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## CONNECTION Christmas in July

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

Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball (below) on the pages of Inspire and enter to win.

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



## Flowers and smiles

Flowers & Gifts Canton announced they will participate in Teleflora's "Send A Smile Week."

Teleflora's keepsake Be Happy Mugs will be filled with bright, cheerful flowers and delivered to those most in need of a smile — such as senior citizens living in nursing homes and assisted living homes, etc. This year's program will run Sunday through Saturday, July 17-23.

Last year's program spanned over 200 cities throughout the United States and Canada and delivered more than 33,000 bouquets to those most in need of a smile. This year, more than 40,000 of the Be Happy Mugs are being donated for distribution.

For more information, contact Debbie Custer at Flowers & Gifts Canton by calling (734) 455-7377, or visit the store at 6000 N. Sheldon in Canton.

## Adopting a road

Volunteers are needed for an Adopt-A-Road Cleanup effort 9 a.m. Saturday, July 16 (with a rain date Sunday, July 17, also at 9 a.m.).

The stretches of road being adopted are Geddes between Sheldon and Beck, and Beck between Geddes and Michigan Avenue.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and bring their own work gloves, etc., and dress for weather and walking. Look for the special green tubs along the roads for bags and visibility vests at several locations. Sign in, put on a vest (for your safety) grab some bags, gather/bag litter & trash, tie bags and leave them for pickup along the roadside.

To volunteer, contact Greg Greene via e-mail at gregreene@biz@aol.com, call (734) 855-6192, or go to www.gregreene.biz for instructions.



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Monday's brief but strong storm dropped tree limbs on Sheldon south of Cherry Hill. Canton Township workers clean up the mess and direct traffic around the damage.

## Canton chips away at storm damage

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sheldon Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue was still closed Wednesday as Canton Township officials awaited efforts by utility companies to right several power poles damaged in Monday's sudden thunderstorm.

The storm, which moved mostly through southern Canton Monday afternoon and uprooted trees, downed limbs and power lines and even flipped over a carport at a Canton apartment complex.

Municipal services Director Tim Faas said Tuesday electrical lines were still down along Sheldon Road. He said he hoped the situation would be resolved "hopefully by Friday."

He said the residential area most affected by the storm, which whipped winds near 80 mph, was Canton Hills, where several "substantial, mature trees" were uprooted, including one of which had fallen on a house.

"We're working with residents to come up with a program to get in there, collect the trees, and chip them," Faas said.

Some places in Wayne County got up to three-quarters of an inch of rain Monday afternoon, according to National Weather Service reports. DTE Energy officials estimated some 65,000 customers in the southeast part of the state lost power in the storm, which included intense rain and high winds.

The weather service said tree branches and limbs came down all around metro Detroit, including a three-foot thick tree in Canton Township, where a carport at the Autumn Ridge Apartments blew over.

DTE's online power outage map online showed the storm affected customers in several Wayne County cities, including Canton. The map showed other outages throughout the metro area.



A utility worker hikes south on Sheldon to get closer to the damaged poles after Monday's storm passed through. Canton Township officials said the storm mainly passed through the southern end of the township.

"We had lots of reports of tree limbs down," said Faas, who pointed out the storm largely passed through southern Canton. "Otherwise, it was fairly routine storm damage, minor limbs, etc."

Faas said no injuries were reported.

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## Board OKs tax abatement for energy facility

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton company will begin to turn the methane gas generated by some 2,500 tons of municipal solid waste collected daily at the Sauk Trail Hills landfill into renewable energy after getting approval Tuesday from the Canton Township board to build a renewable natural gas facility there.

The township board voted unanimously to allow Canton Renewables, a subsidiary of California-based Clean Energy, to establish its facility as part of the South Central Canton Industrial Development District, and gave the company a five-year tax abatement. Canton Renewables will build the facility — the project is expected to take a \$15.6 million investment — on property it purchased from the landfill's owner, Republic Waste.

"Gas will be captured, purified and utilized as an alternative source of fuel," said Jeffrey Grill, Clean Energy's director of biomethane engineering.

Currently, the gas created by the site's MSW is "flared," or burned off into the atmosphere. The Canton Renewables facility will collect and clean some 4.6 million cubic feet per day. Once the "scrubbed" gas is fed into the pipeline, Canton Renewables could sell it to a power producer to be turned into renewable electricity.

According to Grill, the project could fuel several thousand commercial vehicles or produce enough electricity to power some 6,000 homes. Additionally, it reduces emissions and other air pollutants currently generated by the site.

That's the part of the plan township trustees like.

"What a waste watching that flame go up," Trustee Pat Williams said of the flaring process. "It's great they're



making this investment in Canton."

The project is expected to generate some 30 jobs during its construction phase, providing "economic opportunities" to the local community, Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. The township doesn't directly benefit financially in terms of royalties or other income, because such royalties weren't in vogue when Canton signed its host agreement with Republic Waste in the 1980s.

"At the time, gas royalties weren't a popular thing," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "If they had signed it four or five years later, they probably would have been."

That doesn't mean there isn't a huge, albeit less tangible, benefit, according to Grill, who likened the capture and re-use of the methane gas to recycling.

"Flaring the gas produces a lot of emissions going into the atmosphere," he said. "We're recapturing that gas and cleaning up to a level much lower than what would be flared otherwise."

The plant is expected to be up and running by March and could produce benefits for as much as three decades.

"There's a gas generation curve that projects out 30 years," Grill said. "We're anticipating 20-30 years of landfill gas generation."

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## Blue Angels fly Canton skies

Aviation enthusiasts and those who are looking into career training can learn first-hand about the broad range of opportunities in aviation technology during an appearance by members of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Precision Flying Team 9-10 a.m. Friday, July 22, at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology.

Blue Angels Team members including a pilot, maintenance technicians and support staff will tour MIAT and

conduct a presentation in the MIAT hangar.

According to Charles Hawes, President of MIAT, the visit provides an up-close, personalized experience for those who attend.

"Students and visitors can meet the team members, hear stories about their individual backgrounds and careers, and participate in a question and answer session," Hawes said.

This is the third year the Blue Angels have visited the

school. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The Navy Flying Team will star in the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport on Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24. They have won worldwide acclaim for their daring precision flight skills and demonstrations.

For more information, Call MIAT at (800) 447-1310. The campus is located at 2955 Haggerty Road, just north of Michigan Ave., in Canton.

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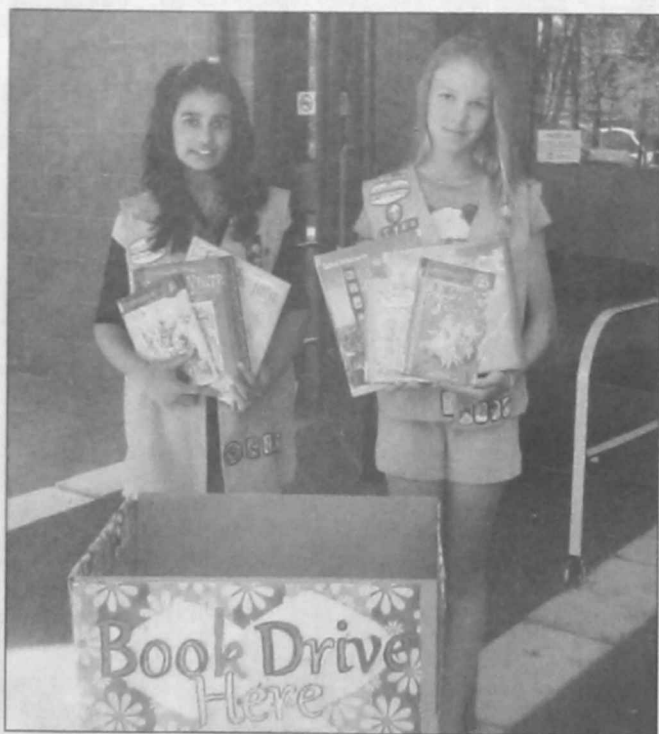
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## Girl Scouts leading book drive charge

Local Girl Scouts Christina Christianson and Maha Zahid, Troop 40196, are working on the Girl Scout Silver Award by collecting books for the students of Bennett Elementary School in Detroit.

A fire recently destroyed part of the school, including the library, and caused severe smoke and water damage. The school budget will not allow them to replace library books for their library, or for 23

classrooms.

Donors are being asked to place new or used books at the special Girl Scout Book donation box at the Plymouth District Library through July 26. The types of books needed are preschool to fifth-grade books, accelerated reader books, chapter books, dictionaries, thesauruses and encyclopedias.

For more details contact the library at (734) 453-0750, ext. 242.

"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

### Grief workshop

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville

**Details:** Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What? Contact: Call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

### Man-to-man sale

**Date/Time:** Friday, July 15, 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Location:** VFW Mayflower-Gamble Post 6695, 1426 Mill, Plymouth

**Details:** The VFW Mayflower-Gamble Post 6695 hosts a man-to-man sale for buyers and sellers who have stuff, want stuff or just need new stuff. Tables inside are \$20; tables outside are \$10-\$15; general admission is \$2.

**Contact:** Dennis Bielskis, (248) 486-0001 or dbielskis@comcast.net

### Hospice volunteers

**Date/Time:** Soon

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate 1-2 hours of their time per week. The next new-volunteer orientation is fast-approaching, and will take place at the office in Canton.

**Contact:** Justine Galat, jgalat@cch-net.net or (888) 983-9050.

### Northville grub

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

**Location:** Downtown Northville

**Details:** The Northville Chamber

presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand prize drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30.

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

### Spanish camp

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

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

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

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

### Rockettes golf

**Date/Time:** Aug. 7

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

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

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

### History kids camp

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Children can experience aspects of the Civil War at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the first annual History Kids Kamp. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s.

**Contact:** Visit the museum's web-

## AROUND CANTON



## Pageant winners

Several local contestants were named 2011 winners at the recent Miss Michigan American Coed Pageant in Dearborn. The 2011 Queens included Christina Zitkus of Northville, Miss Michigan American Coed Junior Teen; Courtenay Ackley of Chelsea, Teen; Josey Williams of Waterford, Miss Michigan American Coed; Selia Rendon of Canton, Coed Sweetheart; Maddison Kott of Livonia, Coed Princess; and Elizabeth Moore of Ann Arbor, Coed Preteen.

site at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information.

### Hospice support

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

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton

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

**Contact:** For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

### Farm exhibit

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

**Location:** Canton Historical

Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton

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

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## Foundation hosts 5K fun run

Runners and walkers from across western Wayne County will gather to race and raise money for the Community Assistance Foundation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Van Buren Park.

The 5K race will be a family fun event for the entire community. In addition to the race, there will be free hot dogs, a kids tour of the Van Buren Township Fire Truck and Police Car, face painting and more.

The CAF5 organization provides financial assistance to children in need of prescription drugs and eye glasses within the five communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Romulus and Huron Township. CAF5 also does special fundraising for families with children who have catastrophic illnesses. This will mark the third race that CAF5 has sponsored in Van Buren Township.

"Our mission has been to assist families that are in crisis when no other resources are available for short term help. Most are referred to us by the three school districts serving these five communities. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our tag line is 'Making a difference one child at a time,'" CAF5 board member Bob Thorne explained. "We also help lead clients to additional long-term help. For the last five years we have been helping with paying for prescription drugs and eyeglasses for students that are

deemed eligible by the school social worker or principal.

"We have seen significant increases in the need for help in the last couple of years," Thorne added. "For longer term help we refer to a free/low cost government funded clinic in Inkster and Taylor. We also step in to help with longer term needs for children with medical issues like Leukemia."

The 5K Summer Fun Run/Walk event has been met with tremendous community support. Local businesses and organizations including Sumpter Market, EQ, Garden Fantasy, Twisted Rooster, Pinter's Flowerland, Accurate Analytical Testing LLC, The Envelope Printery, Environmental Testing & Consulting, Johnston Lithograph, Michigan Education Foundation, Acho T-shirts, VBASA, VBEA and Coca-Cola are sponsoring the race.

Spectators can bring their families to cheer on the racers and enjoy the free food, entertainment, playground, face painting and more. Donations will be accepted at the event, as well.

To register to go www.bellevillelakecurrent.com and click on the banner ad to download the registration form or contact Tabitha Pinter at PinterTS@gmail.com or (734) 732-8857. Race T-shirts will be provided to those who pre-register and on race day while supplies last.

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# Concours preview shows cars, new venue

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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Organizers of one of the most prestigious car shows in the world offered a sneak peak Tuesday at some of the rare, antique and classic vehicles that will grace Plymouth Township and Plymouth later this month.

The Concours d'Elegance of America, which is moving to the Inn at St. John's after 32 years at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, will bring more than 300 show cars — including early racers, luxury Cords, Lincolns and Duesenbergs, 1970s funny cars and more — to the St. John's golf course Sunday, July 31. The Concours also offers three days of related events, including a motoring tour of the area for exhibitors, a show of car art, receptions, seminars and a live auction of high-end cars.

Car owners, public officials and others involved in putting together the show raved about the new venue during a media preview Tuesday morning.

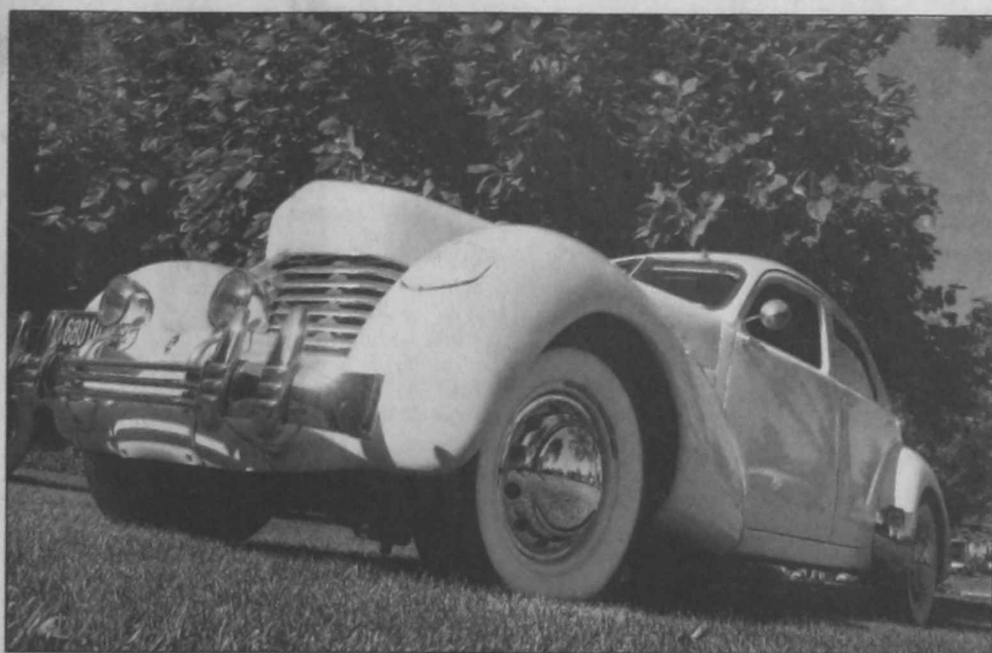
"I love it. The layout is better. There's more room," said Tom Butterworth of Madison Heights, who will be showing a heavily modified Ford Model T racer that was in the 1924 Indianapolis 500 (with a qualifying time of 88 mph) that he restored.

The Inn at St. John's, on more than 200 acres, offers an on-site hotel and a 27-hole golf course.

"I think it's terrific," said Terry Adderly of Bloomfield Hills. It's a tough change after so long in Rochester, Adderly added, but, "people are going to be much happier here."

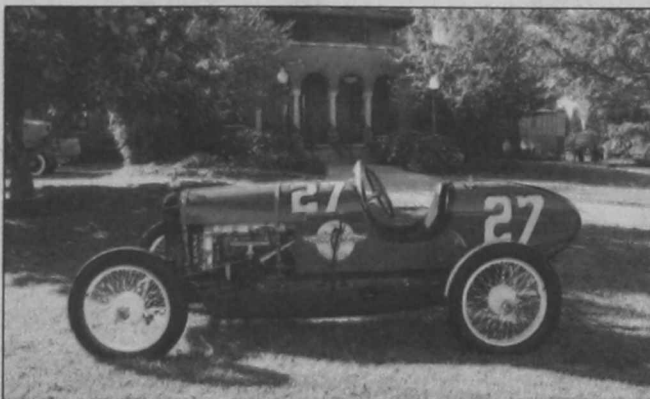
Adderly, a Concours board member, is going to show a one-of-its-kind Duesenberg race car that he acquired in the past year.

The car raced at Indianapolis in 1931 and 1933, he said, finishing 13th (after starting in 40th place) in its second Indy run. It's a rarity, he said, because so many race cars from the era ended up



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There will be a special group of Cords at the show. This 1937 Cord Beverly is owned by Leslie Dreist of Saginaw.



Rick Linder of Dearborn owns this 1927 Barber-Warnock Indy car.

being destroyed in crashes. His car actually spent about a decade, disassembled, in a barn in Missouri, Adderly said.

Adderly has a soft spot for Duesenbergs, which were made from 1913 to 1937. "These are probably the most sophisticated cars for their day," he said.

Reporters and bloggers — and some St. John's morning golfers — at Tuesday's preview also caught glimpses of a massive 1931 Cadillac Sport Phaeton, a 1953 Pontiac Chieftan Deluxe convertible and a 1952 Hudson Hornet

(the Hudson Motor Car Co. of Detroit became part of American Motors).

Brian Joseph, chairman of this year's Concours selection committee, said other cars scheduled for the show are a 1948 Tucker, the fifth-oldest Lincoln in the country, and a 1930 Packard owned by 101-year-old Margaret Dunning of Plymouth. Exhibitors, who come from around the country, are pleased with the new location, Joseph said.

So are local officials. "We are delighted to do what

we can to bring this event" to the township, Supervisor Richard Reaume told the crowd Tuesday at St. John's. "We couldn't be more pleased."

"We're confident that after your first year here you're going to love the community as much as we do," said John Buzuvis, Plymouth's special projects director and the business operations director for the city's Downtown Development Authority.

Buzuvis announced that a free shuttle service during the Concours will run between downtown Plymouth, the Inn at St. John's and Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood. A shuttle will also go between the show and the ACH (formerly Visteon and, earlier, Ford) plant on Sheldon Road, where Concours attendees are encouraged to park.

For more information on the 2011 Concours d'Elegance of America, visit the website [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org). The show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 a person; children 12 and under are free.

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## Food bucks come to Farmers Market

Canton officials announced the arrival of Double Up Food Bucks at the Canton Farmers Market.

DUFB, an initiative of the Fair Food Network, encourages healthier eating and provides greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income Michigan families. For every \$2 spent on fresh food at participating farmer's markets, Bridge Card holders receive \$2 worth of DUFB bonus tokens (up to \$20 in tokens per visit) which can be used to buy fresh Michigan-grown produce.

Double Up Food Bucks in Canton is funded by a grant from Americana Foundation, Bank of America, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, Erb Family Foundation, Jewish Fund, Knight Foundation, Kresge Foundation, LISC, Open Society Foundations, Whole Foods Market, Wholesome Wave, United Way for Southeast Michigan and W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Since the program started as a pilot in the fall of 2009 at Detroit's Eastern Market, it has grown to 42 sites around the state, funded by more than 25 local, state and national foundations. Officials point out DUFB has already proved highly successful: from August to October 2010, low-income families used their federal food assistance dollars, and matching DUFB tokens, to purchase \$203,451 worth of

locally-grown produce from 15 participating farmers' markets, and those dollars flowed directly to small farmers and their rural communities.

"Our goal is to help Michigan families in need get twice as much food while stretching their grocery budgets in a healthy direction, and by all accounts it appears that we are starting to accomplish this objective," said Dr. Oran Hesterman, president and CEO of Fair Food Network. "And the strong collaboration of so many supporters has enabled us to grow the program throughout Michigan on a faster timetable than we had anticipated."

Market days at the Canton Farmers Market take place every Sunday, now through Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on getting a Bridge Card, call the Michigan Department of Human Services at 1-888-MIBRIDG, visit [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges) or contact your local food bank, Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 571-0300 (e-mail [snap@gcfc.org](mailto:snap@gcfc.org)) or Forgotten Harvest at (248) 967-1500.

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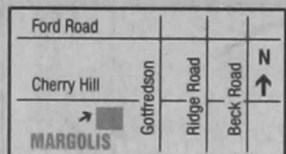
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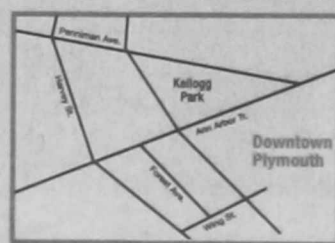
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## CRIME WATCH

### No Taco Bell

One man was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia after he was found passed out in the driver's seat of his Volvo in the drive-through lane at the Taco Bell restaurant on Ford Road.

Police saw the blue Volvo in the drive-through lane, apparently without a driver and with a large gap between it and the car in front of it. The driver of the front car got out of his vehicle and told police he believed the driver in the Volvo had "passed out."

According to reports, a Canton police officer approached the Volvo and spotted the driver passed out in the front seat. After banging on the window and being unable to rouse the driver, the officer opened the car door and tapped the driver on the shoulder, waking him.

When the driver sat up, the officer noticed an odor of "burned marijuana," and saw a black-and-white pipe in the center console. The driver, according to the police report, told the officer a friend had made him smoke the marijuana.

Police cited the Volvo driver for possession of paraphernalia.

### Meijer mashing

Police responded to a call for a larceny from an auto at the Canton Meijer on Ford Road, only to find nothing had actually been stolen.

When the officer arrived, the victim said nothing had actually been stolen, but that a suspect had jumped on the hood of his car, then run across the roof.

The suspect then jumped off the car and got into a waiting Pontiac Grand Prix that had two other males waiting. The victim believed the three males to be about 17-18 years old.

Police found the Grand Prix, with

its engine still warm, at a home on Fox Pointe. The officer noticed three teenage boys inside, trying to hide. The teens refused to open the door. The homeowner, who turned out to be the mother of one of the suspects, finally allowed police to enter the home. She took police to her son's room, where police noticed the suspect lying on his bed — and the other two lying on a couch — pretending to be asleep.

Upon being "awakened," the boys eventually admitted to being at Meijer. Police also discovered drug paraphernalia on a coffee table in the room, along with a container of suspected marijuana.

The son was arrested for possession of marijuana and of drug paraphernalia. The other two males were arrested for loitering where drugs are kept or sold.

### Hit and run

Police responded to a home on Williamsburg where a 10-year-old

girl said she'd been hit by a car while riding her bike home from Field Elementary School.

The girl told police she was riding her bike home from the school and had stopped at Westfield Circle and Haggerty. She said she and two friends had stopped and checked for traffic, saw none, and began to cross Westfield Circle. She said she then saw a dark gray Chevrolet or Ford four-door vehicle. After the vehicle hit her, she said, a woman she described as thin Asian woman in her mid-20s stopped to ask if she was OK.

She said she told the woman she was unhurt, at which point the woman then drove off down Haggerty.

Police could find neither the car nor the driver.

### Penney of prevention

Canton Police arrested a man July 10 after he was allegedly caught trying to steal a pair of blue jeans from the J.C. Penney store on Ford Road.

Police responded to a call from the store's loss prevention employee, who had the suspect in custody when they arrived. He said the man entered the store shortly before 4 p.m. and eventually proceeded to men's clothing, where he allegedly stuffed a \$58 pair of jeans down the front of his shorts.

The Penney employee told police he observed the suspect pass all of the store's points of sale. He approached the man and escorted him back into the store, where police were called.

Upon questioning, the suspect admitted he'd put the jeans down his shorts, according to the police report. The suspect told police he had no wallet nor any cash on his person.

The suspect was arrested for retail fraud. He's due in court July 27.



## Local pair pleads guilty to tax evasion

Two Michigan residents pleaded guilty to tax evasion, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced Monday.

A federal grand jury in Detroit returned an indictment against David A. Cusumano and Henry Nino in January.

According to court documents, Cusumano was a mechanical engineer from Plymouth, and Nino was an electrician from Northville. Both men admitted to committing tax evasion by failing to file income tax returns and maintaining Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificates with their employers that falsely claimed they were exempt from tax withholding.

According to court documents, both men admitted to using the services of Florida-based tax fraud promoter American Rights Litigators/Guiding Light of God Ministries. Nino and Cusumano both paid ARL/GLGM to submit false and obstructive correspondence to the IRS and to their banks, and to submit complaints to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration that falsely accused IRS employees of criminal conduct.

According to court documents, Nino attempted to prevent the IRS from collecting his unpaid taxes for the years 1996, 1997 and 2000-2003 by transferring title of his personal residence to a nominee entity called the Michigan Natural Group, using money orders to make mortgage payments, cashing paychecks rather than deposit-

ing them in a bank account, and submitting fake financial instruments to the Department of the Treasury in purported payment of his tax liabilities.

According to court documents, in addition to the actions carried out by ARL/GLGM on his behalf, Cusumano attempted to evade the assessment of his 2003-2008 taxes by failing to file tax returns for each of these years as required by law and by submitting fake financial instruments to the Department of the Treasury in purported payment of his tax liabilities.

In August 2004, a federal district judge permanently enjoined the operators of ARL from the sale of a nationwide tax scam. In April 2008, a federal court in Florida sentenced two promoters of ARL, as well as ARL client Wesley Snipes, to prison for tax offenses. In August 2010, three promoters of ARL were each sentenced in the District of Columbia to 10 years in prison, along with ARL founder Eddie Ray Kahn, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

The total tax loss associated with Nino's conduct, for sentencing purposes, is \$366,088 and the total tax loss associated with Cusumano's conduct, for sentencing purposes, is \$390,185.

The charges against Cusumano and Nino carry a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 20.

The case was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation, and Tax Division Trial Attorneys Melissa Siskind and Jeffrey McLellan are prosecuting the case.

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# Hot crowds, weather mark Art in the Park

**BY MATT JACHMAN**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blessed with rainless though hot weather, large crowds and raves from exhibitors, Art in the Park wrapped up another event Sunday.

"The crowds started really early in the morning and they were just as thick when the show was over," said Dianne Quinn, who organizes the show with daughter Raychel Rork.

The three-day art festival, which brings together artisans, crafters, vendors and the public, has been an annual staple in downtown Plymouth since 1980. This year's event featured more than 400 exhibits from artists across the country.

Quinn had no hard overall attendance numbers, but ventured this year's crowds set an Art in the Park record.

An example, she said, was the Lego Spinjitzu Masters tour, which stopped in Kellogg Park and drew more than 6,500 visitors over the three days. The tour organizers consider 1,500 visitors a day a good turnout, she said.

"We were real excited to hear that. We were on top of their tour so far," Quinn said.

Art in the Park, which city officials said is the biggest festival hosted in Plymouth, continues to bask in its popularity.

"I love the festival. I love the people it brings to town," Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations, a gift shop on Forest Avenue, said in Kellogg Park during a break from browsing. The customers Art in the Park brings to downtown businesses outweigh inconveniences such as heavy traffic and closed streets, Delap said. It's also good for her, she added, as a way to find vendors for products, especially from Michigan, her store might carry.

Delap likes to shop Art in the Park, too. "There're just things you don't normally see in a store. Very unique," she said.

That's what Leslie Hawkins, of Las Vegas, Nev., was counting on to bring people to her booth on Main Street. Hawkins sells women's clothing that's hand-painted with her own designs, including



Linda Bennett, an artist from South Bend, Ind., works on another painting while waiting for customers at last weekend's Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

many flowers and abstracts, and says Art in the Park is a good fit for her.

"It's a good market. It's our clientele," said Hawkins, who guessed it was her fifth trip to Plymouth for the show. She's been embellishing clothing for 24 years; her mother, Jeanette Nacht, helps with dyeing, sewing and keeping inventory.

Some artists reported selling out of their works, Quinn said, and a craftsman from Mississippi who makes banks out of antique postal boxes said he had broken the sales records he's made in his 10 years of doing art shows. "We're still getting reports about how well people did," she said.

Quinn said the show was helped by "fabulous weather" and was lucky it didn't get hit by the storm that rolled through the area Monday afternoon. The heat did take a toll, however, as several people had to be treated after being overcome by the heat.

Quinn also said that a theft from an artist's booth was reported and that a volunteer was injured in a parking lot Sunday when she was struck by a golf cart that was pushed into her when a truck was backed into it.

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Greg Hester (second from left), with Samantha (left), Nancy and Alex Hester, was honored Tuesday for 21 years of service to Canton Township.

## Maintenance chief calls it a career

**BY BRAD KADRICH**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Greg Hester started as a maintenance technician in Canton Township two decades ago, things were much smaller. There were half the employees, half the buildings and life was less hectic.

Some 21 years later, Hester retired as the township's lead maintenance technician. Hester was honored for his service at Tuesday's board of trustees meeting.

"Throughout his career, Greg's commitment and loyalty to the job has always shown passionately," said Phil LaJoy, Canton township supervisor, reading from the resolution recognizing Hester's career. "We never expected anything less than Greg's utmost attention when emergency maintenance situations arose, and he never disappointed."

LaJoy applauded Hester's hard work and dedication as he handled the day-to-day operational needs for township departments, including taking care of some 50 facilities with

more than 400,000 square feet of building space. His job, LaJoy pointed out, involved oversight of many building requirements including roofing, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, custodial services and special event support.

"He was a great employee," said Brad Sharp, Canton's park and facilities manager. "Greg was someone you could always count on, and someone who was always there."

Hester hired in with the township in February 1990, about a year after he earned his HVAC license. Hester was on-call for a variety of facility needs, including heating and cooling, plumbing and electric repairs.

LaJoy said Hester will be missed.

"Greg consistently demonstrated professionalism, exemplary public service and a strong commitment to those who have crossed his path," LaJoy said. "Greg's easy-going style, friendship and sense of humor have touched many people in the Canton community."



Muralist Kristen Dillenbeck Anderson works on a piece inspired by Van Gogh.



Twelve-year-old Claire Wojan's love of designing her own hair bows turned into a cottage industry. Last weekend, the Novi resident had a table at Art in the Park.

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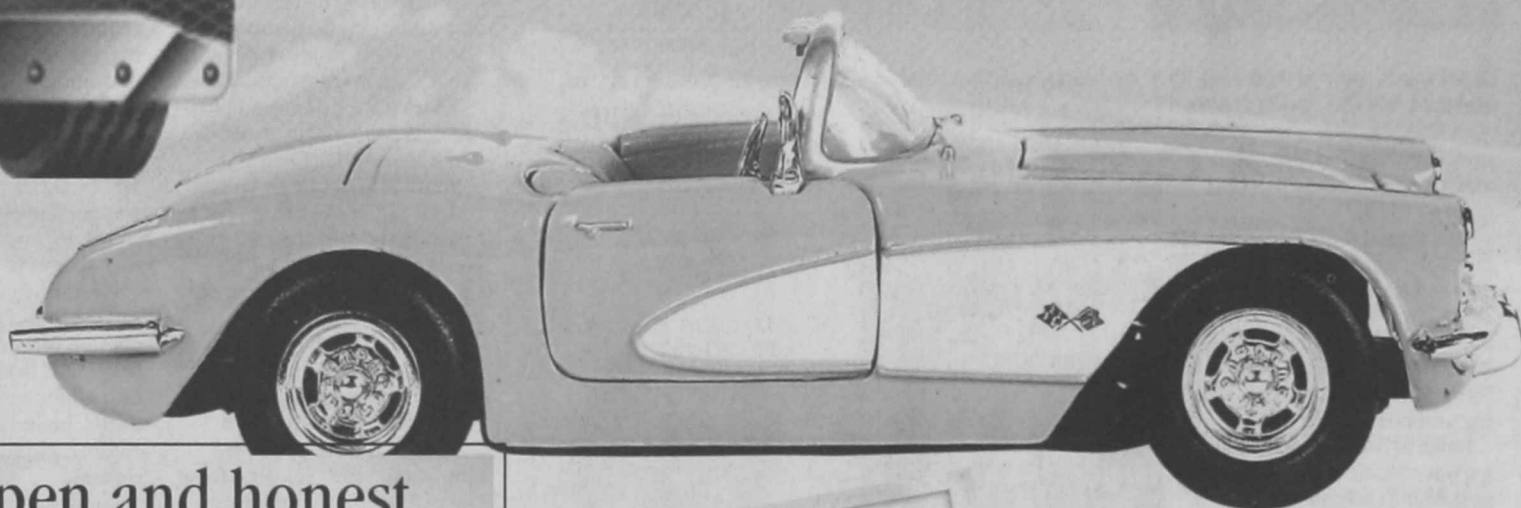
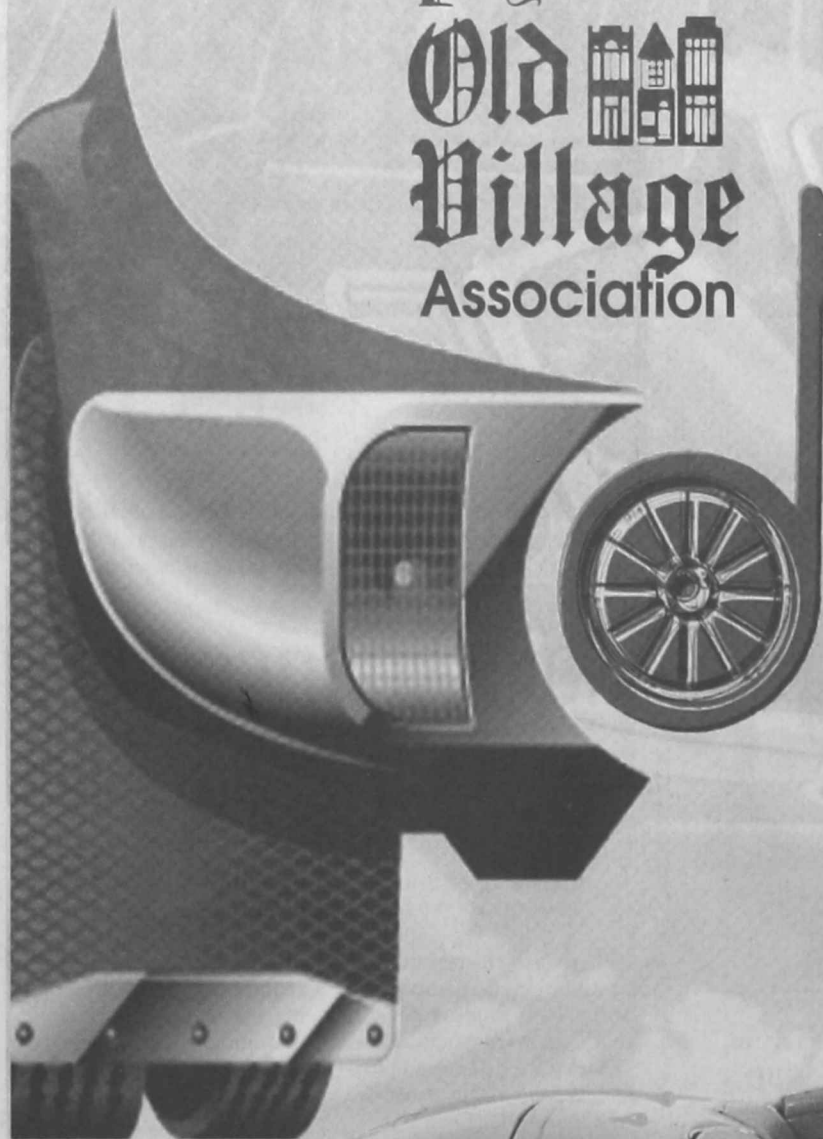
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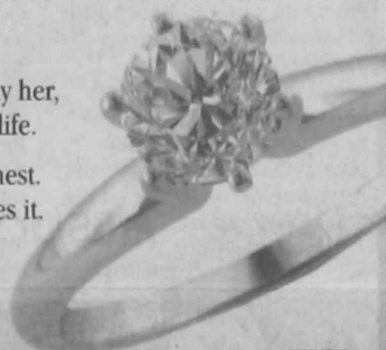
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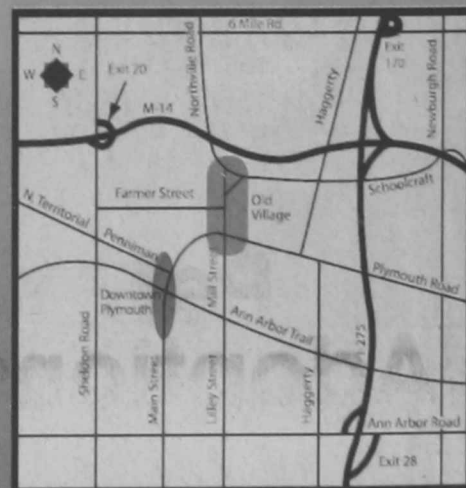
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Youngsters make a dash for the mud with official start of Mud Day Tuesday in Hines Park in Westland.



Julia Cunnen of Canton gets up close and personal with the mud.



Nick Vanderveen of Canton opts for goggles to keep the mud out of his eyes.

## Squish, squish

County Parks' Mud Day brings out the kids ... and adults

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something royal about Megan Hepp's family. In the four times she has brought her children to Wayne County Parks' Mud Day, the Northville resident has gone home with two kings and this year's queen.

"I laid in the mud and went back and forth," 6-year-old Kathryn Hepp said. "I hoped I'd win. My mom helped me."

"I think the way to do it is layer upon layer upon layer upon layer and letting it dry between layers," her mother said. "It was a whole day of adding on mud."

Kathryn's bright purple crown was in stark contrast with the layer of brown mud that covered her from head to toe. But it was nothing like 10-year-old Cole Argo of Novi, whose eyelashes were a solid chunk of the brown goo.

It was his first time at Mud Day and he had to admit that he was very surprised he won.

"It was kind of hard to get the mud on. I just had to try to stay away from the water and kind of pile it on everywhere," he said. "I kind of used it as glue."

Sonya Szabo of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, may have come the farthest to be at Mud Day. She brought her son Jude, 9, and Cole.

"He's a friend and it's the one day a year I get to visit with him," she said. "I don't think he thought he'd win, but on the way here, my son was confident he'd win, so they worked together to load on the mud."

### FAR AND NEAR

While the park was officially closed to traffic Tuesday from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive due to flooding, fans of Mud Day flocked to the Nankin Mills area for the annual event. Cars, trucks and school buses filled the available parking lots and lined the road. People even hiked in after parking their cars in nearby residential areas.

Both children and adults played and did contests like running backward in the muddy pit. When they were through, they cleaned off with the help of the Westland Fire Department

and Western Wayne Hazardous Material Unit. The Westland Fire Department provided the water supply and the HazMat team "did the work" in the shower area.

"I can't believe all the kids that are here today," Westland Fire Capt. John Valensky said. "I've never saw it this big — there's school buses here."

Firefighters ran 400 feet of hose to the shower area, but when the line to clean up stretched almost to Hines Drive, firefighters broke out another hose and rinsed off kids and adults at the end of the line.

"This so great for the kids," Valensky said.

Judeh Odeh of Garden City was having a blast in the mud pit, but his 4-year-old sister Gabriella was hiding out under the stage. On a day when parents encouraged their kids to play in the mud, she was content to play with the grass.

This was the family's first time at Mud Day and Judeh gave it a thumbs-up.

"It's a blast. I want to go in, but I can't," said his father, Frank, nodding to his daughter.

### 'THIS IS OK'

Lori Pfeil didn't care if her kids got muddy. The family is visiting from San Antonio, Texas.

"We're in a drought in Texas, so this is OK," she said.

Brighton resident Jennifer Pfeil found out about it from a friend who lives in Belleville, who told her they had to do it.

"They're all excited. If they did it at home, they'd get yelled at," she said.

Wallowing in the pit with Jennifer Pfeil were Sarah Pfeil, 14, Kalina Bransford, 14, Jessica Pfeil, 9, and Tori Pfeil, 13, who sported a smile full of muddy braces.

"It tastes gritty," she said, heading back for more. "The best part is the mud. We've been able to get dirty and not get yelled at."

"They're allowed to get dirty," Lori Pfeil said. "What's part of the fun, too, is when do you get to do something like this?"

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## Scouts teach 'upcycling' at Ann Arbor Art Fair

There will be something new this year at the Ann Arbor Art Fair: Girls Scouts who will be on hand to teach kids how to create usable art with recycled materials at the Art Activity Zone on Ingalls Mall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 20-23.

Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp, which is owned and operated by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes using magazines, catalogs and calendars.

"Creating a memorable art-making experience is very important to us," said Michelle Schaefer, director of programs and outreach for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. "We work to ensure that our Art Activity Zone offers quality arts education projects to kids and families. Organizations like Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan make this possible."

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is a group of four award-winning art fairs that take place Wednesday-Saturday, July 20-23, in downtown Ann Arbor. The event attracts more than 500,000 visitors annually. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to art exhibits, the fair also features music performances and children's activities - most notably the Imagination Stations - family-oriented stops along the way offering special projects designed to engage and chal-



Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

lenge even the youngest of fair goers.

"There are many kids who do not have art classes in school, and these projects at the fair may be their only art experience this year," Schaefer said.

## Midyear: Great time to review finances

BY RICK BLOOM  
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's mid-year and a great time to review your personal finances. Last week I discussed pruning your portfolio to keep it well-maintained and balanced.

However, when it comes to personal finance, it's more than just your investment portfolio. It is estate planning needs, taxes, risk management, debt and cash flow. All these areas are important in order to maintain your personal financial affairs. One thing that everyone should look at mid-way through the year that helps in all areas of personal finance, is cash flow.

Cash flow means determining where your money is coming from and where it is going. Typically, it is easy to

know where money is coming from. Most of us obtain the cash coming into our households either from salaries or investments. Check your last pay stub, which is in the great majority of situations cumulative for the year, as well as statements received over the next few weeks from investments.

The second half of the equation, often more difficult, shows where your money is going. You should know where every dollar that's coming in is going. You should know how much is going for food, entertainment, utilities, etc. In other words, you should know exactly what you have spent your hard-earned dollars on.

One of the most important numbers for each of us is what it costs us to live a month. The only way to get this number is to look at where your cash is going.

This is important because it could help you determine whether you can afford to retire. If you're already retired it could help determine whether you have to make any

lifestyle adjustments. From an estate planning and risk management standpoint, that number is important because it could help you make important decisions such as whether you need life insurance.

### PERSONAL INFLATION RATE

If you prepare a cash flow statement a couple times a year, you will determine your cost of living and personal inflation rate.

The government reports inflation, but that number is relatively meaningless to the average citizen. What is important is our individual inflation rate. If you prepared a cash flow statement last year at this time, you could compare it to this year and have an idea of what costs are increasing on a year-by-year basis.

The more you know about your finances the better you will be at handling them. I strongly recommend that as we enter the dog days of summer you spend some time preparing a cash flow statement.

At the same time, I also recommend preparing a per-

sonal balance sheet - a list of your assets and liabilities. Your assets less your liabilities equal your net worth. Maintaining a personal balance sheet can help you see how you are doing over the years. If your net worth is not growing, it may signify a problem that you need to correct.

Liabilities are a key section of a personal balance sheet is your. Getting a handle on your debts is one of the most fiscally responsible things you can do.

The first time you prepare a cash flow statement or a personal balance sheet is time consuming. However, every time after that, it gets easier and easier. So if you want to make life easier six months from now, prepare a family balance sheet and a cash flow statement now.

Good luck!

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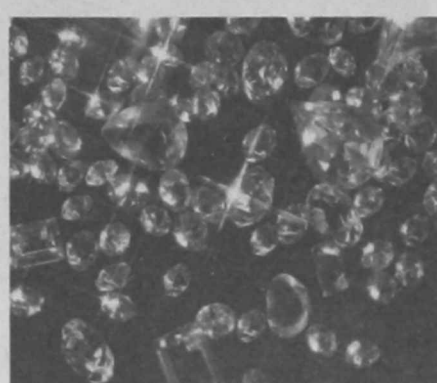
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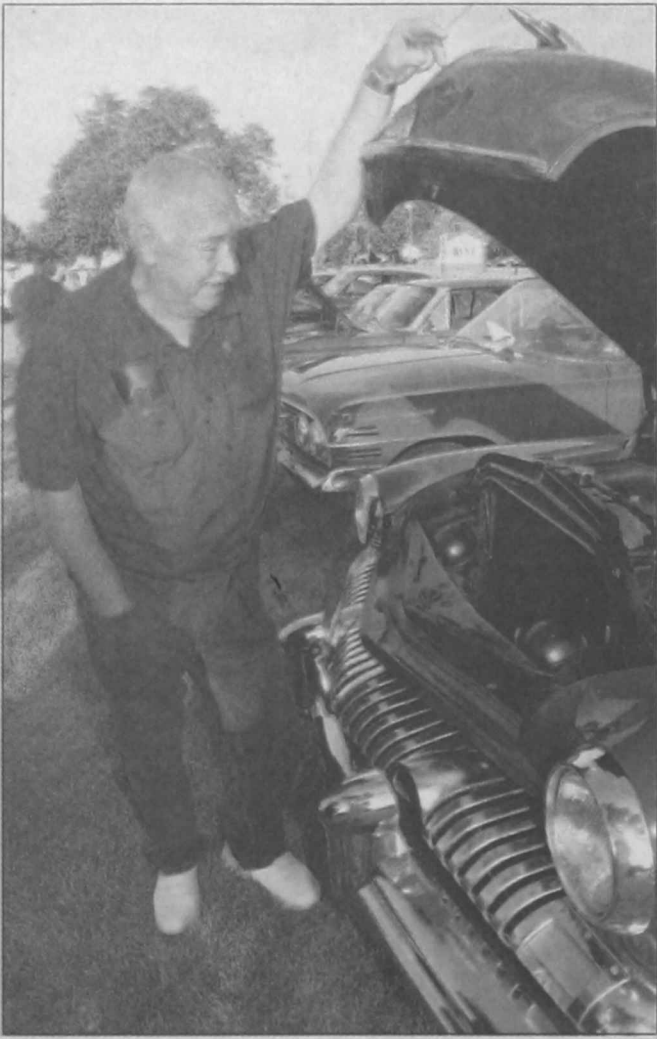


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# Cruisers, classics turn out for Autos for Autism



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Joseph Wien's tasty 1951 Mercury is up for sale. The Garden City resident is looking for a convertible.



Dennis Struzik of Garden City, and Wilf Lockley of Redford take a look at one of the classic cars on display at Monday evening's Autos for Autism car show.



Darlene Jablonowski, a member of the Burger Autism School Association, talks about the annual car show with Loraine Stover. The two women serve on the Garden City school board.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The storms may have rolled through western Wayne County Monday, but they were considered enough to be gone by the time classic cars and motorcycles began rolling into Garden City High School for the 11th annual Autos for Autism car show.

"I'm here every year, it's one of my favorite shows — this and the Livonia Spree," said David Roeser of Livonia, who, with his son, David, was showing off their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe they turned into a street rod. "I like the smaller shows, they're more fun. You get to talk to folks and renew acquaintances. This is a good time, good food and good people and it raises funds for a good cause."

Put on by the Burger Autistic School Association, the money raised will be used to benefit students who attend the county-wide Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. According to show treasurer Darlene Jablonowski, this year's funds — more than \$8,000 — will be used to upgrade technology.

"We're going to buy iPads, they have some great programs for the kids," said Jablonowski. "They're a great way for the kids to express themselves, especially the nonverbal students."

## ENJOYING THE SHOW

Jablonowski estimates attendance was down about 25 percent, due in part to the afternoon storms, but those who showed up were enjoying the food and the music while looking at the cars, motorcycles and dragsters.

Bob McAdams of Livonia brought his 2002 Harley Davidson Road King Classic that sported at 1947 Indian sidecar. A member of American Legion Post 396's Legion Riders chapter, he came to the event to "give money to the kids."

"I got it in a garage in Hartland from a guy who installed sidecars," McAdams said. "It was in the rough. It was painted black and on a green motorcycle. I had to send to California for the knockoff tire."

Dave Waite of Garden City also does the show for the kids. Sitting in the shadow of the Shell-Camino monster truck, Waite was showing off the dragsters driven by his sons, Kyle, 14 and, Kevin, 11. The two brothers race in the open point series at Milan Dragway.

"We kind of, sort of built them, we bought the parts and out then together," said Waite.

As cool as the dragsters were, Austin Cowan of Garden City was more interested in the monster truck, tricked out with

seats so it can give rides at truck shows, speedways, NASCAR events, even birthday parties.

"This is an awesome truck," said Austin. "I'd love to drive it on the street. Everybody would be honking, but that would be so sweet."

"It's a lot of fun, it puts a lot of smiles on face," said Plymouth resident Ron Kujat, who was at the show with wife Shelly, who's sixth in the world in monster truck competition.

"I worked for FedEx for 20 years, the kids grew up and moved out and we thought what are we going to do now," she said. "We decided to have some fun. My husband is a serious motor head."

## THE 'ONLY SHOW'

For Joseph Wien of Garden City, Autos for Autism is the only car show he puts his 1951 Mercury in; he'd rather drive it than sit and look at. That and his daughter and son-in-law work at the Burger Center.

He bought the car in 1998-99. The body and interior were in good shape, but he has had to do such things as overhauling the engine and putting in a new drive shaft.

"The speedometer says 90,000 miles, I think," he said. "I'm not sure, I don't drive it that much."

Maurice Ballard's 1973 Lincoln Continental has 63,000 miles on the odometer. He bought the car three years ago,

and like Wien's Mercury, it was in good shape. He did change some parts and the vinyl top and seat covers to an ostrich pattern.

"I work at Ford's and the guys were always getting on me because I'm a Chevy guy," he said. "A guy brought it up from Florida and I go it through an auto sales."

The weather did delay setup by about two hours, when the skies cleared the cars started arriving, according to Jablonowski.

"People love this event, they do it for the kids," said Jablonowski. "The entry fee is \$15, but a lot of people throw us a \$20 because they know it's for the kids. One hundred percent of the goes to BASA. A lot of the people from

the community come and volunteer. This isn't a Burger event, this is a community event."

Co-chair of the show for 10 years, Cecilia Nesbitt is now devoting her time to talking to sponsors and getting the word out about the show. With the numbers for autism increasing, Nesbitt wants to fundraiser as much as possible for the Burger Center. The center, she said, needs "all the fundraising we can turn in."

"There's no way I intend to leave this show," said Nesbitt. "I have a grandchild who's a student there, that's the reason I got involved."

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Maurice Ballard of Westland dusts off his 1973 Lincoln Continental.



David Roeser and son David Roeser of Livonia took on turning their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe into a street rod before the younger David graduated from high school.



# Everyday people tell their stories at media fest

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Williams of Westland grew up on Detroit's northwest side.

Williams sees Detroit as a city he believes others do not see — with open businesses and attractive homes.

Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth and Caitlynn McInnis of Northville also envision a town — Northville — in an historical sense, using it for a story about a boy who learns about his new hometown.

McInnis, Woloszyk and Williams were just three of the participants in Mobiflicks, a contest in which teams write, produce, shoot and edit a six-minute story at PAH (Project Accessible Hollywood) Fest Motown, now in its fifth year at Madonna University in Livonia. Created by filmmaker Christopher Coppola, PAH Fest is a digital media festival which travels around the world to celebrate the stories and voices of everyday people.

## EMPOWERING THE FILMMAKERS

Sue Boyd, manager of the Franciscan Center studios, said the festival is fun for the participants, coaches and volunteers. "People feel empowered with what their stories are," Boyd said. "Whether it is someone telling stories about a grandparent and parents growing up in Mississippi and moving to Detroit, or someone telling a story about the history of Northville, they're going to have a chance to tell their story."

Besides Mobiflicks, other competitions included Cellphone Art in which participants shoot a one-minute piece of video using a video-enabled cell phone, following a surprise topic. Contestants have just a few hours to create their piece.

DigiPortraits features a short video portrait.

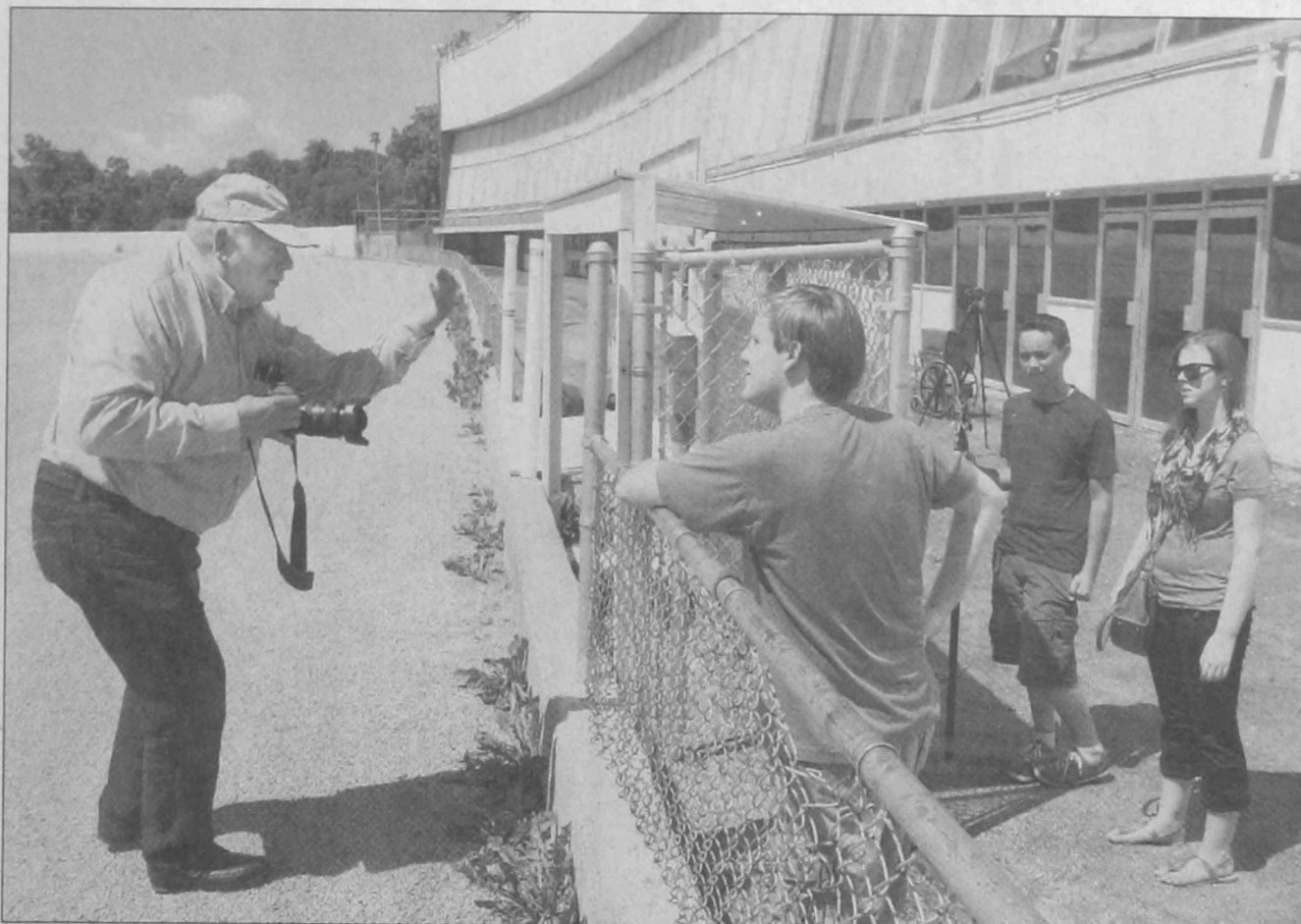
Participants in Tone Poems use a flip camera to record imagery that visually expresses an original musical composition. Computers, editing software and technical support are provided to help participants edit and complete their pieces at the Franciscan Center studios.

Another highlight of the festival is Circus Vision, a contest for young movie makers on Friday sponsored by Vanguard Community Development Corp. Children 14 and under participate in the new smart phone, visual treasure hunt.

## TELLING THEIR STORIES

On Tuesday, the Mobiflicks teams gathered to hear Gary Pillon, a retired cameraman, who talked about camera mounts and audio equipment with the storytellers.

"I've tried to give them an idea of what they are able to find," Pillon said. Pillon also wanted to let them know about audio equipment available for cameras. "People should know what is available on a retrofit



Madonna's Chuck Derry offers shooting advice to Adam Woloszyk, of Plymouth, Caitlyn McInnis, of Northville, Dillon Stevenson, of Plymouth, and Connor Keliikuli, of Milford. They're shooting on location at Northville Downs race course.



Rebecca Fairgrieve, a recent graduate of Redford's Thurston High School, looks for ideas to work with a tone poem. She's been involved with PAH Fest for five years.

basis," Pillon said.

Chuck Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts at Madonna University, said judges chose five stories for the Mobiflicks competition. The storytellers and other contest participants comprise the five teams. Each team has a coach. Derry coaches McInnis and Woloszyk. "We'll help them tell their story with camera, mikes and lights," Derry said. Many participants have experience in filmmaking, but the films "can be created by a grandma with her grandkids," Derry said.

## A SENSE OF HISTORY

Derry drove Tuesday to Northville Downs to shoot with McInnis and Woloszyk. Their story is about a young boy new in a neighborhood in Northville, whose baseball rolls out of a box given to him by his grandfather and rolls across the street where another boy stops the baseball.

The two strike up a con-

versation. The boy new to the neighborhood mentions that there was nothing to do in Northville; then the other boy starts to explain the history of the community, showing him landmarks like Northville Downs, where Joe Louis once trained in the 1930s when the site was the Wayne County fairgrounds.

The story ends with the newcomer's father tossing the baseball back into the box, and there is a photo of the boy's grandfather as a young boy. "That boy he talks to is actually his grandfather," Woloszyk said.

Woloszyk, a Plymouth resident and president of the Broadcast and Film Club at Madonna, said everybody has a story, and PAH Fest gives participants a chance to tell it. "PAH Fest is all about the communities where we live," Woloszyk said.

Woloszyk and McInnis are also fans of *The Twilight Zone*,

the popular science fiction television show of the 1960s created by Rod Serling and later revived in the 1980s and again in 2002 and 2003. "There's a real time travel element to it," Woloszyk said.

Derry gave Woloszyk shooting tips on the track at Northville Downs. "You arc around this way," Derry said. "Don't pan the shot, arc." Derry even brought a wheelchair to use for the camera. "You can do it with the wheelchair; it will help you out," Derry said.

McInnis, who lives in Northville, is home-schooled and is taking dual enrollment classes at Madonna, including film.

Before McInnis and

Woloszyk wrote the story as Team Pioneer, McInnis visited Northville's library and spoke with historians about the area. She learned about the county fairgrounds, Joe Louis training there and Henry Ford's valve plant in Northville.

McInnis said the project helped her learn the history of Northville, as her family relocated here.

"I love *The Twilight Zone*, and history, so we combined the two," McInnis said.

McInnis also knew Dillon Stevenson of Plymouth acted and performed in several plays, including several at the Cherry Hill Theater in Canton. "I love acting and when I get an opportunity, I jump on it,"

Stevenson said.

Connor Keliikuli of Milford also enjoys acting. "I think it's a good story," Keliikuli said. "It reminds me of *The Twilight Zone*. I like it a lot."

## MAKING IT VISUAL

Williams' story was shot by The D Team. Williams grew up in the area of Seven Mile and Greenfield. "Most of the news footage and YouTube depicts Detroit as a burned down, crime-infested wasteland, but that isn't the Detroit I was raised in," Williams said.

Williams doesn't consider himself a filmmaker "yet," but wants to have the ability to tell a story. "I want to take a story from my mind and make it visual, so that people can actually see what you are thinking," Williams said.

Dan Dowell of Inkster said the group shot footage on Monday and expected to shoot more on Tuesday. Williams rattled off the neighborhoods and what his team had filmed: "Sherwood Forest, Palmer Woods, Green Acres and North Rosedale Park."

The team also videotaped University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit Renaissance High School and businesses on West Seven Mile and Livernois. "There's been a resurgence in that area," Williams said.

Others enjoy the other competitions.

Rebecca Fairgrieve of Redford recently graduated from Thurston. She has participated in PAH Fest for five years. This year she is participating in Tone Poems.

"I hope to learn more and create more," Fairgrieve said. "I like to use the different programs, like Final Cut and Music Maker, to make music to go with the video."

Boyd said PAH Fest gets people together for a common good of telling stories. "It shows that Michigan is not dead," Boyd said. "We have a lot to say."

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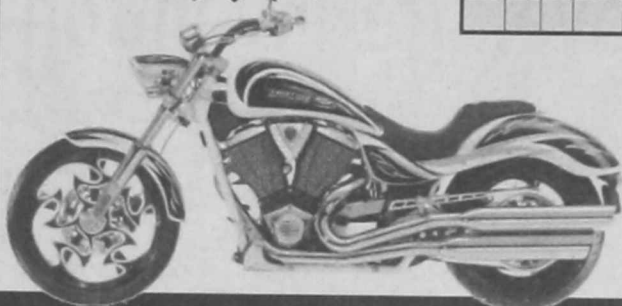
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## OUR VIEWS

# Voter ID

## Showing identification reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that preceded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on "Saturday Night Live."

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls, through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic voters.

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, nonexistent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans prefer rules, such as photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed,

who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked

out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evident of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration lists.

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a political weapon.

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not allowed to vote because they didn't have a driver's license or other pictured ID.

But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he or she can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his or her identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Which Republican candidate do you think will be the nominee to challenge President Obama?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"I think it will be Michele Bachmann, but I hope Obama wins the election so he can finish the things he has started."**

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**"I don't care who it is. I just want them to be brilliant and win."**

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**"I hope it's Michele Bachmann."**

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**"I'm going to say Mitt Romney."**

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## LETTERS

### No flashing signal

The most direct route driving home after work from Livonia to Canton takes me to the intersection of Morton-Taylor and Ford Road. Unless one reaches Ford Road before 10 p.m., the traffic signals at this intersection will flash red for drivers traveling north or south attempting to cross Canton's busiest thoroughfare.

Recently, as I was approaching the intersection of Warren Road heading south on Morton-Taylor, I could see flashing lights from a police car off in the distance, under the flashing traffic signals. As I got closer, I could see that there had been an accident at Morton-Taylor and Ford.

When I reached the intersection, a car was being loaded onto a wrecker as Canton police directed traffic onto Ford heading west. The car in front of me stopped at the intersection where several people were standing in front of Boston Market. Someone emerged from the car's passenger side joining the small crowd of people, many of them hugging one another, some of them appearing to be teenagers.

Traveling this route frequently and sometimes after 10 p.m., I often dread navigating this intersection, curiously the only one on Ford Road that goes to flashing red and yellow lights at 10 p.m. As it is not the only well-traveled intersection that follows such a schedule — Saltz and Sheldon Roads and Hanford and Canton Center are two others — it is the one that makes the least sense, about as much sense as having no traffic light at all at the intersection of Saltz and Beck roads.

Given the Township's population, given the number of accidents that occur on Ford Road, and given the volume of traffic that rarely subsides on Ford before midnight, how can the powers-that-be, how can those who advocate safe driving standards and practices justify flashing traffic lights at the intersection of Ford Road and Morton-Taylor?

Isn't it in everyone's best interest that this intersection not go to flashing lights until midnight, if at all?

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demand are not germane to the issue at hand. The debt ceiling was raised with clean, unconditional legislation seven times during the Bush administration and as far back as the eye can see.

Raising the debt ceiling does not authorize future new spending; it authorizes payment of prior debt; debt not only accumulated while Obama was in office but debt extending back through both of the Bush administrations, the Clinton administration, even back to Reagan and perhaps beyond.

Opponents insist not raising the debt ceiling is tantamount to "cutting up the credit cards." This is a poor and inaccurate analogy. Not raising the debt ceiling isn't cutting up the credit cards; it is cutting up the bills.

Long-term debt and deficit have no place at the table and efforts to inject these elements into the discussion are pure politics at its worst; an opportunistic ploy to attempt to achieve the long embraced ideological goal of wounding, if not eliminating, Medicare, Medicaid and even Social Security. Issues like "entitlement" reform and revising the tax code are budgetary concerns that must be addressed at the proper time through the proper procedures, not used to hold the "full faith and credit" of the United States hostage for political purposes.

Those who would risk the economic calamity that may be in the offing as we near the precipice must be held accountable.

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

### Anthony coverage disgusting

Casey Anthony was acquitted. Justice may not be popular, but the prosecutors failed to convince a jury. Personally, I was disgusted by the TV news coverage. Morning, noon and night one small woman was assaulted by professional opinion-makers. Jurors were not permitted to see TV so they relied on evidence.

Ms. Anthony grew up in an unconventional family and lived a different lifestyle. She made mistakes and has been punished — but the verdict was not guilty of murder.

"Let he who is without fault cast the first stone."

**Hank Borgman**  
Farmington

### Obama didn't wait as long

A couple of weeks ago, a letter writer who describes himself as a Pole who served with the 82nd Airborne in World War II, for which I commend him, believes Obama waited too long to authorize the strike against Osama.

Not near as long as George W. whose State Department had knowledge that Osama was in Abbottabad, Pakistan, according to cables obtained by Wikileaks in September 2008.

He then goes on to say that Franklin Roosevelt played a role in the painful division of Europe. True that at the Yalta conference Britain and the U.S. signed on to Russian occupation of Eastern Europe but the war in the Pacific had not been won and FDR wanted Russia to declare war on Japan. The atomic bomb had yet to be tested in February 1945 whereas the Soviet army was well on its way to Berlin at that point and Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe was all but completed by May of 1945 and the U.S. Army had yet to cross the Elba river in East Germany. Thus we had little choice in the matter.

Mr. Siedlik should agree with most if not all military historians that the Soviet army with a lot of help from the U.S. and Britain defeated the German army and their occupation of Eastern Europe could not have been prevented short of a war no one was interested in at the time.

**Larry Egan**  
Livonia

# On the move: 'Re-invention' of Michigan well under way

BY KURT HEISE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

While the state Legislature is officially "out" for summer, there's much work going on in Lansing and here at home. Some media observers have said our first six months capped a period "historic for the passage of more sweeping legislation than any other perhaps since the adoption of the 1963 Constitution."

I say the "Re-Invention of Michigan" is well under way.

As a candidate last year, I said Michigan was in a state of crisis,

with our top three issues being jobs, the state budget and taxes, and public education. I've had to make tough decisions on all three, with more to come.

In January, I introduced the bill to repeal the Michigan Business Tax surcharge. That surcharge, and the job-killing MBT itself, were eliminated in a reform package that I supported. We also erased a \$1.5 billion deficit and cut taxes over \$700 million over the next three years.

In addition, we approved an on-time, two-year budget. Cutting taxes and improving the business climate will create jobs and make Michigan more attractive for job providers. Yes, these were tough and unpopular decisions on many levels, but they were needed to pull

Michigan out of our economic crisis.

As a municipal attorney and part-time educator, I know education is critical to our children's success and our property values. The Northville and Plymouth-Canton schools are the last two "destination districts" for families in Wayne County, which is why my two daughters attend public schools, and why I'm a trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Education Foundation.

I believe in public education, and that a combination of state reforms, bold action by school boards, and union concessions can give our school districts a stronger financial footing. That's also why I voted against the governor's K-12 budget this year. I concluded that

the K-12 budget was not in the best interests of taxpayers, parents, and students given our schools' budget constraints.

I also don't buy this notion of dismantling our public schools in order to "save" them. Education reform starts in the home and ends in Lansing; everyone needs to work together, within our existing framework, to achieve educational excellence with value for the taxpayer.

In the last six months, I've also supported teacher tenure reforms, eliminating lifetime benefits for legislators, improved police and fire arbitration rules, ending bridge card abuse and more health care cost-sharing for public employees. I've introduced legislation to cap school superintendent salaries and

move school board elections to even-year Novembers.

In the next six months, look for renewed discussion on a bridge to Canada, personal property tax reform, and township annexation restrictions. As vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I'll also be taking a lead role on judicial reform, demanding innovation and cost-savings from our courts as we're doing with other public entities. I value your feedback on these and other issues. Please visit my website at [www.rep-kurtheise.com](http://www.rep-kurtheise.com). It's an honor to represent you in Lansing.

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Kurt Heise



## State senator plans to run for McCotter's seat

BY PHILIP ALLMEN  
STAFF WRITER

One politician has already tossed his name into the congressional race.

State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, announced Monday his plans to replace Thaddeus McCotter as the next 11th District congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. McCotter announced July 2 his plans to run for U.S. president.

"It is exciting, a little nerve-rattling," Kowall, 60, said. "It's something I've been looking at a long time. With McCotter running for president, the opportunity is presenting itself."

New redistricting maps for the state's congressional seats in Washington, D.C., play into Kowall's favor, he said, because his entire state Senate district in western Oakland County lies within the 11th Congressional district.

"It was a Wayne County seat; now it's an Oakland County seat," he said.

Redrawn congressional districts, which have yet to be finalized, set the 11th district to include Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County, as well as South Lyon, Novi, Farmington, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lake Angelus, Auburn Hills, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Rochester Hills and the townships of Milford, Lyon, Highland, Commerce, White Lake, West Bloomfield and Waterford in Oakland County.

Kowall said his focus at the federal level would be the same as it has been at the local and state levels.

"Enhancing the taxable value, getting government out of the way without putting the environment or people's health, safety and welfare in

jeopardy is something I've done my whole life," he said. "It's all about jobs, getting people back to work. We need diversification of our employee work base."

Kowall points to issues he focused on in Lansing to change Michigan's business environment, including tax structures, as ways to improve the country as a whole. Eliminating the Michigan Business Tax improved the state's business tax ranking from 49th to 16th in the nation, he said.

"Wall Street turned its head and said, 'What are you doing?' Lots of people are calling the office saying, 'What's going on?' We're saying, 'Hey, we're open for business,'" said Kowall.

Businesses now are looking to return to Michigan or are looking to stay here, he said, and the state is working to make sure those that never left Michigan benefit, as well.

"We have to make sure we don't treat them like the red-headed stepchild," he explained. "The big guys are paying more in taxes. It's the mom and pop business like along the Main Street in Milford or South Lyon. Those are the ones who are going to be immediately affected by these tax changes."

Kowall said he wants to make sure any actions taken by the government are transparent and open to the public. Instead of departmental committees deciding changes in rules or regulations, those decisions should be open to legislative hearings and public comment. If the changes are necessary, then they should remain. That policy should be used in Washington, D.C., too, he said.

"The most important thing is to get it out in the light of day," said Kowall.

Kowall said he has spoken with McCotter on his presidential bid and fully expects him to keep his focus on that position. If McCotter changes his mind and seeks another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Kowall said he plans to discuss

further the issue.

"He's fully intent on running for president," said Kowall. "(President Barack) Obama came out of nowhere. McCotter has a lot more experience than Obama ever did."

Randall Thompson, spokesman for McCotter, said in an e-mail that "Representative McCotter is focused on serving his constituents and earning the GOP presidential nomination. He expects and understands a host of individuals in both parties will explore their 11th district options as the presidential process unfolds."

Kowall said he is in the process of forming an exploratory committee to get everything ready to run. He expected to file paperwork this week. "We're being very careful," he said. "We're getting the word out and letting people know this is where we're heading."

Kowall moved to the state Senate after winning the November 2010 election to replace Nancy Cassis in the post. In winning the election, he left his public position as White Lake Township supervisor two years before his term expired. If he were to win the congressional seat, he would again be leaving his current elected position two years before it expired. He said he plans to continue in that role as he runs for the federal position.

"It will just make me a little bit busier," he said. "It's not an impossible thing to do. I have lots of things going on with the senate side. It won't interfere with what I'm doing on the congressional side."

So far, he said he has only heard positive responses to his congressional plans, but said he would tell critics "This is America. You have the ability to run for any office if you so choose," he said. "No matter what office I'm in, I give people 150 percent all the time."

Kowall was White Lake Township supervisor 2004-10 and 44th district state representative 1998 to 2001.

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## McCotter and his ego step into the race for president

### OPINION

One of the real perks of the job for us journalists is that we get to spend a lot of time talking to politicians. Yes, I know, please don't be too jealous.

One of those politicians I have been fortunate enough to spend time with over the last decade or so is our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter. If there is one thing I have always said about McCotter, it is that he is the smartest guy in the room. Just ask him.

Whether he tries to or not, McCotter, 45, just seems to carry around with him an aura of arrogance. Believe me, that is not an unusual trait among politicians. And I don't hold it against him. We elect people to Congress because we hope they are smart, which McCotter certainly is, and that they will do a good job representing our interests in Washington. Depending on what side of the political aisle you favor, McCotter has mostly done a good job in that regard.

But when you talk to McCotter, especially about politics, he is quick to let you know that you don't know half as much as he does. He is apt to bring up long ago political treaties or obscure economic philosophies that leave the layman scratching their heads. I know, because he has left me scratching my head on occasion. Several times after interviewing him with my colleagues, I have walked out of the room remembering something my old football coach told me when I was a captain years ago: Even if you don't know what you're talking about, act like you do and people will believe you. Now I'm not suggesting McCotter doesn't know what he's talking about.

Oftentimes, though, the people he is talking to have no idea what he is talking about.

Well, if there was anyone who doubted McCotter's arrogant streak, he put it to rest July 2. After weeks of speculation and McCotter tap dancing around answering the question whether he was getting in or not, he came to Whitmore Lake to make it official. Standing on the Freedom Fest stage in front of a smattering of people, the Livonia Republican announced he is running for president of the United States. You don't do something like that unless you have a pretty healthy ego.

I'm not sure what his real motivation is with this move. Let's be honest. McCotter's chances of winning the Republican nomination are slim — at best. His name recognition compared with the other nominees is low. And that means he is going to have a hard time raising the kind of money it will take to win the nomination.

But he is a darling of some in the right-wing media, particularly over at FOX News, where he often appears as a guest, especially on "RedEye With Greg Gutfeld." They know McCotter is smart and can make a compelling argument, and they helped talk him into this move. Plus, he doesn't have a lot of baggage. And he has been very successful winning in a district that leans Republican, but is home to plenty of Democrats. He has represented the 11th Congressional district since 2003. Perhaps he is doing it for his own vanity. There is no question McCotter likes the limelight. We in the media receive at least weekly updates from his people letting us know what news programs the Congressman has appeared on that week. I think one of the reasons he is asked to appear on the television news programs

is because he can articulate the Republican arguments on most issues, and that's why he will serve a purpose in this race.

However, I think McCotter is about to be taught a lesson in humility. He has just stepped up to the big time. If he thinks winning the Republican nomination for president is going to be anything like winning five terms against a bunch of patsies (just try to name three or even two of the opponents McCotter has beaten for Congress) he is mistaken. McCotter has never had a problem being cutthroat when it comes to running a campaign (anyone remember his television ads when he ran against Democrat Kevin Kelley?). He is about to find out how it feels to be on the other end of the equation. I'm guessing the first thing his opponents will go after him on is his support of the government bailouts for the auto companies. While I personally agree he was on the right side of history with that support, it won't matter in the Republican primary field. He will be crucified for it.

Yet, I think McCotter's biggest problem will be the fact that he simply isn't a very good public speaker — in the sense of whipping up a crowd. Just check out a clip of his speech in Whitmore Lake. I suppose he says the right things, it's just the way he says it.

"We will restructure government for the average citizen," he told the crowd. The problem, I think, is McCotter just doesn't connect very well with the average citizen. He is just too intellectual for his own good.

So it will be interesting to see how or if his attitude will change during this campaign. Will his healthy ego wilt under the heat of the bright lights? Time will tell.

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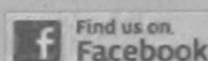
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# Powerboat champion Sechler on pace for 7th title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Sechler

Waterford. "It being our home race and, usually, the race where all our friends and family show up, it's hard to see your

boat coming in pushing a rope (at the end of a tow)," Sechler said.

A repeat is unlikely based on past results and the enormous success Sechler and driver Dan Kanfoush have enjoyed in recent years.

## QUAKE ON THE LAKE

They've won six consecutive American Power Boat Association championships in the one-litre modified inboard class, and they're on their way to winning a seventh.

They've already won eight races this year. Each team can run as many as 20 races; the top 15 finishes are used to determine its season points total.

Ten boats have pre-registered in the modified inboard class for the Quake and 75

overall. This year's race also will serve as the Summer National, one of the four major championships. In each class, the racing weekend consists of four heats, two each day.

"It's the biggest race of the year for us inboarders," Sechler said. "It's the first time the Summer National has been hosted in Michigan in 43 years."

One thing Sechler and Kanfoush have not done is win all four majors in the same season. The others are the Western Divisional, World Championships and Eastern

Divisional.

"That's the one thing I sure would like to do," Sechler said. "If things go well, this could be our year. We won three and looked like we were on our way to winning a fourth last year. Then we had the engine failure. We were that close."

Last season was one of the most challenging and frustrating for Sechler, who does most of the mechanical work. A second engine failed at the Eastern Divisional.

"We went five years without

Please see **SECHLER, B3**

## SIDELINES

### They're All Stars

Two recent Canton High School graduates – CarolAnn Sexauer and Kaitlyn Mattson – have been selected by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association to play in the Senior All Star game set for 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, at Michigan State University.

"This is a big honor for them," said Jim Arnold, who coached both players throughout their prep careers with the Chiefs.

### Holes in one

A pair of linksters recorded holes in one at Glenhurst Golf Course recently.

On June 28, Redford Township resident Suzan Franzen aced the 99-yard No. 4 hole with a 9 wood. The 54-year-old Franzen, who has been playing for 16 years, registered a nine-hole round of 55. It was her second hole in one.

On July 7, Detroit resident Homer McCloud knocked his tee shot in the hole on the 119-yard fourth hole using a sand wedge. It was the 60-year-old golfer's first ace in 27 years of playing the sport. He finished with a nine-hole round of 38.

### Salem wrestling camp

The Salem High School Wrestling Camp will run from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 18-21.

Sessions will focus on teaching solid fundamental techniques as well as reinforcement of basic athletic skills essential for success at any level. Each session will include live wrestling as well as a mixture of technique demonstration and special training exercises designed to improve basic skill sets critical to wrestling. Camp instructors include several present and past Salem coaches, led by varsity assistant and 2006 State Champion Jeremy Henderson.

Other former Salem state qualifiers and current college and high school wrestlers also will be on hand. The camp registration fee is \$80 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact coach Henderson at jhendyl89@gmail.com or call him at (734) 812-9588.

### Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot

There's still time to sign youngsters up for the Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot, slated for Saturday, July 23, at Elks Park.

The tournament will include boys and girls divisions for the U8, U10, U12 and U14 age brackets (with ages determined as of August). Games will be five-goal contests.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided to all participants and family members.

For more information, call Ken Hines at (810) 523-0017.

### Crusaders lauded for academics

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its 2010-11 Scholar Teams and Seven Madonna University programs were recently honored as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics "Scholar Teams."

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all student-athletes

Please see **SIDELINES, B3**

# For the love of the sport

## Longtime Lancer enjoys role as Redford Catholic's new director

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once a Lancer, always a Lancer.

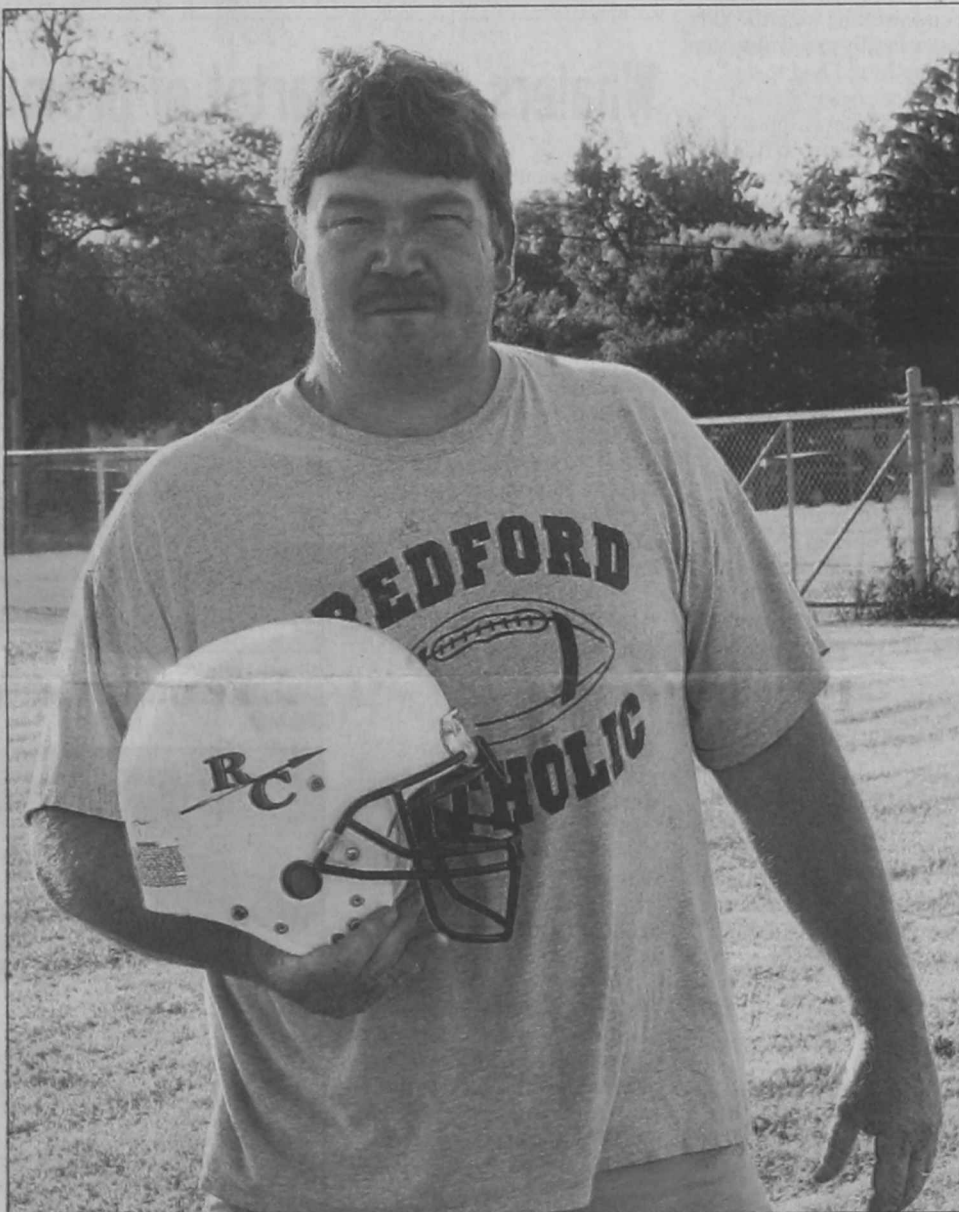
That would be an appropriate credo for lifelong Redford Township resident Pat Wagner, who has come full circle in the Redford Catholic football program.

Wagner was recently named the Lancers' football director — over two decades after pulling on the team's blue-and-white uniform for the first time.

"Being able to do this is an honor because we have such a great group of kids and a great group of parents," Wagner said, talking about his new responsibility. "We don't get a big draw like some of the other CYO programs, but the kids who do play for us get a lot of playing time and a lot of one-on-one coaching."

Wagner said the township's decreasing population has cut into Redford Catholic's roster sizes, but it hasn't diminished the enthusiasm he or the other volunteer leaders share for the sport and the program.

"For some of the kids who play for us, this is their only opportunity to play an organized sport," Wagner said. "It builds character, teaches them about teamwork and sportsmanship. The CYO has been around for close to 80 years, too, so there's a lot of tradi-



First-year Redford Catholic Football director Pat Wagner played for the Lancers as a middle-schooler before taking his gridiron skills to St. Agatha High School. He currently has two sons in the program.

tion."

Wagner oversees a program that includes a freshman team (second grade through fourth grade), a junior-varsity unit (fifth and sixth grades) and a

varsity squad, which is made up of seventh- and eighth-graders.

"We'd love to have at least 20 kids at each level," Wagner said. "The interest hasn't been

there the past few years; there just aren't as many kids in the area any more because a lot of people are moving out. Last

Please see **WAGNER, B2**

## Spartans' coach Mitchell returns

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, David Mitchell is back behind the bench as varsity hockey coach at Livonia Stevenson.

Mitchell was forced to step down following the 2009-10 season after taking an assistant principal position at Livonia's Holmes Middle School.



Mitchell

Livonia Public School policy prohibits administrators to remain as head coaches. Mitchell, however, served as a volunteer assistant last season under Gerry Vento.

But 37-year-old Mitchell resigned his position at Holmes after one year to return to the classroom where he teaches computer technology and social studies.

Formerly an assistant at Churchill, Mitchell finished 56-14-8 in three varsity seasons with the Spartans, capturing one Kensington Lakes Activities Association title (2010) and reaching two regional finals (2008 and 2010).

"David left administration to come back to teaching because he missed it," Stevenson athletic director

Please see **MITCHELL, B2**

## 'Summer Blast' offers some fun, cost-effective soccer training

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youth soccer enthusiasts who are looking for a blast this summer should look no further than the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

That will be the site of the annual Garden City Soccer Club's "Summer Blast", a cost-effective five-day camp that has added an appealing new twist this summer.

The camp, which will run from Aug. 1-5 (6-8 p.m. each day) will be organized for the first time by Garden City High School boys and girls soccer coach Jason Dean, who will be assisted by members of his highly-successful teams.

"The No. 1 thing we want to do is offer kids an opportunity to receive a good level of training at a good price," said Dean, whose girls squad recently

completed a one-loss season. "For a lot of five-day camps like ours, you're going to be paying around \$150. Our camp is \$30 per player. We really wanted to make this camp affordable to everyone who wants to participate."

Dean said he is excited about getting his high school players involved in training the young campers.

"It's a great opportunity for these players to learn about community service," he said. "As they teach the game to younger players, they become ambassadors for the sport, which soccer needs if it is ever going to grow."

Dean has been affiliated with the camp since 2007.

"We had about 100 participants that year and it has grown every year since," Dean said. "Last year, we had 135 kids."

One of the many appeals of

the camp is that there will often be a 4-to-1 camper-to-trainer ratio.

"We will split the kids up into groups depending on their age and skill level," Dean said. "We don't want 12-year-olds with 7-year-olds because you can't do the same kind of activities."

Each day of the camp will focus on a different aspect of the game.

"For instance, one day will be shooting, another day dribbling, another day offensive strategies, and so on," Dean explained. "By the time the week is over, we will have covered all of the components of the sport."

The camp will serve as a fundraiser for the Garden City High School girls and boys soccer programs.

For more information, contact Dean at deanj@wwcsd.net.

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## Few teams, no 'Hope'

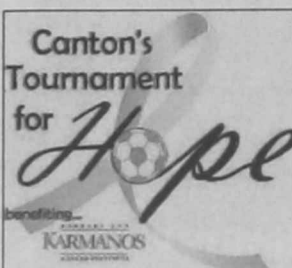
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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether due to the economy or competition from summer activities, organizers for a benefit indoor soccer tournament decided to pull the plug — for now, at least — and try again in 2012.

When Kim Riley and Colleen Van Auken of Canton and Tina McIntyre of Plymouth last month announced their intentions to launch Canton's Tournament for Hope, they were upbeat about helping raise money and awareness to fight breast cancer.

The tourney would have taken place July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, on board for the venture to the tune of donating the use of its fields and referees.

But this week, Riley said there just weren't enough six-player teams lining up to pay a \$400 entry fee for the



tournament to proceed as planned.

"Unfortunately we did not have any luck securing enough teams to have the tourney," said Riley, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We are hoping to try again in the spring. It may be a better time of year for everyone."

All proceeds from the tournament were to have been donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Games would have been played in competitive and recreational divisions, for

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Youth baseball tryouts

• The Motor City Giants Baseball Club will be staging 10-and-under tryouts for the 2012 season from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and Aug. 3 at Castle Gardens Park, 14503 Hix Street, Livonia.

The tryouts are open to any player who will be 10 or younger on April 30, 2012. (Age group is intended for players with birthdates between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002).

The Plymouth-Canton based team will compete in tournaments and non-league games against select KVBSA, NOBF and MABF teams with 30-to-40 travel games.

For registration information, e-mail Tim Sweet at [sweetbaseball@sbcbgloabl.net](mailto:sweetbaseball@sbcbgloabl.net).

• Tryouts for the 2012 11-and-under Canton Cardinals baseball team will be Sunday, Aug. 7 and 21.

For more information, visit [www.gcybas.com](http://www.gcybas.com); or e-mail coach Patrick McAuliffe at [canoncards2011@gmail.com](mailto:canoncards2011@gmail.com).

## Golf &amp; Margaritas

Instructors Tami Bealert and Gary McKettrick will off a golf night out with Margaritas on the Range

for women 21-and-older from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Hickory Creek Golf Course's driving range, located at 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Included in the \$25 cost is personal golf tips, one medium range of balls, margaritas, salsa and chips. Space is limited to the first 20.

The reserve a spot, e-mail [TrainwithTami@yahoo.com](mailto:TrainwithTami@yahoo.com); or call (734) 731-0238. For more information, visit [www.trainwithtami.com](http://www.trainwithtami.com).

## Whalers to 'Connect'

Plymouth Whalers forward RJ Mahalak and other members of the Ontario Hockey League team will read to students at Canton Public Library as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

The Whalers will be on hand 11 a.m. Thursday, July 14, and 2 p.m. Friday, July 29. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

## CYO volleyball signup

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in

2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September.

To register, call St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, Ext. 31.

## Golf outings

• The Harrison High School Football Boosters will have their annual golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at The Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The format is Texas Scramble. A steak dinner follows the golf.

A registration form is available at [www.gohawks.org](http://www.gohawks.org) or by calling Dave Race at 248-376-1535.

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

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

## MITCHELL

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Lori Hyman said. "He applied, was interviewed and received the position. I recommended he be our hockey coach and I received approval from our Director of Secondary Education Steve Archibald (formerly the Stevenson principal)."

Hyman said Mitchell was one of two candidates who interviewed for the job. He is the fifth different varsity hockey hire under Hyman's watch since she became athletic director at Stevenson in 2000-01.

"He's one of the most respected teachers and coaches in our district," the Stevenson A.D. said. "He's a hard worker, well respected and has a great relationship with the athletes and parents. We're fortunate to have him back."

The 42-year-old Vento left in early June to take the Plymouth High job.

In his only season at Stevenson, Vento compiled a respectable 16-7-3 record, including a 1-0-1 record against Division 1 state champion Novi and a 1-

mark against state runner-up Orchard Lake St. Mary's, along with a win over top-ranked and 2010 Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

He served previously as a three-year assistant under Mitchell at Stevenson.

Vento received a positive evaluation from Hyman in April, but said he was told in late May that he could return only as an assistant coach with the Spartans for 2011-12 season. (All coaching positions with the Livonia Public Schools are under one-year renewable contracts.)

On June 5, Vento told the *Observer*, "I couldn't accept that scenario," and "resigned for personal reasons," according to Hyman, leaving the door open for Mitchell to return.

"It was a career decision first, and when the opportunity first presented itself, I had to look at it including hockey," Mitchell said. "There were a lot of reasons, but it was a better fit for me and my family. I was thankful for the opportunity, but the best fit was being in the classroom. I weighed all the options. I have two younger kids and raising a family of my own, and my wife is a teacher. But it was my decision

to take this step. I love teaching and working with the kids. It was a family career decision. It's something I had to do."

Summer hockey started this week at Stevenson and Mitchell is looking to fill the assistant coach position. No one from Vento's 2010-11 staff will return to coach under Mitchell. The assistant varsity hockey position posting period ended July 5.

When asked whether his current relationship with Vento or any of the their assistant coaches or support staff had been strained due to the coaching change, Mitchell simply said:

"He (Vento) found an opportunity that opened up and the opportunity opened up here (at Stevenson) — that was it. He'll always be a good part of the Stevenson family, and now he has a good opportunity at Plymouth."

Looking toward the future, Mitchell may be in the midst of a rebuilding process.

"We lost a lot — 15 seniors, so there's plenty of opportunity to come in, contribute and play right away," he said. "We want to continue to compete at the highest level and put a solid effort in every night."

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## Pitch, Hit, Run champ

Jake Giacobbi (left), pictured next to his father Paul, captured the 12-year-old division state title in the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch Hit and Run competition held recently at Comerica Park. Giacobbi, who plays for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Blue Jays, a Bronco Major team, won local and regional competitions and fell short by just one place of earning a spot in the national finals at the MLB All-Star Game this week in Phoenix, Ariz. Blue Jay teammate Keegan Flaherty also participated in the state finals and placed second.

## Whalers sign quartet of promising prospects

The Plymouth Whalers recently signed four players who impressed team management at the rookie orientation weekend.

At the top of the list of talented newcomers inked by Whalers' general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci is 16-year-old left wing Mitchell Dempsey, who was selected by the Whalers in the first round (11th overall) of the 2011 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Ontario native Dempsey scored 38 goals with 34 assists for 72 points and 76 PIM's in 55 games for the Cambridge Hawks last season. He lit the lamp twice during the rookie orientation scrimmages at Compuware Arena.

"We've had success in developing power forwards — guys who play with skill and strength," Vellucci said. "It may take a little time, but Dempsey has the chance to be a player in the mold of James Neal (now with the Pittsburgh Penguins) or Jared Boll (Columbus Blue Jackets)."

After seeing Plymouth during Rookie Orientation, Dempsey is ready to get going during training camp, which begins with players reporting back to the area in late August.

"It was great coming in and meeting everyone at Rookie Camp," Dempsey said today in a telephone interview. "It was a little nerve-racking at first, but we were able to see everything and get settled. I can't wait to get started."

Besides Dempsey, the Whalers have signed three other new players for the upcoming season — 2011 second round pick and left Matthew Mistelet; 2011 eighth round pick and left wing Danny Vanderwiell; and goaltender Jake Patterson, who was taken in the seventh round of the 2010 OHL Draft.

Vanderwiell — 5-foot-11 and 199 pounds from Island Lake, IL (northwest of Chicago) — scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 87 PIM's in 33 games for the Team Illinois U-



Mitchell Dempsey, the Plymouth Whalers first-round draft choice this year, proudly sports his new team's colors. He recently signed a contract with the OHL team.



RENA LAVERTY

Danny Vanderwiell, shown during the Whalers' rookie orientation camp in late May, is one of four 2011 draft picks to sign with the team this summer.

16's last season.

Vanderwiell also attended USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Evaluation Camp last March, a camp featuring the top 1995-born players in the United States.

"Our scouts have a history of finding good players later in the draft, and we really like what we've seen from Danny so far," said Vellucci. "He's strong on

his skates and competes hard."

Plymouth finished last season with a record of 36-26-2-4 and made the playoffs for the 20th consecutive season — a current OHL record.

The Whalers bring back a full roster in 2011-12 (including Dempsey, Mistelet, Vanderwiell and Patterson) and are expected to be in the thick of the Western Conference playoff race again.

## WAGNER

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year our freshman team only had 14 players, but they all got a lot of experience and will be better for it this season.

"Our kids work hard and they have fun."

A good percentage of the Lancers' coaching staff are former players at St. Agatha High School, Wagner included.

"I think we have six guys altogether who played at one time or another at St. Agatha," Wagner said. "Most of us played at different times, so we didn't know each other. It just kind of coincidental that we came together here."

Todd Reamer will serve as the freshman head coach while

Preston Billingsley will handle the head-coaching responsibilities for the junior-varsity team. Mark Pelton is the head coach of the varsity squad.

The inaugural Redford Catholic Football skills camp will be held July 26-28 at Our Lady of Loretto, located at Six Mile and Beech Daly in Redford.

Wagner said the camp is open to all kids who are entering second through eighth grades.

"We know times are tough now, so we've made it cost-effective for everybody," said Wagner. "Along with teaching some of the finer techniques of the game, we'll be getting the kids' mindset on the upcoming season. You don't have to be a football player to participate in the camp. It's

also for kids who just want to get a taste for what the sport is about.

To register for the camp, contact Wagner at [lancerreg@gmail.com](mailto:lancerreg@gmail.com) or (313) 690-0117.

Registration is also ongoing for the 2011 Redford Catholic Football season. Practices start in early August and run weekly from Monday through Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Once school starts, practices will be shortened to 6-7:30 p.m.

Games are played each week on Saturday or Sunday, beginning the weekend before Labor Day Weekend and running through mid-October.

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# Rams, Knights go extras, tie 4-4

The Michigan Rams settled for a 4-4 draw with the 22-and-under Knights Monday night in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game that was called after 10 innings due to the two-and-a-half-hour time limit.

Trailing 3-2 heading into the top of the seventh, the Rams (13-12-1) pushed across a pair of runs to seize a short-lived lead as the Knights countered with a single run in the bottom of the frame, forcing the extra innings.

The Rams' seven-hit attack was sparked by Caleb Wick's 3-for-4 effort. Also shining for the Rams were John DiLaura (1-for-2, two RBI), Mark Weist (2-for-5), Jeff Sorenson (RBI, run) and Mike Carson, who knocked in a run.

Brett Mazmanian paced the Knights' 12-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Coley Crank (2-for-5, RBI, run) and Eric Wrozek (2-for-4, RBI), also made solid contributions for the Knights.

Mike Schypinski hurled the first six innings for the Rams, yielding three runs while scattering nine hits and two walks. Schypinski whiffed five Knights.

Zach Wedesky turned in a stellar four-inning relief stint for coach Rick Berryman's diamond men, giving up just one run on three hits and a walk.

Zack Robbins pitched the first five innings for the Knights, giving up two runs on three hits and four bases on balls. Robbins struck out

five runs and six hits in 1.2 innings.

### Rams thump Dodgers

Colin Gerish was in complete command Friday night at Ford Field.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander from Hillsdale College tossed a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the Michigan Rams rolled to a 7-1 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory over the Michigan Dodgers.

Gerish, who went all seven innings, faced just 24 batters and did not allow a walk as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 12-11 in league play.

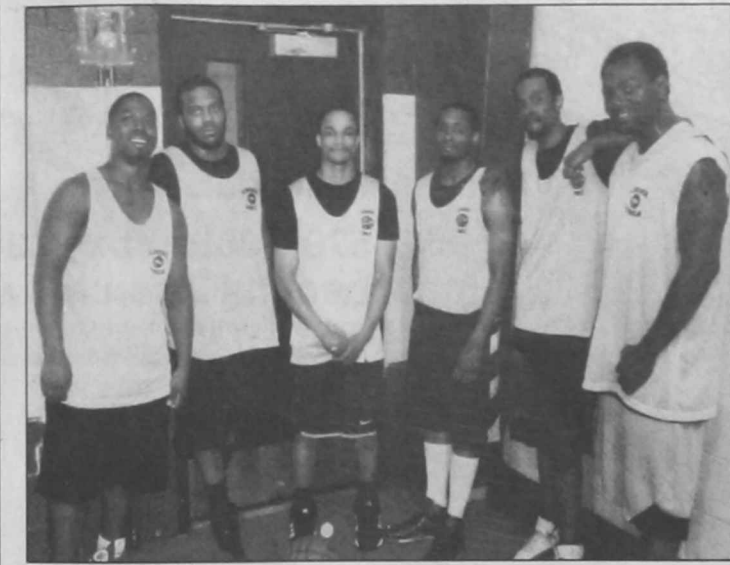
Offensively, Caleb Wick paced manager Rick Berryman's squad going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jeff Sorenson (Wayne State) went 2-for-2 with an RBI and Mark Weist delivered a three-run triple in the bottom of the third inning as the Rams jumped out to a 5-0 advantage.

Jake Moore also knocked in a run for the Rams, while Anthony Sergi had the lone RBI in the top of the seventh to spoil Gerish's shutout bid.

Losing pitcher Blaine Paden, a Canton High grad, started and took the loss for the 22-and-under Dodgers, who slipped to 2-19 in the LCBL.

Paden allowed seven runs on five hits, walked five and hit two batters before giving way to Chris Belkovic, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief.



### Y Hoop champions

Home Court recently captured the Livonia YMCA Adult Basketball Recreational League championship with a victory over the Bad Boyz. Members of Home Court include (from left): Aaron Scott, Trevor Deriso, Ed Brock, Akeem Pack, Adam Wheeler and Robert Gaines.

# Miracle League needs players for fall season

The Miracle League of Plymouth's sparkling baseball field is open for business, but players are being sought to make sure the games keep getting played this autumn.

Fall registration for children in four divisions is set to take place through Aug. 9, both on-line (24/7) and at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office (525 Farmer) from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Divisions are for children ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-over.

Games (all on Saturdays) begin the week of Aug. 27 and run through Oct. 1 with no games played on Saturday, Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day weekend. (Note: There will be



organization dedicated to providing children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play organized baseball. The league is non-competitive with all players getting the chance to bat and circle the bases each inning.

Games are played at the Miracle League of Plymouth/Bilkie Family Field, 357 Theodore St. in downtown Plymouth.

For all questions and inquiries, contact Laura Cionca at info@miracleleagueplymouth.org or visit www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Registration questions also can be directed to the City of Plymouth Recreation Office, (734) 455-6620 or recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

### SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

#### Passing Academy

Champions Passing Academy will have summer football camps the next two weeks for youths in grades 3-8.

The camps will take place 9-11:30 a.m. July 18-22 and July 25-29 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The camp instructors on Joe Pesci, former Harrison and Albion College quarterback, and Mario Vassallo, former Catholic Central and University of Idaho wide receiver.

For more information about the camps and registration, see the website at [www.champions-passingacademy.com](http://www.champions-passingacademy.com).

#### Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including (ages 6-17) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 18-22 and 25-29 (cost \$165 for each week).

There will also be an advanced goalkeeping camp during the July 25-29 session put on by Olympic Development Program coach Ben Davis (cost \$250).

Both lunch and swimming daily are included in the cost.

For more information, call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail [ricklarson@victory-soccer.net](mailto:ricklarson@victory-soccer.net).

#### Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camp for girls, Monday through Thursday, July 18-21 at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95.

For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at [basketballacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:basketballacademy@hotmail.com).

#### Plymouth baseball

Aspiring young baseball players are invited to learn about the game at the Wildcats Baseball Summer Clinic, July 19-20, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Boys and girls entering grades two-nine this fall can participate. Sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, for players entering grades two-five and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for those entering grades six-nine.

The cost is \$20 for those who pre-register or \$25 the day of the camp and the fee includes a snack. Event T-shirts are available for \$8-\$10.

Sessions will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment.

Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 players.

The program is limited to 100 campers. Please register as soon as possible. Go to [www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com) for registration forms and contact information.

#### Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

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

#### Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High

2011 football skills camp (entering grades 9-12) will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday, July 25-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at [jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org); or call (313) 680-8915.

#### Football youth skills

The Livonia Churchill youth football skills camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, at the high school.

The fee is \$40.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at [jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org); or call (313) 680-8915.

#### Churchill gymnastics

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

The fee is \$79.

For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at [kgrozdic@gmail.com](mailto:kgrozdic@gmail.com); or Sara Wilchowski at [sarahwchowski@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwchowski@gmail.com).

#### Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

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# SECHLER

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blowing a motor up, and we blew up two in three weekends of racing," Sechler said. "It was a little disappointing, but that's the way it is."

"After that we regained our composure and rebuilt another. We got it figured out. We had a couple bad crank shafts."

The troubles weren't over for the Fast Eddie II crew, however. Sechler and his team were in Washington state for a late-season race when the boat flipped over.

"All we had to do was finish third or higher and we lock up the title," Sechler said. "Darn if we didn't blow the boat up

and glassed in the new pieces," Sechler said. "I picked it up in February, and it looked like a brand new boat, so I proceeded to scratch it putting it into the garage."

Sechler also did a lot of work on the engine between seasons.

"We log a lot of data when we run our heats," he said. "We decided to make some changes. So far it looks like they've all been really good decisions."

Sechler isn't thinking about a seventh straight APBA title just yet. With a minimum seven races to go, that's too far into the future.

"What Dan and I try to do is to run as well as we can and as often as we can," he said. "By the end of August, we're hoping we're still in the points chase."

Sechler said he might skip the Eastern Nationals, slated for early October in Morgan City, La., and pass on a chance to win the four majors.

"Because I feel so snake-bitten about that, I don't even like to think about it," he said. "If we don't need to do it from a points perspective, we might decide it's not worth making the trip with the economy the way it is."

"It's something I would have liked to have done in my racing career. If it doesn't happen, I'm not going to lose any sleep over it. There are so many fast boats out there now, even trying to win one of those races is getting pretty difficult."

For more information about this weekend's race, go online to [www.quakeonthelake.org](http://www.quakeonthelake.org).

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women over 18 and over 30.

"We are really disappointed," Riley continued. "Honestly, we don't know why teams didn't sign up."

"I'm thinking some of it may be the economy but maybe also just that it's summer and people are busy."

Both reasons probably have plenty to do with the poor level of interest.

Riley, Van Auken and

McIntyre are players on the Hot Wings indoor soccer team, which has been together for several years.

In addition to the Hope tournament, the team registered as always for the summer season for over-30 women's indoor soccer at High Velocity.

"But we were the only team that signed up to play so it was canceled," Riley said. "Usually there are four to six teams that play (the) summer season."

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# SIDELINES

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certified as eligible.

"We are very pleased with the continued success of our student-athletes in the classroom," said Madonna athletics director Bryan Rizzo. "Our coaches' emphasis on academics is clearly showing up in the great achievements our student-athletes continue to post."

The Crusader teams honored were: baseball (3.01), women's basketball (3.65), women's cross country (3.45), men's cross country (3.02), women's soccer (3.35), softball (3.23) and volleyball (3.60).

The Madonna women's basketball team posted the 26th highest GPA nationally among all sports and was second among its fellow women's basketball programs. Volleyball

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### BROOKS, SCOTT PAUL

Age 49, of Redford, passed away July 8th, 2011 at home. Beloved husband of Catalina; precious father of Angela and Liam. Survived also by brother Grant and many more loving family and friends. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 15th at the Redford Moose Lodge, 5 Mile (W. of Telegraph), Redford.

### DES AUTELS, DAVID B.

Age 71, passed away July 5, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Aileen and brother Jack. Survived by his beloved Barbara, three sons, Terry, David and Scott and daughter Tracey. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Also survived by one brother Larry, four sisters, Jean, Ruth, Alice and Anne and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Dave will be remembered Friday, July 15th, 2011 from 3-5pm with a memorial service at 5pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Road, Redford Township, MI 48240.

### FIGUEIREDO, RICHARD STANTON

Age 80 of Northville, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011. Born December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, he was the son of Edward J. and Hilda G. (Hebert) Figueiredo. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Lower) whom he married in Colorado on November 5, 1952. Loving father of Brian (Pamela) Figueiredo of Wayne, Mark Figueiredo of Brooklyn, MI and Kim (Ken) Stratford of Hartland. Also survived by six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lucy Figueiredo of West Port, MA; one nephew and three nieces. Dick and his wife are former members of the Salem Bible Church. They were avid roller skaters, for years they skated regularly at the Riverside Arena in Livonia. Another passion they had was for traveling and camping. Visitation Wednesday, 1-4 and 6-8pm with funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's on line guest book at [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com)

### HUBER, JOHN W.

Suddenly, July 3, 2011 age 67 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Lisa Huber, Stefanie (Aris) Argy, and Lori (Patrick) Anderson. Proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear son of Hazel and the late James Huber. Survived by two brothers, Richard (Pam) and Roger (Tina). Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To share memories please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



KORBY (Nee HALL) IRENE M.

Passed away on July 8, 2011. She was born in Mohawk, MI on September 8, 1935. She was predeceased by her first husband, James Markovich and son Scott. She is survived by her beloved and caring husband Leland; son Brian Markovich (Kim); grandson Brian Jr. (Amy); great-granddaughter Kaylee; brothers Gary Hall (Janet); Robert Hall (Susan); two step-children Daneen (Roland), Greg (Nancy); five step-grandchildren; one step-great-granddaughter Abby; numerous nieces and nephews. She also considered herself as great-grandma to Justin, Chase, Cheyenne, Lily, Dakota and Brooklyn. At her request there will be no visitation or memorial service.



LONGSTAFF, MURIEL GRACE

Jan. 24, 1919-July 11, 2011

Muriel Grace Longstaff passed away peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the age of 92 years. She was predeceased by her husband Cyril; stepdaughter Delphine Eagle; parents Edward and Grace; stepmother Jessie; and siblings Glenys Payne and Helen Terrett. She will be lovingly remembered by her stepdaughter Barbara Story and the Story family; the Eagle family; sister Marjorie Richards and the Richards family; the Terrett family; as well as other family and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at Regina Pioneer Village, 430 Pioneer Drive, Regina, SK on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with interment to follow at Regina Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Muriel may be made to the Sisters of St. John the Divine, 233 Cummer Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 2E8. Family and friends are invited to sign the online obituary and tributes page at: [www.regina-memorial.ca](http://www.regina-memorial.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home (306) 789-8850.



MILLER, ETHEL V.

Age 86, of Farmington, died July 10, 2011. Ethel, a radar inspector and active in the USO during WWII, was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church choir, Farmington Vivians, and the Farmington Players in the 1980's. Beloved wife of the late Floyd (d.1999); loving mother of Michael (Karen) Miller and Deborah (Robert) Harrison; sister of William (the late Lois) Cornwell and Lee (Connie) Cornwell; cherished grandmother of David, Jennifer (Benjamin) Reigle and Michael (fiance' Lauren); and great grandmother of Ava and Clara. Ethel was also preceded in death by sisters, Prudence McPeck, Flora Hovatter and Susan McPeck. Visitation Thursday, July 14th, 2-9 PM, with 4 PM prayers, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, July 15th, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)

### SCHULZ, RUTH

Formerly of Livonia, passed on July 9, in Monroe MI. She was 89 years old. Ruth taught in Westland for several years.

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STACHOW, KAREN R.

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

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### JULY 14-20

#### Concert

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16

**Location:** Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Arts and crafts fair, games and food concessions

**Contact:** (313) 937-2424

#### Guest speaker

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., Sunday, July 17

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian

Universalist Church, 23925

Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** Peg Collins takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "A Shamanic Life" during Sunday service

**Contact:** (248) 354-4488

#### Lecture

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16

**Location:** Metropolitan Adventist

Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The third part of a three-session seminar, "The Evidence of Creation" will explore creation from the perspective of a NASA scientist and recent graduate with a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University. No cost, but a free will donation will be accepted. Register by phone

**Contact:** (248) 446-9176

#### Lecture

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

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm,

5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." It started two weeks ago, but each lecture is self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Remaining topics are "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may pre-register by calling the office and pay at the door

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

#### Movie Night

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20

**Location:** In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Free screening of "The King's Speech" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested

**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

#### Widowed Friends

**Time/Date:** Arrive by 2:15 p.m., Mass

starts at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 17

**Location:** St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** Widowed Friends is a "peer" support group. Stay for refreshments and social time after Mass

**Contact:** Pat at (734) 895-6246

### JULY 21-27

#### Clothing bank

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

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#### Guest speaker

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., Sunday, July 24

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian

Universalist Church, 23925

Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
**Details:** Morris Goodman takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Why I go to Northwest Church" during Sunday service

**Contact:** (248) 354-4488

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# Jazz it up at annual festival in Livonia

BY LINDA CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

You'll hear everything from New Orleans to Latin styles of jazz this weekend at the 18th annual Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

Six stages will spotlight 180-plus musicians, including five big bands, noon-9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 17 on the Schoolcraft College campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. The nine hours of continuous music by more than 147 performers is free, in keeping with the Michigan Jazz Festival's mission to "promote and encourage public interest, appreciation and support for jazz as a musical art form and a cultural resource."

The event also will include six piano workshops with a different pianist leading each session. Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, composer and associate professor and chair of the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation at the University of Michigan, is among the musicians taking turns at the keyboard in the Steinway Gallery. She is a graduate of Eastman School of Music.

"The Steinway is a solo piano room, very intimate, one of the smallest rooms where musicians can talk while playing and tell you what they're doing," said Midge Ellis, Michigan Jazz Festival director. "People love it, from boogie woogie to straight ahead."



Judie Cochill will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 17.

### YOUNG MUSICIANS

In addition to professional musicians, the committee presents the Future of Jazz Stage for high school and college groups that include the Jacob Schwandt Quartet and Jake Shadik Quartet from Wayne State University, Pangea from Stevenson High School in Livonia, Demetrius Nabos Quartet from University of Michigan, and Jefferson High School Combo from Monroe. These young musicians play in Henry's Cafeteria from noon to 7 p.m.

"Our audiences are getting older and we need to encourage young musicians," said Ellis. "Students have very few opportunities to play jazz. It's the only music that allows musicians to be creative and play something from their heart."

Playing with the Pros allows students to perform with a

professional trio from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the Inmart Stage.

"We want them to understand what jazz is and it's America's music and we're losing it," said Ellis.

### ON TOUR

Riccardo Selva is doing everything possible to expose his students to the American art form. The Schoolcraft College Jazz Band plays noon to 1:15 p.m. in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center.

The musicians, a combination of students and community members, just returned from a weekend tour in Chicago where they performed at Navy Pier, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Little Italy, and The Jazz Showcase, a venue for legendary musicians and newcomers since 1947. They'll be playing themes of the big bands including *Take the A Train* by Duke Ellington.

"The festival is an incredibly opportunity for students," said Selva. "The City of Detroit has some of the greatest jazz musicians around, incredible musicians. Every time someone performs or sees someone perform that's the greatest learning experience and some of the stages have sessions where people talk about performing jazz and discuss the music."

For a schedule listing times and performers for the Michigan Jazz Festival visit [www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com](http://www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com).



Pete Siers Quartet is among the dozens of bands scheduled to perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.



John Trudell is a regular at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

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The Yankee Air Museum's 2011 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24, at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, will feature the world renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Gates will open daily at 9 a.m.

The Blue Angels will push their F/A-18 Hornets to the limit, displaying speed, precision and daring maneuvers. "Fat Albert," the Blue Angels' support aircraft, also will be part of the show.

The United States Air Force F-16 Viper East Demo Team will return to this year's show, led by demo pilot Capt. Ryan "Rider" Corrigan. The F-16CJ is a single-seat, multi-mission fighter with the ability to switch from an air-to-ground to air-to-air role at the touch of a button. With its lightweight airframe and powerful General Electric engine generating 31,000 pounds of thrust, the F-16CJ can fly at speeds in excess of Mach 2.

In celebration of the Navy's Centennial of Aviation, Thunder Over Michigan will showcase more than two dozen F/A-18 Hornets from across the country. The Boeing F/A-18 is a twin-engine carrier-based fighter aircraft that is currently flown by our U.S. Navy.

Also featured this year is a realistic air and ground reenactment of a WWII Pacific-theatre battle featuring a live flamethrower. Spectators

will see three LVT's transporting U.S. Marines to the front lines of battle in order to maneuver a ground assault on the Japanese emplacements. Simultaneously, two Japanese Zeros will fly cover for the Japanese troops while six U.S. Navy Corsairs enter the theatre and engage the two enemy aircraft in multiple aerial dog-fights.

Other show highlights include: a thrilling aerial dog fight between two legendary Vietnam War military aircrafts, the A-4 Skyhawk and a MIG-17; plus, crowds will be able to tour a MV-22 Osprey, part airplane and part helicopter, this aircraft has revolutionized military air transport capabilities. The MV-22 Osprey is an American multi-mission aircraft that combines the vertical flight capabilities and functionality of a helicopter with the speed and range of an airplane. No other aircraft can do what the MV-22 does, which is why it is considered to be the weapon of choice for the full spectrum of combat.

Tickets are \$25 per adult through noon July 24. Children 15 years and younger are free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Tickets at the gate are \$30 for adults, \$10 for parking. Buy tickets at [www.yankeearmuseum.org/airshow](http://www.yankeearmuseum.org/airshow) or charge by phone at (888) 695-0888. Show proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum.

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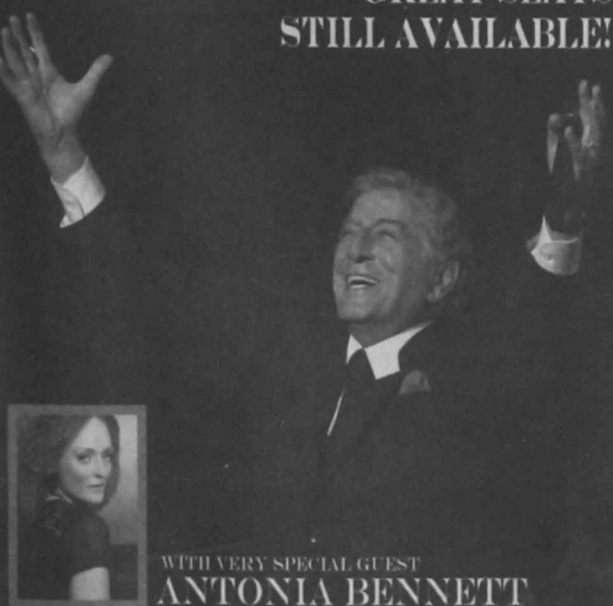
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Theaters also are located in Brighton, Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Chesterfield and Adrian.

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**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

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

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Bill Bushart with Trevor Smith and Lee Smith, July 13-16; Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Kline, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Steve Lott, July 14-16; J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

### CONCERTS

**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** The Tartan Terrors, July 14; Chris Bathgate & Abigail Stauffer, July 15; Steve Forbert, July 16; Sierra Maestra, July 17; Junior Brown, July 24; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 25; Michael on Fire, July 26; Marc Cohn, July 27  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

GET OUT!



Shari Kane and Dave Steele perform July 16 at Trinity House Theater in Livonia.

**Heritage Park**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21  
**Location:** 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Farmington Community Big Band  
**Coming up:** Metro Jazz Voices, July 28; Five Guys Named Moe, Aug. 4; Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

**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](http://www.PlymouthElks1780.com)

**Kellogg Park**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 15  
**Location:** Downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Steve King and the Dittlies  
**Coming up:** Gia Warner Band, July 22; The Bluescasters, July 29; Those Delta Rhythm

Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2

**Family series:** Noon, Wednesday concert series features Gemini, July 20; Biakuye Percussion Group, July 27; Mr. Seley, Aug. 3; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24

**Contact:** [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org) for evening concerts; [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) for noon concerts

**Town Square**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Friday through August  
**Location:** In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville  
**Details:** Free concert series includes Shawn Riley Band, top 40 hits, July 15; Steve King and the Dittlies, Detroit rock and roll, July 22; Zap Toro with Latin music, July 29; Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

**Tunes on Tuesday:** The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Rick Kelley, July 19; Palamazoo, July 26; Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0203

**Trinity House Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** Shari Kane and Dave Steele, July 16; Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

### DANCE

**Moon Dusters**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members  
**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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Email the entry form (go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) starting Friday, July 22) or cut out the entry form in the July 21 edition of Inspire and mail to: **Christmas in July, ATTN: Hometown Life INSPIRE, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.**

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Ministry combines faith, guidance

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

Good Mourning Ministry, GMM is a bereavement resource for Catholic churches and their grieving parishioners. We provide programs that combine the Catholic faith with practical guidance into the healing process. Our services include our "Grieving with Great Hope" workshops. Everyone who attends the workshop is given our Grieving with Great Hope book. We also have "Camp Backpack," a half-day camp for grieving children.

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

Good Mourning Ministry: Sandy and I have a heart to help grieving people. We were married in 2009, but years before that we were both widowed and know what profound grief is like. We have both been transformed by what we went through and believe we can help others. I spent 30 years in the corporate world before writing my first book, "The Greatest Gift-A Return to Hope" which was published in 2007. This book gradually led me into speaking with hospice organizations and working for a non-profit grief support organization. Sandy is studying for her masters in pastoral ministry with an emphasis in bereavement. She works at OLCG.

For whatever reason, many Catholic churches seem to have a need to offer more help for their bereaved parishioners. I really feel the Holy Spirit has called us to do this and is bringing people into our lives that will help it expand so we can one day be helping thousands of grieving people grieve with great hope.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

Good Mourning Ministry: Sandy and I live in Plymouth but our workshops and camps can and will be conducted throughout Michigan and one day beyond.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

Good Mourning Ministry: I



John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy have begun Good Mourning Ministry, Inc., which combines faith and guidance for Catholics who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

think three things make GMM unique. First and foremost, our programs are Catholic. There are other grief programs out there that are largely non-denominational. We are not. We call upon our Catholic faith and beliefs knowing God is with us along our journey through the valley of grief. We pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We offer fellowship with other grieverers as well as time for private reflection.

The second thing that makes us unique is that 100% of our energies are directed at helping grieving people. Our focus is on the ministry of rebuilding lives who have been touched by grief and not fund raising events.

The third thing is our advisory council which consists of Monica Miller-Ph.D and Professor at Madonna University, Mary Mitsch, Ph. Dc and Associate Professor at Madonna, Fr.

John Riccardo, Pastor at OLCG as well as Sandy and myself. We think five experts looking at this program and offering suggestions to make it better will only help us improve. Our programs will live and breathe and the advisory council will oversee it all.

**Observer:** How has it changed since it opened?

Good Mourning Ministry: We are just lifting off the ground. We began writing the Grieving the Great Hope book in March and have been fine tuning it ever since. It will be ready to go in early September and for our first workshop at OLCG starting October 5. As new research about grief unfolds, we can adapt and update so we are always current.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

Good Mourning Ministry: Our programs are very affordable and I don't

### GOOD MORNING MINISTRY

**Business Name:** Good Mourning Ministry, Inc.

**Your Name and Title:** John O'Shaughnessy, president/co-founder; Sandy O'Shaughnessy, vice president/co-founder

**Your Hometown:** Plymouth Township

**Business Opened When:** May 2011

**Number of Employees:** 2  
**Hours of Operation:** Available on the website and via e-mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Your Business Specialty:** Catholic grief support

**Business Phone | Website:** (734) 259-9122 | [www.goodmourning-ministry.net](http://www.goodmourning-ministry.net)

**E-mail:** [goodmourningministry@hotmail.com](mailto:goodmourningministry@hotmail.com)

anticipate the economy being an issue. I think some smaller Parishes will join forces and share in the expenses.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

Good Mourning Ministry: If you think you have a worthwhile product or service, pray over it and you'll get the answer you need.

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

Good Mourning Ministry: We think there are hundreds of Catholic Parishes who could use our help. We'll let the Lord guide us as we grow. We expect to be far different five years from now.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Kroger days

Chilled root beer poured over tasty vanilla ice cream is what Kroger shoppers can expect when they once again show their generous support for Easter Seals Michigan during Kroger's Annual A & W Root Beer Float Days fundraiser July 17 through Aug. 13.

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

"Kroger's famous Float Days is an easy and fun way for Michigan families to show their support for people with disabilities," explained Easter Seals Michigan President and CEO Brent Wirth. "The end result of this meaningful campaign is that the lives of people who turn to Easter Seals for support are changing for the better."

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

### Back to scratch

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

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

### Hiller's showcase

Imagine walking into the grocery store to buy milk and walking out with a state-of-the-art bicycle?

It could happen — it all depends on what new products Michigan entrepreneurs are looking to sell.

Hiller's has designated Saturdays as the time for Michigan entrepreneurs and inventors to display their products and inventions.

Michigan residents with new ideas and products need only ask to be given a place in Hiller's to showcase their ideas and products. Aptly named "Hiller's Hometown Showcase: A forum for new ideas and products made in Michigan" will begin this summer.

Hiller's is currently seeking applicants with a business idea, Michigan product or invention who would like to display their products and ideas inside a Hiller's location. Hiller's has even set up a special e-mail address for those contacts. It is [HillersShowcase@hillers.com](mailto:HillersShowcase@hillers.com).

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Top business person

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting candidates for the 2011 Business Person of the Year. This prestigious award will be presented at the annual Business Awards luncheon on Oct. 5 at the Summit in Canton.

Nominees are selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, and is initiative in his/her profession.
- Serves the community by providing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.
- Must be an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Participates in activities which promote economic development and general interest of the community.
- Should have a history of staying power, innovation, and positive response to adversity.

Deadline for nominations is July 29. The nomination forms are available at the Chamber Office or you can download the form from the website at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com), just look in the Member Information section under forms/flyers. Please submit forms to the Chamber Office by Fax (734) 453-4503 or drop it off at the Chamber Office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

### Grub Crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's 10th annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. In past years there has been participation from about 13 restaurants in the community. This year's line up will be similar with a few new additions.

"The Grub Crawl is a favorite event in the community and this year marks our 10th anniversary," said Tracey Rettig, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Rettig, last year more than 500



Rob Bovitz, of Bovitz CPA, P.C. was the 2010 Business Person of the Year Award; this year's nominations are due to the Canton Chamber of Commerce by July 29.

people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first-come, first-served basis so reserve yours early.

Anyone interested in participating in the Grub Crawl can visit the chamber's website at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com), click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Major Sponsors for this event are Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., PNC Bank, Schoolcraft College, Showroom of Elegance, TDS Metrocom, and Yazaki North America, Inc.

### Volunteers needed

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

The concerts will be held at various parking lots along Ford Road. Still open are the following dates: July 22 (2), July 29 (1), Aug. 5 (1), Aug. 19 (1).

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



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Beef Steak Soft Tacos

# All FIRED UP for flavor

Grilling is a great way to get a whole lot of flavor that goes way beyond plain burgers and basic barbecue. Lean meats, juicy marinades and zesty toppings add up to terrific flame-kissed dishes that will make guests want to kiss the cook.

Here are some easy ways to take big flavor from the grate to the plate:

## GRILL UP THE UNEXPECTED

A lot of fruits and veggies are easy to cook over the coals. Try:

- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Portobello mushrooms
- Corn
- Romaine hearts
- Pineapple
- Onion (sliced thick)
- Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

## MARINATE MEATS

When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:

- Chili sauce
- Olive oil
- Lemon or lime juice
- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Molasses
- Garlic
- Red pepper flakes

## TOP IT OFF

In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:

- Roasted red peppers
- Caramelized onions
- Spicy Wholly Guacamole
- Pickled jalapeño peppers
- Chipotle or basil mayo
- Wholly Salsa
- Smoked cheese slices

When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. For more recipes, visit [www.eat-wholly.com](http://www.eat-wholly.com).

### BEEF STEAK SOFT TACOS

Serves: 6

Marinade:

- ½ cup prepared Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chili powder

Beef Tacos:

- 2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut ¾ inch thick (about 1½ pounds)
- 12 small flour tortillas, warmed
- Toppings:

Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

### WHOLLY LIME CHEESEBURGERS

Serves: 6

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- ½ lime, juiced
- 1 teaspoon garlic
- ½ cup diced onion
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- 6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 hamburger buns
- Guacamole

In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties.

Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking.

Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole.

This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.

### AVOCADO STUFFED SALMON

Serves: 4

- 2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
- 1 cup spicy guacamole
- 1 egg yolk
- ¼ cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon.

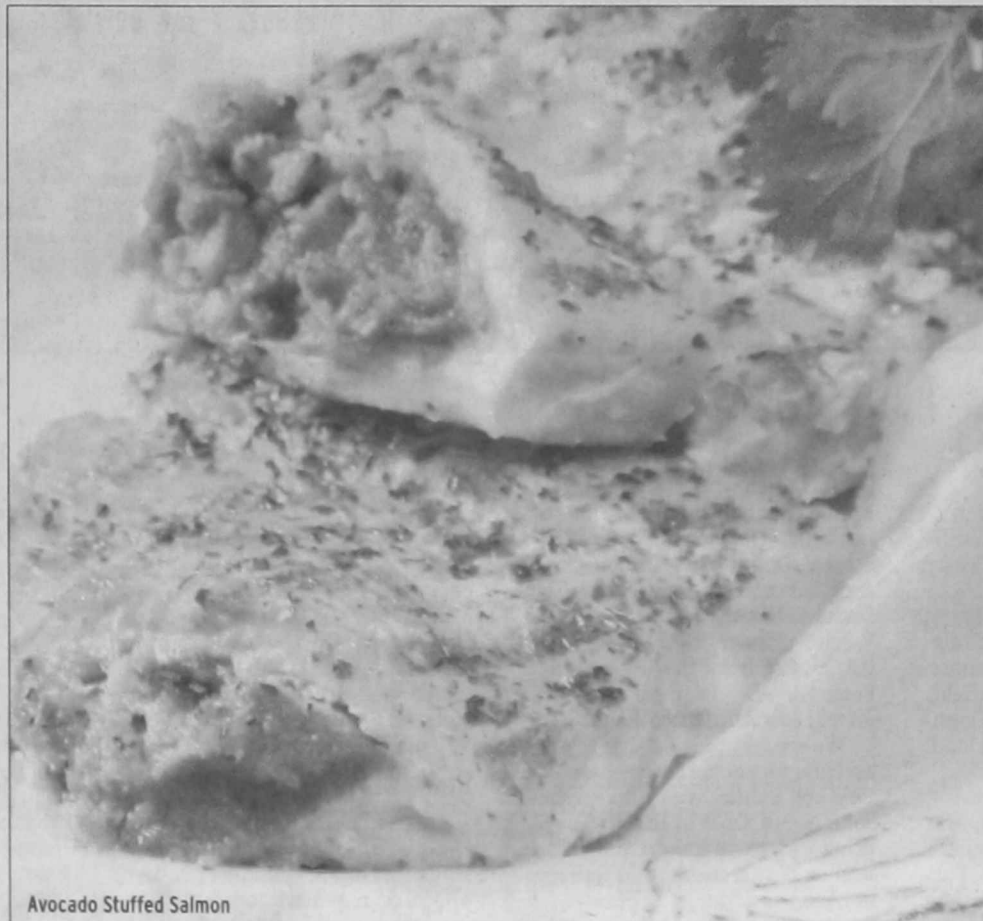
In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing.

Stuff fish with avocado mixture; season each fillet with salt and pepper. Bake for 8 minutes and serve immediately.

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Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers



Avocado Stuffed Salmon

## GUACAMANIA

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## Deal with reputable firms for flood repairs

## Check on rights when land reverts

BY ROBERT MEISNER  
 GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q: Our condominium developer has bailed from the project and has left land which was undeveloped. I understand that after a certain period of time we may be having that property reverting to the association as a Common Element. Am I correct?**



Robert Meisner

**A:** Yes, you are correct that the association may have an opportunity to receive undeveloped land as part of the condominium. Indeed, some developers

have contacted this writer to discuss the possibility of assisting the association in developing that land and it may end up being a financial windfall for the association. In any event, you are best advised to determine what your rights are with respect to the reversion of land to the association and what can be done for the benefit of the association under those circumstances.

**Q: Our developer has walked away from the project and the bank owns the land at this time which has not been built on. Some of the members of the board have asked whether we can do anything with the bank. What are your comments?**

**A:** The bank may be willing to sell those lots, which are units in the condominium, for 20 to 30 cents on the dollar giving the association an opportunity to develop those units on its own or utilize it for other purposes. You should discuss this matter with a competent real estate attorney knowing condominium law who can then perhaps enter into negotiations with the bank on behalf of the association to purchase the land and, perhaps, get a new developer to come in to enhance the condominium development as a whole as I am familiar with developers who are interested in doing so.

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



agencies give guidelines on how to verify this.

- Insist on a written contract. A contract should clearly state all tasks to be performed, all costs and the payment schedule. Never sign a blank contract or one with blank spaces. Make sure the contract states who will apply for the necessary permits or licenses. Keep a copy for your files.

- Get any guarantees in writing. Any guarantees made by the contractor should be written into the contract. The guarantee should clearly state what is guaranteed, who

is responsible for the guarantee and how long the guarantee is valid.

- Make final payment only when the work is completed. Do not sign completion papers or make the final payment until the work is completed to your satisfaction. A reputable contractor will not threaten or pressure you to sign if the job is not finished properly.

- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job up-front. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card — and pay the final amount

only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.

- Canceling a contract. This should be done within three business days of signing. Be sure to follow the procedures for cancellation that are set out in the contract. Send the notification by registered mail with a return receipt to be signed by the contractor.

- Consumer complaints. May be filed with the BBB at: www.bbb.org as well as with the state regulators mentioned above. A dual complaint can be filed with your state Attorney General's office, as well.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 4-8, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	7096 Copper Creek Cir	\$133,000	Northville	32494 Wisconsin St	\$135,000	Westland	11412 Marion	\$53,000
	1293 Dundee Dr	\$195,000		16942 Yorkshire St	\$183,000		9364 Salem	\$35,000
				16425 Country Knoll Dr	\$191,000		35425 Dove Trl	\$59,000
				47125 Burning Tree Ln	\$240,000		7448 Floral St	\$51,000
Livonia	8918 Frederick St	\$101,000	Plymouth	41659 Greenbriar Ln	\$150,000	Redford	39148 Forest Creek Dr	\$185,000
	20301 Gillman St	\$35,000		1441 Harbourside St	\$270,000		34481 Hivley St	\$76,000
	9185 Lathers St	\$104,000		9075 Oakview St	\$133,000		34445 Somerset St	\$42,000
	35512 W Chicago St	\$89,000		8829 Dixie	\$74,000		37100 Vista Dr	\$204,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 28 to April 1, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	15660 Amherst Ave	\$168,000	Bloomfield Hills	634 Vinewood Ave	\$692,000	Franklin	23022 Haynes St	\$90,000	South Lyon	23685 N Rockledge	\$40,000
	18585 Hillcrest St	\$320,000		1050 Wimbleton Dr	\$205,000		29443 Laurel Dr	\$70,000		24688 Nepavine	\$485,000
	30275 Vernon Dr	\$145,000		7350 Jackson Park Dr	\$206,000		30372 Le Mans Dr	\$185,000		23497 Stonehenge Blvd	\$48,000
	18397 Warwick St	\$233,000		6160 Lantern Ln	\$417,000		30091 Muirland Dr	\$190,000		24639 Thatcher Dr	\$80,000
Birmingham	243 Arlington St	\$590,000	Bloomfield Township	6445 Thurber Dr	\$180,000	Milford	31132 Scenic View Cir	\$285,000	Southfield	41128 Todd Ln	\$114,000
	708 Bennaville Ave	\$430,000		2960 Bloomfield Crossing	\$430,000		26248 Valhalla Dr	\$280,000		43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 20	\$84,000
	1230 Chapin Ave	\$257,000		1941 Cragin Dr	\$91,000		36436 Valley Ridge Dr	\$164,000		28261 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
	151 E Lincoln St	\$245,000		748 E Valley Chase Rd	\$299,000		30024 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 19	\$21,000		28340 Wolcott Dr	\$175,000
Farmington Hills	275 Greenwood St	\$725,000	Commerce Township	5430 Forest Way	\$275,000	Novi	30337 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$527,000	White Lake	1248 Coach House Ln	\$50,000
	2494 Manchester Rd	\$152,000		1203 Hillpointe Cir	\$250,000		24924 Riverwood Dr	\$1,380,000		23940 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
	1777 Sheffield Rd	\$255,000		6844 Vachon Dr	\$320,000		3500 Cooley Lake Rd	\$230,000		826 Timber Trail Ct	\$345,000
	1355 Suffolk Ave	\$363,000		8700 Commerce Rd	\$63,000		1625 Hunters Lake Dr	\$460,000		446 Whipple St	\$15,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### On the job

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, based in Birmingham, has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the company.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will help attendees learn about: 1) Raising capital; 2) Finding Deals 3) Property Management; 4) Renovations & Contractors. On Thursday, July 14, 5:30/9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

#### Real Estate Career

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100,

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

#### Free Foreclosure Tours

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**ESTATE ANTIQUE SALE**

July 13-16th, 30200 Fink Ave., Farmington Hills 48336, 10-6pm only See craigslist ad. **CASH ONLY**

**ESTATE SALE - Friday** July 15th, 10-6pm. Farmington Hills, 34499 Lytle Rd, btwn Gill & Drake off of 9 Mile. Furniture incl down couch & antiques, & dishes.

**Garage Sales** **7110**

**BELLEVILLE:** The Cape Condominium Yard Sale. Sat. & Sun. July 16 & 17, 9am-4pm. 194 to Rawsonville Rd. S. to Huron River Dr. E. to left on Lakepoint Blvd.

**BLOOMFIELD-HUGE ESTATE SALE** Designer mens & womens clothing, home decor, furniture. July 15th and 16th 9:00 to 4:00. N of Lone Pine, E of Franklin 1564 Sodon Lake.

**CANTON**

45056 Patrick Dr., South of Warren, East of Canton Center. Friday, July 15, 9am-6pm. Miscellaneous housewares, clothing, sporting goods.

**CANTON COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE:** July 15, 16 & 17. College Park Estates 51074 Mott Rd., 48188. Btwn Denton and Ridges 1/2 mile off Michigan.

**CANTON Garage Sale - July 15 & 16, 8am-5pm.** 1591 Gleggarry Woods Court, Ping pong table, tools, & household items, etc.

**CANTON:** Clothes, toys, electronics, & more! Something for everyone! 7/13-7/17, 7-3pm. 48591 Gladstone, btwn Beck & Cherry Hills

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**CANTON:** July 14, 15 & 16, 9-5pm. 5806 Wedgewood. Nottingham Forest. N. of Ford, W. of Lilley.

**FARMINGTON HILLS:** Furniture, appls, collectibles, tools, piano. Too much to list! 7/14-7/16, 10-5pm. 31824 Trestlin, btwn 10 & 11 off Orchard Lk.

**FARMINGTON HILLS:** 38180 Lantern Hill Ct, Farmington Hills (Between Halsted & Haggerty Rd). Dates: July 14-16 Time: 9:00 - 5:00. Furniture, American Girl dolls & accessories, Department 56 halloween and Dickens Village, and so much more.

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**LIVONIA-HUGE YARD SALE!!** 14417 ARDEN, 1 blk West of Merriman, just South of Lyndon. Thursday, July 14 to Sunday, July 17th, 8:30am-6pm daily!

**LIVONIA:** 18411 Stamford. Lots of sports items, clothes, misc. 10-5 Fri. 9-4 Sat. 9-noon Sun.

**LIVONIA:** July 14-16, 9-4pm. 31516 Bennett, 6 Mile & Merriman. Misc items, exercise equipment, etc. Proceeds going to homeless population.

**LIVONIA:** Oak desk, household items, furniture, fax machine, baby, kids & adult clothes, toys & misc. 7/15 & 7/16, 9-4. 34190 Bretton Dr. 48152

**NEW HUDSON:** July 15 & 16, 9-4pm. 55598 Katie Lane, Milford Rd. to 12 Mile, to Sharrard Hill to end of st. Kid's clothes, household, misc

**NORTHVILLE:** Moving/Garage Sale. Northville Commons, 42153 Westmeath Ct. Thurs. & Fri. July 14 & 15, 9-3. Sat. July 16, 9-1. Tons of household items, clothing, tools, books & furniture.

**NORTHVILLE:** Antiques, tools, collectibles, housewares, furniture. Friday & Saturday, July 15 & 16th, 9am-noon. 131 N. Rogers St., Northville.

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**NORTHVILLE:** 3 family. Clothing, kitchenware, X-box games/ controllers, misc. 7/14-7/15 8-6pm; 7/16 8-4pm. 48120 8 Mile, 1/4 mi W of Beck

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**PLYMOUTH:** 12321 Howland Park Dr. W. of Ridge, S. of N. Territorial Remodeling Sale - Furniture, household, electronics, toys, clothes & sport equip. Thurs & Fri., 9-4pm

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**SOUTH LYON YARD SALE:** 907 Norchester, 10 Mile to Wellington, right on Norchester. Thurs-Sat, July 14-16, 9-3pm.

**SOUTH LYON:** July 15-17th. Fri-Sun; 9-5pm. Books, chairs, bicycle, tools, jewelry & misc. South Lyon Woods, 229 Longfellow Dr

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**Garage Sales** **7110**

**WESTLAND:** Huge Yard Sale! Baby/kid's clothes, gear, furniture, toys, home decor, more! Thurs-Sat, 6/14-6/16, 8-4pm. 8203 Creekside Dr. Joy & Hix.

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Very gorgeous SF, multi-racial, 31, 5'7", medium build, in search of a man, race unimportant, 40-65, kids ok, who is living his life to the fullest, financially secure, sincere, who likes concerts, cooking and traveling, for friendship first leading to possible relationship. ☎332436

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**PEOPLE-PERSON**

DWF, 65, 5'2", 107lbs, two grown sons and one granddaughter, looking for SWM, 58-66, N/S, who is family-oriented, easy to communicate with, and fun to be with. I love concerts, dining out, taking walks. ☎334842

**LET'S MEET**

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**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

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SWM, 53, 5'11", 160lbs, N/S, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ☎218827

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**SEEKS A FUN LADY**

SWM, 35, 6'7", very honest, kind, clean, independent, N/S, seeks BF, 23-45, to enjoy sports, movies, concerts, outdoor activities and more. ☎339552

**MOVED TO THE WEST SIDE**

SBM, 41, 5'9", slim build, smoker, likes movies, and enjoying good food, seeks a beautiful BF, 21-56, for friendship, hanging out and maybe LTR. ☎339183

**FRIENDS FIRST OK?**

SWM, 47, 6', average build, business owner, liberal-minded, N/S, likes traveling, the beach, staying active, seeks a kind, honest woman, 25-39, for friendship first. ☎339200

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