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Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized Jean Fitzpatrick of Canton for her dedication to Girl Scouting. Fitzpatrick was named an "Outstanding Leader" at the Ann Arbor Regional Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, held at Grace Bible Church.

Fitzpatrick is trained in wilderness first aid and has taken her troop on countless camping trips. Her nominator stated, "Jean is a firm believer in the 'girl-run' troop system and goes to great lengths to achieve the right balance between girl and adult leadership responsibilities." In addition to her troop duties, she serves as the registrar for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors in Plymouth/Canton.

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Artists of distinction

Aaron Scott, a student of trumpet who is home-schooled, has been named a Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholar and was invited to participate in the 49th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival, in Kalamazoo.

Nearly 1,000 high school student artists in Michigan were selected to attend the this year's Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The students, chosen from more than 250,000 across the state, are selected based solely on their artistic merit. While some awards programs select students through a nomination process, festival invitations are only issued as the result of a rigorous adjudication process adhering to exacting standards. The invited scholars are involved in a wide range of artistic disciplines including creative writing, dance, media arts, instrumental and vocal music, music composition, theater and visual arts.

"It's an outstanding group of students with real dedication and a commitment to artistic excellence," Michigan Youth Arts Executive Director Kim Dabbs said. "The Distinguished Scholars embody creativity and innovation, and are ideal ambassadors for the Michigan arts education community."

Trash shift

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Canton Waste Recycling will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, May 30, and all collections next week will be delayed by one day.

CWR will resume its regular collection schedule Monday, June 6.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. CWR will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org or call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

Soccer tournament a boon to business

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Cup, a three-day soccer tournament that starts Friday, is expected to shatter attendance records and boost the area economy when as many as 55,000 players, their families, supporters, spectators and coaches gather for an event that continues to grow, even as it marks its 29th year.

Athletes and fans from as far away as Toronto, Ohio, Indiana and across Michigan are set to join local soccer enthusiasts and spend money as they

More on the tournament in Sports, Page B1.

descend on area hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, retail shops, ice cream stands and other businesses.

The 66-room Comfort Suites and 117-room Fairfield Inn, neighboring lodgings northeast of Haggerty and Ford roads, started witnessing an uptick in Canton Cup business nearly a year ago as families began reserving a place to stay for the Memorial Day weekend tournament.

"We're sold out," said Nader Judah, regional sales director for A&M

Hospitality, which operates the two lodgings. "This is one of the largest venues that attracts people for us."

NOT JUST CANTON

Canton Cup brings a similar boon to places such as the 239-room, Livonia-based Embassy Suites, off I-275 between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads.

"Not only is there a little spillover to other communities — there's a lot of spillover," Jason Mack, Embassy Suites sales director, said. "It pushes as far north as Novi. It's definitely a good

thing. I'd take this every weekend."

Darryl Noel, tournament director, said 781 teams — a sharp increase over last year's 670 teams — are set to compete on soccer fields across Canton, in parks such as Independence, Heritage, Flodin and Griffin — and, if backup locations are needed, Freedom and Barchester. Athletes also will play on fields at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Canton Cup gets bigger every year because of the quality of it," Noel said.

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Swedish success story

IKEA still going strong as five-year mark approaches

BY HELEN NIEMIEC
CORRESPONDENT

The big blue and yellow building so eagerly awaited during its construction is gearing up for a major birthday celebration marking five years of operations in June. IKEA, the Swedish-based furnishings store, is very pleased with its decision to call Canton its home.

The Canton store, located on Ford and Haggerty roads, is one of 38 American stores in the chain. There are 280 stores in 26 countries. As the sole Michigan location, the Canton store is a destination shopping event, not only for locals but people throughout Michigan, Ontario and parts of Ohio. Before the store in Cincinnati, Ohio opened last year, the Canton store also drew shoppers from Kentucky and Tennessee.

James Organ, deputy store manager, said the Canton store has met and exceeded all corporate expectations, even in the bleak economic times.

He says there is much to celebrate.

"IKEA has delivered very positive results. More than 300 people are gainfully employed, with no layoffs when the economy went sour. We offer well-designed furniture at great prices. The

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IKEA is a destination. Tour Connection, based in Lansing, offers a \$30 day excursion from Lansing to IKEA, then to Block Greenhouse in Romulus, to Guernsey in Northville for ice cream, then back to Lansing.



Livonia resident Andrea Otto and 2-year-old daughter Makenna shop at IKEA in Canton. The store celebrates its five-year anniversary early next month.

IKEA just one piece as Canton business booms

BY HELEN NIEMIEC
CORRESPONDENT

Canton Township officials are beaming that the local business community is doing quite well, especially when the economic downturn turned many shopping districts into

ghost towns.

The worst appears to be over and growth continues on the Canton horizon. Major retailers, such as IKEA, are drawn to the township for a variety of reasons — location,

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School board won't close Fiegel

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For weeks students, parents and teachers from Fiegel Elementary School have streamed into Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meetings, begging trustees not to close their school as part of fixing a projected \$18 million deficit in the 2011-12 budget.

On Tuesday, trustees listened.

The Board of Education voted 4-3 to remove the closing of Fiegel from its list of budget cuts. The closing, announced several weeks ago but rumored for months, would have brought some \$1.4 million in savings to the district.

Trustees decided Tuesday to look elsewhere for that savings. When the vote was taken, the room full of Fiegel supporters exploded in applause.

"Who says you can't fight city hall?" said a jubilant John Nichols, a Fiegel parent and former school board candidate. "I'm glad they agreed not to make a rushed decision. Fiegel may still close, but let's look at everything."

Board Secretary Adrienne Davis and Trustees Barry Simescu, Steven Sneiderman and Nancy Eggenberger voted to keep Fiegel open. They

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Landmark Liberty Fest expects to draw crowds

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Liberty Fest celebrates its landmark 20th year June 16-18, amid projections it will draw as many as 40,000 people to Heritage Park for live entertainment, carnival rides, a classic car show, diverse international performances and an event-crowning fireworks display.

And while local officials scrapped a festival kickoff parade due to budget cuts, they still expect a strong response to myriad events such as a Canton firefighters charity spaghetti dinner, a U2 tribute band, a Michigan Philharmonic performance and the touring Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

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

"It's part of our history. It's part of our community," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's part of families getting together and having an opportunity to enjoy entertainment. It's part of the local quality of life."

Due to a stubborn economy



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Liberty Fest organizers say the Family Zone will feature even more rides and attractions than ever.

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

"This day and age, a lot of people have had to curtail vacations," he said. "It's great when you go and see the smiles on the kids' faces and get all the positive feedback from the community."

The fun starts Thursday, June 16, with a carnival sneak

preview 5-10 p.m. and a performance by Zooropa, a U2 tribute band, at 7:30 p.m. on the Canton LIVE! stage. The festival continues 1-11 p.m. Friday, June 17, and from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The demise of the parade along Ford Road hasn't sparked a huge outcry, but the Canton Lions Club expects its pancake breakfast fundraiser, which coincided with the parade, to bring in less revenue this year as the group raises money for scholarships

and services for the blind. "We expect to lose a little bit because we don't have the parade," Lions Club board member John Chew said.

Festival organizers have announced the pancake breakfast will be moved to the north side of Heritage Park 7-11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, while starting at 9:30 a.m. children can visit with characters such as Snow White and Buzz Lightyear.

Jon LaFever, Canton recreation coordinator, said large crowds from Canton and surrounding communities are expected for the local festival.

"Each year Liberty Fest increases in popularity, attracting so many visitors to beautiful Heritage Park and bringing in about 40,000 festival-goers who enjoy three fun-filled days," LaFever said. "This jam-packed festival showcases the best family friendly activities Canton has to offer, as well as outstanding entertainment the whole family will enjoy."

Families can save by purchasing ride-all-day wristbands for \$16 through June 15 at www.cantonlibertyfest.com. The wristbands will be available on the festival grounds for \$17 June 16 and \$20 June 17-18.

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FIEGEL

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largely echoed concerns voiced by parents and staff throughout the process that the decision was being rushed into without benefit of any kind of redistricting study.

They voted to keep Fiegel open for at least one more year, and asked for a thorough redistricting study next year.

"I don't think we've done an adequate job of looking at redistricting," Simescu said. "Maybe we do need to close a school, but maybe not this one, until I see a plan, I think we need to do that first before we decide to make a closure."

Board President John Jackson, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez and Treasurer Judy Mardigian voted to keep the school closing in the list of cuts, although all acknowledged what a difficult decision it would be.

"This is a very tough decision," said Mardigian, the longest-serving member of the board. "Eighteen million is a big number. I feel badly for the Fiegel family, but I feel we have to support the administration's recommendation. This is what Lansing has done to us, and we're responding to it."

Crystal Garcia has a kindergarten and a second-grader at Fiegel and is one of the many residents of the Canton Crossings apartment complex across the street from the school. She said the board's

decision reinforced the idea she's been teaching her children about standing up for what you believe in.

"I'm a proactive parent," Garcia said. "When I first found out (they were considering closing the school) I was devastated. I graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools and I wanted them to be able to follow in those footsteps. I told my kids if it's what you want you have to fight for it. If we have to fight every year, that's what we'll do."

The decision leaves the staff and students at Starkweather Education Center, the district's alternative high school, where they were when the process started. Kevin Lane, the center's director, enumerated several disadvantages to the old building.

However, he said Wednesday, though some enrollment could be limited due to lack of classroom space, the school will make some improvements, including increasing computer lab space, further improvements for the science labs and redoing the flooring in the child care center.

"We are disappointed because (Fiegel) would have been a better facility, but that disappointment is certainly tempered by our joy for the Fiegel family," Lane said. "I'm very happy for the Fiegel community. The parents and students did a great job advocating for their school."

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AROUND CANTON

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

Bottle drive

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Canton High School, Phase 3
Details: The Canton Chieftettes are sponsoring a bottle drive. Donations can be dropped off at Phase 3 at Canton High School.

Preschool open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road
Details: The Salvation Army offers its Tiny Tots

Preschool for ages 3 to 5. Come and meet the teachers and see the classroom. To register for the fall's classes, bring \$35 for the registration fee.
Contact: Call Sheila Johnson at the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464. More information is also available online at www.misalplymouth.org.

Toastmasters Open House

Time/Date: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9
Location: Eastern Michigan University, 38777 W. Six Mile, at I-275, in Livonia. Room 412.
Details: Light refreshments; meet members of the West Side Professionals Toastmasters.
Contact: David Shevlin (248) 788-9511 or George Haralampopoulos (248) 672-2528; visit www.westsideprofessionals.org for more information.

Family picnic

Date/Time: Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Heritage Park, Pavilion 1 and 2, in Canton.
Details: A family picnic with grilled delights, a train ride, face painting, a balloon artist, games and fun for all. Your immediate family is encouraged to attend complimentary with your \$20 dues for the 2011-12 and 40th season of the Canton Newcomers, the community's social and charitable group, where you don't have to be "new."
Contact: www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Jessica at (734) 331-3201.



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Kyle Stinar-Eckert, who read a statement from the staff of Fiegel Elementary School at a recent budget workshop, made another impassioned plea to keep Fiegel open Tuesday. The school board listened, voting 4-3 to keep the school open.

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District won't hike class sizes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the largest cuts originally recommended by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administration to help deal with a projected \$18 million deficit won't happen after all.

The district's Board of Education, acting on a new recommendation by interim superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes, voted Tuesday not to raise class sizes at any level in the 2011-2012 school year. Earlier recommendations by the district's budget committee had suggested raising class size by two students per class at the elementary level, by nearly five at middle schools and nearly four at the high school level could have saved the district some \$4 million. The move was also expected to cost some 80 teachers their jobs.

But Hughes, noting the district's penchant for keeping cuts out of the classroom, recommended Tuesday the board take those hikes out of the equation.

"The board and the administration has always been concerned about class sizes," Hughes said. "It affects the quality of education received."

Noting the removal of class size increases creates a \$4 mil-

lion hole in the plan to deal with the \$18 million deficit, Hughes proposed the district handle that deficit in three ways:

- There were some \$9.5 million in other reductions that have already been approved or implemented, including a range of options discussed Tuesday.

- Taking some \$3.5 million out of the district's "rainy day" fund balance. That fund is projected to have some \$11.5 million by the end of the 2010-2011 school year, meaning it would dwindle to \$8 million at the start of next year.

- Getting some \$5 million in unspecified labor efficiencies and legislative action in Lansing. Hughes told the board the administration would return with recommendations on those areas, though they are expected to include concessions gained in labor negotiations.

Board members were unanimous in their support for keeping class sizes where they are.

"I'm really heartened that we all worked together on this and made the decision not to raise class sizes," trustee Steven Sneiderman said. "It's one of the most important decisions we will make. I personally never want to see class size increases in our budget again."

Other budget moves approved by the board included:

- Elimination of noon-time busing for kindergartners. Parents of morning students will be forced to pick their children up at school, and parents of afternoon students will have to drop their students off. The move eliminates 29 bus runs and affects 485 students.

- Saving WSDP 88.1-FM. The administration had recommended closing the student-run radio station, which would have saved some \$116,000.

- Opening the district to a "schools of choice" option. The proposal was for a cap of 150 students, which would raise just over \$1 million. Still to be ironed out is where to cap the number of students, and whether to offer the option only to district employees or to families outside the district boundaries.

- Cuts of some \$945,000 in the custodial department by altering the cleaning schedule. The original proposal was to cut some 21 custodial jobs. Hughes got the board to approve the \$945,000 cut, but said he'd come back to the board with an exact proposal of how to get there.

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SOCCER

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"We work hard to make sure all of our guests have a good experience. We started last summer blocking out (lodging) rooms in Novi, Livonia, near the (Detroit Metro) Airport, and in Canton and Plymouth."

Canton Soccer Club volunteers spend some 300 hours scheduling and researching teams, and township parks employees help get local parks ready for the influx of visitors. Noel said the Canton Downtown Development Authority, or DDA, also has worked for a year to promote the event — most recently by hanging light-pole banners.

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Local restaurants from fast-food chains to locally owned eateries expect to cash in when huge crowds bring their appetites to town. Kim Janes, owner of Carrabba's Italian Grill on Haggerty south of Ford, said Canton Cup business helps to offset what would be a slower time when many local families leave town for the holiday weekend.

"It's very beneficial," she said, adding that she intends next year to become more involved in promoting the event. "I love giving back to the community and helping any way I can."

Gary Krone, owner of Carvel Ice Cream on Ford Road east

of Lilley, said his business will sell ice cream as it routinely does at places such as Independence Park. He also said he notices an uptick of in-store sales.

"The Canton Cup is big for us. It's always busy for us," Krone said. "This is like the beginning of the good-weather season. We see a rush of people, and finally we get bombarded. We will have people lined out the door."

Melissa McLaughlin, township treasurer and a DDA board member, said it's difficult to estimate the economic impact Canton Cup has on Canton and other communities, though it's certainly significant.

"Kids come to the tournament, and along comes Mom and Dad and the siblings and the grandparents," she said. "Suddenly you've got this exponential impact on the community."

WATCHING IT GROW

Visitors spend money not only at lodging facilities and restaurants, McLaughlin said, but also at movie theaters, bowling alleys, gas stations and local retail shops. She said the DDA places its Shop Canton brochures in local hotels and motels to help people find what they need.

"It's a big thing, and as a DDA we want these soccer players and their families to go to Ford Road and spend money, to be blunt," McLaughlin said. "As a

township board member, I just want them to come and immerse themselves in our community."

At noon Saturday at Independence Park, Noel said a ceremony honoring Memorial Day is set for Independence Park, with comments from township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, a moment of silence, the playing of *Taps* and the Yankee Air Museum conducting a fly-over of aircraft.

LaJoy initiated Canton Cup nearly three decades ago and became its first director. He said it has been rewarding to watch it grow.

"It's huge. It's really terrific," he said. "It's a tribute to all the people who have worked so hard for so many years to keep it going. I think it's incredible for the community."

LaJoy said visitors will likely spend money at places ranging from Meijer to Home Depot.

"People are going to be shopping in our stores, and they'll see our great community," he said. "I just think it's a tremendous plus for the community. Southeast Michigan benefits, really."

LaJoy said Canton Cup has emerged as the single biggest draw of visitors to Canton.

"I don't think there's anything that could match it," he said.

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Apartment argument

1An incident involving an argument and a gun led to Canton police taking two men into custody Monday afternoon at Lincolnshire Apartments, on Trails Court southeast of Joy and Canton Center roads.

Police went to the complex around 2:30 p.m. Monday after receiving a report that several men were involved in an altercation outdoors and that one had produced a gun, police said.

No shots were fired, and police said the altercation apparently followed an earlier dispute that had something to do with a vacuum cleaner.

Police found a handgun in the trunk of a car at the scene. Officers took two suspects into custody as the investigation was continuing.

Durango dodging

2A man was taken to a hospital after he crashed his Dodge Durango while passing another vehicle on southbound Lilley, south of Joy, shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday, police said.

According to a police report, another driver said the Durango passed him at a high rate of speed, left the roadway, struck some utility poles, rolled upside down and struck another pole, ejecting the driver.

The Durango came to rest on the driver's side. Police and paramedics rushed to the scene, and the man involved in the one-car crash was taken to a hospital for treatment for his injuries.

Police said the injuries didn't appear life-threatening. The investigation was continuing.



Window smashed

3Police went to Superbowl, a bowling center on Ford Road east of Canton Center, after a woman learned that someone had smashed out the rear window of her Ford Expedition, taking a purse, wallet, credit cards, driver's license and paperwork that she had hidden under a leather jacket, a police report said.

The incident happened between 12:30 p.m. and 2:55 p.m. Sunday. Police have often issued warnings for drivers not to leave any valuables inside a car where thieves might find them and take them.

The woman also told police that a

box of chicken wing bones also were missing from the front passenger seat.

While at the scene, police learned of another woman whose car window had been broken out, though nothing appeared to have been taken from that vehicle.

Threat assessment

4Canton police went to Canton High School, at Canton Center and Joy, on the morning of May 17 after a mother came to school to pick up her daughter, who was suspended for posting threats to another student on Facebook, according to a police report.

The student's mother was upset and struck the girl with what was described as possibly a leather purse strap. The mother was upset that the girl had gotten into trouble and that the girl appeared to be disrespecting her.

The girl was struck on her thigh. She told police she wasn't afraid of her mother. The girl also said the last time her mother struck her was when she was 9 years old.

The girl was released to go home with her mother.

Bad brake light

5Canton police issued citations to three people after stopping a car that had a malfunctioning brake light shortly after 5:30 p.m. Friday.

The incident happened on eastbound Michigan Avenue near Hannan. Police also noticed that a front-seat passenger wasn't using his seatbelt.

None of the occupants had proper identification. One was cited for not having a driver's license, another for not wearing a seatbelt and one for hindering a police investigation by initially giving a fake name.

Car fire

6A car fire was reported in the area of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road about 6:15 a.m. May 17.

A man told police he had left his place of work and that his vehicle stalled. He said he started it again and began driving but it stalled again. He said he then noticed flames coming from under the hood.

Canton firefighters arrived and extinguished the blaze.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Gas station worker robbed at gunpoint

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An employee who had locked up a Canton gas station for the night was robbed outside by a gunman who took his money and fled the scene, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The 28-year-old worker told police the incident happened shortly after 11 p.m. last Thursday outside the Mobil station at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads. No shots were fired, and no one was injured.

"The employee had locked up the station and was in the process of leaving when he was stopped by a male suspect who robbed him," Schreiner said. "According to the victim, the suspect produced a handgun and demanded his money."

The employee complied with the gunman's orders. The suspect then fled west along Cherry Hill toward a residential area.

Canton police rushed to the scene, and a police dog was brought in to try to locate the gunman. The K9 managed to track the suspect for a short distance but couldn't locate him, Schreiner said.

The incident remains under investigation, and Canton authorities are asking for help in identifying and locating the suspect, who was described as a white male in his mid-20s, clean-shaven, around 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds with a medium build.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made by calling Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP, logging on to the website at www.1800speakup.org or texting CSM along with the tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

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Pink power

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Participants and volunteers from western Wayne and Oakland counties were part of the more than estimated 40,000 runners and walkers in Saturday's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Detroit.

The area on Woodward near Comerica Park was a sea of pink with signs, banners and pink ribbons everywhere marking the 20th anniversary of the race/walk sponsored locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Maureen Keenan Meldrum, chair of the Detroit race, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991. In 1992, she walked her first race. Now as leader of the event, Keenan Meldrum is proud of metro Detroiters' supporting the cause.

"So many are having tough times, but perceived the need is great," said Keenan Meldrum, a Lathrup Village resident. "Our slogan is 'Times are tough. Breast cancer is tougher and metro Detroiters are the toughest of all.'"

A host of state and local celebrities were part of Saturday's event — U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and their wives — but the real stars were the breast cancer survivors, their friends and families who raised money and walked or ran to show their support for the cause.

Since 1992, the community has rallied the support of family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to raise and invest \$20 million to help end breast cancer. Organizers said in 2010 alone, the Detroit Race raised \$2.3 million, providing year-round resources, \$1.55 million in community grants and more than \$428,300 to support global breast cancer research.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's event. For details and incentives visit: <http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/friendsfor.asp>.



Law Enforcement Against Breast Cancer: Toni Sroka of Canton Township (second from right) with friends and co-workers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection at Metro Airport have fun for a good cause at Saturday's Race for the Cure.



Team Wayne Cares (students at Wayne State University) included Matthew Devy, 19, of Canton (second from left) and friends Brad Vincent, 19, of Romeo, Jason Smith (back), 20, of Canton and Philip Baldick of Macomb, 20.



Team 'Bust the Girls Out' are all relatives from metro Detroit. Runners included Mike Miller, 28, of Berkley; Amy Kapelanski, 24, of Plymouth, Rebecca Taylor, 19, of Canton and Joe Taylor, 13, of Canton. Joe is a student at Pioneer Middle School. The extended family has participated in the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure since 2005. About 10-12 family members participated this year. "My mom had a scare earlier this year," said Taylor, adding it turned out not to be cancer. "We just got involved because it is a great cause."



Pretty in pink: The Gomez sisters of Detroit came dressed in pink hats, feathers and masks. Pictured are (from left) Selene, 24; Leia, 19, and Michele, 26.



Members of the Pink Brigade, march in honor of breast cancer survivors Donna Mughannem of Livonia, Gwen Blasses of Livonia and Arlene Lachman of Commerce Township. The 33 members of the Pink Brigade come from Wixom, Livonia, Commerce Township, Westland, Canton and other nearby communities. The group was among some 700 teams participating in Saturday's event.

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Canton IKEA has a steadily growing market share," Organ said.

Canton was one of the cities looked at and its cultural diversity, accessibility to major freeways and the good relationship with local government is what played a role in the final decision.

"It made sense to open a store in this area. Detroit is in the top 10 in the country for furniture spending. People in this market spend a lot of money on their homes," Organ said.

IKEA is a 311,000-square-foot building, with two levels and 1,300 parking spaces on a 21-acre parcel. Showrooms and model houses are located on the second floor. Also on the upper level is a 300-seat restaurant. The main floor houses Smaland, a supervised children's play area, the unassembled furniture stock to take home, 17 checkout lanes and packaged Swedish food.

IKEA designs all its items at the headquarters in Sweden. Cost is a key component in deciding to put an item on the market. Packaging is the other, Organ said.

"We believe in flat packaging. When we put something like pillows in a box for shipment, the air is removed so more pillows can fit in a box. That means fewer trucks on the road and less emissions," Organ said.

The IKEA look decidedly is Swedish, with cleaner lines and a European color pal-



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The flags of IKEA have fluttered in the breeze since the store's Canton debut in June 2006.

ette. The taste also is decidedly Swedish, both at the restaurant and the Swedish Foodmarket.

The stock ranges from small kitchenware items to appliances, furniture and a full array of bedding and linens. A children's section features toys, decorative items, bedroom furniture and tot-sized tables and chairs.

DECORATE AFFORDABLY

"Tastes change from babies to tweens. Parents can decorate more affordably here. We have an expandable toddler bed that grows with the child," Organ said.

It's that type of versatility and good price point that makes IKEA a major part of the furnishings business, he said. While the business is steady throughout the year, Organ said that in July and August as students prepare for the dorm life at colleges and

universities, there is a great demand for beds, desks and décor that fits into the compacted space.

"We are a destination. We're the only store in Michigan right now. That's why it's important to offer a good day out. We try to make it fun and we make it affordable," Organ explained.

The recessionary times and affordability have broadened IKEA's appeal, Organ said. Shoppers, who might not have considered IKEA before, came in when money was tight. IKEA is finding that the initial

contact was positive because many have become repeat customers and are spending more now that the economic climate is improving, the deputy manager said.

Customers find that to be the case.

Charley Hernandez was picking up items for his new apartment in Westland.

"I needed something nice for the living room and found everything on this one trip," he said.

Admitting that home furnishings aren't his specialty, he said he relied on the look of the floor design at the store and asked the IKEA salesperson for advice.

"She was great — gave me really good ideas but she didn't push anything on me," Hernandez said.

Tiffany Baines of Canton was shopping for "little odds and ends." With a tight budget, she's tired of the look of her rooms and wanted some new purchases to "spice it up a bit."

Kathy Kovacic of Cleveland was in town to visit relatives and always tags on a trip to IKEA.

"Certainly I am an expert IKEA shopper. The one closest to me is outside Pittsburgh, opened several years before the one in Canton. But with

the family up here, I go to this one more often. I like the store, its furnishings' clean lines and good price; I have a lot of their products."

Another plus in her eyes is the access. "I like the one in Canton better than the Pittsburgh one in ease of getting in and out," she said.

SWEDISH APPEAL

The Canton store is the only IKEA not on a freeway.

Swedish members of the Detroit Red Wings hockey team make regular visits to the store to pick up items that they had in Sweden but are difficult to find locally. They're most usually dropping in to buy food items, Organ said. There is a variety of herring and salmon products, as well as lingonberry jam and cookies, a Swedish mainstay.

Organ added that a good work team makes IKEA successful and that employees are enthusiastic about what they do.

An IKEA employee who works 30 hours per week is considered full-time, getting benefits. Former store manager Kelly Frieze held a meeting with employees when the economy soured to reassure them that their jobs were safe. Libby Olave, an employee

in the Interior Design Department, attests to that.

"I appreciate the amount of time the company places on training and development. And I am grateful for its values," she said.

Olave hired in when the store first opened.

"IKEA takes a long-range view of things," Organ said. "We knew that we would work together and see this through. There was such a peaceful feeling when they heard that. It certainly provided a calming effect in the storm."

In addition to what it sells, Organ said the company makes charitable giving and environmental issues a part of its everyday planning. Though it doesn't send out press releases on its charitable acts, Organ said the Canton store has been involved in a few projects, including First Step, a shelter for women and children.

Environmentally, the emphasis is on reducing carbon footprint. The chain has stopped selling incandescent light bulbs and earlier this year the headquarters shipped 300 bicycles to be given to Canton employee so they can pedal to work, or during off hours if they live too far away, to reduce the impact of car emissions.

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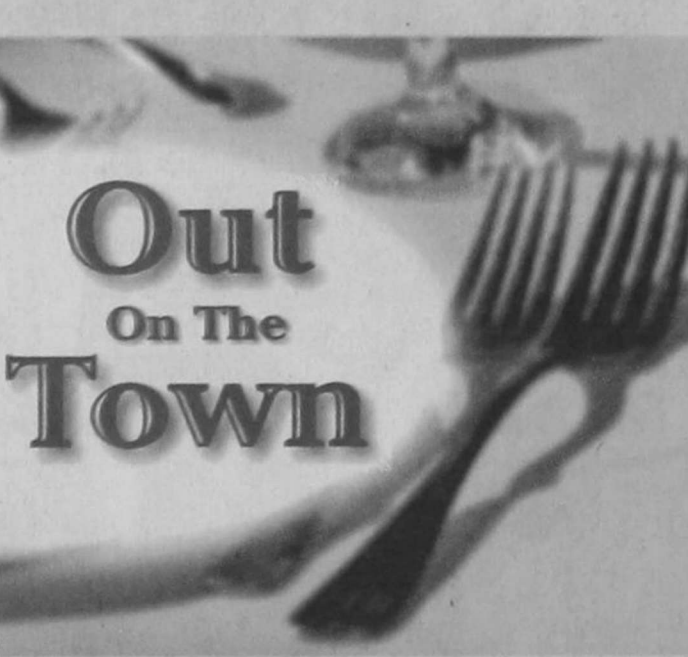


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Ford Road district offers shopping variety and convenience

BY HELEN NEIMIC
CORRESPONDENT

Molly Perkins had sons, Jaden, 4, and Jesse, 2, in tow. Just coming out of Just Baked with cupcakes, she was finishing a Ford Road shopping trip.

"I like to consolidate my trips to save gas," the Canton resident said. "I had to take Jaden to the doctor so then we made a few other stops. We got his prescription and then we stopped at the Hallmark and Pet Supplies 'Plus.'"

The bakery was the last stop. "The boys were good so it's a reward for them," she said.

Having that many choices in the stretch from Canton Center to Lotz Road is appealing to both shoppers and business owners.

Diane Michelson lives in Livonia but comes to Canton to shop at Hobby Lobby, which is the closest store to her house.

"I love the place! It's the kind of place you go to with something in mind and walk out planning a totally different project! They carry every craft item you



The crew at Five Guys Burgers hustle orders on opening day. The burger chain opened its store on Ford Road earlier this year.

can imagine," Michelson said. "When I come here, I've just got to visit that Home Goods store. It's a nice one, very clean and well stocked. And you never know what will be there; it's always a surprise."

Kathleen Salla, Canton's Downtown Development Authority

coordinator, said it's natural for stores to want to congregate around each other, especially big box stores that spend a lot of time and money on location research.

"Stores like IKEA help bring people to the community and also other businesses. They're known for their site selection process, very thorough," she explained.

A large number of people live and work near Ford Road, plus there are special events, such as sports tournaments, that bring people to town.

Jen King, spokeswoman for Lowe's, said that it isn't unusual for big box stores to be located near each other. "Competition is good for the customer, the community and our business," King said. "We do our research and put our Lowe's stores in areas that make sense for our business."

Paul's Fine Jewelry & Gifts is an independent store. Originally located on Lilley, a storm that wrecked that strip mall prompted its move to Ford Road — a move owners Paul and Helen Javahirian don't regret.

"We've been here 11 years. We have

more visibility and more walk-ins. I love Ford Road. There's so much to do," she said.

She said that IKEA has increased traffic in her building and she does get the curious shopper.

"We do custom designs and repairs. My husband does the work himself and nothing leaves the building. People like that. When they first come in, they may just look or have something repaired. Then they come back," she said.

The Ford Road business district has 300 stores and one church. In such a defined area, there are six lodging establishments. Many of the hotels promote spending a weekend to shop at IKEA with special packages.

Ford Road also boasts a number of coffee shops and restaurants, ranging from coney islands to Ichiban — a Japanese steakhouse.

Five Guys Burger & Fries, a chain that slowly is expanding, recently opened its doors in Canton. Not too far away is Palermo Pizza and Restaurant, which has been at its Canton location for 30 years.

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cultural diversity, access to major freeways and the fact that other retailers are doing well.

"It's been a great experience for Canton to have IKEA," said Phil LaJoy, township supervisor. "They've contributed to the growth of our Ford Road district. A lot of communities see vacant buildings on their main drags. That hasn't been the case here."

The district's zoning also assures that there will be a mix of the "big box" stores, such as Kohl's and Lowe's, but also plenty of room for the independent businesses. Ford Road has a little of everything, from hotels to shopping to services, such as medical and legal offices.

Because businesses are an important component to the success of the township, LaJoy says the various departments work with developers or business owners who want to open in Canton.

Bryan Amann, the attorney who worked on IKEA's behalf during that process, said he has worked with Canton on a number of projects and said the professionalism of the officials and the building department make the efforts more productive.

"IKEA was on a very fast track as projects go," Amann said. "It was a short process because IKEA had done so much planning before the official announcement. We submitted plans in December 2005 and got our approvals within four months."

Amann now is going through that same process to bring in a Dick's Sporting Goods to the Michigan Avenue shopping district.

"I love working in Canton because of the community and the professionalism of the township officials. They ask tough questions, as they should, but it never becomes about one political faction against another. No company wants to be a political football," Amann said.

A major retailer such as IKEA does attract its own followers, as well as gives the business district more potential shoppers to visit their establishments. A critical contribution is tax dollars.

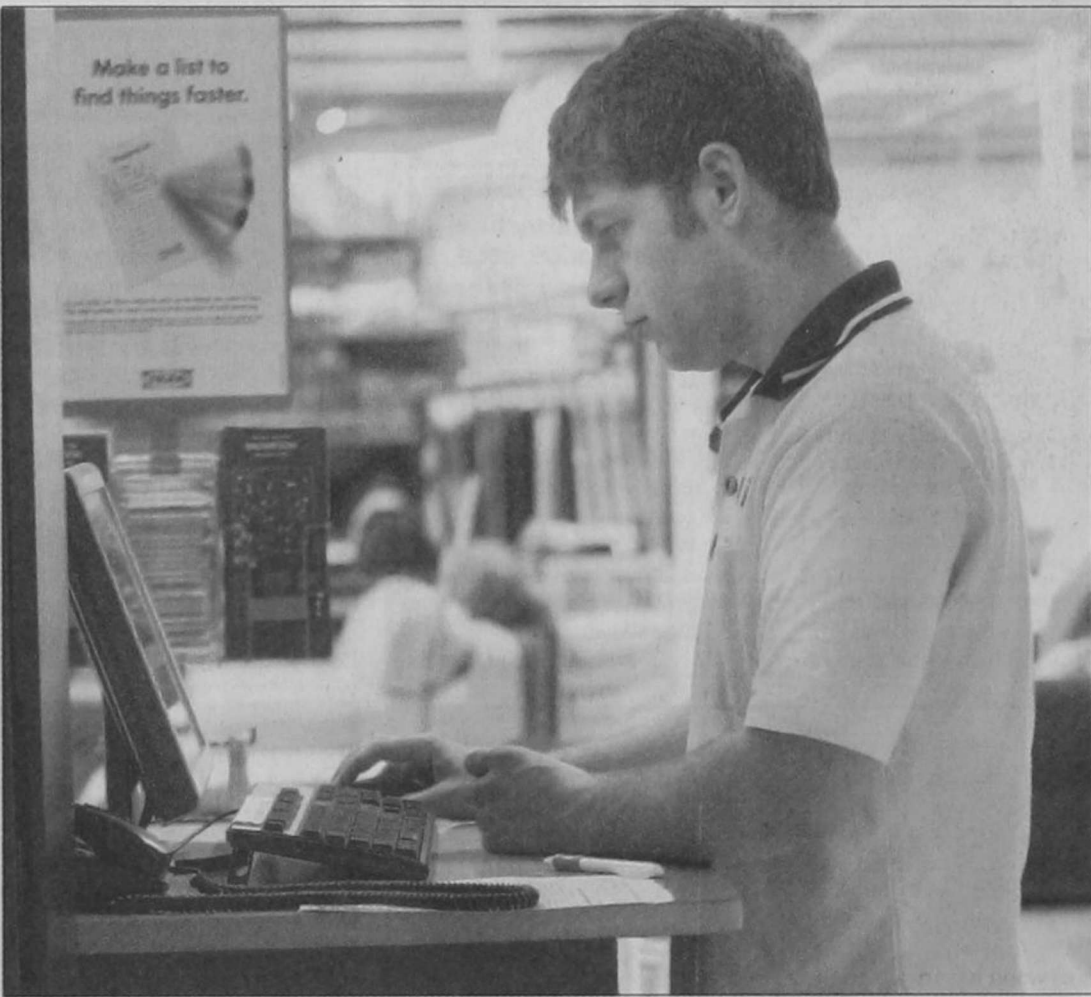
IKEA's latest tax bill was \$795,579, according to Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin. Of that, approximately \$148,000 goes to the township fund, with the rest to the public schools and Wayne County. That's only part of the story, since there also is sales tax collected.

"They generate a lot of sales tax for the state, which goes to revenue sharing and a portion is allocated to the schools," McLaughlin explained. "It provides a tremendous benefit for our state."

IKEA is only one of 300,000 taxed parcels in Canton, including all three tax classes — commercial, industrial and residential.

LONG TERM VALUE

The lure of IKEA also is an asset, she said. "IKEA is a big improvement for the community and has resulted in more businesses, especially lodging. It's a long-term value for the



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This is Justin Shaffer's second day on the job at IKEA. He lives in Southfield.

community."

Kathleen Salla, coordinator, Canton Downtown Development Authority, said that the strength of existing businesses speaks well to Canton's future.

"On Ford Road alone, we have 300 businesses. Whatever a person needs, they can find it right here," Salla said. "We offer wonderful demographics, a strategic location with the expressways and airport and our attitude is very inviting."

The DDA offers brochures that list all businesses in the district and sites them in various non-Canton locations, including all State of Michigan Welcome Centers. "Shop Canton," the singular effort to promote Ford Road businesses, offers jazz concerts each Friday in July and August, with the location changing from one block to another. In addition to the music, concert goers receive a flier that lists businesses within that area. Canton's Ford Road strip is designated by a different color for each block to help users better identify locations of shops or services they may want to visit.

Salla doesn't have any measurable on the impact of IKEA on the Ford Road business sector but is sure it's successful.

"I have nothing tangible but I know that people will come in the busloads. Once here, they discover we have a lot here," Salla said.

FORD ROAD A 'MALL'

Former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the Canton Planning Commission and the Canton Township Board took a different view of the Ford Road commercial district than most municipalities would and said that kind of thinking improved the commercial potential of the strip.

Carl Zarbo, a long-time trustee, is credited for a lot of that "out of the box" thinking, due to his background in commercial real estate, Yack said.

"Many of us said that we wanted a mall in Canton but (Zarbo) said to think of Ford Road as a three-mile long



mall, with big stores on each end to serve as anchors," Yack said. "That plan sure has worked out well. It also influenced the thought process in planning all aspects."

The Downtown Development Authority embraced that concept and used it when designing its "Shop Canton" campaign and placing a weekly summer jazz series in a different shopping parking area to increase familiarity of the sum of the district's offerings.

"The DDA thought Ford Road should look better and as a result we have garden walls, better lighting and our overhead wires will be gone soon. They took the aesthetic aspect one step farther," Yack said.

Marketing is credited as a key to keeping the business stretch in good shape during the rough economic period. The DDA's marketing partners not only did special events but advertised and helped local businesses develop their marketing plans to attract customers.

BIRTH OF IKEA

IKEA opened its doors on June 7, 2006, nearly five years ago. The seed was planted at an International Conference of Shopping Centers in Las Vegas in May 2005. Amman got the IKEA representatives and Tom Yack together to talk about the possibility.

Once IKEA announced its intentions to build a Canton store, Amann, the store developers and the township

worked together to iron out some problems and then get to the business of building.

Yack was a key person in getting all sides to work out the plan.

"We always saw developers as opportunities, not enemies," Yack said. "We always had in mind what we wanted to accomplish. There were very few fights along the way. With IKEA, we knew that it was a destination store and it would bring more people into our business district and those additional visitors would help all the businesses."

An added bonus was that the township convinced IKEA to erect a kiosk near its check-out area that had DDA information about special events and other retailers in the district.

Major issues were traffic on Ford Road, the corporate building colors, the corporate flags that edge the parking lot and a navigation tower and sign for visibility from the I-275 freeway.

"We met early on with Yack and the planning commission and had very significant discussions. The issues were resolved very early on. Once we had willing partners, then we got on to the matter of building," Amman said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano also helped to smooth out problems, including the Ford Road congestion. Gov. Jennifer Granholm did as well.

"Ficano let people know early that the county couldn't



Multitasking dad Jason Walker wrangles an IKEA mattress, 2½-year-old daughter Hadley and 11-month-old son Jonah. They made the trip to IKEA from their Ann Arbor home.

be an obstacle," Amann said.

At stake was \$8 to \$9 million in sales tax every year, Amman explained. With that, the Michigan Department of Transportation did some improvements and then IKEA added a lane for easier access to its site.

Because of the large site and the variances needed, IKEA hosted a public hearing to get a sense of the public feeling on this large a project. Amann said he was "pleasantly surprised" when only six people showed up and four solely to find out when IKEA would open. The other two had questions about traffic and Dumpsters.

"We prepared for a room full of people," Amann said. "I thought it was a hopeful sign."

James Organ, IKEA deputy store manager, moved from his position at the Toronto IKEA to work toward the store opening and hiring the team.

"It was such a good partnership with the township and all of us from IKEA," Organ said. "It led to a good success story. IKEA appreciates all the work in that process."

Amann said that critical to IKEA's decision to open in Canton, as opposed to another municipality in southeast Michigan, was its diversity. A number of Asian companies, such as Yazaki, are in Canton plus a work force from Asia and India make up a good percentage of Canton's residential population.

"IKEA is an international success for a reason," Amann said. "It truly is a part of the international community. IKEA was attracted to the strong Asian and Indian community in this area." Plus there is a sizable contingent of first- and second-generation Scandinavians regionally.

TRAFFIC REMAINS

Traffic on Ford Road remains a nagging complaint with many. During rush hour, the southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ford Road is full of cars waiting to turn into Canton. The Ford Road stretch always is busy.

"Ford Road traffic was a problem before IKEA," LaJoy said. "(IKEA) has made some changes to help traffic flow with additional lanes."

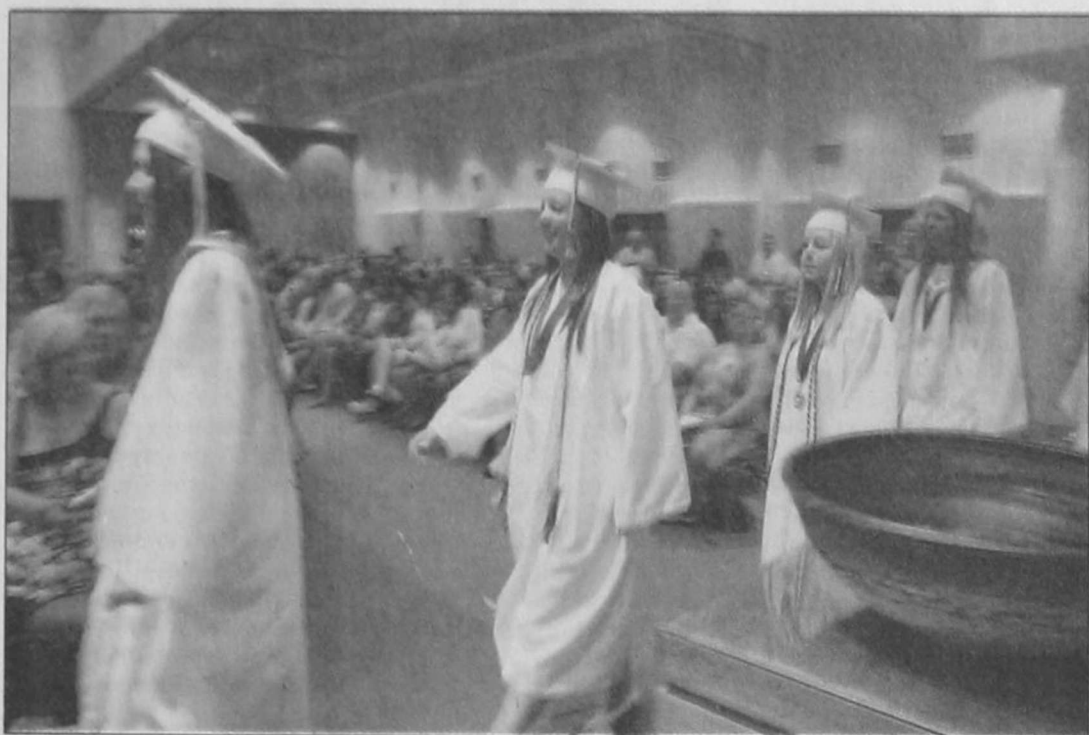
The traffic is one of the reasons Canton is successful, Yack said, though he knows it can be irritating to drivers who are trying to get "from Point A to Point B."

"One of the reasons Ford Road is successful is because it's where all our commercial is concentrated. In Canton, once you hit Canton Center Road, there is no commercial at all except for what is at Cherry Hill Village. The community has focused its commercial properties on Ford Road and also on Michigan Avenue, not every street as is the case in other communities," Yack explained.

An MDOT study in 2004 identified a number of improvements that could be made, such as better turn signals, improved driveway access to businesses, and controlling speeds and congestion through light-timing to reduce accidents.

Salla said that traffic is a double-edged issue, since more traffic indicates more customers and more potential customers. IKEA's Organ is more optimistic about the traffic issue, saying it's not such a bad thing, though may be slightly inconvenient.

"If Ford Road wasn't busy, then you'd wonder where the people are going," he said.



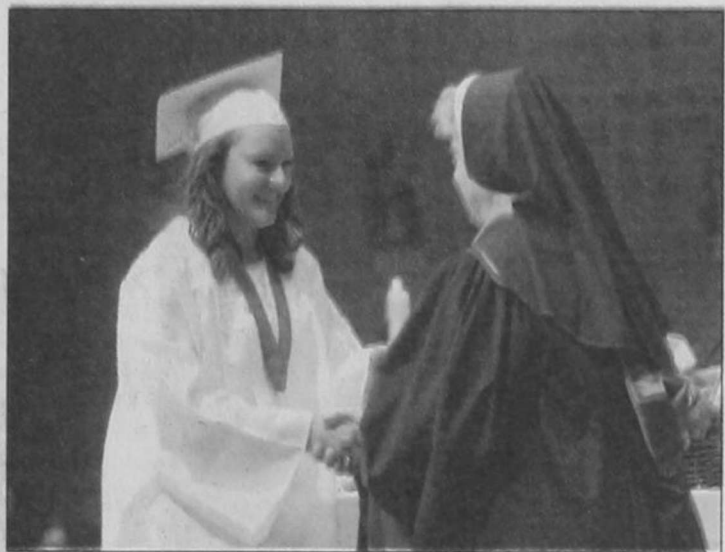
Ladywood High School's 2011 graduating class enters the sanctuary of St. John Neumann Church for the baccalaureate Mass and commencement.

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Ladywood graduates 83 in Class of 2011



Valedictorian Mercedes Sarah Black speaks to graduates, parents and guests.



Devon Renee Corby receives her diploma from Principal Sr. Mary Ann Smith.

Livonia's Ladywood High School graduated its Class of 2011 Sunday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

All 83 graduates intend to pursue higher education. They have been accepted at 30 institutions, counselor Susan LeVasseur said.

Seventy percent of them were offered a scholarship or award. Those scholarships and awards total more than \$4 million.

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Valedictorian was Mercedes Black of Redford. Co-salutatorians were Katherine Suchyta of Dearborn and Megan Vitale of Livonia.

Winners of the Moms and Dads club scholarships were Rachael Heath of Livonia and Erica Mirabitor of Westland, respectively. The Moms and Dads scholarships are based on essay written by the students on the topic of what an education at Ladywood has meant to them.

Psychiatric service dog helps veteran with PTSD

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Disabled with post-traumatic stress disorder after two tours of duty in Iraq, Terran Frye would feel his anxiety level increase when faced with a trip to the mall or other crowded places.

"When you've been in combat and dealing with crowds, then you come back to society, it's not an easy transition," said Frye, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. "It's hard trusting people. In a crowd, someone can come up behind you. There are so many people, you feel crowded in there."

Now Frye is getting more comfortable in crowds and other places thanks to a four-legged friend, his service dog, Hershey.

"I get depressed a lot and don't want to get out of bed. She helps me feel comfortable going out — she has my back. I can go to restaurants. I went to Arizona and she rode shotgun in the truck," said Frye, who stationed in Iraq for six-month tours in 2003 and 2005. "It's amazing to be able to fly again. It's just her watching my back and helping me with crowds."

A black Lab-Beagle mix, Hershey is a service dog provided and trained by Stiggy's Dogs, a nonprofit organization founded by Jennifer Petre in honor of her nephew, Benjamin Castiglione, a hospital corpsman third class, killed in Helmand Province in Afghanistan in 2009.

Psychiatric Service Dogs like Hershey are taught specific tasks needed by the veteran with whom they are paired. It can include help directing them through a crowd, reminding them to take medication or waking them up from a nightmare or when the alarm clock goes off.

"I see big increases in confi-



U.S. Marine Corps veteran Terran Frye of Westland said that he has benefitted from his service dog Hershey.

dence with the dogs. The veterans aren't as worried as much with the dog. It takes pressure off them," said Petre, who has established a Stiggy's Dogs training facility in Livonia.

"With a dog, they're not looking at the person. Nobody really cared that I was there," said Frye.

The dogs selected and trained to work with the veterans are usually mixed breeds and found at animal shelters. That's the concept reflected in the motto of Stiggy's Dogs, "Rescuing one to help rescue another."

The dogs complete what is called good canine citizen training, then go on to additional training with their new owner once they have been matched with a veteran.

After learning about Stiggy's Dogs while volunteering at the Wayne County Fairgrounds last summer, Frye looked at the group's website and filled out an application.

"In March, I officially got Hershey. They were looking for the right dog. She was training in North Carolina," said Frye, who is originally from Kansas. "I followed her on Facebook

and on the website. I met her (Hershey) for the first time and started training in February."

Married to Michelle, a nurse, and a father of two, Frye is 100 percent disabled due to PTSD.

"I'm not going to be working, so I volunteer. I do what I can do. I have some good days and some bad days," Frye said. "I have a lot of appointments to go to at the veterans center."

Since getting Hershey, Frye has been spreading the word to veterans he knows about Stiggy's Dogs and hopes to attract more veterans suffering from PTSD to the program.

"I hope in the future to work on setting up things for veterans so that they feel comfortable," said Frye. "We need a bigger facility. There is a big waiting list, people need help. It takes a few months to get a dog trained and out the door. We want to train more dogs and help more veterans."

For more information, visit www.stiggysdogs.org. Veterans interested in obtaining a service dog can e-mail Frye at terran@stiggysdogs.org.

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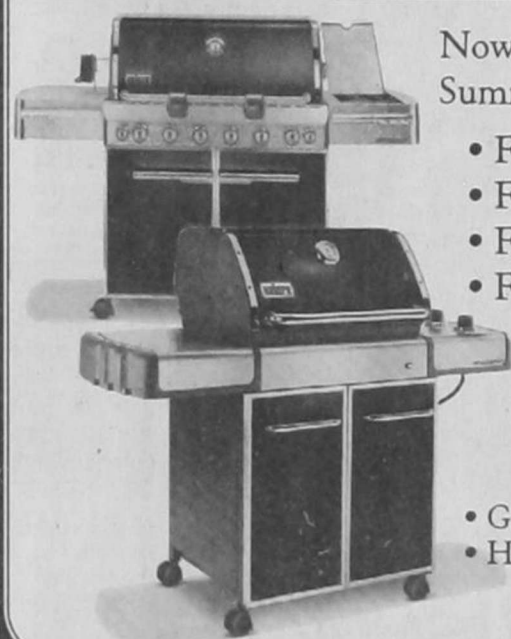
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The performances spotlight more than 200 children with developmental and physical disabilities from schools including 5678 Dance Center and Academy in Livonia; Old Village, Northville; Pontiac; Detroit, and Lincoln Park along with adults like Plymouth pianist, Raymond Wells. Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and art therapy classes that culminate in the performances.

Southeast Region Committee members Jody Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Connie Lott, Linda Ann Chomin, and Gayle Owens put on the festival that includes vocal and instrumental music, dance and drama.

Stark was named 2011 Educator of the Year by VSA Michigan. As a music therapist, she has more than 27 years experience with various populations including autistic, cognitively and pre-primary impaired, at-risk children and youth, and breast cancer survivors. She is currently Site Director of Music Therapy Clinical Services, MSU Community Music School-Detroit.

"We're excited about this being our 20th anniversary, that we've been able to provide this 20 years," said Stark, committee chairperson.

The festival not only gives performers with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to show off their talents but participate in hands-on art activities like painting a mural with artist-in-residence Daniel Cascardo, and music and movement. Drumming with Kevin Collins and juggling with Chuck Clark and Dan Baier add to the fun.

"We'll be making yarn balls for the kids to juggle," said Stark. "The jugglers are good for interacting with audience and it's a new way to interact with participants. They seem to really have fun."

VSA enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. Jean Kennedy Smith founded the nonprofit organization as Very Special Arts more than 25 years ago after her sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver started Special Olympics.

Hours for A Celebration of Arts-Ability, the 20th Festival of VSA Michigan-Southeast are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at MSU Community Music School-Detroit, 3408 Woodward Ave.. Experiential hands-on art activities will be provided for festival participants and audience members. The VSA Michigan 2011 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit will also be featured.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Jody Stark at (313) 273-7762 or e-mail cat-inc@earthlink.net.

Teach kids money smarts from early age on

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Memorial Day, the traditional unofficial beginning of summer, is just around the corner. It is the day to go to the beach, have a barbecue with friends and family, relax and enjoy the good life. However, we all know that Memorial Day is more than enjoying the good weather and the company of our friends. It is also a day that we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Throughout our history as a country, we have been blessed



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

with men and women who have served and protected our country and kept it safe and free. On Memorial Day, it is incumbent upon all of us to take a few minutes and remember those who have served and protected our country throughout history. I know that on this Memorial Day, as I do every Memorial Day, I will give thanks to those who have sacrificed for me.

Now that Memorial Day is almost here, before we know it, kids will be out of school and doing the things that kids do during the summer. I remind parents that summer is a great time of the year to begin to teach your kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money. After all, if they don't learn from you, they'll eventually learn it from the charge card companies.

Particularly for those parents who have children about to start college in the fall, if you haven't started teaching them about money, now is the time. College kids who get themselves into financial difficulty will find that their credit scores are affected. Not only can that hurt them in obtaining credit in the future, but it could also impact their ability to get a job. More and more employers are using credit scores in their decision-making process to determine who gets a job. Good money skills are essential for college students not only to get a job, but also to be able to successfully manage their way through life.

Learning about good money skills is not just for college bound students, but for everyone, at any age. I believe that teaching about personal finance should begin in kindergarten and continue on throughout high school.

Teaching kids about personal finance and personal responsibility can be a fun educational summer project. Personal finance is something that just isn't taught in schools, but it is an essential skill that kids will need and use for the rest of their life. In addition, understanding personal finance at a young age will increase the quality of life now and well into the future.

If you are looking at doing something this summer that will enhance the quality of your child's life, spend some time this summer teaching your kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money.

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

Zumbathon raises money, awareness of sarcoidosis

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a Zumba instructor, Derica Wade works to get people fit and moving.

Now Wade is using Zumba to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease that can affect any organ.

"My mother-in law has the disease — it runs all through my husband's family and we've lost family members to it," said Wade. "It's really near and dear to my heart."

The Zumbathon for Sarcoidosis will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland, where Wade teaches Zumba four days a week. The doors open at 1:30 p.m. It's open to all ages and a \$15 donation is requested.

"We average more than 100 people for a Zumba party. I hope we will get at least 200 people for the Zumbathon,"



Instructor Derica Wade is using a Zumba-thon to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease.

has heard of the disease, she notes that it is likely because that is what caused the death of comedian and actor Bernie Mac.

In sarcoidosis, the immune system doesn't function properly and blood cells become overactive, releasing chemicals which cause inflamed tissue to form in the body's organs. Common symptoms are vague, such as fatigue unchanged by sleep, lack of energy, weight loss, aches and pains, arthritis, dry eyes, swelling of the knees, blurry vision, shortness of breath, a dry hacking cough or skin lesions. The cause isn't known and there isn't a cure.

"There isn't a lot of awareness. It's a horrible disease. They used to think it was genetic but now it affects all ethnic groups ... It used to occur more in ethnic minorities," said Wade, who hopes to have a couple of sarcoidosis sufferers speak at the event.

said Wade.

Along with the Zumba fundraiser to benefit the Foundation for Sarcoidosis

Research, Wade said part of the event is aimed at educating the public about the disease. If the average person

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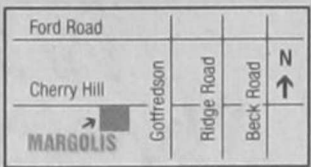
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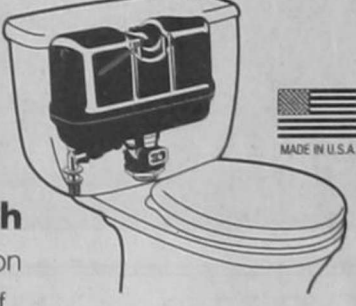


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First Step invites public to opening of residential facility

First Step is putting out the welcome mat, inviting the community to join the grand opening of its new residential facility Tuesday, May 31.

The local nonprofit agency, which provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, will celebrate the opening of the facility at 4400 S. Venoy, just south of Annapolis in Wayne. The event will be 4-7 p.m.

The agency began raising funds for the facility in 2008 when it had to leave its location in Canton due to irreparable building conditions. At that time, First Step moved its residents into a temporary location while they worked to raise needed funds. Construction on the new building began in August 2010.

The First Step staff and Board of Directors set out to build a model facility to meet the needs of the community for years to come. First Step offers a safe place to stay and comprehensive services, such as counseling, assault response, legal information, safety planning, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Forensic Exams, and a 24-hour Help Line for victims of intimate partner violence and survivors of sexual assault. First Step also provides support and services for children affected by these crimes.

"We are often told by police, prosecutors and by the victims of violence themselves, that the service we provide is an important part of the safety net in the community," said Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director. "Many victims are killed or seriously injured by domestic or sexual violence each year. First Step offers an option to living in a violent home and support and resources to help people live lives of peace and safety."



First Step's new residential facility has 10 apartment-like suites and can accommodate up to 50 survivors per night.

"This new facility was designed to offer survivors a peaceful place to heal from the trauma of the violence and the stress of leaving one's home," she said.

According to Ellis, the facility is built with a balance of public and private space to help our guests feel welcome, comfortable, empowered and supported. Each family suite has its own private bath, a small living area and a mini-kitchen. There are 10 apartment-like suites, which First Step estimates can accommodate up to 50 survivors per night.

The new facility also includes a fully-equipped Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Clinic, children's areas and program space.

"I have to admit, fund-raising in a tumultuous economy has been challenging, but I am proud of our board, our volunteers and staff," said Ellis.

The fund-raising efforts were led by Loren Wadington Treadwell and David Treadwell of Canton. A lead gift was provided by Karen Wilson Smithbauer of Grosse

Ile, and a lead grant was provided by Wayne County EDGE, whose mission is to provide safe, affordable housing for low income families. Wilson Smithbauer's name will appear on the building.

"There are so many kind and generous people who came together in support of this project," said Loren Treadwell, Capital Campaign co-chair. "We will be recognizing these people at our Grand Opening Event."

First Step is still raising funds to complete the project. Donations are needed to add technology, furnishings, commercial quality laundry equipment, playgrounds, gazebo/picnic shelter and garage/donation resource area. People interested in finding out more about donating can call (734) 416-1111 or go online to info@firststep-mi.org.

About First Step: First Step is the only agency in out-County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. Last year, First Step touched the lives of 16,480 people.

Reports: McCotter considers running for president

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is considering a run for president, according to published reports.

On Monday, McCotter told Politico he is seriously considering a run and will make a decision in the next two weeks.

"I think the majority of the Republican electorate isn't happy with the choices they've got and want to take a look at new people," he said.

The Observer contacted McCotter's office for comment on the report Tuesday. McCotter's office responded: "Representative McCotter has nothing to add to the Politico story at this time."

Other Republicans who are running or expected to run are former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty,



FILE PHOTO

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, told Politico he's considering a run for the presidency in 2012 and will make a decision in the next couple of weeks.

former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and former Utah Gov. John Huntsman. Former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann are considering running.

McCotter is in his fifth two-year term in U.S. Congress,

representing western Wayne and western Oakland counties, including his hometown of Livonia. Prior to his election in 2002 to Congress, McCotter also served as a state representative, Wayne County commissioner and Schoolcraft College trustee.

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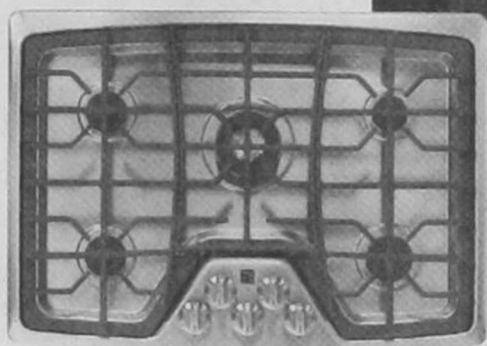
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OUR VIEWS



Canton's Memorial Day ceremony takes place 1 p.m. Monday in Heritage Park.

Honor sacrifice

Memorial Day is time to recall those who paid ultimate price

Every year at this time, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in the defense of this country. This year, in the wake of the killing of Osama bin Laden, we have even more of which to be proud than ever. Without a single loss of life — or even major injury — our military scored perhaps the biggest victory yet in the war on terror.

That stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

On Monday, we pause to remember those who have made that sacrifice. There will be parades, memorial services and flags fluttering on the graves of the servicemen and women who have given their lives so we can live free.

It's the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

Some will take time to observe ceremonies like the parade in Plymouth, others the annual memorial service in Canton, which starts at 1 p.m.

People will attend similar ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

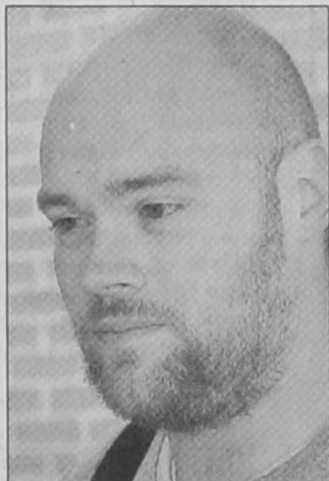
On this Memorial Day 2011, we urge you to take time to remember what it stand for. Certainly, enjoy your barbecues, open your pools, spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge you to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

We cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you doing for Memorial Day weekend?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'll probably barbecue with my family."

Matt Nivala
Wayne



"I don't have anything planned. We'll probably barbecue out back."

Catherine Charette
Canton



"Probably go to the parade (in Plymouth) with the Vietnam Veterans (Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528). I'm in that group."

Dennis Waling
Plymouth



"I'm having my family over to my house for a barbecue."

Martha Almol
Canton

LETTERS

Greed in all forms

Greed comes in many different forms, we all know about the Wall Street type greed. Union demands are not generally associated with greed. Unfortunately, union demands as demonstrated by Scott Craig, a Birmingham school teacher and the Northville Democratic Club president, is only concerned about the unions' and his own self-interests.

This is in reference to an article written by him and recently published in the Northville Record attacking Sen. Patrick Colbeck on a personal level. In what appears to be a supportive article of Scott Craig's position, the Northville Patch highlighted the Democrats' recent protests in Lansing.

Michigan public school employees have one of the best pensions around and they receive 16.5 percent higher pay than their counterparts in Indiana. As an example, the Saline Public School teachers starting salary is \$40,425 and receive automatic pay increases annually; with a master's degree their pay increases to \$111,750 in the 15th year of employment.

As of Dec. 6, 2010, about 300 school districts do not require teachers to contribute to their health insurance premiums. Michigan government employee unions claim they have given up hundreds of millions of dollars in wages and benefits. According to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, since 2000 Michigan government-employee compensation has increased by 11.4 percent, while benefits increased 3.6 percent, and while private-sector employees experienced a reduction of 5.1 percent in compensation and benefit reductions of 2.0 percent.

Between 2000 and 2010 Michigan lost 217,000 automotive jobs, and from 1999 to 2011 Michigan lost 403,000 manufacturing jobs. It is reported that for every auto job lost nine additional jobs are affected.

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Michigan is losing a congressional seat because of the high population loss. While Michigan was losing all of those jobs and the commensurate tax revenues, in the eight years that Gov. Granholm (a Democrat) was in office, she increased state spending and the size of government every year, while appeasing her union supporters.

In terms of GDP per capita, Michigan has recently become one of America's 10 poorest states. Michigan, as well as the United States is in a financial crisis while the unions make more and more demands, exacerbating the economic chaos that Granholm refused to address.

The people who assume the greatest amount of risk, the self-employed and small business owners do not receive unemployment when they are out of work

and/or may have experienced substantial cuts in pay when their business dropped off, but, these facts do not show up in formal statistical reports. Michigan led the country in unemployment for many, many months, while state government employees and unionized public employees were receiving annual pay and benefit increases. How about some shared sacrifice?

Mr. Craig does not talk about educating our children or about improving teacher performance. Mr. Craig comes across in the same manner as the head (or former head) of the National Education Association who said something along the line (not a direct quote) — it is not about teaching kids, it's about the power derived from the dues the public school employees' unions and NEA collect.

Michael Hansel
Canton Township

Chasing groups away

In the interest of full disclosure I am a parent of a member in the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

How does the Board of Education arrive at a possible revenue increase of \$86,000 by charging a fee for the use of school facilities?

Instituting a \$10 per hour fee on "outside groups" is assuming a static model in which the organizations will continue to use the buildings at an assumed number of hours. The fees will turn into a revenue stream of diminishing returns as the affected groups will find some place else to meet their needs.

By chasing away the organizations which provide students a much-needed positive experience, this policy seems to run counter to PCCS maintaining its reputation of excellence.

Keith Cattaneo
Canton

Funding youth services vital to future of Wayne County

BY KEVIN MCNAMARA
GUEST COLUMNIST

We can become one of the most prosperous and safe counties in the nation when we care for our youth. They are the future leaders and productive members of Wayne County who will eventually lead our region for growth.

In January, I encouraged my Wayne County Commission colleagues to create the Youth Services Committee to provide oversight for youth programs to at least sustain funding. The committee monitors budgets for health services, juvenile justice programs, out-county extension services, foster care and indigent child care.



Kevin McNamara

Youth services in our county have been overlooked during the budgeting process, even while the agencies and staff have made progress. All too often during the past few years, funding has been reduced in favor of other programs.

Wayne County has effectively improved juvenile justice programs, moving troubled youth to productive members of society. However, if the budgeting trend continues it will have a severe impact on transforming youth

who make resolvable mistakes. The following statistics show progress and also illustrate a trend which I am concerned about.

- Since creation of a county "diversion" program to provide counseling and other support instead of juvenile incarceration, 92 percent of youth who completed the one-year program remained out of the formal justice system.

- Title IV-E federal funding, which supports Wayne County juvenile justice and child welfare programs, dropped 52 percent, from \$3.4 million in 2008 to \$1.8 million last year.

- Juvenile justice funding, outside of federal dollars, has decreased 11.3 percent during the past three years while activity has increased.

- Child abuse and neglect funding, outside of federal dollars, dropped 7.3 percent.

- Successful probation completion declined nearly 3 percent, likely resulting from decreased funding.

- The number of juveniles in probation rose 12.8 percent last year, while the number in commitment has sharply declined by 25.5 percent, correlated directly to the drop in funding.

Youth services provided by Wayne County and our communities are critical to protecting our children and supporting families who need guidance and resources. I believe and have seen

with my own eyes that most youth who perform criminal acts can be rehabilitated to become productive adult members of society — program statistics are evidence. However this could change if we do not protect funding.

Additional reductions in funding will leave youth and their families with limited alternatives, possibly creating a pattern of behavior that will cause further problems. Youth will either be placed into adult-orientated programs which are proven mostly ineffective or even worse left without any support. As chair of the Youth Services Committee, I am committed to make sure that we don't limit the availability of youth programs and protective resources for families.

I am also concerned about the impact Gov. Snyder's proposed budget will have countywide — specifically how it will affect our youth and senior citizens. Education and a number of programs will be severely impacted due to the new models the governor recently presented.

I'll continue to keep citizens informed on the youth services in Wayne County and future actions of the Youth Services Committee. I'm proud to serve as its first chair.

Kevin McNamara serves on the Wayne County Commission representing District II composed of Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne.



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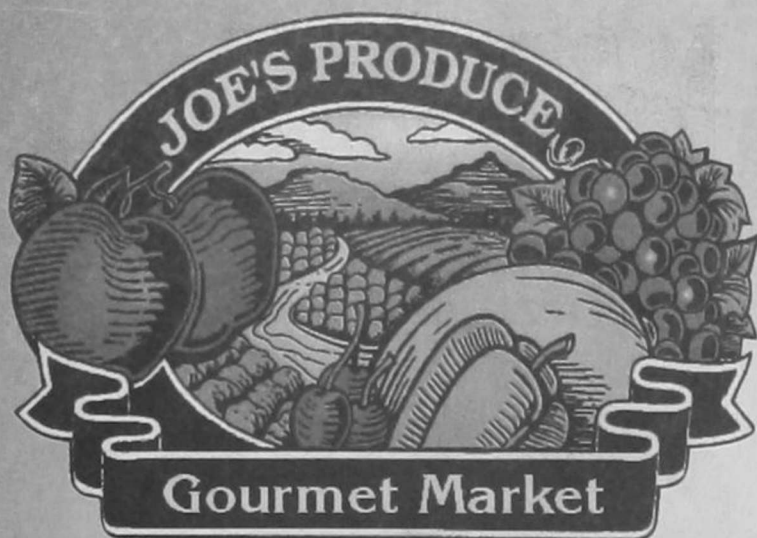
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Miscues trip up title bid

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes it's the little things that lead to a big victory.

That was the case Tuesday afternoon as host Livonia Stevenson earned the KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over Canton.

Stevenson, the Central Division champs, improved to

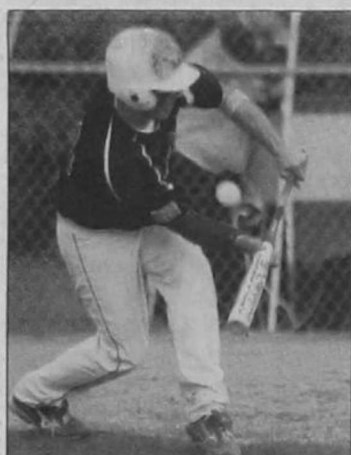
23-8 overall and moved into the KLAA title game beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Hartland.

Canton, 23-5 overall and the South Division co-champion, may not want to come back to Stevenson's diamond any time soon after squandering a 2-run lead for the second time this season.

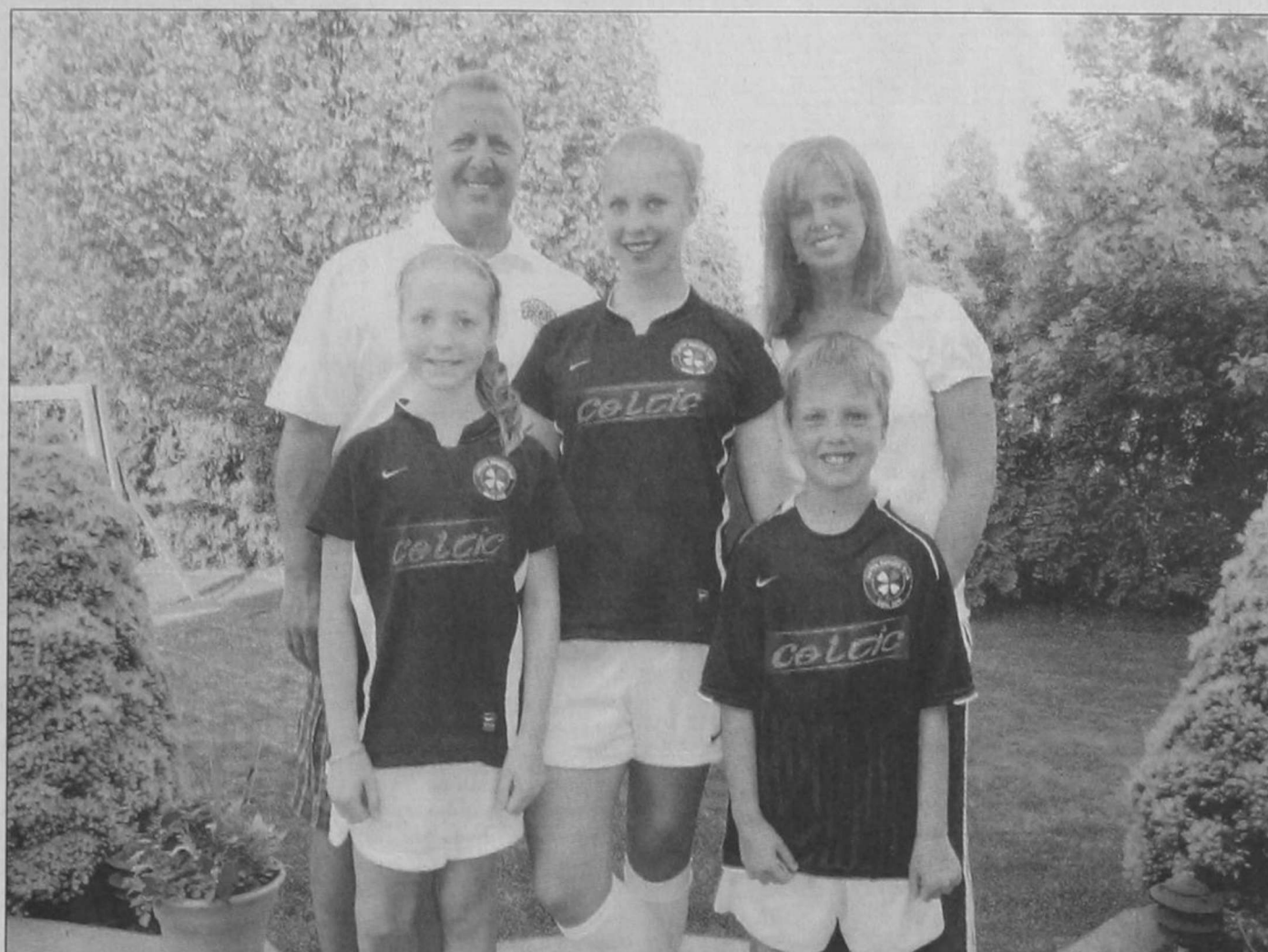
Stevenson junior right-hander Chris McDonald, pitching with cast on his glove hand from a broken thumb, picked off Canton runners in the first, fifth and sixth innings to help his own cause.

"We have 33 pickoffs in 31 games," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "We work on it, we work on it, we work on it."

Please see **CANTON, B3**



Seth Tschetter attempts a bunt for Canton.



Gearing up for this weekend's Canton Cup is tournament director Darryl Noel and his family. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Julia, 10; Nicole, 17; Tyler, 8, who all play for Canton Celtic teams throughout the year. Standing behind them are their parents, Darryl and Patty.

They'll journey to tourney

Canton Cup soccer tournament model of consistency, 'fair play'

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It takes a soccer family to know one. Darryl Noel's family unquestionably qualifies, what with a bona fide soccer mom (Patty) and three kids who play the sport either with the Canton Soccer Club or a high school team.

The Noels will be joined this weekend by hundreds if not thousands of soccer families from all over the Midwest and Canada for the 29th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

Meanwhile, Darryl is wrapping up months of planning and preparation as first-year director of the unparalleled tournament.

"The legacy that has been handed to me is at times overwhelming," said Noel, a 45-year-old Canton resident who took over the tourney director's post from John Vaughn. "You have people, and since this is the 29th annual, that were playing in those original tournaments that now have their children going through."

"And you hear the consistent things



about the Canton Cup. It's quality, it's fair play. That whole brand image is extremely important."

COMING TO CANTON

Noel and about 200 other volunteers will welcome a record-number 781 boys and girls teams (including about

12,000 players) from northern Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada (along with Michigan teams) to compete at one of the Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

The Canton Soccer Club is hosting the mammoth tournament in affiliation with Canton Leisure Services (which is providing fields for the event).

For the record, there will be roughly 1,200 contests hosted at five Canton venues. Independence Park, Heritage Park and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are the main sites for those games, which kicks off from 5-9 p.m. Friday.

The tournament continues from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

"We're extremely lucky with working with Canton Leisure Services," Noel said. "They've been very helpful with us with the fields, giving us some resources. It's a good partnership."

According to Noel, having a fair-and-square tourney is essential to visitors

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Showing rookies the ropes

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teenagers haven't changed too much over the past three decades. But it is safe to say quite a bit about society and the Ontario Hockey League *has* since Craig Wolanin played for Kitchener in 1984-85.

That's one reason the 43-year-old former NHL defenseman is thrilled that his son, Christian — a 2011 draft pick of the Plymouth Whalers — had the opportunity to get a two-day primer at Compuware Arena.

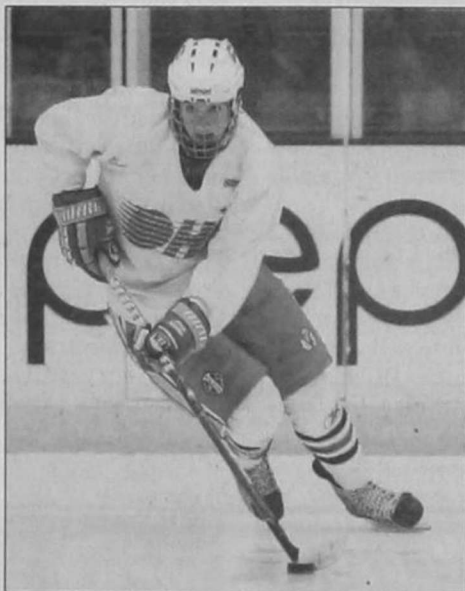
Craig Wolanin, watching his son scrimmage from above the blue seats at one end of Compuware, said the Whalers rookie orientation was a "terrific" idea.

"It exposes the kids to what might be. And (Whalers GM-coach) Mike Vellucci does a real good job of painting a clear picture of what the options are for these kids and what the Whaler organization has to offer."

The younger Wolanin, a 16-year-old left wing from Rochester who played last season with the Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, was one of 11 players recently drafted by Plymouth to take part in the rookie orientation.

(Of course, No. 1 pick Mitchell Dempsey was on hand, as was second pick Matthew Misteale. Both are wingers.)

There also were others drafted in 2009 or '10 and a handful of free agents. Helping coach the Blue and White teams in scrimmages were former Whalers such as Ryan Hayes and Tyler Brown; two players from the 2010-11 team (goalie Matt Mahalak, defenseman Max Iafrate of Livonia) also skated.



Recent Plymouth Whalers draft pick Christian Wolanin, wearing orange hockey pants from his Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, skated during last weekend's rookie orientation at Compuware.

WHAT TO EXPECT

One of Christian Wolanin's teammates on the White Team was another left wing just drafted by the Whalers, 16-year-old Danny Vanderweil of Island Lake, Illinois.

"It's a pretty good experience, it's nice out here to kind of get a feel for what it's like, the facilities, the rink," Vanderweil said. "Just go out there and play."

Vanderweil, a self-described "grinder" from the Team Illinois U-16 squad, added that the on-ice part of the orientation was "maybe a little bit different" from what he expected.

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Record-setting victory for Wildcats pitcher

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Harrison Michels threw a two-hit shutout Tuesday as Plymouth defeated Northville 9-0 in a KLAA crossover of third-place varsity baseball teams.

The win gave Michels seven victories, the most for a Plymouth pitcher in a single season.

A four-run fifth inning broke open a scoreless tie, with Michels' RBI groundout scoring the first run.

Brendan Swanson, Ben Wohl and Mike Nadratowski (a double) followed with run-scoring hits to make it 4-0.

The Wildcats (21-9 overall) padded the lead with one run in the sixth and four in the seventh.

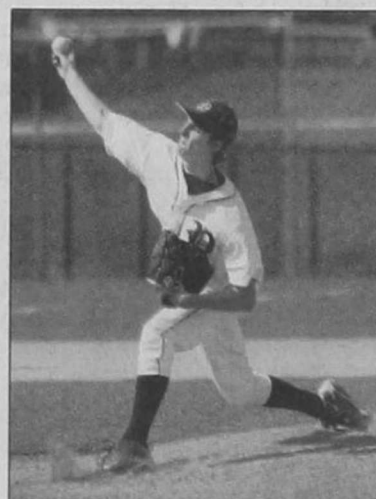
Nadratowski, who needed to win Wednesday against Brighton to tie the career record for pitching victories by a Plymouth pitcher, stroked three hits against the Mustangs.

He collected a single, double, triple and drove in two runs.

Also with multiple hits were Tyler Goble (double, triple, three RBI) and Ben Wohl (two hits, two runs).

On Saturday, Plymouth played each of the three Farmington teams and won two of the games.

It would have been a sweep, except that North Farmington



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Plymouth senior pitcher Harrison Michels, shown in this 2010 file photo, threw a two-hitter against Northville to set a single-season school record for wins.

rallied for an 8-7 comeback win in the finale. That spoiled two-hit games by Nadratowski and Casey Sudz and a pinch-hit, two-run home run by Phil Emminger.

The 3-2 win over Farmington featured a walkoff, two-run homer by pinch-hitter Chad Schroeder in the bottom of the seventh.

Farmington held a 2-0 lead entering Plymouth's final chance.

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SIDELINES

Softball crossovers

• Livonia Franklin scored six times in the sixth inning Monday to douse host Salem in a rain-shortened KLAA Kensington Conference softball crossover, 8-2.

The Patriots, who improved to 18-13 overall, got three singles and an RBI from senior Jessica Emery.

Katelynn Devers also had two hits and two RBI, while Chelsea Williams and winning pitcher Tiffany Lambie also knocked in a run. Maggie Leins also doubled and scored a run.

Lambie, who improved to 11-8, gave up two earned runs on seven hits. She struck out two. She intentionally walked Salem's Alexis Powell three times.

Losing pitcher Heidi Schmidt allowed 14 hits in six innings as the Rocks slipped to 10-9 overall.

• Also Monday, Canton blanked South Lyon East 5-0 in a KLAA crossover of second-place teams.

The Chiefs improved to 28-6 overall, while South Lyon East dropped to 13-13. Canton played in a second-place crossover due to losing the tiebreaker to Plymouth; both the Chiefs and Wildcats shared the KLAA South Division crown with a 9-1 record.

• Meanwhile, Plymouth faced Northville Tuesday for the conference championship, but results were not available as of press time. If the Wildcats prevailed, they were to have hosted Walled Lake Northern Wednesday (weather permitting) for the association title.

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held June 27-29.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go 5-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate 7-9 p.m.

Go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

Golf for Canton hoops

You can golf to help out the Canton High School basketball program.

But you better hurry up because time is running out to sign up. The registration deadline is June 1 for the fourth annual Canton golf outing/basketball fundraiser.

It will take place Saturday, June 4, at Salem Hills Golf Club. Cost is \$100 per golfer. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, prizes, raffle and silent auctions.

Proceeds will benefit Canton's boys and girls basketball programs.

For more information, contact Carole Reddy at (734) 718-4402, Jimmy Reddy at (734) 751-9496 or Brian Samulski at (734) 673-2555.

Summer football camps

On tap this summer are three football camps being presented by Canton football.

The first one is for players going into grades 7-9 this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. June 20 and 5-8 p.m. June 21-23.

This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades 3-6 will take place from 9 a.m. to noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

Salem seniors have winning night

Senior Night was a sweet one Tuesday night for the Salem varsity girls soccer team.

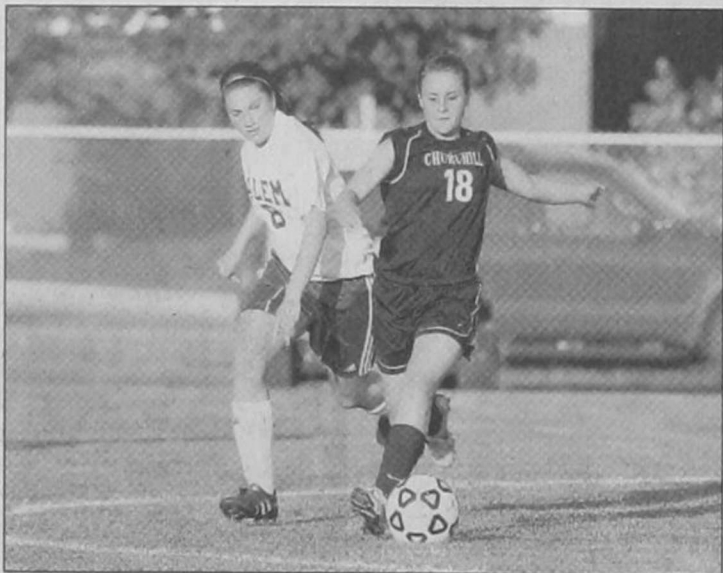
The Rocks defeated Livonia Churchill 6-0 at PCEP, improving to 8-6-2 overall.

"It was Senior Night and our goal was to celebrate our seniors and everything they've meant to our team with a victory," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "We moved well off the ball and finished our chances."

Senior midfielders Kristina Klusek and Lily Burnstein each scored goals while other senior standouts included midfielders Mackenzie Rogers (assist) and Victoria Kaye, who Nora said bolstered the back line.

Juniors Katelynn Krause, Gusty Kummer and sophomore Emily Barfuss were the other goal scorers and sophomore goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger made three stops for the shutout.

PLYMOUTH 1, NORTHVILLE 0: A



Salem defender Olivia Kaye (No. 8) tries to get the ball away from a Livonia Churchill player on Tuesday.

goal by Stephanie Dillon gave Plymouth a 1-0 victory over Northville Monday night, in a KLAA crossover matchup of second-place teams.

PCA 4, LIGGETT 2: On Tuesday, Rachel Zandee and Martha Mullet each scored two goals

as Plymouth Christian doubled up Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

The Eagles also edged Birmingham Roeper 2-1 on Friday, thanks to tallies by Annette Somercik and Emily Gerulis.

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But after talking to Mahalak and another 2010-11 Whaler, Tom Wilson (who participated in the 2010 orientation) he felt more at ease about being able to handle the frenetic OHL pace.

"It's kind of a big transition from Minor Midget to playing in the OHL," Vanderweil said. "But they said that after a while you get the hang of it and (that) it's a good fit."

Another aspect of the orientation was finding out that life in the OHL goes far beyond what transpires on the 200-by-85 ice sheet.

"Right now I'm heading upstairs to have a meeting with the coaching staff," he said. "Then it's dinner and back to the hotel to get some rest for the game tomorrow (Sunday)."

Wolanin and Vanderweil and the other youngsters also took a field trip to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which is where Whalers players go to high school.

That was another plus as far as Craig Wolanin was concerned.

"What they're trying to do is just expose them to the Whaler organization, orient them to what is demanded of these kids moving forward," he stressed. "And not only on the ice, (it's) the expectations of getting in the weight room, ... acclimating them-



RENA LAVERTY

During a rookie scrimmage at Compuware Arena, Plymouth Whalers' first-round draft choice Mitchell Dempsey (No. 8, white jersey) closes in on goalie Jake Patterson.

selves to a new situation. Understanding that school is still important."

NOT JUST YET

But Christian and Danny undoubtedly will have to tuck away the experience for future reference.

According to Craig Wolanin, a Michigan native himself, Christian will stay another year at home, playing for Little Caesars Midget Majors (ages 16-18).

"We're family first, he just turned 16," the ex-New Jersey Devils blueliner said. "There's a lot of stuff that (still) needs to take place at home."

Wolanin stressed that being drafted and invited to the orientation does not guarantee ever playing for the Whalers.

"A kid is drafted by the Whalers, all that means is the Whalers retain his rights," he

added. "They see something in that kid, potential that might evolve into something.

"Drafts are potential. Now it's up to the kid, 'Do I want to realize that potential?'"

Taking some mental notes on the newest crop of future players was season ticket holder and billet host Steve Kowalkoski of Plymouth.

Kowalkoski hosted Rickard Rakell last season, and in previous seasons was Hayes' billet.

"We've come here for the last five or six years to watch this," Kowalkoski said. "It gives them an idea what it's like to play in the Ontario Hockey League.

"It's different than playing Midget Majors or Midget Minors, so it's a good orientation for them."

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Ladywood falls to Marian in OT

Livonia Ladywood's bid for a Catholic League girls soccer title came to a cruel conclusion Saturday against top-ranked and defending Division 2 state champion Birmingham Marian.

After the two teams battled

to a 1-1 draw through regulation time, Marian won the overtime coin toss and put the ball deep into Ladywood's end.

The Blazers' Allison Bielski tackled the ball away from Marian's Danielle Mazur inside the 18-yard box, but the

ball wound up on the foot of Elizabeth Tresnak, who finished the game-winner just 30 seconds into the OT and 2-1 victory.

Marian is now 13-2-1 overall, while No. 6-ranked Ladywood drops to 11-2-6.

It was 0-0 at halftime.

Marian's Martha Stevens broke the scoreless deadlock with a penalty kick in the 51st minute, but Ladywood's Kelly Capoccia tied it in the 71st minute off a long cross from Emily Huddleston.

Marian outshot the Blazers, 10-7.

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed made five saves, while Marian's Makenzie Larson had to make just two stops.



Fans and players alike enjoy the nonstop Canton Cup soccer action at numerous fields, as this 2009 file photo illustrates.

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penciling in Canton Cup in 2012 and beyond, too.

Painstaking efforts ensure no sandbaggers swoop in on unsuspecting opponents and leave with enough trophies to fill an SUV.

"Our registration committee," Noel explained, "we put in over 300 man hours this year researching teams, going into different web sites, making sure teams are bracketed fairly so that we don't have any lopsided wins or losses.

"For me, the success of the Canton Cup is when all games are won or lost by no more than three or four goals, because that means the competition is fair, everyone is trying hard."

MAKING IT FAIR

In 2010, there were only 20 or 30 games out of under 1,000 to fail to meet that standard of parity.

Noel explained why it is imperative that teams get a fair shake over the guaranteed three games they'll play Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Close matches ensure "guests" will leave Canton happy with the tournament experience — enough to make sure they come back next year.

"The good thing and the unique thing about the Canton Cup is, we allow many teams who otherwise wouldn't be able to go and play in a tournament," Noel continued. "Because we have such a large attendance of teams, we're able to take teams that probably wouldn't fare too well in your normal tournaments and be able to give them good, competitive games where they can learn how to compete really hard.

"They can learn how to win well and play and lose well. So that fairness of competition there, all the way from beginning soccer all the way up to Elite soccer is what sets the Canton Cup apart. It's fair and equitable."

Even if Noel weren't heavily invested in this year's tourney — he estimates working 40 hours per week outside of his position chief engineer at Johnson Controls in Plymouth to plan the event — he'd be singing its praises.

That's because he knows from personal experience how much it helps teach invaluable life lessons to kids.

"Being able to teach those life lessons of sports is such a huge thing," Noel emphasized. "Being able to learn how to win well, learn how to lose well, how to try and overcome obstacles.

"Those are things that tran-

CANTON CUP FAST FACTS

What: 29th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, dubbed one of the largest club-based tourneys in the Midwest.

When: Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Over 68 fields in Canton Township. Independence Park at Cherry Hill and Denton roads has 25 fields along with event headquarters. Other top venues include Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (21 fields) and Heritage Park at Heritage Parkway and Canton Center Road, where 13 fields are located. Griffin and Flodin parks also will host games.

Who: An estimated 12,000 players on 781 teams, traveling from all over Michigan as well as Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada. Boys teams will be comprised of players ages 8-19 while girls teams are ages 8-14. In addition to teams from Canton Soccer Club, the Plymouth United is bringing most teams and the Plymouth Reign also is participating.

Teams: Premier, Select, Travel and Recreational. Divisions are multiple in each age group and created on teams' skill levels.

Dedicated: This year's Canton Cup is dedicated to American military veterans. At noon Saturday, at Independence Park, will be a moment of silence and fly-over by vintage B-17 and B-25 bombers from Yankee Air Museum. Tourney director Darryl Noel said it was a priority of his to include the ceremony as a tribute to veterans past and present — including his father Milton, who passed in 2009.

Bucks: Following the Memorial Day ceremony, where Canton Supervisor and original Canton Cup director Phil LaJoy will make a special guest appearance, the Michigan Bucks and Indiana Invaders of the Professional Development League will take the field. The game is sponsored by Canton Soccer Club.

Other: More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the tourney, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club in conjunction with Canton Leisure Services. Major sponsors include State Farm Insurance, Meijer, Oakwood Health Systems, Yankee Air Museum and Traveling Teams.

T-shirts: As a fundraising endeavor, the Canton Soccer Cup will be selling camouflage T-shirts with a portion of proceeds going to local military organizations including VFW Post 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, both located at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads.

Web: Go to www.cantonicup.net or www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

scend soccer, transcend sport and you can bring into your daily life."

THE FAMILY WAY

Noel said those were reasons why he and wife Patty enrolled oldest daughter Nicole into the tourney about 11 years ago. In recent years, younger children Julia and Tyler have joined the fun.

"When my oldest daughter Nicole started playing roughly 11 years ago, that's what we wanted her to get out of it," Darryl said. "It wasn't winning trophies or anything like that. It's how to be part of a team, how to work hard, how to succeed, how to struggle but still overcome.

"And all of these things are what soccer and other sports do. They teach that life lesson that life's not going to be easy."

Nicole now is 17 and playing on the Plymouth High School girls varsity team, and thus is ineligible for this year's Canton Cup. During the fall, she's a member of the Canton Celtic '94 Girls Black squad.

But 10-year-old Julia and Tyler, 8, will suit up this weekend. They'll play for their Canton Celtic '01 and '03 Black teams, respectively.

Also very gratifying to Noel is how today's parents — those

who played in the first Canton Cup tourneys — make it a top priority to make sure their own kids enjoy the same soccer experience that they did.

"I find that parents are willing to sacrifice and give their kids the benefit of learning the lessons from playing sports," he said. "I see it in soccer, hockey, baseball.

"Parents, especially in this area with this economy, this almost becomes one of their must-dos. Because they prioritize their children's experiences above other things."

And since they already know what they'll get with the Canton Cup, it's becoming Michigan's ultimate soccer destination for Memorial Day weekend.

Numbers bear that out. In 2010, there were 670 teams, a jump of about 100 despite the poor economy. And it's going up this year by just as much if not more, even with the spiraling price of gas.

"It really is humbling that people choose to be able to spend some of that hard-earned money joining us as their guests, to play soccer," Noel concluded. "Which means that the quality of what we're doing is something that they find valuable."

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Canton's Robby Golematis is off-balance after reaching third base, but he hurries back to the bag.

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Meanwhile, Canton's win over the Wildcats had no bearing on which Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team won the coveted Park championship.



Canton's Parker Pakula (No. 3) closes in on Plymouth's Kenny Durham (No. 21), who is carrying the ball down the field during Friday's Division 1 pre-regional.

"There's a trophy that goes

In the other pre-regional match involving a PCEP team, Salem lost 10-9 in overtime to Ann Arbor Huron.

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Rivals up ante against each other

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Salem senior Dan Martin and others say big meets such as the state regionals brings out the best in athletes from the Park.

going."

The Salem quartet finished third behind Livonia Stevenson (3:26.1) and

Canton (3:26.23), while Plymouth took fifth with a time of 3:33.66. Canton qualified for the state meet, but Salem's 3:26.77 barely missed the qualifying time (3:26.70).

For the Chiefs, junior anchor Kevin Buford nearly caught Stevenson's Matt Williams for the top finisher, while the Wildcats' William Askew II wasn't far behind. Askew said his relay team "made up for lost time" and came close to winning a spot in the state meet.

"The intensity, the adrenaline that's just running," he emphasized. "You want to bring your man in and it's a whole other level, it's hard to describe."

Canton senior Ben Spreitzer wasn't in the 1,600-

meter relay team, but he was cheering his heart out for the tandem of Matt Schacht, Tyler Wittingham, Scott Piwowar and Kevin Buford.

The annual battle for supremacy among PCEP squads is what adds extra motivational flavor to the mix.

"It's crazy because everyone's always in the top-3," Spreitzer said. "Usually we all finish in the top-3 at regionals. So when you see the guy next to you in the blue or black jersey, you go freaking hard."

That's exactly what they did, to the delight of the cheering fans leaning against the fence near the finish line.

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Eagles shine at D4 track meet

Plymouth Christian will send three athletes to the Division 4 track and field state meet following Saturday's regional at Lutheran Westland. The Eagles' girls team — despite only having six athletes competing — finished third with 58 points, trailing only the host Warriors and Royal Oak Shrine.

Freshman Katelynn Barkell won the high jump with a mark of 4-feet, 9-inches, and was part of the 3,200-meter relay that set a new PCA mark (11:19.29).

Also on that relay team were Karen Windle, Rachel Smith and Sydney Carpenter.

Windle took second place in the 800 run with a personal best of 2:34.03, less than a second from equaling the school record.

"Each one is an exceptional athlete and they work together even better," PCA head coach Jennifer Lemieux said.

On the boys side, there were 13 athletes on hand as the Eagles finished fifth with 47 points. Loyola and Lutheran Westland took the top two spots.

Trevor Baloga qualified for the state meet, winning the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:50.25 (his personal best).

"There were multiple PRs for our members and every person competing earned a medal in their respective events," Lemieux said. "We earned points in each event we participated in."

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 4-REGION 39

May 21 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 163 points; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 156; 3. Plymouth Christian, 58; 4. Detroit Cristo Rey, 56; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 36; 6. Detroit Allen Academy, 28; 7. Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 21; 8. Huron Valley Lutheran, 18; 9. Meadow Montessori, 12; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 9; 11. (tie) PEC Prep, Detroit City and Detroit Loyola, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 27 feet, 6.5 inches; 7. Janine Erickson (LW), 23-2.

Discus: 1. Shirkey (LW), 91-0; 2. Erickson (LW),

79-4; 4. Megan Lemieux (PCA), 71-1.5.

High jump: 1. Katelynn Barkell (PCA) 4-9. **Long jump:** 1. Summer Lewis (Rey), 15-9.5; 4. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-10.5.

Pole vault: 1. Alyssa Flury (LW), 7-6; 2. Marcella Flury (LW), 6-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jacqui Schwartz (LW), 16.31; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 17.67.

300 hurdles: 1. Terranella (LW), 50.17; 2. A. Flury (LW), 52.16.

100 dash: 1. Melanie Shaw (ROS), 12.84.

200: 1. Lewis (Rey), 27.36; 5. Heather Shoats (HVL), 30.27.

400: 1. Jazmene Floyd (Rey), 1:05.0; 3. Shoats (HVL), 1:09.7; 4. Rachel Smith (PCA), 1:11.77.

800: 1. Jess Rice (LW), 2:31.2; 2. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:34.03.

1,600: 1. Hardin (LW), 5:43.66; 3. Erin Lyle (LW), 5:58.77; 5. Marissa Pfister (PCA), 6:39.32.

3,200: 1. Anna Goike (ROS), 12:54.63; 2. Sarah Maynard (LW), 12:56.85; 3. Lyle (LW), 13:25.21; 5. Pfister (PCA), 15:03.13.

400 relay: 1. Shrine, 53.74; 2. Lutheran Westland (Beth LaRose, M. Flury, Schwartz, Shirkey), 58.46; 4. Plymouth Christian, 1:01.67; **800 relay:** 1. Cristo Rey, 1:05.01; 3. Lutheran Westland (Hardin, A. Flury, Rice, Terranella), 1:57.72; 4. Plymouth Christian, 2:13.34; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 4:35.27; 3. Plymouth Christian, 4:44.88; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Hardin, Maynard, Lyle, Rice), 10:40.9; 3. Plymouth Christian, 11:19.29.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 4-REGION 39

May 21 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Loyola, 141 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 113; 3. Royal Oak Shrine, 87; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 54; 5. Plymouth Christian, 47; 6. Detroit Cristo Rey, 38; 7. Detroit Westside Christian Academy, 29; 8. Detroit Allen Academy, 25; 9. PEC Prep, 12; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 11; 11. Huron Valley Westland, 7; 12. Detroit City, 1; 13. Meadow Montessori, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state finals)

Shot put: 1. Willie Bokins (L), 43 feet, 5 inches; 2. Dawson Davenport (LW), 42-7; 5. David Adlof (HV), 38-07; 7. Joshua Allen (PCA), 38-3.5.

Discus: 1. Jacob Dieroff (LS), 114-0; 3. Davenport (LW), 109-11; 4. Allen (PCA), 109-07.

High jump: 1. Xavier McCraney (CR), 5-07.

Long jump: 1. Adam Abbott (CR), 19-3.25; 2. Zach Musial (LW), 18-6.75; 6. Nicholas McDonald (HV), 14-7.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (LW), 15.10; 2. Micah Kempf (LW), 15.36.

300 hurdles: 1. Jacob Fairbairn (LW), 42.08; 2. Kempf (LW), 44.95.

100 dash: 1. Antoine Hawkins (WCA), 11.27; 3. Derrick Mozham (LW), 11.48.

400: 1. Najee A ve (L), 50.82; 6. Bobby Miller (LW), 57.72.

800: 1. Michael Roebke (LS), 2:09.90; 5. Ethan Levack (PCA), 2:22.99; 7. Tyler Manns (PCA), 2:25.03; 8. Phil Welte (LW), 2:26.30.

1,600: 1. Trevor Baloga (PCA), 4:50.25; 5. Eric Smith (LW), 5:05.25; 6. James Parks (PCA), 5:06.84.

3,200: 1. Matthew Sutton (S), 10:55.02; 3. Baloga (PCA), 11:14.95; 4. Parks (PCA), 11:35.12; 5. Peter Sillanpaa (LW), 11:45.78; 6. Daniel Bunge (LW), 12:23.46.

400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland, 46.49; **800 relay:** 1. Loyola, 1:34.41; **1,600 relay:** 1. Loyola, 3:40.89; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:47.79; 6. Plymouth Christian, 4:07.24; **3,200 relay:** 1. Shrine, 9:16.81; 3. Plymouth Christian, 9:23.44; 4. Lutheran Westland, 10:19.66.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 151

LIVONIA STEVENSON 162

May 23 at Tanglewood G.C.

Northville scorers: Blake Bonatz, 35 (medalist); Brady Marotta, 38; Matt Evasic and Todd Goebel, 39 each; Nick Zanotti, 43; Kevin Collareno, 44.

Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano and Cam Tetrault, 39 each; Dante Cicchelli, 41; Nick Marsh and Tyler Jarosz, 43 each; Nick Barr, 47.

Dual match records: Northville, 8-1 overall, 8-1 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 4-5 overall,

4-5 KLA Central

LIVONIA STEVENSON 158

SALEM 172

May 20 at Fox Hills G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano, Dante Cicchelli and Nick Barr, 39 each (tri-medalists); Cam Tetrault, 41; Nick Marsh, 44; Nick Collins, 48.

Salem scorers: Jake Leib, 41; Nick Danis, 42; Brian Patterson, 44; Brandon Duprey, 45; Kevin Luo and Austin Strubridge, 48 each.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 4-4 overall, 4-4 KLA Central Division; Salem, 3-4 overall, 3-4 KLA Central.

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OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2011-2012 academic school year ends on Friday, 5/27/2011 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades Young Five Kindergarten – 5 and can be obtained at the school, at www.NHAschools.com or by calling NHA at 866-NHA-ENROLL. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held on 6/20/2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Achieve Charter Academy. Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (PCCS) **CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY.** Bid documents are available by contacting Raquel Hunter, Assistant Director of Purchasing at (734) 416-2741. Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and must be clearly marked "PCCS CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. EST on Monday June 13, 2011 at which time they will be read publicly. A notarized familial disclosure agreement must accompany every bid. For technical information, please phone Harry Lau, Director of Maintenance Operations at (734) 416-2970. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-02

AMENDMENT TO CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 70.010 THROUGH 70.130 OF CHAPTER 70, PART VII, UTILITIES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RULES; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SECONDARY SOURCES; PROVIDING FOR PRIVATE WATER STORAGE TANKS; PROVIDING FOR UTILITY COUNT OF EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR UNSAFE WATER; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION I. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Sections 70.010 through 70.130 of Chapter 70, Part VII, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are amended to read as follows:

70.010. Purpose. This section provides the purpose of this Chapter.

70.020. Definitions. This section provides the definitions for terms used in this Chapter.

70.030. This section provides that a connection with a public water supply system shall comply with existing laws, ordinances and rules.

70.040. This section provides for prohibited cross connections.

70.050. Corrections. This section provides for corrective actions.

70.060. Secondary sources. This section provides for secondary water sources.

70.070. Private water storage tanks. This section provides for private water storage tanks.

70.080. Utility count of employees. This section provides for a authorized inspection agency.

70.090. Inspections. This section provides for inspections.

70.100. Discontinuance of service. This section provides for the discontinuance of service.

70.110. Unsafe water. This section provides for the labeling of unsafe water.

70.120. Fees. This section provides for an inspection fee of \$250.

70.130. Penalty. This section provides that any person or entity who violates any provisions of this Chapter shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code and that each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC
Township Clerk

Introduced: April 12, 2011
Adopted: May 10, 2011
Published: May 26, 2011

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO AMEND ORDINANCE 100 BY REVISING CODIFIED SECTION 73.060 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ARTICLE I; PROVIDING FOR REVISION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL (I.W.C.) CHARGE SECTION, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY CHARGE BY METER SIZE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE.

Ordinance No. 100, codified as Chapter 73, the Water and Sewer System Ordinance Article I, Section 73.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

73.060. Industrial Waste Control (I.W.C.) Charge. This section provides for a monthly charge by meter size.

SECTION II. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

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SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Shoe Shine Guys John Early and Mike Kompoltowicz have been taking their business on the road since March.

Company takes to the road with shoe-shine outfit

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

Shoe Shine Guys: We are a mobile shoe shine company. We come to your office building with our fully equipped shoe shine truck, gather shoes from the employees, take them out to our truck for a professional shine. We also have a mobile shoe shine unit that some companies prefer we set up right inside their office. We also do quite a few shoe repairs. We take repairs off site to one of our cobbler services and return in a week or so.

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

Shoe Shine Guys: I was in the financial services industry for 25 years and about 10 years ago we had some guys who came to our office to shine shoes. I thought it was a good idea at the time and they came to our office for about a year and then went out of business. I missed the convenience of getting my shoes shined on a regular basis and it stayed in the back of my mind for quite a while.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Shoe Shine Guys: Plymouth is where my wife and I have lived for the last 18 years. I am doing this also with my son-in-law who grew up in Plymouth and is currently a Canton resident with our daughter. We love the Plymouth/Canton area.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

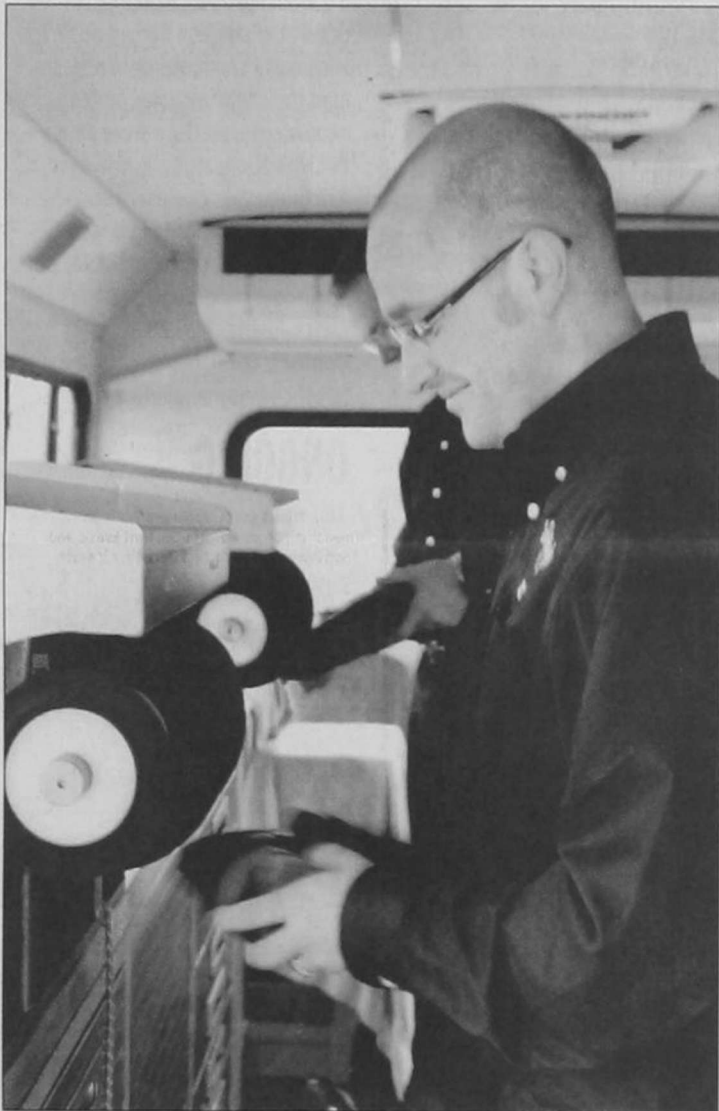
Shoe Shine Guys: It is mobile. People like our shoe shine truck. We actually will get phone calls while driving the truck from one location to another, people wanting to know exactly what we do. It takes one more errand off of the Saturday "to do" list.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Shoe Shine Guys: We have found that we are doing a lot more shoe and leather repairs than we had anticipated, which is a good thing. About 70 percent of our repairs are women's shoes (they tend to damage the heels at a greater rate than men do).

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

Shoe Shine Guys: When I would first tell people of my new adventure, especially past clients that I had worked with for the past 10-20 years as a financial consultant, their first reaction was to laugh in



The Shoe Shine Guys specialize in shoe shines and shoe and leather repair.

SHOE SHINE GUYS

Business name: The Shoe Shine Guys

Business address: 49280 Bugle Court, Plymouth, MI. 48170 (home address - we are a mobile shoe shine company, the truck is kept in a warehouse in Canton)

Your Name and Title: John Early, owner

Your Hometown: Plymouth

Business opened: March 1, 2011

Number of employees: 4, including myself

Your business specialty: Shoe shines and shoe and leather repair.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; available any day but Sunday

Business phone | Website: (734) 645-2286 | www.theshoeshineguys.com

disbelief. They thought I was pulling their leg. When I would get them to stop laughing and explain what it was I was doing they then thought it was a great idea (and could I please come to their office and shine shoes).

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Shoe Shine Guys: The only part of the economy that has affected our business is the price of gas. Getting from here to there is more expensive. The upside is that people who still where dress shoes to work still need to take care of their shoes, and I guess by us coming to them then they can save the gas that it would take to drive to a cobbler service to get their shoes shined or repaired.

Observer: Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

Shoe Shine Guys: Have a plan and work the plan. Be prepared, mentally and financially, before you start something on your own. And most of all, be passionate about your work. People can tell if you are passionate about whatever it is that you do in life.

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

Shoe Shine Guys: We are adding new clients to our service on a regular basis and are in the process of adding a second truck. My goal is to be able to build this company into a 6-8 truck operation over the next couple of years. We would also like to be able to do some things that give back to the community.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ability is Ageless

Operation ABLE of Michigan, an affiliated company of Spectrum Human Services, Inc., announced winners of its Ability is Ageless Awards for 2011 naming Presbyterian Villages of Michigan as 2011 Employer of the Year Award.

This honor is given to an organization that both demonstrates through hiring, promotion and recognition that they understand the value of mature employees and through their products and services contribute to the well-being of older adults.

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan has a solid reputation for hiring practices that include people 50 and older. Evidence of that was shown by the 12 individuals who were honored at the luncheon as a result of nominations from their employers.

PVM provides housing for 3,500 older adults on 24 campuses throughout Michigan. One of their newest projects involves working with Henry Ford Health System and other community organizations to provide support services that will help people remain in their own homes.

Additionally, two PVM employees were selected for the highly competitive Most ABLE Awards. Employers throughout the region nominated 108 individuals for Ability is Ageless Awards. 98 received Distinguished Service awards for their strong work ethic, the contribution of their skills at work, their role modeling and mentoring for younger colleagues, overcoming barriers, and their involvement in their communities.

Two PVM employees were among 10 winners for Most ABLE Awards, including Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton, Vice



Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton (left), vice president of risk management & quality for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, and Joanne Robinson, senior vice president of operations, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.

President of Risk Management & Quality, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.

Bagel fundraiser

Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign continues through May 31.

As "proud members of the Canton community," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenninger said they're "proud to help find a cure for CF."

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want to give back to our community which has embraced our business, by helping the search for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so brave and we are happy to help in any way that we can."

The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their

disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 Roses-themed coffee travel mugs.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the pin-up sales and \$1 per travel mug sold will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Mower giveaway

RepairClinic.com., the online parts retailer of appliance and outdoor power equipment, is giving away a Toro Recycler 22-inch Self-Propelled Electric-Start Walk-Behind Lawn Mower with a retail value of \$399 to one lucky Facebook fan.

To enter the "Spring into Summer Giveaway" promotion, entrants must "Like" RepairClinic.com on Facebook and submit an entry on the "Giveaway" tab. The giveaway ends at 11:59 p.m. (EST) on May 31, 2011. The winner will be chosen at random on Wednesday, June 1. The winner must be a U.S. resident and be at least 18 years of age.

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Church will welcome new pastor, associate

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Grady Jensen will step into the pulpit to deliver his first sermon at Open Arms Church in Livonia on June 5.

It's a job he says he has prayed about for several years, hoping there might be an opening at the church some day.

"I've been in Flint for 18 years and it's time to come home. It's a homecoming," said Jensen, who is leaving the Swartz Creek Central Assembly of God to rebuild the Livonia congregation.

Interim and guest ministers have led Sunday services at Open Arms Church since its pastor retired last year.

"The church has dwindled down in the last few years and it sort of it holding on, so we're going to come in and start it up again," Jensen said. "I approached the Assembly of God and said I feel I've got a calling, how about allowing me to be the pastor here? I talked with the people to see if they were open to the idea. We expressed our faith and hope in the place."

Jensen convinced a friend, Abe Fazzini, to become the

church's associate pastor and music minister. Both men attended Brightmore Tabernacle in Detroit in the past.

"Our priority is to grow the congregation to meet the needs of the city. There are all kinds of hidden needs in Livonia."

Jensen, who has two grown daughters, grew up in Arizona and Detroit, and spent one year in Livonia.

He has ministered at several churches in addition to his lengthy assignment in Flint.

Jensen works as an insurance salesman in addition to ministering.

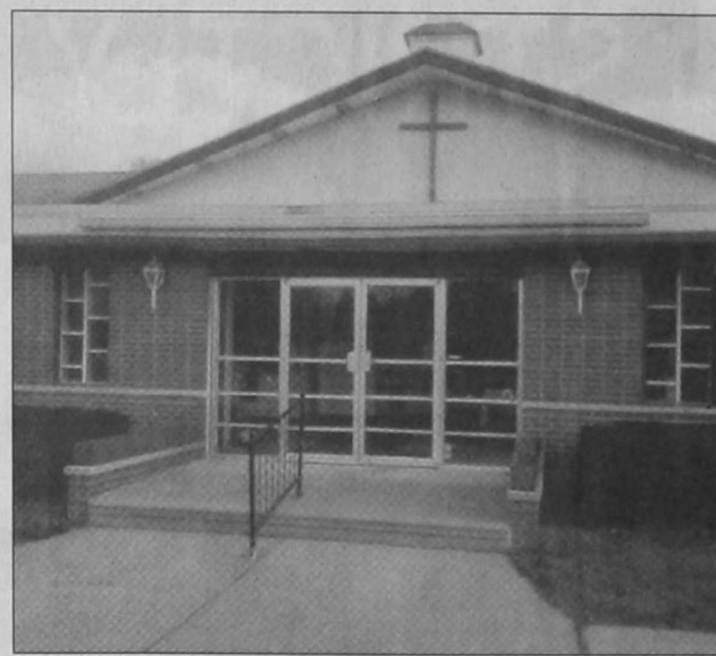
"When I read through the

scripture I don't see any lazy people," he said. "We've always had a strong work ethic. It's not just preaching on Sunday."

In addition to welcoming Jensen as its new pastor, the congregation is refurbishing the church building.

"They've knocked a few walls down to enlarge the foyer," Jensen said. "They ripped out pews and put in chairs. There's new paint and ceramic on the floors."

Open Arms Church is located at 33015 Seven Mile. Sunday service and a children's church are held at 10:30 a.m. Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Thursday.



Open Arms Church in Livonia

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

MAY 26-JUNE 1

Career workshop

Time/Date: Session 1 is 10 a.m.-noon and session 2 is 1-3 p.m., both on May 26

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Participants may choose 1 of the 2 sessions. Resume review and writing tips, mock interviews, interviewing etiquette, job search tips and strategies and many other topics to assist in a job search or career change

Contact: (734) 404-2480

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 28

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need. Food pantry also will be open

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Aug. 24

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, par-

ticipants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt

Contact: (248) 474-3444 or search on www.daveramsey.com

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Saturday, May 28

Location: Macaroni Grill, 393007 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The peer group meets for dinner. Order from the menu, separate checks provided. Seafood, Italian and American dishes. Make new friends in a safe setting. Aimed at widows and widowers, age 55 and younger

Contact: RSVP to Phil at (248) 684-3433 or orywfriends@gmail.com

JUNE 2-8

Job fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 2

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Bring resumes and dress to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot

Contact: (734) 404-2480

Spring Bazaar

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild

Contact: (734) 464-0476

JUNE 9-15

Concert

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12

Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Pentecost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart Church

Contact: 313-937-3170

JUNE 16-22

Day camp

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$55 for the first child in a family, \$50 for the second and \$45 for each additional child. Registration is \$60 per child after May 28.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuel-livonia.org

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for chil-

dren from kindergarten-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, hang-ups and habits

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 Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., 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



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BROWN, AMY MARIE

Age 31, of Wayne, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at her mother's home in Westland. She was born June 26, 1979 in Trenton, daughter of William Russell & Diane Marie (Yandura) Brown. Amy graduated from Romulus High School in 1997 and was attending Baker College to be a Vascular Ultrasound Technician. She worked for Millennium Medical Group, Farmington Hills, as an EEG technician. She loved baseball and was a huge Detroit Tiger fan, loved games, and making people laugh. She enjoyed music, dancing, scrapbooking, shopping and she loved to travel. Survived by her mother Diane Brown of Westland, her grandparents Robert Anthony & Judy Yandura of Romulus, a sister Carrie (Paul) Bauer of Westland, a niece or nephew "Baby Bauer" on-the-way, her dog Harlow Jean, also numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Preceded in death by her father William Brown, also her grandparents Maude & Cordell Brown. Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Final prayers 10:15 am today at the funeral home, processing to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, for an 11 AM Funeral Mass. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Celebrate Memorial Day with reflection, parades

Many Americans will stop and reflect at 3 p.m. Monday, May 30 in accordance with the "National Moment of Remembrance" called for more than a decade ago by the White House.

The resolution asked Americans to celebrate the "true meaning" of the holiday, the day the nation honors those who died while defending the country.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was officially proclaimed in 1868 by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first Memorial Day was observed May 30, 1868, with flowers placed on graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

In 1915, Moina Michael, a teacher, conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans organization to nationally sell poppies.

In 1871 Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Residents can pay tribute to fallen heroes at parades throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties:



VFW members parade with flags in Redford during a previous Memorial Day celebration.

CANTON

Memorial Day Service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, at Heritage Park behind Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road. The veterans group has been doing this service since 1989. For more information, call (734) 394-5100.

"Because of the Brave" a tribute to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country presented by the BeckRidge Chorale, at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, May 30, in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Visit www.beckridgechorale.org for details.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

FARMINGTON

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, from the Farmington Plaza on Grand River Avenue and travels west on Grand River and ends at Oakland Avenue where a memorial service will take place at the War Monument in Memorial Park. The city of Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Officer, Firefighter and DPS Officer of the year will be recognized. For more information, call (248) 919-6917.

GARDEN CITY

Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, on the front lawn of City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, between Ford and Warren roads. Guest speaker is retired Air Force Maj. Rick Briggs. Amber Grand will sing the national anthem. For more information, call (734) 793-1600.



FILE PHOTO

Youngsters wave at marchers during a previous Memorial Day parade in Northville.

LIVONIA

Livonia Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Veterans Memorial Plaza, corner of Five Mile and Farmington. Held at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza will be a tribute to our veterans — complete with military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music performance. For more information, call (734) 466-2418.

MILFORD

Milford American Legion Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, on Main Street in downtown Milford. The parade is expected to have thousands of attendees and is making room for 1,000 veterans to attend. As an added bonus there will be military aircraft overhead during the parade. For more information, visit www.milfordlegion216.org.

NORTHVILLE

Parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, in downtown Northville. The annual parade is both solemn and joyful as it remembers those who died in military service, yet kicks off the summer season. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, strollers and four-legged friends to watch the procession, highlighted by the Northville High School Marching Band. For more information, call (248) 349-1300.

NOVI

The annual parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic

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An American flag waves in the breeze during a previous Memorial Day celebration.

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Center. Local businesses and civic organizations are encouraged to participate by marching, displaying a specialty vehicle, or building a float. Veterans will have a designated float in which they are invited to ride upon. Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Novi Civic Center. American Legion-Post 19 will host a luncheon for veterans and their families. For more information or to receive a parade entry form, visit cityofnovi.org or contact, Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager at (248) 347-0414.

PLYMOUTH

The parade begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, at Main and Wing streets and ends with a ceremony 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Church streets. The Lions Club and the Plymouth Veterans Organization put on the event. For more information, call (734) 812-8724.

Polish fair kicks off holiday weekend

The 40th annual Polish Country Fair — the largest country fair in the state — will run May 27-30 on the campus of St. Mary's Prep, 3535 Indian Trail, at Commerce and Orchard Lake Road in Orchard Lake. "It is hard to believe, but this year marks the 40th anniversary of the fair and it has truly become a tradition that marks the start of the summer season in Michigan. We call our Polish Country Fair a 'Staycation Get-Away' because we try and provide a backyard get together that eliminates the road rage, long drives and expensive gas associated with going to Northern Michigan, with a great entertaining atmosphere. At the fair, we have live bands for dancing,

REDFORD TOWNSHIP

Redford presents its 61st Annual Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, June 5. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and travels from Five to Six Mile on Beech Daly and will end at Township Hall. The Redford Parade Authority organizes the event which includes floats, various bands, bicycle riders and lots of marchers. For more information call (313) 768-6858.

SOUTH LYON

Organized by VFW Post 2502, the Memorial Day Parade begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 30, from Bartlett Elementary and makes its way down 10 Mile (also known as Lake Street) through downtown. The parade ends in the South Lyon Cemetery with a ceremony that commemorates the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans.

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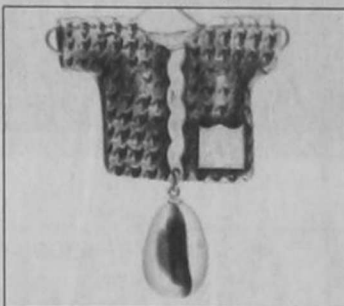
The action begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29, at the Wayne Ford Civic League parking lot, 1645 N. Wayne Road. It will head north to Ford Road and then west, ending at city hall.

Art takes to the streets in downtown Farmington

More than 115 booths offering paintings, photography, jewelry, pottery, and more will fill Grand River Ave., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5 in downtown Farmington. The annual art exhibit, with strolling performers, an amazing life statue and food booths, will stretch from Farmington Road to Grove Street. The event will include live

concerts by a variety of bands along with a large children's area with hands-on projects, face painting, and entertainment in Riley Park. Visitors also will find the Farmington Artist Foundation tent in Riley Park. It will be filled with works by local artists. Potters from Oakland Community College also will demonstrate the process of wheel turning with clay. The festival opens with the Friday night "pre-glow" party.

The "Grapes on the Grand" wine/beer tent officially opens to the public from 6-11 p.m. and is open both Friday and Saturday nights. The pre-glow band is the popular "Killer Flamingos." "Empty Canvas," will perform Saturday night. The multi-talented entertainers sing favorites from many eras while creating art on canvas. Admission to Art on the Grand is free. For more information, call (248) 473-1848.



Jewelry, sculpture, painting and more will be for sale at Art on the Grand, June 4-5 in downtown Farmington.

Film festival adds library award, cash prize

Make the staff at the Salem-South Lyon District Library happy with your entry into the "3 Minutes in Lyon Film Festival" and you may win a cash prize. The "Salem-South Lyon District Library Video Choice Award" is the newest twist to the annual film competition that begins with a free outdoor screening at dusk, Friday, June 24 in James F. Atchison Memorial Park, behind the Lyon Township Municipal Center, 58000 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson. The award will be presented to the producer of the video that is deemed to be the favorite of the library staff. The recipient

of the Library Choice Award will receive a prize of \$250 but, there's a catch. The recipient of this award has to agree to create a three minute video for the library. The recipient can use his or her own equipment or check-out a HD Flip Cam from the library. In addition to the outdoor screening, the festival also will include a producer's round table on Saturday, June 24. Top films will receive awards and honorable mentions at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. The Library Choice and Audience Choice awards will be presented at that time.

Anyone can submit a three-minute DVD no matter where they live, although the content must be shot or created within South Lyon, Lyon Township, Kensington Metropark or Island Lake Recreation Area. The festival is open to those who are not professional filmmakers and who do not earn a living working as a professional in television or film. DVD content should be family friendly. The entry fee is \$10 per video. To download an application and mailing instructions, visit www.lyonfestival.org. DVDs must be postmarked by June 13.

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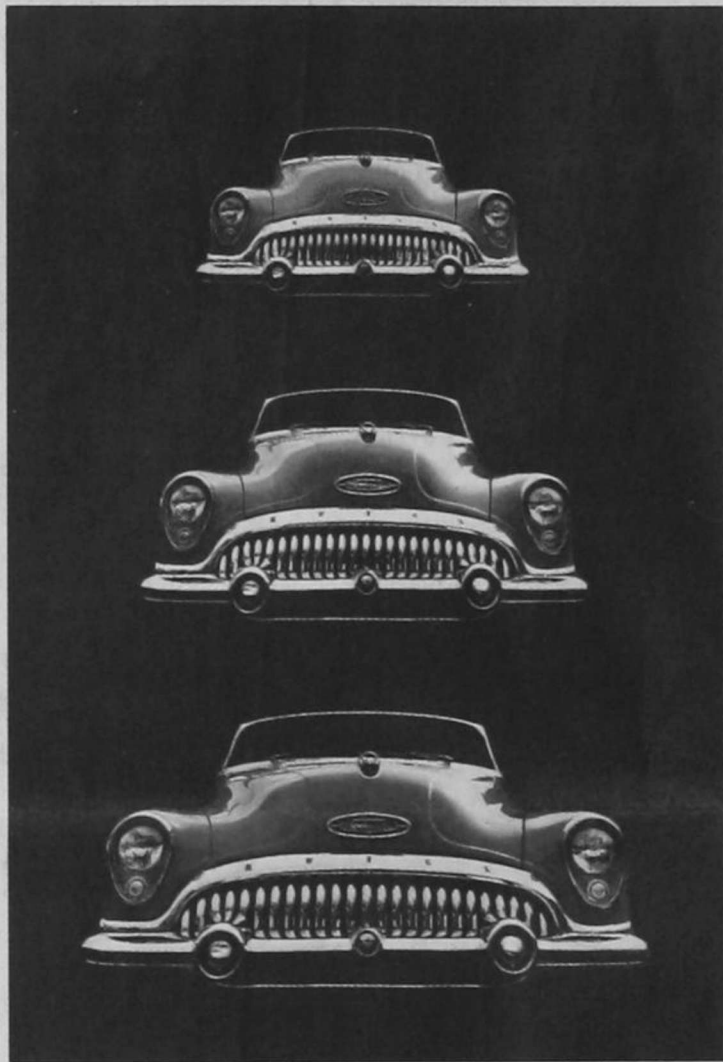
Time/Date: Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth
Details: "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.
Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

Art in the Sun

Time/Date: 4-9 p.m., Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26
Location: Downtown Northville
Details: More than 75 artists sell glass, metal, jewelry, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more
Contact: (248) 344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27
Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive
Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.
Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com
Village Theater
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during any public performance, through May 29
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Work by Durwood Coffey
Coming up: Photography by John Middlestead, June 1-28
Contact: (734) 394-5300



"3 Buicks," and other photography by Paul McWain will be on display during Art in the Sun, June 24-26 in Downtown Northville.

COMEDY

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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: Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit,

June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2
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Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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The Ark

Time/Date: Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell XI, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15, Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wranglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5.
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Indiana Acoustic Artists in the Round with Jan Krist and friends, June 3; Kitty Donohoe, June 4; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, and Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 5; Around the House, June 10-11; Edie Carey with Jeff Scott, June 17; Michael on Fire and Billy Brandt, June 18; Jack Williams, June 19; Buddy Greene with Jeff Taylor, June 24
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org
Village Theater
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 30
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave," a tribute to those who have served the country; \$10 and \$8
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Lime-Marinated Flank Steak with Stuffed Poblano Peppers

FLAVORFUL, *festive and fun*

Bring the taste of summer to your Memorial Day meal

Memorial Day is often synonymous with a backyard barbecue to kick start the summer. As you celebrate this holiday weekend, have a delicious, grill-inspired meal ready in 45 minutes or less with these fun, flavorful recipe ideas. With mouthwatering grilled beef, canned tomatoes and bold bursts of flavor from lime juice, chimichurri and barbecue sauces, your Memorial Day menu is sure to be a memorable hit.

Get your grill sizzling with recipes like Lime-Marinated Flank Steak with Stuffed Poblano Peppers and Chimichurri Steak Wraps. And don't forget a refreshing salad to complete your grilling holiday menu. Spicy Barley and Black Bean Salad is a fast option with a flavorful twist — perfect for your Memorial Day table.

For more grilling recipes and beef cooking tips visit www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com, and for quick and easy weeknight recipes that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less, visit www.ReadySetEat.com.

LIME-MARINATED FLANK STEAK WITH STUFFED POBLANO PEPPERS

Makes 6 servings

Total Recipe Time: 45 to 50 minutes

Marinade Time: 6 hours to overnight

1 can (14½ ounces) diced tomatoes & green chilies

¾ cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided

½ cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 beef flank steak (about 1½ pounds)

2 cups cooked brown rice

1 can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium or regular black beans, drained and rinsed

6 medium poblano chili peppers (about 4 inches long)

Toppings:

Toasted shelled pepitas (pumpkin seeds), crumbled queso frescos and lime wedges (optional)

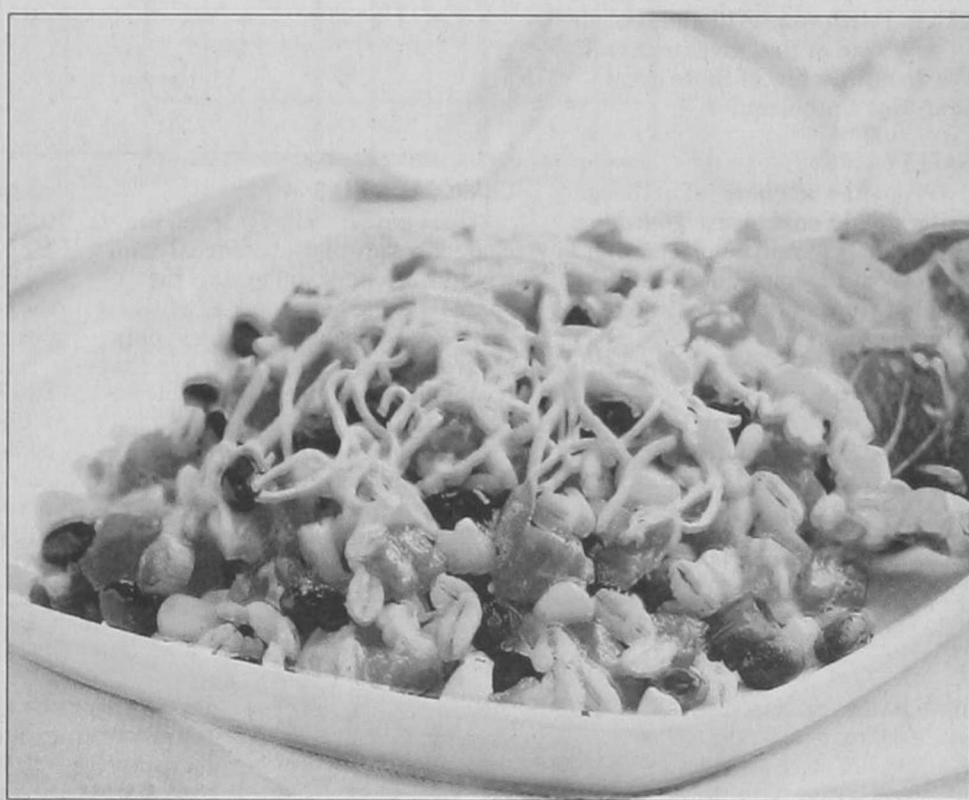
Drain tomatoes, reserving juice for marinade. Set aside diced tomatoes with green chilies.

Combine reserved tomato juice, ½ cup cilantro, lime juice and olive oil in medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate ½ cup marinade for rice. Place beef steak and remaining marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Combine rice, reserved ½ cup marinade, diced tomatoes, black beans and remaining ½ cup cilantro in medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Set aside. Cut slit lengthwise down 1 side of each poblano pepper to create pocket, leaving stem and tip intact. Make another small crosswise cut just below the stem to form T-shaped opening. Remove and discard seeds and membranes, being careful to keep peppers intact. Spoon rice mixture evenly into peppers. Wrap each tightly in aluminum foil to seal.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak in center grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange peppers around steak. Grill steak, covered, 11 to 16 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill 16 to 21 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill peppers, covered, 25 to 30 minutes (20 to 25 minutes on gas grill) or until peppers are tender and filling is heated through, turning occasionally.

Carve steak across grain into thin slices. Remove peppers from foil. Serve peppers with steaks and toppings as desired.



Spicy Barley and Black Bean Salad

CHIMICHURRI STEAK WRAPS

Makes 4 servings

Total Recipe Time: 15 to 20 minutes

Chimichurri Sauce:

1 cup fresh parsley leaves

2 cloves garlic

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

¼ teaspoon salt

Steak Wraps:

4 medium whole wheat tortillas (8 to 10-inch diameter)

3 cups fresh baby spinach

½ large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips

12 ounces grilled beef steak, cut into slices

Place parsley and garlic in food processor or blender container. Cover; process until finely chopped. Add oil, vinegar and salt; process just until blended.

Spread each tortilla evenly with Chimichurri Sauce, leaving ¼-inch border around edge. Top with equal amounts spinach, bell pepper slices and beef slices on top two-thirds of tortilla. Fold bottom of tortilla up over filling. Fold right and left sides to center overlapping edges; secure with wooden picks, if desired.

SPICY BARLEY AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

Makes 4 servings (1½ cups each)

Total recipe time: 25 minutes

1 cup quick cook barley, uncooked

1½ cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed

½ teaspoon garlic salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 can (15 ounces each) whole black beans, drained, rinsed

2 cans (10 ounces each) diced tomatoes & green chilies, drained

¼ cup sliced green onions, white and green parts

½ cup shredded cheddar or Mexican blend cheese

Cook barley according to package directions; drain if necessary. Place barley in large bowl. Add corn, garlic salt and pepper; toss to combine. Add black beans, drained tomatoes and onions. Sprinkle with cheese just before serving.

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Chimichurri Steak Wraps

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Grill safely this summer: Keep fire where it belongs

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

The National Fire Protection Association offers advice for outdoor grillers on fire safety.

Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, said, "We see the same proportion that you see nationally. A lot of people like to barbecue, so we see the same number as everyone else."

A grill is designed for outdoor use and should never be used indoors. "The heat can certainly set anything on fire," Kiurski said. Heat can quickly go through vinyl siding. "The heat always wants to go up."

Things stored in attic rafters can catch on fire easily. "You've got radiant heat that comes off, obviously," he said. There's also a risk for carbon monoxide with either propane or charcoal grills.

An unattended grill is a bad idea.

"We like to have somebody watch the barbecue all the times," Kiurski said. "The kids, they don't pay attention. They go where the ball goes or where the Frisbee goes. You've got to have a watcher and you've got to have a plan."

A hose or pitcher of water is good near the grill, although for propane shutting off gas is best, he said. You can rinse down your home or garage with a garden hose until the fire department arrives.

You should look a grill over and make sure it's in good shape each year when you start to use it.

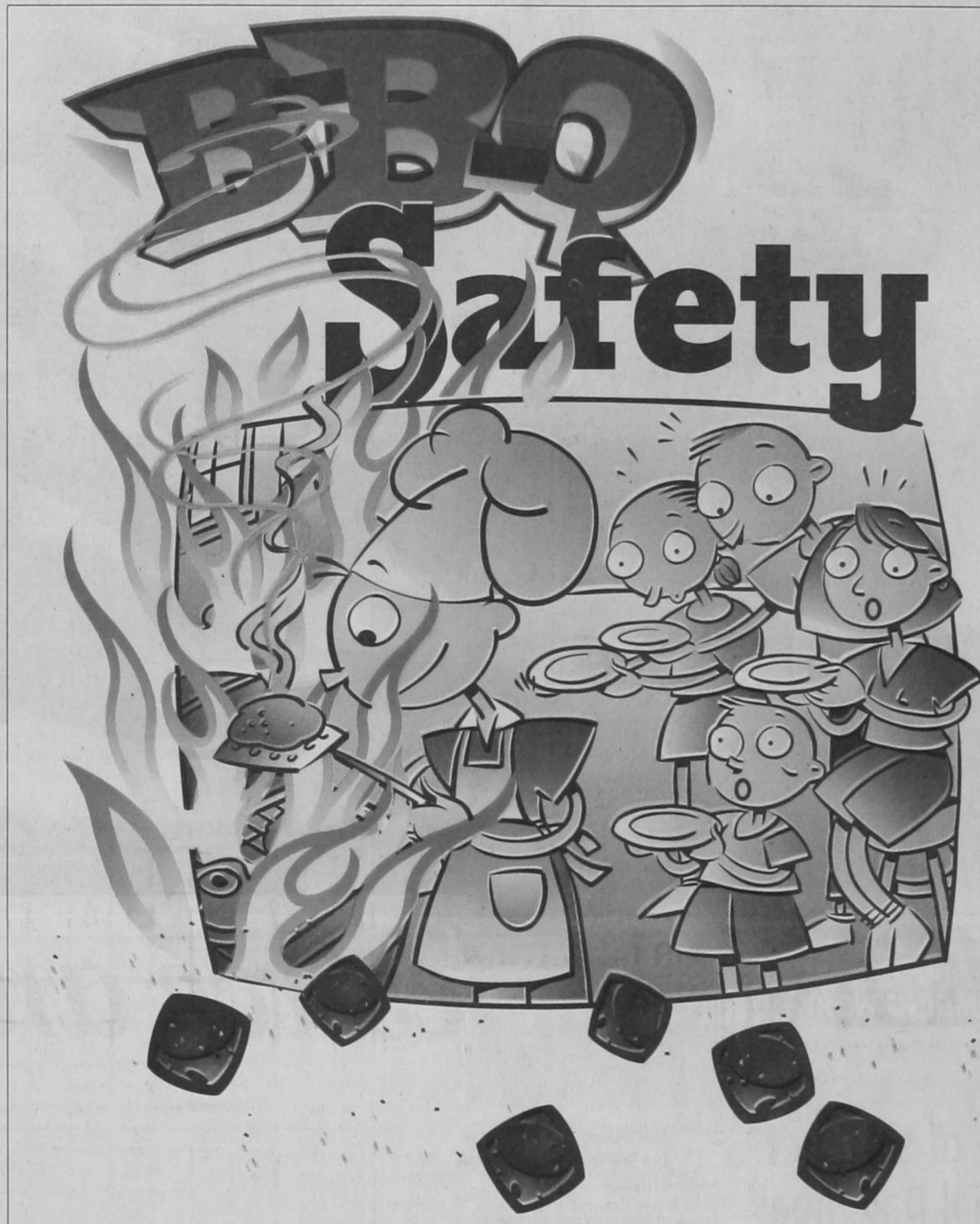
"If you use lighter fluid, you've got to be smart on that, too," Kiurski said of the flammable liquid on charcoal grills. Don't spray it while it's already lit, he said — arrange the briquettes, light them and let them sit.

He agreed you should quickly call the fire department if things get out of hand with your grill and fire.

"Any kind of fire, gives us a call. We do quite a few of those every year. Not a problem."

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal

starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

•When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

Baltimore shows signs of upswing

Q: I know that downtown Baltimore has the inner harbor which has generated much growth and development, but how are the condominiums doing abutting the inner harbor?

A: Upon my recent trip to Baltimore, I learned that the condominiums surrounding the inner harbor are still holding their own and are being reasonably marketable



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although there are fights regarding easements rights for a view of the harbor which have been generated among various homeowners in different projects. In general, the area around the harbor which was, at one point, very dilapidated, is now being rejuvenated with new restaurants and shops frequented by "yuppies" and young professionals. In short, that is creating an additional market for condominiums and apartments with the close access to the downtown area as well as Little Italy.

Q: My condominium is in good shape financially as we have a fully funded reserve account deposited in Certificates of Deposit (CD). However, there are some on the board that want to put money in an annuity. I am wondering what your views are on it.

A: I am not an investment broker and have no authorization to approve or disapprove any type of investment. However, income on your investment is not your first priority as a director. Rather protection of the principal is the first objective. The board has a fiduciary duty to the members to protect their funds. You would be better off with a lower interest rate with a guarantee of return on the principal then taking any other type of risk. Moreover, you should check with your documents which may impose an obligation to deposit the money only in funds that are federally insured.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 14-18, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		
5420 Barr Rd	\$115,000	
4172 Berkeley Ave	\$82,000	
46382 Briargate Dr	\$166,000	
2431 Brookfield St	\$140,000	
42559 Colling Dr	\$148,000	
44248 Craftsbury Ct	\$141,000	
2780 Denton Rd	\$149,000	
7066 Kennesaw Rd	\$350,000	
1444 Longfellow Ln	\$130,000	
45235 Middlebury Ln	\$275,000	
2266 Mistwood Ct N	\$400,000	
1401 Oakview Dr	\$82,000	
47619 Ormskirk Dr	\$69,000	
4156 Timberline Ct	\$160,000	
161 Village Way	\$87,000	
45379 William Ct	\$263,000	
Garden City		
31522 Alvin St	\$58,000	
30430 Barton St	\$68,000	
33206 Brown St	\$39,000	
30763 Elmwood St	\$85,000	
32252 Elmwood St	\$50,000	
29186 Florence St	\$75,000	
32555 Ford Rd	\$225,000	
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32475 Leona St	\$68,000	
29780 Rush St	\$43,000	
6547 Sunset St	\$37,000	
Livonia		
11775 Alois St	\$145,000	
12181 Camden St	\$18,000	
30642 Greenlawn St	\$188,000	
29191 Grove St	\$20,000	
35542 Leon St	\$152,000	
9226 Montana St	\$125,000	
19845 Parkville St	\$87,000	
16486 Pollyanna St	\$151,000	

9267 Richfield	\$25,000	
17218 Rougemay St	\$78,000	
29656 Schoolcraft Rd	\$48,000	
35548 W Chicago St	\$130,000	
32007 Washington St	\$124,000	
Northville		
17130 Beck Rd	\$207,000	
17040 Birchwood Dr	\$348,000	
18318 Blue Heron Dr W	\$235,000	
44713 Broadmoor Cir N	\$334,000	
16819 Dover Dr	\$108,000	
16323 Mulberry Way	\$20,000	
339 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$190,000	
19395 Windridge Dr	\$331,000	
16856 Yellowstone Dr	\$115,000	
Plymouth		
9433 Ball St	\$134,000	
41141 Five Mile Rd	\$180,000	
40627 Newport Dr	\$68,000	
51130 Powell Rd	\$285,000	
9088 Rocker Ave	\$194,000	
580 Ross St	\$155,000	
9300 Saddlebrook Ct	\$385,000	
9325 Saddlebrook Ct	\$373,000	
8952 Tavistock Dr	\$143,000	
48660 Timber Crest Ct	\$315,000	
Redford		
16710 Beech Daly Rd	\$43,000	
17698 Lennane	\$71,000	
9653 Rockland	\$37,000	
13560 Royal Grand	\$25,000	
9165 Sarasota	\$75,000	
8902 Sioux	\$75,000	
Westland		
39185 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000	
35230 Cady St	\$29,000	
38301 Carolyn Blvd	\$30,000	
37634 Colonial Rd	\$40,000	
35830 Hazelwood St	\$15,000	
29015 McDonald St	\$17,000	
32425 Muskegon Ct	\$93,000	
38700 Northampton St	\$92,000	
1599 S Dowling St	\$78,000	
1580 S Schuman St	\$36,000	
341 Surrey Hts	\$120,000	
34103 Tomahawk Dr	\$88,000	

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

Beverly Hills		
18835 Devonshire St	\$349,000	
16151 Marguerite St	\$165,000	
30395 Stellamar St	\$160,000	
18614 Warwick St	\$332,000	
18910 Warwick St	\$360,000	
30155 Woodhaven Ln	\$150,000	
Bingham Farms		
32675 Bingham Rd	\$575,000	
Birmingham		
353 Fairfax St	\$415,000	
1990 Graefield Rd	\$55,000	
779 Randall Ct	\$497,000	
2209 Windemere Rd	\$220,000	
Commerce Township		
5410 Mill Race Way	\$206,000	
5148 Parkgate Dr	\$340,000	
2505 Union Lake Rd	\$250,000	
2200 Wise Ct	\$98,000	
Farmington Hills		
29520 Briarton St	\$67,000	
21711 Middlebelt Rd	\$36,000	
30261 Mirlon Dr	\$150,000	
39221 Silverthorne Bnd	\$239,000	
39236 Silverthorne Bnd	\$232,000	
30220 Southampton Ln	\$168,000	
37915 Sunderland Ct	\$264,000	
Lathrup Village		
27464 Rainbow Cir	\$228,000	

Milford		
2875 Augustine Rd	\$224,000	
1593 Coogan Dr	\$345,000	
615 E Buno Rd	\$310,000	
3933 Foxthorn Ct	\$323,000	
1654 Indian Garden Ln	\$200,000	
286 River Oaks Dr	\$253,000	
Novi		
47749 Aberdeen Dr	\$590,000	
41713 Dukesbury Ct	\$382,000	
25677 Groveland	\$334,000	
23116 Heatherwoode	\$158,000	
51133 Mayfair Ter	\$45,000	
27965 Middleton Dr	\$146,000	
41785 Mitchell Rd	\$156,000	
24652 Naples Dr	\$240,000	
27159 Victoria Rd	\$45,000	
South Lyon		
540 Chester St	\$140,000	
178 Eagle Way	\$167,000	
26435 Great Plains Dr	\$205,000	
380 N Hagadorn St	\$122,000	
24084 Prescott Ct	\$61,000	
23548 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000	
26701 York Ct	\$261,000	
Southfield		
17541 Bonstelle Ave	\$50,000	
29242 E Chanticleer Dr	\$70,000	
17567 Jeanette St	\$98,000	
17385 Lincoln Dr	\$109,000	
20375 Melrose St	\$69,000	
18145 Onyx St	\$49,000	
25366 Saint James	\$71,000	
30268 Southfield Rd	\$20,000	

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ogy
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maybe (2 wds.)
- 17 Crying shame
- 18 Consent to
- 19 Former Mach 1
fliers
- 21 Unvarnished
- 23 Spandex fiber
- 27 Bear
constellation
- 30 Waugh or
Baldwin
- 33 Not 'neath
- 34 Go down the
tubes
- 35 Crimson or
scarlet
- 36 Tot's wheels
- 37 Fall mo.

- 38 African-born
supermodel
- 39 Ballpark figures
- 40 Gives the
impression
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- 47 Helps go wrong
- 51 Math course
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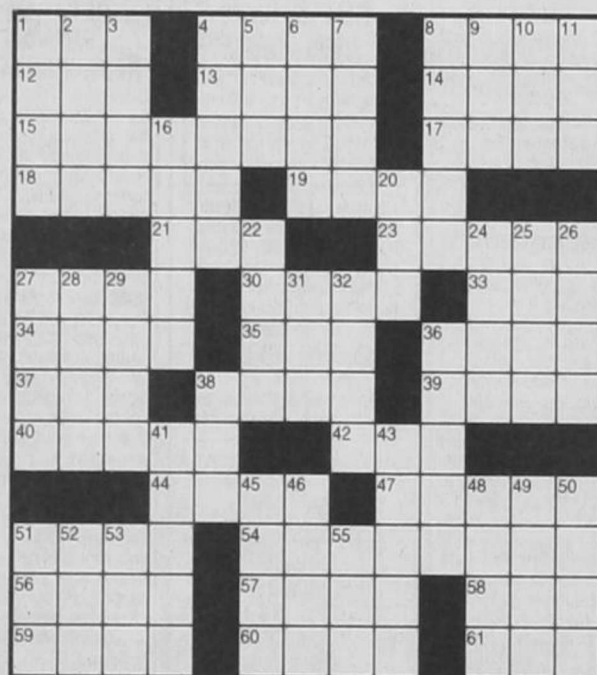
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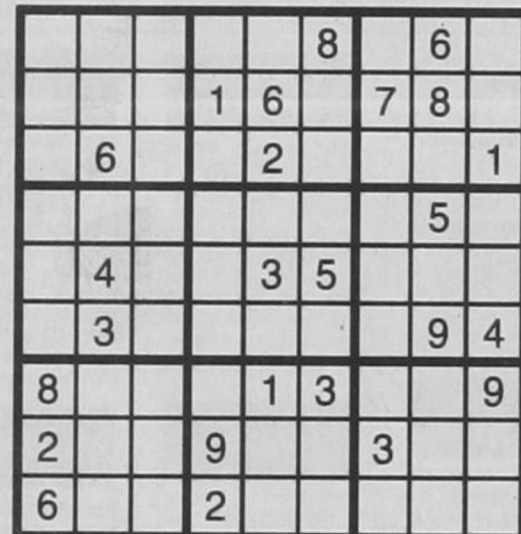
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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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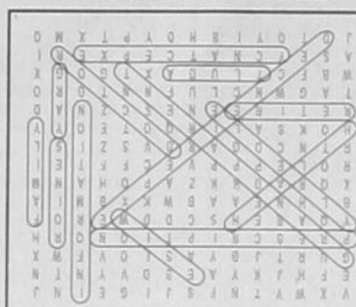
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