aspire to home ownership as a long-term goal. That's according to the 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors, which found 72 percent of renters surveyed said owning a home is a top priority for their future, up from 63 percent in 2010.

Seven in 10 Americans also agreed that buying a home is a good financial decision while almost two-thirds said now is a good time to purchase a home, the survey found. The annual survey, which measures how affordable housing issues affect consumers, also found that more than three quarters of renters (77 percent) said they would be less likely to buy a home if they were required to put down a 20 percent down payment on the home, and a strong majority (71 percent) believe a 20 percent down payment requirement could have a negative impact on the housing market.

Local Realtors are encouraged by survey results. Realtor Rich Eisiminger of Plymouth-based RichRealty said, "So many owners have been forced into the renter market. It's exciting to see they still want to own a home. I'm pleasantly surprised at that. I would say it goes back to our American heritage. Everybody wants to own a piece of land."

"There's something to be said about ownership," Eisiminger added. Paying off of a mortgage remains achievable, he said; his mentor for that theory is the nationally known Dave Ramsey. "I believe that is something that is achievable and can be achievable," Eisiminger said, adding the mortgage doesn't have to be 30 years.

Eisiminger said a conventional mortgage with 20 percent down remains best. "But there is other means of FHA, other mortgages out there."

His mentor Ramsey, who does motivational speaking, advocates living within means, "Handling money God's way and Grandma's way," with the focus on getting out of debt and being debt-free.

There's been recent debate

on requiring a 20 percent down payment for a mortgage, and Realtors have thoughts on that as well.

"There needs to be variables that you can come in less than 20 percent," Eisiminger said. Some are at 10 percent, maybe self-employed and don't want an FHA mortgage. "I think the long-term interest rate should stay somewhat the same," he said.

"I don't agree with 5 percent that's for sure," or with no money down. "The lending of easy money became our downfall by falsely appreciating real estate values," Eisiminger said.

Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred Plymouth is president of the Western Wayne County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. "I think they're pretty accurate," he said of NAR survey results. "I still think people want to buy a home."

"I tell them it's a great time to buy right now." There remain properties that aren't bank-owned, although some properties are getting multiple offers. "Financing can still be a challenge," he said. People worry about their credit scores.

Some parents give money to help children with a down payment, Schippa said. "I think overall people still want to own a home and they're looking to get something."

He's handling a closing on a condo in Ann Arbor for a couple's daughter attending graduate school there. "The daughter didn't necessarily want to rent and the family's in the financial availability to do that," Schippa said.

He tells those who want to buy a home don't open new credit cards if you want to qualify for a mortgage. Redford has some good housing prices, Schippa added.

He emphasizes that house payments are often lower than rent. "It makes financial sense for people to get into a property. The market will come back, it's just a question of time," Schippa said.

Not all Detroit-area residents are working, so putting down 20 percent can be hard, he said. With average wages stagnant, it's hard to save that amount. "They should have some equity into the property when they buy it," Schippa said.



"We do have inventory. Interest rates are at an all-time low," he added. "Now's the time to buy."

National real estate leaders are encouraged by the survey responses. "Despite the economic setbacks Americans have experienced in today's current climate, it is clear that a strong majority still believe in home ownership and aspire to own a home," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "However, achieving the dream of home ownership will become increasingly difficult for buyers if they are required to make a 20 percent down payment, which may be a reality for many of tomorrow's buyers if a proposed Qualified Residential Mortgage rule is adopted. That is why Realtors are strongly urging regulators to go back to the drawing board on the proposed rule."

Defining the QRM rule is important because it will determine the types of mortgages that will generally be available to borrowers in the future. As currently proposed, borrowers with less than 20 percent down will have to choose between higher fees and rates today — up to 3 percentage points more — or a nine-14-year delay while they save up the necessary down payment.

Over half — 51 percent — of self-described "working class" homeowners as well as younger non-college graduates (51 percent), African Americans (57 percent) and Hispanics (50 percent) who currently own their homes reported that a 20 percent down payment would have prevented them from becoming owners.

Pulse surveys for the past eight years have consistently reported that having enough money for a down payment and closing costs are top obstacles that make housing unaffordable

for Americans. Eighty-two percent of respondents cited these as the top obstacle, followed by having confidence in one's job security.

The survey also found respondents were adamantly against eliminating the mortgage interest deduction. Two-thirds of Americans oppose eliminating the tax benefit, while 73 percent believe eliminating the MID will have a negative impact on the housing market as well as the overall economy.

When asked why home ownership matters to them, respondents cited stability and safety as the top reason. Long-term economic reasons such as building equity followed closely behind. On a local level, respondents said neighbors falling behind on their mortgages and the drop in home values were top concerns. Foreclosures also continue to remain a large concern, with almost half of those surveyed citing the issue as a problem in their area.

The 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey is conducted by American Strategies and Myers Research & Strategic Services for NAR's Housing Opportunity Program. The telephone survey polled 1,250 adults nationwide, with an oversample of interviews of those living in the 25 most populous metropolitan statistical areas. The study has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

NAR's Housing Opportunity Program, www.realtor.org/housingopportunity, was created in 2002 to encourage local Realtor associations to create initiatives that help increase housing opportunities for consumers and make affordable housing more readily available.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Collections: Know your rights

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have been approached by a collection company that says they will collect our assessments without paying any costs until we collect the money. Do you have any information about that?

A: I know that there are collection companies that are advertising to do collection services in condos, but, in any event, they still may have to go to court, and would need an attorney experienced in Community Association law. These collection

companies may charge more on a contingent basis then would a lawyer upon an hourly basis depending



Robert Meisner

upon the circumstances. They may also not get the same results as an experienced law firm who is well known in the community as a Community Association law firm with expertise in Community Association law. In any event, you should be careful in determining whether or not the collection firm has competent legal assistance and whether it will provide you with a service that it promises, and, whether or not you are better off with your own association attorney who presumably has experience with your unique problems involved in your condominium and/or, so to speak, being able to think outside of the box in terms of new creative methods in order to collect assessments, particularly, in issues with mortgagees.

Q: Our association has a judgment against the bank for nonpayment of assessments. Our lawyer seems to be too busy to handle the matter and says that eventually the bank will pay. What do you suggest?

A: I suggest that if you have exhausted your efforts to resolve the matter amicably with the bank, that you get a lawyer to execute on the Bank by literally getting a sheriff to go to the bank and, if necessary, remove desk computers, copiers, filing cabinets and any cash in the teller's drawers. That will clearly send the bank a lesson. We have also, on occasion, had to get the sheriff to go to a liquor store in order to seize merchandise in order to satisfy a judgment against the owner. When the judgment debtor is not willing to cooperate, you have a right to avail yourself of all legal means to collect the amount owing.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 9-13, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

8388 Chatham Dr	\$505,000
254 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000
2357 Cranbrook Rd	\$100,000
3060 Greenwich Ct	\$220,000
47167 Hanford Rd	\$223,000
50152 Harding St	\$247,000
3996 Hopefield Ct	\$160,000
49550 Hudson Dr	\$365,000
4050 Kimberly Dr	\$155,000
50469 Monroe St	\$243,000
6245 N Lilley Rd	\$41,000
43317 Oakbrook Ct	\$195,000
1754 Orchard Dr	\$22,000
41577 Wayside Dr	\$110,000
1735 Whittier Dr	\$115,000
2698 Woodington Ct	\$260,000

GARDEN CITY

33134 Donnelly St	\$15,000
419 Henry Ruff Rd	\$69,000
5936 Henry Ruff Rd	\$80,000
33030 Rosslyn Ave	\$58,000
30315 Rush St	\$58,000
29734 Sheridan St	\$73,000

LIVONIA

38218 Ann Arbor Trl	\$38,000
12496 Cardwell St	\$45,000
9915 Fairfield St	\$129,000
10054 Hartel Ct	\$85,000
14222 Houghton St	\$90,000
9631 Inkster Rd	\$58,000
36373 Jamison St	\$124,000
38754 Jamison St	\$141,000
36930 Lancaster St	\$155,000
29853 Linda St	\$151,000
36052 Meadowbrook St	\$137,000
19046 Middlebelt Rd	\$60,000
29874 Minton St	\$108,000
30789 Minton St	\$60,000
35711 Minton St	\$100,000
28511 N Clements Cir	\$70,000
16087 Nola Dr	\$215,000
32708 Norfolk St	\$279,000
19447 Osmus St	\$104,000

20500 Osmus St	\$54,000
18946 Stamford St	\$130,000
28160 Terrence St	\$80,000
15542 Westbrook St	\$135,000

NORTHVILLE

18261 Clairmont Cir E	\$665,000
19311 Crystal Lake Dr	\$43,000
19485 Edlington Pl	\$36,000
19586 Northridge Dr	\$65,000
705 Randolph St	\$73,000
20275 Woodhill Dr	\$207,000

PLYMOUTH

9068 Brookline Ave	\$128,000
44815 Deer Run Rd	\$267,000
15100 Keel St	\$407,000
11792 Lorenz Way	\$423,000
40171 Newport Dr	\$63,000
14971 Plymouth Xing	\$180,000
49465 Pointe Xing	\$90,000
11869 Sycamore Dr	\$60,000

REDFORD

9928 Farley	\$27,000
17675 Glenmore	\$35,000
25155 Lyndon	\$60,000
19950 Norborne	\$10,000

18846 Poinclana	\$25,000
9379 Salem	\$29,000
11335 Seminole	\$30,000
9552 Tecumseh	\$48,000
25911 W Six Mile Rd	\$30,000
15745 Woodbine	\$20,000

WESTLAND

34531 Algonquin St	\$25,000
33151 Creston St	\$38,000
8126 Flamingo St	\$37,000
32327 Glen St	\$82,000
31614 Hazelwood St	\$70,000
1175 Judith St	\$67,000
7745 Lear Ct	\$50,000
7595 Maple Dr	\$175,000
34825 Melton St	\$35,000
257 N Byfield St	\$22,000
5925 N Karle St	\$63,000
30728 Nelson Cir	\$115,000
7628 Randy Dr	\$82,000
7668 Ritz Ave	\$82,000
562 S Marie St	\$93,000
38289 Saint Joe Dr	\$90,000
31141 Stephen Ave	\$52,000
7345 Woodview St	\$18,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 2-6, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16981 Birwood Ave	\$235,000
16980 Kinross Ave	\$116,000
16022 Marguerite St	\$87,000

BIRMINGHAM

1577 Chapin Ave	\$140,000
1973 Haynes St	\$425,000
2552 Manchester Rd	\$165,000
2714 Manchester Rd	\$133,000
591 Ridgedale Ave	\$460,000
707 Ruffner Ave	\$312,000
516 W Frank St	\$500,000
742 W Lincoln St	\$535,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2660 Robindale Ln	\$199,000
484 Fox Hills Dr N # AB	\$33,000
255 Guilford Rd	\$780,000
2833 Middlebury Ln	\$170,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6153 Dakota Cir	\$920,000
506 Tilbury Rd	\$499,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1809 Carriage Hl	\$313,000
3346 Circle Dr	\$440,000
4718 Greenview Ct	\$211,000
1735 Huron Springs Ln	\$167,000
5500 Leisel Ct	\$322,000
6060 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$194,000
507 W Commerce Rd	\$52,000
1474 Wandrei Ct	\$300,000

FARMINGTON

22856 Mayfield Ave	\$135,000
22695 Power Rd	\$72,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

22847 Clear Lake Dr	\$175,000
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28900 Drake Rd	\$148,000
29294 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$92,000
28780 Hidden Trl	\$248,000
36670 Howard Rd	\$269,000
29568 Omenwood Ave	\$180,000
37590 River Bnd	\$266,000
31045 Sudbury St	\$258,000
31262 Verona St	\$265,000
32008 Warburn St	\$130,000
30532 Woodstream Dr	\$255,000

MILFORD

3148 Canyon Oaks Trl	\$537,000
334 Hickory St	\$180,000
1194 Hillside Dr	\$275,000
2211 Lone Tree Rd	\$295,000
1795 Stonecrest	\$325,000

NOVI

47579 Aberdeen Dr	\$580,000
50958 Almafai Ct	\$50,000
50714 Amesburg Dr	\$508,000
41934 Aspen Dr	\$280,000
47589 Brittany Ct	\$421,000

50707 Chesapeake Dr	\$669,000
40508 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
51231 Luke Ln	\$204,000
24652 Nepavine	\$431,000
30495 Pennington Ln	\$265,000
22617 Shadowpine Way	\$165,000

SOUTH LYON

60799 Marjorie Ann St	\$76,000
24539 Martindale Rd	\$172,000
959 Stratford Dr	\$166,000

SOUTHFIELD

27425 Fairfax St	\$106,000
17160 Richard St	\$34,000
29405 Rock Creek Dr	\$70,000
17329 Winora Ave	\$38,000

WHITE LAKE

8753 Arlington St	\$184,000
10730 Bogie Lake Rd	\$425,000
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Garage/Moving Sales

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CANTON- 8/20-8/21, 8-3pm. 3 families! Furniture, clothes, toys. 50997 Black Horse Ln, Denton Rd btwn Geddes & Cherry Hill in Hamlet Sub.

CANTON: GARAGE SALE Purses, junior/teen clothes, toys, games, books, wooden swing set, etc. 42119 Woodcreek. (Lilley/Palmer) Aug. 17-20, 10-3.

CANTON: Moving Sale. Aug. 18-20, 7860 Capri Dr. Everything must go! Too numerous to mention.

FARMINGTON HILLS BIG GARAGE SALE! Aug. 18-20th, 8-5pm. Clothes, furniture, yard tools, books, DVD's & more! 37863 Baywood Dr (9 Mile & Halsted).

FARMINGTON HILLS: 3 Family Gar. Sale! Old glassware, army gear, tools, clothes, misc. Aug 18-20, 9-5. 27624 Shawwassee, N/ 8 Mi. W off Inkster.

Garage/Moving Sales

GARDEN CITY 29131 Florence St. 8/18-8/20 Baby and household items, electronics, and much more!

GARDEN CITY- BIG sale! Lots of power tools, toys, baby stuff, kid's & women's plus size clothes, and a variety of other things. 149 Greenwood Ct., Middlebelt & Cherry Hill. Aug 18-21st, 10-4pm.

GARDEN CITY- Huge Yard sale. Clothing, tools, toys, misc items, household. Aug 19 & 20, 9-5pm. 6756 Burnly, W of Middlebelt & S of Warren

GARDEN CITY- Moving sale. Furniture, lots & lots of misc household items, clothing. Thurs-Sat., 8/18-8/20th, 10-3pm. 6449 Hawthorne, Merriman & Maplewood.

GARDEN CITY- Sat., Mon. & Tues. 9-6pm. Sun. 3-6pm. Furniture, dishes, clothing, etc. 29825 Dawson, 1 blk W of Middlebelt, 2 bks N of Ford Rd

HIGHLAND GARAGE SALE - Saturday, August 20, 2011, 9am-4pm at Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4450 Duck Lake Road, Highland, Michigan.

HIGHLAND Prestwick Village-Moving, Estate, Garage Sale - Collectibles (Fenton, glass, steins, super bowl + more), furniture, TV's, household, decor, clothing, sporting goods and more! Turned into a Sub Sale! 418 Carnoustie (Milford Rd., south of M59). Thurs-Sat., Aug. 18-20 9am-3pm.

LIVONIA - TEACHER'S SALE Fri., 4-7pm, Sat/Sun, 9-5pm. All subjects, books & more! Pre K-4th Grade. 28604 Sunnydale, N of 5 Mile, E of Middlebelt. Homeschoolers, parents & daycare welcome.

LIVONIA Multi-Family Moving/Garage Sale - 32177 Meadowbrook. Wed-Sat., Aug 17-20, 10am-6pm. Whole House, Baby & Kid's Equipment, Toys, Books, Games, Video Systems/Games, Patio & Pool, Furniture, Glassware, Antiques & Collectibles.

LIVONIA- Baby items, girls clothes, tools, toys, women's plus sizes, misc household & collectibles. 8/18-8/22, 9-6pm. 33251 Rayburn, 2 blocks N of 5 Mile & Farmington.

LIVONIA- Clothing, toys, VHS, household/kit. goods & lots more! Aug 18-20th, 9-5pm. 33427 Orangelawn, Plymouth Rd & Farmington Rd

LIVONIA- Fri & Sat 9-4pm. Some furniture, books, dishes, bunk beds, Beanie Babies & misc. 20471 Maplewood, S of 8 Mile & E of Middlebelt

LIVONIA- Storm door, complete, 880; garage lights, unusual Bali decor; exercise bike; lots of 2 family household misc. 18945 Loveland, near 7 Mile. 8/18-8/21, 9-3pm

LIVONIA: Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-5. Lots of goodies. 16601 Woodside, Levan, btwn. 5 & 6 Mile Rd

LIVONIA: Huge Yard Sale! 9924 Farmington, btwn Plymouth & Joy Rd. Golf clubs, ski board - never been used, some tools, power and hand, health equip, other things too numerous to list. Thurs-Fri, Aug 18-19, 8-4.

LIVONIA- Parish Wide Garage Sale. Furniture, household items, small appliances, music, Christmas, religious, purses, dishes, glassware & much more. Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, just E. of Middlebelt. Fri, Aug. 19, 9-5. Sat., Aug. 20, 9-3.

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NORTHVILLE- XXL 3 family sale! Too much to list! 1 day only. Sat., Aug 20th, 8-3pm. 46760 Greenridge Ct. S of 8 Mile, E of Beck.

NORTHVILLE: 2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE! Accent furniture, some antiques, Hall's & misc. home goods. Little girl's clothing - infant-size 5. Turkey fryer & fish/game smoker, classic red plaid hunting suit and camo. Music - assorted CD's, cassettes & LP's, plus complete Franklin mint big band collection (100 units) cassette format. 1920's-1950's and beyond. Casio Keyboard with stand & stool. 21638 Bedford Dr., N of 8, W of Center. Thurs-Sat, Aug 18-20, 9-5.

NORTHVILLE: Aug 18-21, 9-5. 46366 N. Valley Dr. 8 Mile Rd. btwn. Randolph & Beck. Household & baby furniture, dishes & candles, linens, curtains, towels, baby & kids clothes & swing set, women's clothes 18-3X, men's clothes 2-8X, assortment of men's t-shirts extra lg, wheelchair, walker & cane, tools & more.

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PLYMOUTH Thurs-Sat., 8/18-8/20, 9-4pm. 13061 Glenview Dr. (off of N. Territorial, east of Beck Rd.) Bunk/Loft bed, household, games, Wil storage and more.

PLYMOUTH- 40950 Micol St., S of Ann Arbor Trail. 5 mi. of Haggerty. 8/17-8/19, 9-5pm. Vintage items: 15 bikes & bicycle parts, military, & auto. Collectible glassware.

Garage/Moving Sales

REDFORD- 8/18-8/20 9-5pm. 1999 Grand Marquis, glassware, Clinique make up, misc. 26705 Ross Dr., btwn Beech & Inkster, Schoolcraft & 5 Mile.

REDFORD-BLOCK SALE Fri.-Sun., Aug. 19-21, 9-4pm. 9147 to 9197 Seminole, 2 bks. N of Joy, 1 blk E of Inkster.

REDFORD: 8/18-20, 9-6pm. 9177 San Jose. Btwn Cathedral/Westfield. Furniture, sports, tools, clothes & more.

SOUTH LYON 8/18-8/20, 8am-4pm. Multi-Family - Household, books, clothes, scrap booking, kids, etc! 58740 Hunters Court, 11 & Martindale.

SOUTH LYON Aug. 18-20, 9am-5pm. 908 S. Parkwood Dr., off 9 Mile, East of Pontiac Trail. Baby/kid's items & household.

SOUTH LYON Garage Sale 8/18-8/20, 9-5. Household, girls clothes (sizes 4-6), toys. 25838 Cobblers Lane. 11 Mile & Martindale.

SOUTH LYON- Multi family garage sale. Baby thru adult clothes, toys, books, home furnishings, & crystal. Thurs-Sun, Aug 18-21st, 9-5pm. 197, 201 & 204 Colombia Dr, in Hunters Creek, off 10 Mile.

SOUTHFIELD A GARAGE SALE - Furniture, clothes, misc household, tools. 21207 Poinciana, Southfield, 8 Mile & Inkster area. Aug. 19-21, 10am-6pm.

WALLED LAKE: Multiple Sales! 2127 Hidden Meadows (condos). Aug. 18-20, 9-5. Teacher's stuff, collectibles, clothes, etc.

WAYNE: 34641 Elm St., Glenwood & Wayne Rd. Aug 18-20, 9-5pm. Boy's clothing - infant-24 months, stroller, bouncer, women's plus size clothing, TV's, household, etc.

WESTLAND - BIG BIG SALE! 32871 Joy Road, E of Farmington, W of Merriman. 8/18-8/20, 9-5pm. Furniture, appliances & misc.

WESTLAND GARAGE SALE - Located at: 8156 Flamingo, Westland, MI. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WESTLAND Multi-Family Garage Sale - 2446 Treadwell St., off Newburg & Glenwood. Fri. & Sat., 8-4pm & Sun., 8am-noon. New items still in boxes! Crystal (brand new), dishes, Bradford, Lenox & more collectible sets, new dining room set w/china cabinet, server set & 6 chairs, new & used furniture & more!

WESTLAND Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale - Friday, 8/19, 11am-6pm, Sat. & Sun., 20-21st, 10am-5pm. 38308 N. Rickham Ct., Westland, MI

WESTLAND Moving Sale - Household, clothes, toys, furniture, etc. 8431 Hubbard. 8/19 & 20, 9am-5pm.

WESTLAND Multi-Family, Aug. 18-20, 9-5. 368 Dobson, 2 bks. E. of Wayne Rd., S. of Cherry Hill. Books, knick-knacks, wine rack & household items.

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