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- Wednesday, Aug. 3, Salem High School, 1-6:45 p.m.

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Woody goes Barefoot

Barefoot Productions presents "Woody Allen & Jazz," a one-night combo featuring "Old Saybrook," written by Woody Allen, followed by a live concert by One Flight Up, a folk/jazz quartet.

The event takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, in Plymouth.

"Old Saybrook" is a comic one-act play written by Woody Allen involving the wit and humor revolving around neurosis and adult affairs. The play is directed by frequently seen Barefoot Productions actor Nathan Corliss (of "Rope" and "Black Comedy"), in his directorial debut. The performance will be followed by the folk, jazz and retro music stylings of One Flight Up, featuring singer Eric Anderson. It's the first of three nights of Woody Allen and music Barefoot Productions presents between July 23 and Aug. 20.

Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com for information, tickets and reservations.

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Board privatizes bus drivers

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A roomful of passionate bus drivers and other transportation officials crowded into the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Tuesday in an effort to save their jobs.

It didn't work.

The board voted 5-2 to privatize some 150 bus driver and monitor positions, hiring Michigan Educational Transportation Systems, Inc., the only outside bidder, to phase in drivers and monitors for both special education and general education bus services.

The move is expected to save some \$2.5 million in the first year for a district that plugged an \$11 million hole in its 2011-12 budget with its entire fund balance.

"We've got to make these decisions," board

President John Jackson said as board members discussed the possibility of delaying the vote. "We had a decision to close a school, and we didn't make it. We had a decision to raise class size, and we didn't do that. We still have an \$11 million hole, and we have to make these decisions."

James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said the district currently pays some \$6.4 million for drivers covered under the METS agreement. METS has agreed to supply them for \$3.5 million, Larson-Shidler pointed out.

UNUSUAL MOVE

In what interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes said was an unusual move for a district privatizing its transportation department, Plymouth-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education voted Tuesday to privatize some 150 bus drivers and monitors.

HOT STUFF!

Splash pad is a handy tool for beating the heat

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Water-soaked children found the perfect reprieve from a sizzling heat wave Tuesday as they cooled off by playing outside Canton's Summit on the Park — laughing as a popular splash playground doused any hot-weather complaints they might have had.

"I love to get wet," 7-year-old Kenny Ala said, as his Canton grandmother, Lucinda Ala, smiled from a shaded picnic bench.

"I bring him here just about every day," she said.

Not far away, Canton grandfather Dennis German watched as 5-year-old granddaughter Alaina Shenton darted among the water-gushing amenities of the spray park.

"It's such an extremely hot day," he said, "and this is a terrific venue for the kids."

As the mercury climbed into the 90s, weather forecasters said temperatures seemed over 100 degrees as a punishing heat index baked Canton and communities far beyond.

It was the perfect day for

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Three-year-old Natalie Brown (above) learns a lesson from big brother Nicholas: The quickest way to cool off is to dump a bucket of water over your head. The kids are playing at the Canton Summit splash pad. It's just before noon (top) and the temperature along Ford Road in Canton is already 90 degrees.



Police: Don't leave kids unattended in heat

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Twice in two days, Canton police broke out car windows to rescue young children whose parents indicated they became accidentally locked inside.

Efforts by police averted potentially serious injury to a 1-year-old boy and an 11-month-old girl.

And while Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said any parent caught in such a situation should immediately call for help, he also said the incidents should serve as a serious reminder: Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

The incidents occurred as metro Detroit was facing the start of what weather forecasters have said could be the longest heat wave since 1995, with temperatures climbing into the 90s but feeling like 100 degrees or hotter.

The first incident happened about 7:45 p.m. Saturday when a mother told police her 11-month-old girl became accidentally locked inside what was described as a Jeep station wagon outside the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty roads.

According to a police report,

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Borders' closing saddens Canton patrons

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Law is going to have to find a new place to hang out, now that Borders is going away.

Law said he comes from his Wayne residence "a couple of times a week" to hang out at the Canton Borders, located at Ford Road and Morton-Taylor. He enjoyed his peaceful time, sipping a cup of coffee and doing a little reading.

But with Borders' corporate decision to liquidate, Law's days of hanging out are numbered, a fact that

leaves him sad.

"I love this place," Law said. "It gives me serenity. You can relax and it's enjoyable. I'm going to miss it."

Five months after filing for bankruptcy protection, the second largest bookstore chain in the country is planning to liquidate its assets and close all its stores by the end of the year. Borders operates almost 400 stores and employs nearly 11,000 people.

The liquidation process is expected to start as soon as Friday.

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Caroline Scheuing and Anita Michaud raised some \$600 for the Michigan Humane Society by selling flip-flops and visors at Plymouth's Art in the Park.

Girls' fundraiser helps Humane Society

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Caroline Scheuing and Anita Michaud originally decided to get a booth at last weekend's Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth to sell goods "for the fun of it."

Then, like a light bulb going on, it dawned on the girls, both about to be seventh-grade students at East Middle School, they could not only have fun, but do something constructive for charity.

That's why the proceeds from the girls' booth, where they sold decorated flip-flops and sun visors, are going to the Michigan Humane Society, to the tune of some \$600.

"We came up with idea of promoting shelters or rescues, so we decided on the Humane Society," said Anita, a 12-year-old Plymouth resident. "It helps animals that need shelter, and it helps animals already at the shelter."

Said Caroline: "(The

Humane Society) is someone everyone can kind of relate to. Everyone knows what that is, so we thought people would be more willing to help."

Turns out they were right. The girls decorated the flip-flops and visors using markers and gel-tubes, and they also sold lemonade. By the time the booth closed on Sunday, the girls had sold 72 pairs of flip-flops and another 30 visors.

The girls were divided on their chances for success. Caroline, a 12-year-old from Canton, thought the money might come in slowly — "I didn't think we'd make that much ... flip-flops and visors aren't that intriguing," she said — while Anita figured they'd do well.

"I expected to make a lot of money," Anita said. "A lot of people like animals, so everyone knew it was going to a good cause."

The girls were accountable for every aspect of the fundraiser — decorating the goods,

procuring the Art in the Park booth, scheduling, etc. It's a level of responsibility that didn't surprise their parents.

"These girls took it upon themselves," Lisa Scheuing said. "We couldn't believe the motivation they had. They came up with the idea of the charity, they came up with what they'd make, they coordinated everything the last few days. They pulled it all together."

Peg Foen, Anita's mother, was likewise not surprised with the success the girls had.

"Both girls are very responsible," Foen said. "They're both excellent students, and when they put their minds to it, they get things done. I didn't have any doubt they'd be able to pull it off."

The girls were scheduled to present the proceeds from their sale to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland Wednesday.

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W-W school board gives Middel nod as president

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Carol Middel admits she has some "big shoes to fill" as the newly elected president of the Wayne-Westland school board.

"There were a lot of good people before me, I've seen a lot of good school board presidents," said the Canton resident after the board's organizational meeting Monday evening. "My goal is to show the community that by using my best leadership skills, the board will work together for the betterment of the schools and the students."

Middel won the position by a 4-2 vote with Trustees Shawna Walker and Cindy Schofield dissenting in an election that saw MEA-endorsed trustees get three of the board's four offices. The vote was repeated in the election of John Goci as vice president and newly sworn-in member Andrea Clawson as treasurer. Schofield will continue as the board secretary, winning the seat with a 6-0 votes.

"This us a fresh start for all of us and I hope we can all work together and move this district forward," said Walker in congratulating the new slate of officers. "As long as we show respect and listen to what each other says, I believe we can take this district to the next level."

A retired Wayne-Westland teacher, Middel said she took



Middel

nothing for granted in winning the board presidency. She has served on the school board since 2009 and this is her first elected position.

She and her husband, Bill, have two grown daughters.

"I need everybody's support, the worst of the transition is behind us and hopefully we can go on from here," said Middel, who told her fellow trustees she has a "different style" that includes respecting every opinion.

"I want to hear them, communicating is the best way to work," she said. "The more input we have is more information to make decisions."

Her goals as president is to improve test scores and make everyone "prouder of the Wayne-Westland schools," she added.

As president, she must come up with a committee assignments, a task that needs to be done quickly after a majority of the trustees chose not to keep the law firm of Lusk and Albertson as its general legal counsel. A committee will look at what the qualifications for the position should be and then the board will seek requests from proposals from law firms.

The decision was pushed by Goci who told his colleagues

he "would like to bid out the contract to see what the market has to offer."

According to School Superintendent Greg Baracy, the district has paid about \$200,000 a year the past three years in fees to the law firm which handles such issues as labor, worker's compensation, bonds, finance contracts, student expulsions, discipline, special education, environmental and specialty matters. Lusk and Albertson charge \$195-\$220 an hour.

"There's no retainer fee, we pay strictly for the work they do for us," Baracy said.

The agreement with Lusk and Albertson ended on June 30, and the school board agreed that the firm should continue to represent the district in the interim. The hope is to give the data to a board subcommittee which will review it and make a recommendation to the full board, possibly by September.

The board did agree to continue using the services of the Thrun Law Firm for elections and Kelley Cawthorne for governmental affairs. There are no hourly rates for those two firms, and in the case of Kelley Cawthorne the district has a standard agreement of \$32,000 a year.

"We've used them (Kelley Cawthorne) since 1999," Baracy told the board.

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AROUND CANTON

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 two-hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

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

Tea and fashion

Date/Time: Sunday, July 24, 3-6 p.m.
Location: Edsel and Eleanor house, Grosse Pointe Shores

Details: Divine Power Ministries, Sisters With Healing Power is hosting their third annual Tea & Fashion Show at the Edsel and Eleanor house in Grosse Pointe Shores. The speaker will be Molly MacDonald, the Founder and President of The Pink Fund, a Detroit-based organization that helps women and men suffering from breast cancer to focus on healing by providing short-term financial aid during their period of active treatment and recovery. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.
Contact: Bishop-Elect Dr. Andrea Calvert at eliseb12ac@gmail.com or (313) 963-2361.

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.

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.cantonhistoricalociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Designer Show House

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23
Location: 800 Griswold, Northville
Details: Visit with the designers; seek their advice; small plate strolling dinner, silent auction and signature cocktail. Advance RSVP required. The self-guided home tour of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last-chance tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-Novis and hosted by Dr. William Demray, DDS.
Contact: www.aauwnn.org

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.



7pm Fridays... Plymouth Music in the Air ...Thru September 2nd in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Friday, July 22 in Kellogg Park

Gia Warner

It's no wonder that Gia Warner was named after a famous singer. The daughter of musician Bobby Lewis of Motown Records, she's been performing since she was 6. When her mother was pregnant with her, she and Lewis were in Las Vegas, where they saw the singer Gia Maione and her husband, saxophonist Louis Prima, perform. "My mom saw the name in lights and loved it," Warner said.

Warner, who plays acoustic guitar and sings, was nominated Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist at the 2008 Detroit Music Awards. At the 2009 event, she was nominated for Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist, Outstanding Live Performance, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter and Outstanding Rock/Pop Song. Warner has done television work for the nationally syndicated series "Xena, Warrior Princess," "Hercules," and Disney's "Legend of the Seeker," as well as national advertisements for NBC, For Motor Company, Chiquita and General Motors Corporation. Locally, she has done spots for Greektown Casino, D.O.C., Gardner White Furniture, Shore Mortgage and more.

Those who have influenced her range from Heart and Joni Mitchell to Aretha Franklin, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and Bonnie Raitt. For more about her and her schedule, go to www.giawarner.com.

Save the Date Future Friday Performances of Plymouth Music in the Air:

- July 29.....The Bluescasters (Blues)
- Aug. 5.....Those Delta Rhythm Kings (Swing)
- Aug. 12....Michael King & Friends (Rock)
- Aug. 19....Mass Transit Band (Top 40)
- Aug. 26....Randy Brock Group (Blues)
- Sept. 2.....Lady Sunshine and the X Band (Soul)

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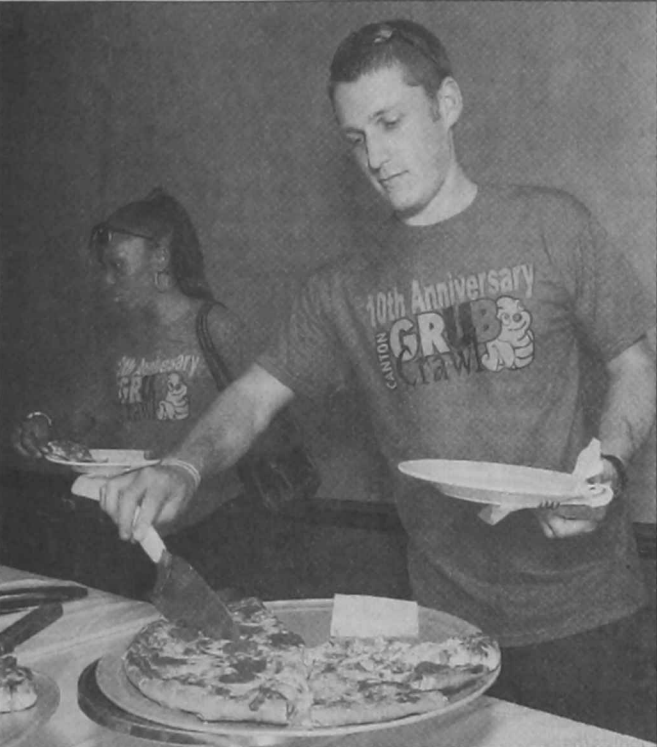
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At Tim and Sally's Awesome Eats, Roxanne Gill rounds up grub crawlers on their way to the next stop.



James Rowley and Karla Northern sample the pizza at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.



Over at Carvel, Val and Roger Skulsky chill out with soft-serve ice cream.



The crowd at The Crow's Nest included (standing) Beth Seegert, Kathrine Bunting and Toni Shah, (sitting) Jennifer Switzer, Hanoë Gibbons and Monica Mack.

Getting grubby

Crawlers dine on Canton cuisine

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wearing red T-shirts and packing their appetites, a small army of food lovers descended on 14 Canton restaurants Tuesday evening after paying just \$35 to chow down on local cuisine.

More than 450 food connoisseurs hopped aboard shuttles or drove themselves as they sought refuge from a blistering heat wave by jamming air-conditioned restaurants involved in the 10th annual Grub Crawl.

"We enjoy it," Bob Ollar of Canton said, accompanied by wife Gail inside T.C. Gators on Ford Road. "It gives us a chance to stop by restaurants we pass along the road — places we have thought about trying."

They count themselves as aficionados after attending five Canton Grub Crawls and similar events in Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

The Ollars tried pizza, chicken wings and fajitas at T.C. Gator's before heading south to Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats near Geddes and Canton Center, where owner Janet Hartleib welcomed patrons who tried house-smoked ribs and chicken, among other palate-pleasing treats. She was hopeful Grub Crawl might generate return customers.

"In this economy, people are hesitant to go someplace they don't know, because they have a limited budget," she said.

Retired ironworker Bob Coutts and wife Linda, a Showroom of Elegance employee, had never been to Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, but the food impressed them so much they asked for a menu

to take home.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce rolled out what Tracey Rettig, chamber president, called a "wonderful" Grub Crawl by collaborating with some 60 organizations including sponsors, restaurants, township government, the Canton Downtown Development Authority and volunteers who shepherded patrons to and from shuttles.

Inside Rose's Restaurant near Canton Center and Cherry Hill, owner Richard Costantino got a little help from son Guido, 11, and Guido's friend Nick Mans, also 11, as customers crowded a room to sample chicken milano, fettucine alfredo, salad and bread.

"We've been in business for almost 19 years, but our family has been in the Canton area since the 1940s," Costantino said, recalling how his parents, Ford Motor Co. worker Guido and wife Rose, had a farm where the restaurant now stands.

"We used to bale hay on this property," Costantino said.

One customer, former chamber board chair Mary Bartlett, said Grub Crawl provides a way for friends to enjoy an evening out while supporting local businesses such as Rose's.

And for the record, she said, "the bread is phenomenal."

Others involved in Grub Crawl included Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carraba's Italian Grill, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, the Crow's Nest, the new Olga's Kitchen, Super Bowl of Canton, T.G.I. Friday's and, for an afterglow, Hayden's Grill and Bar.

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CRIME WATCH

Sex offender

1 A registered sex offender who had failed to verify his address with the state was arrested and issued citations by Canton police during a traffic stop shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday at Ford Road and Willow Creek, east of Morton Taylor.

A police officer on patrol on east-bound Ford stopped the vehicle for having a brake light that wasn't working, then discovered after running a background check that the sex offender had failed to update his address as required by state law, according to a police report.

The offender was given a court date to appear on the charges against him.

Ticket blizzard

2 Canton police issued a flurry of tickets to a man who struck the back of a garbage truck and then fled the scene.

The incident happened about 7:45 a.m. Monday at Van Born and Haggerty roads.

A man driving a Republic Waste Services truck was stopping at the intersection when he was struck from behind by a young driver in a 1998 Honda Civic, according to a police report.

The Honda driver then pulled around the truck and fled the scene, though his car had heavy front-end damage. Police issued an alert for the driver, who was found by Van Buren Township police.

The driver told police he thought he could return home and then file a police report. He also told police he had consumed alcohol the night before and was sleepy when he hit the

truck.

Canton police cited the driver for failing to report an accident, failing to stop within an assured clear distance, having no proof of insurance, failing to display a valid license and failing to change his address.

Driveway tagged

3 A woman contacted police after someone spray-painted graffiti, including a gay slur, on the driveway near her home on Courtland, southeast of Warren and Lilley, between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The woman also told police that her home was targeted by someone using eggs and toilet paper about a month ago, though she didn't initially file a police report about that incident.

The woman told police she spoke with her teenage son and her hus-

band, neither of whom said they have had any recent problems with anyone.

Home invasion

4 A woman returning to her residence on Honeytree, southeast of Joy Road and I-275, contacted police after she found her front door open and her lights on, a police report said.

before 5 a.m. July 13.

The woman told police she had picked her boyfriend up in Wayne and brought him to the motel after he said the police were looking for him. She went to sleep, and when she awoke her Buick LeSabre was missing along with 180 pills of prescription drugs, Xanax and Loracet.

The woman was returning about 3:50 a.m. Saturday after being out of town for three days due to a death in her family.

The woman reported that a black Gucci purse containing a wallet, credit cards and a check book was missing.

Boyfriend's back

5 A woman was seeking charges after her boyfriend took her car without permission from the Motel 6 on Ford Road east of Haggerty. The incident happened shortly

She said such incidents have happened before and she wanted to prosecute.

Failed invasion

6 A man who lives on Times Square, northeast of Geddes and Denton roads, notified police after it appeared someone attempted a home invasion at his residence between 10 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 a.m. Monday.

The man told police someone had cut the wiring to his garage, possibly in an attempt to gain entry, but he said nothing appeared to be missing from his home or his garage.

The man told police he heard a noise during the night but thought it was the wind.

Break-in try

7 A man notified police after it appeared someone had tried to break into his home on Lotzford, northeast of Lotz and Cherry Hill, between 10 p.m. July 12 and 8 a.m. July 13.

The man noticed that a rug was rolled up and a table moved on the enclosed porch of the home. He also said a window had been opened and a plant had been moved from a windowsill.

Nothing appeared to have been taken, although the man told police his wallet was taken July 6 during a larceny from his car. At that time, someone used his credit card to make purchases.

He also said someone had entered a shed near his home in recent days, though nothing was missing.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



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Driver gets probation in death of teenager

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A 39-year-old driver accused of hitting and killing an Inkster man who was pushing a car in Canton has been placed on probation for two years following his plea to a reduced charge of attempted negligent homicide, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk has confirmed.

The driver, Abimael Laureano of Lincoln Park, could have received up to two years in prison if he had been convicted of negligent homicide, but he accepted a recent plea agreement after a hung jury in March failed to reach a verdict.

Laureano was charged following an accident on the night of April 21, 2010, that killed 18-year-old Lance Lorenzo McKay II, who died two days after he was hit.

Laureano had been accused of striking McKay from behind while McKay was pushing a car that had quit on west-bound Michigan Avenue near Hannan.

McKay had received aid at the scene before he was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital, where authorities said he died two days later.

Before his plea, Laureano had been scheduled for a new trial after a jury failed to reach a verdict in March in Wayne County Circuit Judge James Callahan's courtroom.

The deliberations had spanned two days, but Canton Detective Tim Wright said at the time that jurors "couldn't come to a decision."

A cousin who was helping McKay push the car survived with what authorities described as minor injuries.

Canton police had issued a statement after the accident indicating that it didn't appear alcohol was a factor in the crash.

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Summit, library serve as cooling centers

HEAT

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As a sweltering heat wave grips metro Detroit, Canton Township officials opened Summit on the Park as a cooling center for people who need relief.

"We have designated the Summit as our main cooling center," Kathy Rich, emergency management planner, said early Monday afternoon.

Cooling center hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Rich said. The facility is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center.

Anyone using the Summit to escape sizzling temperatures, which are expected to top 90 degrees every day this week, should sign in at the front desk, Rich said. The Summit may be reached at (734) 394-5460.

The Canton Public Library also has opened its doors as a cooling center, said Laurie Golden, the facility's marketing and communications manager.

TRAFFIC RISES

Those using the library may use a public computer or find reading materials to pass the time, though they need a library card to take materials with them when they leave.

"We do see quite a bit of traffic on these hot days, especially in the afternoon," Golden said.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The National Weather Service declared a heat advisory this week, as the heat index was expected to reach the upper 90s and likely exceed 100 degrees Wednesday and Thursday.

The heat wave is predicted to be the longest period of hot and humid conditions since July 1995, the weather service said.

Dave Kook, a National Weather Service meteorologist in White Lake Township, has said that even when temperatures are in the 90s, they will feel hotter than 100 degrees.

During overnight hours, Rich advised anyone who needs relief from warm temperatures to reach out to family, friends or neighbors who may have air-conditioned homes.

HAVIN' A HEAT WAVE

The Summit will remain a cooling center throughout the week, with Rich predicting the heat wave "is going to go until at least Friday or Saturday."

Those who stay in their homes also may find cooler temperatures if they have basements, Rich said, adding that electric fans can help to keep air flowing.

Rich offered the following advice:

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activity. Anyone who has to engage in such activity should do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m.



Most people can find a cool spot to work, but not Leroy Wells and Michael McNutt. Both employees of the Wayne County Road Commission's Field Services are out in the extreme heat on the Sheldon Center Connector road project.

- Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine. Try to go to a public building with air conditioning each day for several hours. And while electric fans do not cool the air, they help sweat evaporate, which cools the body.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors reflect away some of the sun's energy.
- Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, to help keep the body cool. Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them; they can seem to bring relief, but they make the heat's effects worse.
- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

Moreover, Rich cautioned everyone to be aware of the signs of health-related emergencies:

- Heat exhaustion: Cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea or vomiting; dizziness; and exhaustion. Body temperatures will be near normal.
- Heat stroke: Hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. Body temperature can be as high as 105 degrees. If the heat-stroke victim was sweating from heavy work or exercise, skin may be wet; otherwise it will feel dry.

Rich suggested treatment for health emergencies:

- For heat cramps, get the victim to a cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. Lightly stretch the affected muscle and replenish fluids. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not give liquids with alcohol or caffeine in them; they can make conditions worse.
- For heat exhaustion, get the person out of the heat and into a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets.

If the person is conscious, give cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not give liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine.

Let the victim rest in a comfortable position, and watch carefully for changes in his or her condition.

- For heat stroke, which is a life-threatening situation, get help fast. Call 9-1-1 or another emergency phone number.

Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body. Immerse the victim in a cool bath, or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems.

Keep the person lying down and continue to cool the body any way possible. If the victim refuses water or is vomiting or there are changes in the level of consciousness, do not give anything to eat or drink.

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Rachel Rubio puts the finishing touches on the sign for a lemonade and ice tea stand. Rachel and her friends Via Dumoran and Maria Tortorici hope to make a few bucks and help people beat the heat in their Canton neighborhood.

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Ypsilanti mother Heather Brescol to bring daughters Julia, 3, Emma, 2, and their cousins Tyler Smith, 11, and Megan Smith, 7, to the hot-weather haven. Brescol's friend, Stacey Pilarz, also brought her daughters, Maria, 3, and Danica, 2.

Sitting under a tree, Brescol and Pilarz handed out sandwiches as the children took a momentary break from the splash park.

"I like going through all the big water things," Julia said.

Maria agreed. "I like playing in the water because it's cold."

Cold — not a word used often as the longest heat wave in more than 15 years settled in.

Jon LaFever, Canton recre-

ation coordinator, said large numbers of visitors also used swimming pools inside the Summit as they beat the heat.

"It has been packed," he said Tuesday.

Outside, Brescol and Pilarz said they brought their children from Ypsilanti after learning from a friend that Canton had a free splash playground.

"It's such a hot day, we thought the sprinkler park would be a good place for them to play," Brescol said.

Said Pilarz, "It's a fun thing to do on a summer day."

Tyler and Megan Smith, siblings, couldn't have agreed more.

"It's been such a hot week," Tyler said, "so this feels relaxing and nice and cool."

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KIDS

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the mother asked an officer to break out a window, which he did by using a rock after other attempts failed. The report described the child as upset but not seriously injured.

The second incident occurred about 3 p.m. Sunday outside the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, and a police report indicated that temperatures had climbed past 90 degrees while a 1-year-old boy was locked inside a Jeep.

The report indicated that the boy was directly in sunlight with the windows up — and that the keys had been accidentally locked inside the vehicle.

A police officer used one of his tools to break out the window and rescue the child, who was described as sweating and lethargic. The boy was taken inside the air-conditioned store and given water.

Police reports indicated both incidents were accidental, and Schreiner said anyone caught in such an incident — embar-

rassing though it may be — should contact police immediately.

"If, God forbid, you do get stuck in a situation like that, we will be more than willing to come out and help," Schreiner said. "When you recognize that the problem is beyond your ability (to fix), don't hesitate to call for help, and we will send help."

Moreover, Schreiner warned that any parent or guardian who intentionally leaves a child alone in a vehicle — regardless of weather conditions — could potentially face criminal charges such as child neglect.

"It's not reasonable to leave your child alone in a car for any amount of time," he said. "The law is clear with regards to child neglect. There's not a reasonable amount of time you can leave your child unattended. The law doesn't excuse a brief moment. It's not OK, period."

To avoid incidents in which children become accidentally locked inside cars, Schreiner said it may be prudent to have an extra set of keys handy.

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Winners of the Popular Vote, voted by those who attended the exhibit, were: First Place and a dinner for two at Texas Road House, went to Cathy Vettese with "River" created in color pencil; second place and a gift from Famous Dave's BBQ went to photographic artist Allen Brooks with a digitally enhanced infrared photo entitled "Windy City Reflections," and third place and a cash award went to David Lamb for his oil paint-

ing titled "Rocky Shore."

Three names were drawn from those who attended and voted for their favorites. Canton resident Norm Sinclair won a gift certificate from Panda Buffet, Taavi Vint of Canton won a gift certificate from Bellanger Tire and Auto, and Minica Crespo of Canton won a gift certificate from Red Robin restaurant.

Some of the comments people wrote on their entry ballots included: "Great variety in art," "Well organized" and "All of the artworks were very beautiful and captivating."

For further information about the Three Cities Art Club, which meets September through June at the Canton Township Hall, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org or contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext. 123, or e-mail her at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Washburn grabs Orchard Lake baton

The Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society has engaged the services of Nan Washburn as conductor for the OLPS Symphony Orchestra.

Judith Moslak, president, founder and artistic director of OLPS, made the announcement as the 45-member community orchestra prepares for its fifth season.

Washburn is in her 13th season as music director of the Michigan Philharmonic, a professional orchestra, and also serves as the artistic director and principal conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

"I'm truly honored to accept the invitation to be the next conductor of the OLPS Symphony Orchestra," said Washburn. "Its mission of music education, community service and providing performance opportunities for dedicated adult musicians are all things that are tremendously and increasingly important to all of us who care about the survival and success of orchestral music here in Michigan."

"I am also looking forward to OLPS sharing an affiliation with my other professional orchestra, the Michigan Philharmonic, and thinking about all the exciting future collaborative possibilities between the two organizations," Washburn added.

Moslak said the goals of the OLPS — community service and music education — are "perfectly aligned" with Washburn's.

"We are thrilled at the opportunity to have such a renowned conductor take an interest in helping our OLPS Symphony Orchestra members maintain and grow their skills," she said.

The new affiliation will not affect Washburn's tenure or effectiveness with the



Washburn

nothing but enhance the organization.

"We are really excited to have them affiliated with us," Stewart said. "It gives (Washburn) a chance to work with more students, and it gives us a chance to extend our reach out into the Oakland County area."

"Studies show people who perform music have a greater interest in attending concerts and becoming involved with music organizations," Stewart added. "This is a great opportunity for our development. We're really excited about it."

Washburn has an extensive background as a conductor and artistic director. She co-founded a groundbreaking Women's Philharmonic in San Francisco, and is known for her authoritative knowledge of women composers. In addition, she has worked with a number of living American composers, often performing their work in her many guest appearances with symphony orchestras across the country, as well as during her tenures with orchestras in California and with the Michigan Philharmonic.

The Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society was formed when certain members of the Pebble Creek Chamber Orchestra wanted a weekly opportunity to play in an ensemble. The PCCO is the original chamber orchestra that still meets occasionally for Saturday Soirees in

Moslak's living room to play chamber music, accompany Bach concerti for two and more keyboards and sometimes to accompany students playing piano, cello and clarinet concerti.

Washburn is the third conductor to assume the baton for the OLPS Symphony Orchestra, succeeding Susan

Mutter. The musicians in the orchestra are all employed in other professions, including accountants, engineers, professors, and a Zamboni driver. They are volunteer performers in the orchestra, dedicating their time and talents because of their love of music and are grateful for the opportunity to play together.

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DRIVERS

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Canton retains ownership of its bus fleet, mechanic staff and all its transportation facilities. The contact with METS is only for drivers.

And, Hughes pointed out, the agreement gives current drivers first crack at the jobs with METS, and maintains the current salary level for all P-CCS drivers hired.

The program is scheduled to be phased in over the first few months of the school year. METS will begin providing bus monitors over the summer, and special education drivers later in the fall, perhaps by November. The general edu-

cation routes will be turned over to METS around the start of the second semester in January, Hughes said.

The move has been brewing since spring, when the board asked the administration to go out for bids. Using a qualifying process, the district sent requests for proposal to three bidders: METS, Trinity and its own union. Trinity never supplied a bid, leaving METS bidding against the P-CCS union.

That's when another unusual move came, according to Hughes. When the bids were opened, the district gave the union a chance to match the METS bid.

"We made a commitment to our people we'd let them know what the bid was and sit down with them to let them match

it," Hughes said. "We sat down with them Thursday and Friday last week ... we thought a significant gap existed between (METS) and our own people."

NOT FAIR BARGAINING

According to Hughes, the METS offer reduced the district's driver expenditures by 57 percent, while the union's proposal cut it by only 39 percent.

But William Barber, the union's chief steward, said the district never really bargained in good faith. Rather than bargain for concessions, Barber said, the district simply showed them the bid and told them they'd have to match it.

"We never really bargained," Barber said. "We really worked

book as a reward.

"It's close to our home," Griffith said of the Canton Borders. "It's one of our favorite places to come. We're sad."

Staffers at the Canton Borders weren't commenting on Tuesday, and there's been no report yet of when the store will close.

Erin Bakshis of Canton said she thinks the advent of the Internet and electronic reading has doomed most book stores.

and turbulent economy, have brought us to where we are now."

The decision left a little sadness on the face of Tracey Griffith of Westland, who said she visits the Canton Borders "maybe twice a month."

On Tuesday, she was there with sons Jacob, 13, and Trent, 9, to pick out new books. Trent had recently completed Borders' summer reading program, which landed him a free

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The Earth Angels take their audiences back in time with songs from the '50s and '60s.

Earth Angels smile, dance their way into hearts

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nishant Alluri of West Bloomfield grabs a microphone, jumps off the stage and races down the aisles, dancing and greeting the crowd.

Alluri belts out *Old Time Rock N Roll*, lip-syncing the lyrics and kicking his legs in a frenetic style.

Rhys Gabriel of Canton follows with the Contours' hit, *Do You Love Me?*, exhorting the crowd to do the mashed potato and the twist, as Gabriel is accompanied by young dancers.

Maisie LeDuc of Ann Arbor battles other dancers over a boy during a medley of *Heat Wave* and *My Guy*.

The performers are members of Earth Angels, a group started in the backyard of a Livonia home 25 years ago, during a performance Friday at the Farmington Founders Fest.

A MODEST START

As a child, Lisa Campos-DeWitt, of Canton, founder and the director of Earth Angels, always liked to put on puppet shows and other performances while growing up in Livonia.

Her lip-sync dance shows started small. "There were only five of us," Campos said.

Soon the small group performed at fairs and festivals, including the Livonia Spree. "It spread word of mouth, and then we were doing local festivals and classic car shows, which is a natural fit for us," she said.

Campos named the group after the last song from the group's show. "I just realized that's where the connection was," she said.

Today the group of 22 members ages 9-18 dances and performs everything from be-bop and doo wop to hip-hop. They deliver a high-energy, fast-moving show featuring choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-syncing to the music of the '50s and '60s. The group ends the show with a hip-hop medley.

Members come from cities throughout western Wayne County and western Oakland County. They lip-sync to hits, and put on dance moves from 50-plus years ago. They don't get paid, as money collected from donations goes to costumes and supplies.

"The kids learn acceptance of one



Nishant Alluri performs a rendition of 'Everybody Needs Somebody to Love,' as a Blues Brother.

another and about who they are," Campos said. "They take care of each other, no matter who they are."

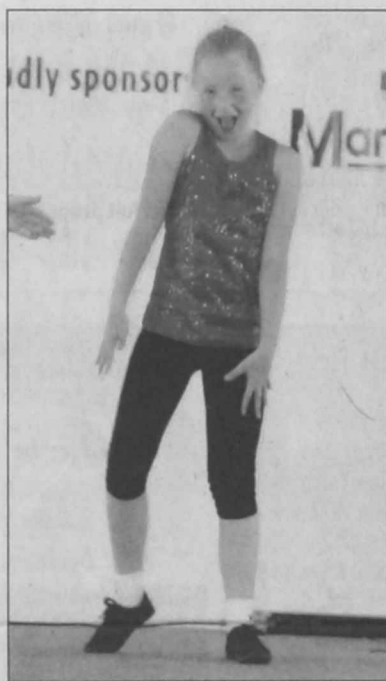
They take a month off in September, but during the rest of the school year, the children and teenagers practice about three hours a week, Campos said. Those practices step up to about six hours a day during a two-week stretch in the summer.

LET'S DO THE TWIST

The youngsters exhibit their own brash, hyperkinetic style and hit the audience with a shot of youthful adrenaline to the oldies. They hop, turn, twist and shout, the girls clad in poodle skirts and saddle shoes, the boys sporting bowling shirts, Route 66 shirts and Chuck Taylor shoes.

They ham it up, the crowd loves it — and so do the dancers.

Michelle Scott of Farmington has been with the group for six years. Scott, a Farmington High School student, enjoys "meeting all the great people, seeing all the younger kids and teaching them," she said.



The Earth Angels performed at the Farmington Founders Fest. Here is Breanna Wise of Redford dancing.



Cassidy Di Vergillio and Sophia Gabriel, both 8 years old of Canton, look on as the Earth Angels perform.

"We learn new songs, we teach them new songs and we dance for a couple of hours straight," she said. Sam Gorndein of Farmington Hills joined more than four years ago.

"Everyone is nice to each other, and everyone treats each other with respect," he said. "It's a great group." Gorndein, who will be in the ninth



Rhys Gabriel of Canton performs and lip syncs Buddy Holly's 'Oh Boy.'

grade at North Farmington, said he joined after learning from his sister how much fun the group was.

His favorite song is probably Richie Valens' *La Bamba*. "The group learns respect for people of all ages," Gorndein said.

'IT'S PRETTY COOL'

Gabriel, who attends Discover Middle School in Canton, enjoys the new friends he's found in the group. He joined with his brother Aidan.

"It's just so much fun to see people have a good time," Rhys said. He took a tae kwon do class where he heard about Earth Angels from someone in the class whose daughter was a member. "She got me to join," he said.

His favorite song, not surprisingly, is the Contours' hit. "I like doing the big group songs," Rhys said. "It's pretty cool."

Sarah Hicks of Farmington Hills is a relatively new member, only in the Earth Angels for about six months.

Hicks, who will attend Dunkle Middle School in Farmington Hills,

enjoys the group and dancing with everyone.

"We have such a great group," she said. "You get life experience in that you must be prepared and practice because practice makes perfect."

She loves the outfits, too, especially the poodle skirts. "It's nice to go back in time," she said. "Today we just wear jeans and T-shirts so to wear these outfits, it's amazing."

Maisie LeDuc recently graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer. "I love the group," she said. "We have such a strong bond. We love to perform and have an audience in front of senior citizens or at festivals. It's great to see them smile and enjoying it."

Bonnie Murphy volunteers and assists Campos, helping book the group for performances. Her daughter joined Earth Angels more than 10 years ago.

"I stayed on after (my daughter) left because I believe in her mission," Murphy said of Campos. "Lisa has a gift. She instills in these kids morals and guidelines they carry with them the rest of their lives. She shows them how to give back and how to be a team player. We're like one big happy family."

Sue Gonyou of Livonia watched the Friday afternoon performance. Son Travis was part of the group for six years until he graduated in 2009.

"I've got to see our kids," she said about why she was there.

She spoke of the group's influence on her son. "He just melded with everybody," Gonyou said. "Lisa is a wonderful role model. Not everybody is a sports person, and it gives them a niche."

"There's a bonding with parents, too, just knowing the kids are having a lifelong friendship. The kids still come back and mentor each other. They have a great time, and I love that. It gets them out of their shell."

Campos hopes the kids can get something out of Earth Angels both onstage and offstage and impact others throughout their lives.

"My hope is that the kids realize the precious gift of giving of themselves," Campos said. "A handshake, pat on the back and a smile are simple gifts that can be shared with others."

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Rachel Lai, left, and Michelle Scott twist and shout to a '50s number.



The Earth Angels hop, turn, twist and shout, the girls clad in poodle skirts and saddle shoes.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Krysti Endsley is a physical therapist and clinic director of Physiotherapy Associates.

One-on-one care key to patient success

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

Physiotherapy: Physical therapy (outpatient orthopedics) for neck/back pain, sports injuries, motor vehicle accidents, joint replacement, fibromyalgia, post-surgical, chronic pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, temporomandibular joint dysfunction, functional capacity evaluation, golf fitness.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Physiotherapy: All care is given by a physical therapist, we do not employ techs or assistants. Each patient receives one-on-one care, which allows for great patient outcomes.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Physiotherapy: We have seen steady growth year after year since we opened.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Physiotherapy: Since the downturn of the economy, PT has become even more important for our patients as a way to stay healthy and rebound from injury, and potentially avoid surgery.

Observer: Do you have a funny



Physical therapist Krysti Endsley, clinic director for Physiotherapy Associates-Canton, demonstrates balance techniques.

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

Physiotherapy: A patient came to us with low back pain, which was interfering with his golf game. By the end of his treatments, his pain was gone and he was able to golf without low back pain. He was pleased with our services and sent two family members to see us.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Physiotherapy: In a service

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

Physiotherapy: We offer injury and golf screens. Please go to www.physiocorp.com for upcoming screens and events. We will also be hosting an ice cream social on July 21 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

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Parks

In the Canton area, 270 homes are in danger of foreclosing. It is happening in all price ranges and from all circumstance. Job loss, severe illness and mortgage payment adjustment all account for a major reason why so many homeowners are in dire straights and facing bankruptcy, foreclosure and the possible short sale of their home.

Kroger days

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

Kroger stores throughout the state will be selling famous A & W Root Beer floats on the week-ends 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.

Navigating hometownlife.com offers more content and chance to save money

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Readers of this space have learned how to navigate the Internet, navigate social media and steer clear of online scams. But one website that many readers don't know how to navigate is none other than hometownlife.com – the online home of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weekly* newspapers.

Readers who are checking in from their computers or mobile devices already know about the benefits of hometownlife.com, but to those reading this column in the newspaper – have you seen all that hometownlife.com has to offer?

More content — The site is rich in copy and has all of the columns, articles and briefs you receive in the newspaper, from sports to obits. But the website also has interactive photo galleries and videos which are updated weekly. It also has links to stories from other communities so if you live in South Lyon, you can also read the top stories from Milford, just by clicking the appropriate newspaper/community link at the top of the page.

Marketplace —

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Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

coupons" links at the top of the website, you will have access to hundreds of printable grocery coupons for food, goods and even movies. You will also gain access to cir-

lars for national stores.

But it gets better. Through hometownlife.com, you can also view a comprehensive database of local classified ads which include more than just goods. Hometownlife.com also has links and information on discounts on services from local businesses that offer cement work, plumbing, roof repair and more.

Interactive features —

Online buy and sell classifieds have already been mentioned, but did you know that through hometownlife.com readers can access interactive real estate databases, job listings and even garage sale maps? Links for careers, real estate and more are located on the top toolbar at hometownlife.com and the seasonal interactive garage sale map can be found on the right hand side of the homepage.

The list of features on hometownlife.com could go on all day. Instead, it might be easier to navigate by learning the tricks of the page. For example, did you know if you are searching for an article, obituary or anything on the site that you can type it into the search

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Salon winners

Studio 1 wants every customer to walk away with top-quality style when visiting their salon in Canton. Many of their talented stylists have received training on advanced coloring and cutting techniques in New York, L.A. and Chicago.

Recently, that education paid off, as four of the Studio 1 stylists were chosen as winners in Redken's Ignite your Creativity Rubilane contest. The stylists competed by developing techniques and hair color formulas using the new Redken Color Fusion Rubilane copper shades.

Richelle Rose, Megan Palmer-Murthy, Jennifer McNab, and Jaime Schwartz were among the winners, more than any other salon in the country. They will be featured along with their color formulas in a Redken Color Advantage Brochure and on Redken's website.

"Dramatic Reds are the hot style trend this season. The results are stunning with vibrant and long-lasting color," said Rose. "I love seeing how happy our clients are when they see their new look."

Studio 1 Salon was recently voted the top salon in Canton, and number two in metro Detroit by WDIV's 4-the-Best 2010 competition.

Studio 1 is open Monday through Saturday, and located at 43717 Ford Road, in Canton's green block. For more information on hours and services, call (734) 844-0040, or visit www.Studio1salon.com.

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OUR VIEWS

Beating heat

Opening cooling centers a cool move for township

Even as temperatures outside began to rise — they were expected to top 90 degrees every day this week — Canton Township officials were keeping their cool.

We realize opening cooling centers is old hat for officials, something they do when Mother Nature makes it necessary, but that doesn't diminish the importance of the decision to do it.

As the area started to cook — Dave Kook, a National Weather Service meteorologist in White Lake Township, has said this week will be the region's first official heat wave since July 4-8 last year — Canton's emergency management planning team got The Summit open (it's open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) as a cooling center for people seeking relief. The staff asks only that folks using The Summit, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center, as a cooling center sign in when they get there.

For their part, the Canton Public Library also offered its services as a cooling center, pointing out not only can residents in need of relief find it in the library, they can read a book or use a computer while they're cooling off (you just need a library card to check things out; if you don't have one, why not get one while you're there?).

Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, won't be surprised to see people coming in. "We do see quite a bit of traffic on these hot days, especially in the afternoon," Golden said.

The Summit closes at 8 p.m., the library at 6 p.m., and officials know people don't get hot exclusively during business hours. During overnight hours, Canton emergency management planner Kathleen Rich advised anyone who needs relief from warm temperatures to reach out to family, friends or neighbors who may have air-conditioned homes. Those who stay in their homes also may find cooler temperatures if they have basements, Rich said, adding that electric fans can help to keep air flowing.

The Summit will remain a cooling center throughout the week, with Rich predicting the heat wave "is going to go until at least Friday or Saturday."

The first few days of the week have been hot, and the last few are expected to be just as warm. And even when temperatures are in the low 90s, they will feel closer to the 100-degree mark.

Opening The Summit as a cooling center may seem like a no-brainer to most people, a perfunctory move made automatically. But that doesn't make it less of a good idea, nor does it diminish the assistance the township is providing.

Jumping on it first thing ensures everyone has a chance to stay cool.

Help to keep the music alive

at annual Jazz Festival

It's all about the music at the Michigan Jazz Festival — but it's also about the money.

The 17th successful Michigan Jazz Festival was held Sunday, July 17, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, bringing some 35 performing groups to several stages for the free enjoyment of many.

"Jazz is America's gift to the world," said Midge Ellis, treasurer, vice president and director for the event, co-sponsored by Schoolcraft and held there since 1999. "It's a music unlike any other music. That is due to improvisation."

Livonia resident Ellis cited a Big Band solo not written down but improvised on chord structures.

"That sets it apart so you never hear it the same way twice," she said.

Corporate sponsorships have been harder to come by recently, but individual smaller donors have stepped up. Organizers hold three fundraisers for the festival each year as well.

Donations, tax deductible, are welcome, payable to Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Money donated is used primarily to fulfill the mission for offering educational clinics and workshops for middle school and high school jazz musicians.

Ellis noted organizers work on the July event all year. She was pleased to see it again all come together.

"It's great. We've had a good crowd in spite of the (warm) weather. Jazz people when they have good jazz to listen to will endure all of that."

Musicians are paid but still gladly give the festival their best. Ellis is pleased with the many volunteers who make the music possible. "That's what makes the difference," she said. "You see the fruits of your labor."

Student musicians from the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band showed what they're made of, along with the many pros. Three high schoolers — saxophonist Alex Colista of Harper Woods High, drummer Brandon Lynch of North Farmington High and bass player Joe Willard of Royal Oak High — performed with the Dennis Tini Trio.

Sponsors this year included Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, Lear Corp., InnatGroup Limited, the late Morry Cohen, the Myron P. Leven Foundation, Nancy Salden, Schoolcraft Music Department, and the Steinway Piano Gallery.

They're to be commended for keeping the music alive. Jazz is, as Ellis says, a uniquely American art form and it's great that so many can enjoy it right in their own back yard each July.

We also salute the hardworking volunteers and many donors who give each year to keep the event all that it is. If you can, consider a donation to the Michigan Jazz Festival.

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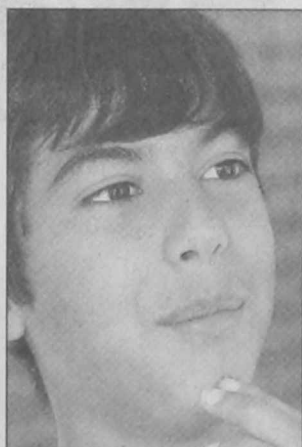
What's the best Michigan summer getaway?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Traverse City and Mackinac Island."

Talha Syed
Canton



"Mackinac Island. It has lots of cool stores, a nice beach and it's not far from Traverse City, near the sand dunes."

Saad Syed
Canton



"I think Mackinac Island. I love Mackinac Island."

Sue Merchant
Canton



"I think Muskegon. There's lot of nice beaches there."

Monique McDaniel
Canton

LETTERS

Grow up

Rep. McCotter,
The tentative Boehner/Obama Debt Ceiling Deal includes:

1. Initial work on fixing Social Security and Medicare
2. Drastic Budget Cuts
3. Raising the Debt Ceiling
4. Closing ridiculous tax loopholes
5. Minor tax increases on people who can afford it (like me).

How can a fiscal conservative turn this down? I understand you don't like taxes (who does?), but do you really believe the "no new taxes" pledge is THE most important thing in our nation (or our world)?

This is how a little kid having a tantrum behaves — "I'm going to hurt myself and maybe others if I don't get everything my way!"

Time to grow up and do your job.

Bob Nelson
Canton

McCotter wasting his time

Ego — one's sense of importance.
Reality — that which exists or is actual fact, truth.

The chance of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter being elected president is none. If he is as smart as he thinks he is, he knows this. As Jack Nicholson said to Tom Cruise in the movie "A Few Good Men," "What do you want?" And Cruise said, "the truth" and Jack Nicholson replied, "You can't handle the truth."

So with all due respect, Mr. McCotter, here is the truth, and in some cases, it's going to be ugly so here goes:

There is nothing outstanding about you. I have heard you speak a few times. Same Republican philosophy, same conservative talk. I have read your book "Seize Freedom." There is nothing outstanding there, not worth \$26. Same stuff as Gingrich, Romney, all the same.

You have been in public office for sometime now. I'm sure you had the opportunity to make yourself important, relevant and newsworthy and yet even in this Observer article the only thing that stands out is your guitar playing and quotes from Led Zeppelin, etc.

With all due respect, you don't really know what you are getting into. Soon enough, it will become real and clear that you are wasting your time.

I know what I've said may be ugly, but it's the truth and real. So do you get it? Well, you will get it in time. And that's the truth, Ruth.

Bill McKay
Canton

Too hot for dogs

Once again the Plymouth Art Fair was held on a blistering hot weekend. Bad enough that us humans couldn't stay cool with our lightweight outfits and frozen water bottles. What kept me away this year was my refusal to watch all of the dogs being forced along the asphalt streets. This is equal to animal cruelty. You people who consider your dogs "part of the family" should try putting on your fake fur coats (because real fur would be CRUEL), and walk in bare feet for a couple of hours downtown in the hot sun with thousands of people crowding around you sticking their hands in your face. Your dog would rather be sleeping on your couch in the air conditioning while you sweat it out looking at all the overpriced art. I guarantee it.

Christy Holliday
Plymouth Township

Wrong choice

Yesterday I received a chill when I listened to the news.

President Obama spends billions of dollars a

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month freely in Iraq even though that nation is back in business. Obama is spending billions a month in Afghanistan financing his war. Obama threw open the United States Treasury to bail out banks, stockbrokers, thieves, criminals and incompetents from their lying, cheating ways and continues to support them in luxury and ease by selling off billions of discounted bonds from a basement office in New York City.

Obama was asked to make reasonable adjustments to balance the budget but he reacted quite harshly. Americans critical of his health care reforms pointed out that the health care bill had set up "death boards" made up of bureaucrats who would decide who would live or who would die. He was forced to remove the wording that indicated that from the bill but yesterday the White House spokesman used a Hollywood reference about what is being discussed now.

He stated that if Obama is opposed Obama will be faced with a "Sophie's Choice" kind of decision. (That is a reference to a movie where a woman gave up one child to be killed in a death camp in order to save the other.)

Each year, this nation slaughters with government sanction and assistance over 1.2 million babies by abortion often for economic reasons. Now the Obama administration is threatening to balance the budget by cutting off deserved payments to elderly Americans.

What are these people doing?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

To bridge or not

It's not clear that another crossing between Detroit and Canada is necessary.

According to The Detroit News, Ambassador Bridge traffic fell 39 percent between 1999 and 2007, and Detroit Tunnel traffic fell 49 percent. Yet there are predictions by those favoring a new crossing that traffic between Detroit and Canada will increase 40 percent for automobiles and 120 percent for trucks by 2030. On what are these predictions based?

Your readers should be made aware of the plan to create a North American Union (NAU) to rival the EU in this hemisphere. The NAU will combine Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. into a single super country with its own constitution (like the EU) that will supersede the constitution of any member state. To learn more about this, go ONLINE and do a Google search on "North American Union" and "NAFTA Highway". You'll be surprised to learn how far the plan for a NAU has progressed. For additional info about the NAU and NAFTA highway, see www.jbs.org.

The NAFTA highway is a super highway already under construction as part of the planned NAU. The NAFTA highway originates in Mexico, crosses into Texas (with NO border checks), and fans out from

there in several directions across the US and into Canada at several points. A crossing is planned at Detroit which I believe is what all the argument is about with the need for a second bridge. Do we really want our tax dollars paying for a bridge which is a key part of the plan to create a NAU which will end our National Sovereignty and end our birthright as Americans? I am opposed to having my tax dollars be used to build a bridge as part of a conspiracy to scrap our U.S. Constitution and merge us with two socialist countries.

The need for a second bridge is questionable. However, if a private company is willing to build a bridge at NO cost to taxpayers, then it should be obvious where the bridge should be built and by whom.

Gerald N. Wiggins
South Lyon

What we need

What does Michigan need most? Quality jobs that pay a solid wage. Modernized infrastructure. A sense of direction, where business, government and citizens come together to guide our state to a stronger future.

The New International Trade Crossing (NITC), the proposed second bridge crossing between Detroit and Windsor, satisfies all these mandates — and then some. Gov. Rick Snyder, who has made the bridge his highest priority, got it right at the recent Detroit Regional Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference. The governor said that the project "is about international trade — and, underlying that, jobs. We need more and better jobs in Michigan."

Hopefully, a wise consensus will now emerge that this is the right bridge at the right time. Enabling legislation is being introduced in Lansing (Senate Bills 410 and 411). This legislation would establish a public governing authority for the bridge, which would then be built by a private contractor. Realistically, the Ambassador Bridge is an aging structure. We need a new bridge and additional international crossing capacity; a public-private partnership is the best way to have public control, in combination with the contributions that competitive private enterprise can make.

There will be no up-front expense, or long-term obligation, for Michigan taxpayers. A \$550 million loan from Canada will pay for necessary roadwork on the Michigan side of the crossing, while Canada and the U.S. federal government will share the cost of a customs plaza on our side.

Gov. Snyder has already arranged that this loan will earn Michigan more than \$2 billion in federal matching funds for badly needed road and bridge construction throughout the state. At the same time, protections will be built into the authorizing legislation to make sure that Michigan taxpayers are not on the hook should toll revenues fall short of projections.

In a state with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, and in the city of Detroit, which has the highest unemployment rate in the state, we can't afford to wait. The NITC, which will bring an estimated 10,000 jobs to the region, promises to be the largest job creator we are going to see for many years.

For these reasons, the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters supports the NITC as a generator of economic growth, short-term as construction ensues through 2016, and, then, longer-term, as it widens an established trade route for industries of today and tomorrow ... It carries low risk and immense potential for reward in terms of jobs, business attraction and international trade. Let's build the NITC. Now.

Mike Jackson
executive secretary/treasurer
Michigan Regional Council of
Carpenters & Millwrights

Studio finishes successful debut year

Land contract carries considerable risks

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dancers from Kristen Quesada's Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company wowed 'em during a hometown appearance at Canton's Liberty Festival last month.

Then Quesada took her performers on the road and did it again, grabbing their share of honors at the studio's first national competition in Orlando, Fla., which featured more than 800 entries.

Among the studio's success were Showcase winners Girls Night Out teen/senior jazz, with a 10th-place showing, Xpress teen/senior music theater with an eighth-place finish and Chicago, a full-company production that finished fifth overall.

In addition, Holly Crowther was Miss Starbound 2011, Olivia Quesada was Junior Miss Star of Hope and the junior photogenic winner, Hanna Titus was first runner-up for Junior Petite Miss Starbound and Valen Yangouyian was first runner-up for Miss Star of Hope.



Valen Yangouyian was first runner-up for Miss Star of Hope at the national competition in Orlando, Fla.

"I think it shows how well our students have done at competition this year," Quesada said. "The kids had a fantastic year."

It continued a debut year of success for Triple Threat, the studio Quesada started on Joy Road west of Haggerty after giving up her position as director of the Park Players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to focus on her dream.

The studio participated in, and captured more than its share of



Dancers from Canton's Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company went to national competition in Orlando, Fla., and came home with a bevy of awards.

honors at, a variety of competitions and performances, including:

- Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss, where they were guest performers.
- International Festival, where they were guest performers
- BeckRidge Chorale Christmas Concert
- Starbound National Talent Competition in Walled Lake
- Kids Artistic Revue Dance Competition in Commerce
- Celebration Talent

Competition in Columbus, Ohio

- Liberty Fest in Canton
- Starbound National Talent Competition in Orlando, Fla.

Fall registration for Triple Threat takes place Aug. 23-25, Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1, from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, visit Triple Threat's website at www.TripleThreatDTC.com or call (734) 335-7722.

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BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

I've been reading about the anemic real estate market. Foreclosures continue to rise and in this economy buyers are at a premium. Even if you're lucky enough to find a buyer for your home, the question is will they be able to qualify for a mortgage?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

One thing many sellers are starting to consider is the idea of seller financing. In other words, as opposed to the buyer going to the mortgage company or bank to get a loan, the seller is financing the property.

The most common type of method for this type of financing is land contract.

Land contract was popular back in the '80s when high interest rates made mortgages unattractive. Today, land contracts are making a comeback, not because interest rates are high but rather, it is much more difficult to qualify for a mortgage than it has been.

When it comes to a land contract, the question sellers have to ask is whether they want to step into the shoes of the bank. The seller is assuming the risk that the buyer will make his payments on a timely basis and meet the obligations of the debt.

In a normal mortgage situation, the seller gets the money at closing. Therefore, whether or not the buyer makes their mortgage payments is not the seller's concern. On the other hand, in a land contract situation, if the buyer does not make his payments, the seller loses. In addition, it would be the seller who would have to foreclose and take the property back.

That is the main problem with land contracts — the seller assumes a much greater risk. If

the buyer defaults, you're forced to take the property back. Think twice before selling your home on land contract.

Generally I don't recommend selling on land contract. My reasoning is simple, you are not a bank. In addition, if the potential buyer can't obtain a mortgage, there's a reason for it. More likely than not, it could be because of credit scores. If the bank or a mortgage company isn't willing to take the risk, you should not.

However, if a land contract is the only viable option, make sure that the buyer is making a substantial down payment. If there is no down payment or a low one, it is too easy for the buyer to walk away from the land contract.

Also, don't offer a mortgage and financing for 30 years as do banks and mortgage companies. I recommend a land contract for a much shorter period of time, such as three years. You ultimately want the buyer to obtain a mortgage.

If you decide to proceed with a land contract, you need to investigate the buyer. After all, you are loaning this person a substantial amount of money and it is important that they have the wherewithal to make payments.

One last note regarding land contract. Make sure an experienced attorney drafts the documents. The last thing you want to find out is that you have problems enforcing the terms of the land contract. Therefore, spend the extra dollars required and hire a qualified attorney.

On the whole, when I represent a seller, I discourage using a land contract. However, if that is the only financing option, make sure you proceed with caution.

Good luck!

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

Heat doesn't stop volunteers from circulating recall petitions

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While most people were looking for a way to beat the heat, Angie Szalai was standing with the sun beating down on her in a paved parking lot along Wayne Road.

The Westland resident was spending the day collecting signatures for two petitions — the recall of Gov. Rick Snyder and repeal of P.A. 4 which gives expanded powers to emergency financial managers.

"This is our first day (Tuesday) at this site. We were at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman last week," said Szalai. "We're getting about 300 signatures a day at this type of site."

A teacher at Franklin Middle

School in Wayne, Szalai said she has been working on the recall effort since attending a rally in Lansing May 21.

"I'm a teacher and I feel strongly that what he (Snyder) does affect what I do. I think this is really going well," she said. "I have about 20 volunteers. Some are actively involved working at sites while others get their neighbors and friends to sign the petitions."

A steady stream of drivers was pulling into the parking lot opposite Westland Shopping Center to sign the petitions. They didn't have to get out of their vehicles — Szalai and another volunteer, John Higgins, offer curb service bringing the petitions to their vehicle window.

Most of the petition signers

were passing when they noticed the signs reading "Recall Snyder." The signs and T-shirts worn by Szalai and other volunteers drew horn honks and shouts from passing vehicles.

"My reason for signing is that the governor cost the film industry here a lot of jobs. I was working in films; now I had to go back to my lower-paying job," said Livonia resident Michael Catrow as he signed both petitions.

Plymouth Township residents Judith and Gregory McIntyre were also passing and spotted the signs.

"We saw it and stopped. I never voted for him (Snyder). Let them tax the big people, not your working families," said Judith McIntyre, who works part-time as a teller for

Northville Downs. Her husband is a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

Schoolcraft College student John Higgins' face was completely covered with perspiration as he took petitions to drivers who stopped in the parking lot.

"I read about this in the newspaper and got involved. It needs to be done. My parents are on a pension. They are still trying to figure out how it (the new income law) affects them," said Higgins.

To place a recall question on the ballot, the recall backers need to submit 80,000 signatures by Aug. 5.

For the balance of the current week, Szalai said petition circulators in this area will be focusing their efforts to collect signatures at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

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Livonia resident David Detter has served as the assistant superintendent at Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course for the past 20 years. Detter's grandfather helped build the course.

From tee to green

Detter takes pride in beautifying Glenhurst

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The sun has barely peeked over the eastern horizon most summer mornings when David Detter begins his job of ensuring that Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course is pleasing to the eye for the army of birdie-seekers who attack it with a passion every day.

Armed with close to 40 years of experience, a degree in horticulture and a keen eye for what makes a golf hole special, Detter embraces the 102.5-acre property like it's his own backyard.

"Most days, myself and the other guys will get here about 5:30 (a.m.), sit around the big table in the maintenance building for a few minutes and drink coffee, tell jokes and laugh," said Detter, the course's assistant superintendent and a longtime resident of Livonia. "But the golfers start showing up at around 6 a.m. in the summer, so we have to get out there before they get here so we can change the cups and mow the greens. We don't want anyone to have to stop playing so we can do our work."

As for having to set his alarm clock every day at 5-something?

"You get used to it after a while," he said, cracking a smile.

ALMOST LIKE HOME

In a way, Glenhurst is Detter's back yard. His grandfather, Walter Nacker, helped build the course in the early 1930s, and his mother was born and raised on the farm that formally rested on the land that is now covered by plush fairways.

"My mom had home movies that showed me about this high (Detter holds his hand a couple feet off the ground) running around the course," he said. "The basement of our current clubhouse is the basement of the former farmhouse, so it has to be 150, 160 years old."

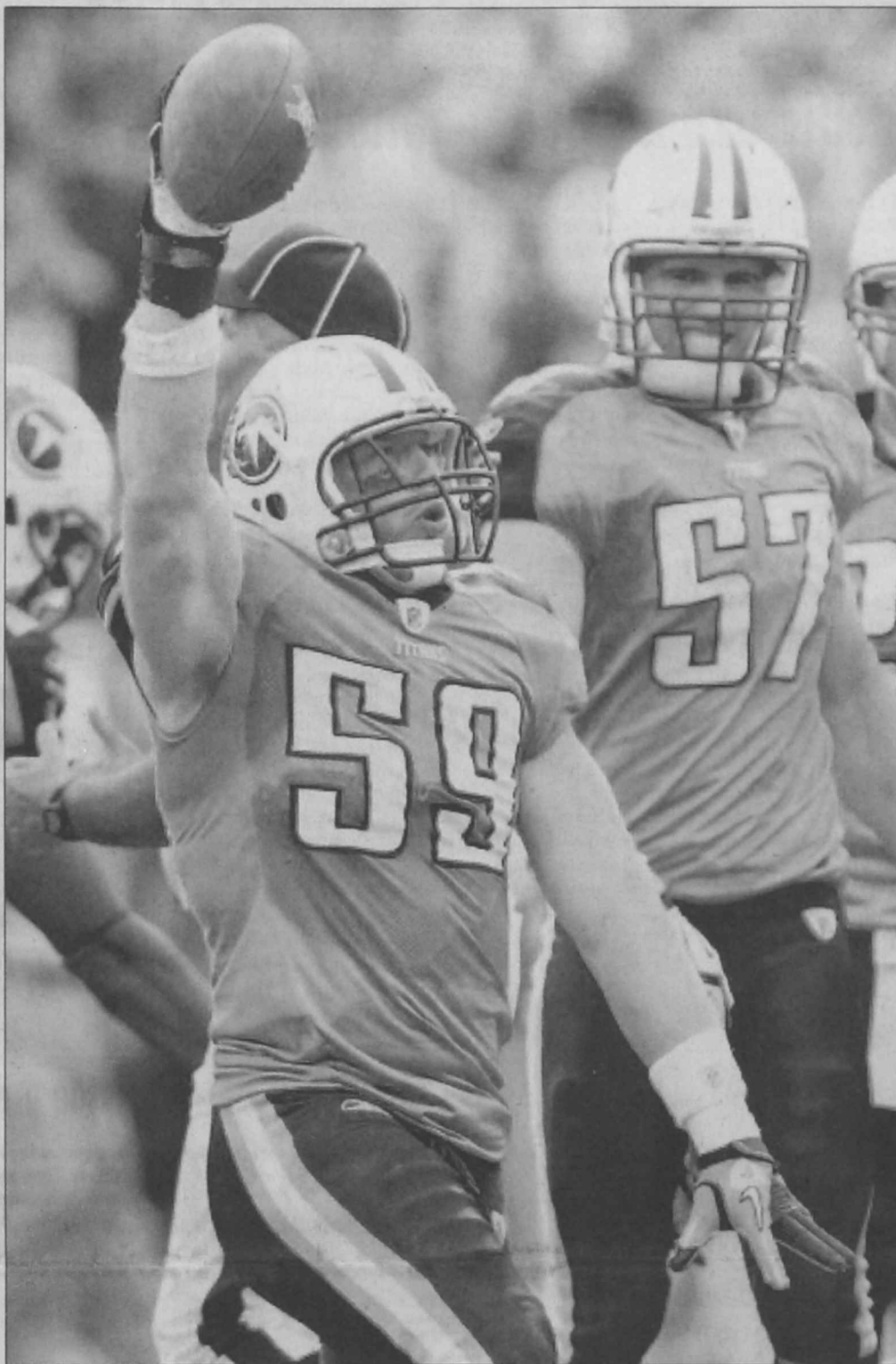
Since starting as a part-time employee at Glenhurst in the early 1970s, Detter has had a front-row seat to the dramatic evolution of golf-course maintenance.

"Back when I started working here, a lot of the work was done by hand, just like it had been done since it opened in 1932," Detter said. "We had one guy mowing with a trim mower while another guy — usually me — pushed a mower and used hand shears."

Detter said the difference between then and now is "like the difference between daylight and darkness. Things started changing once the township bought the course."

Please see **GLENHURST, B3**

Shaw awaits end of lockout



Clarenceville High School grad Tim Shaw (59), a restricted free agent, is likely to return this season to the Tennessee Titans when the collective bargaining agreement is signed between the owners and players.

TENNESSEE
TITANS PHOTO

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been an off-season like no other for NFL players, and that includes Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams player Tim Shaw.

On the 131st day of the league's lockout, the former Livonia Clarenceville High and Penn State University standout may finally see light at the end of the tunnel.

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound Shaw, who has played stints in Carolina, Jacksonville and Chicago, is an

unrestricted free agent. NFL teams have three days to re-sign players in Shaw's class of free agents once the collective bargaining agreement has been reached.

"The Titans have offered me my tender," Shaw said. "I could sign that as soon as I think as soon as the lockout ends, and all likelihood, that's what I'll do unless something changes."

"When there is a free agency period, typically I would have been able to shop around a little bit, and the Titans would have been able to match any other offer, but I think

with the shortened period, I don't think there's going to be a lot of that is going on."

With the owners and the NFL Players Association close to a deal, Shaw sees a free-for-all once the player market re-opens.

"I think when it does finally break, free agency is just going to be a madhouse," he said. "You have to assume teams are going to have a plan. Imagine if it's a two-week period that they normally take three months to do — it's going to

Please see **SHAW, B3**



Canton's Chelsea Olson (No. 4) moves into scoring territory for the USA Athletic International women's lacrosse team during the recent Berlin Open.

Coming up big in Berlin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Chelsea Olson, her lacrosse world today is miles beyond the one she left behind at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in 2009.

The 20-year-old Olson — a Canton resident who starred in high school and college with the PCS Lady Warriors and Indiana Tech, respectively — now is a player with experience on the sport's global stage.

She and three teammates from Indiana Tech last month competed with the USA Athletic International team at the Berlin Open International

Lacrosse Tournament.

The Indiana Tech contingent of Olson, Clea Endres, Autumn McMillin and Erin Skodi helped the USA A1 squad win five straight games before losing 11-10 in the championship game to the USA Global Team (all Division 1 players). Indiana Tech is a D2 university.

"I knew being able to represent our country in Berlin was a huge accomplishment for me to achieve," said Olson, a Canton High School alum. "So I didn't take it very lightly."

"I was very serious about representing the USA and it

Please see **OLSON, B2**

Racers return to winner's circle

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile road race had a pair of repeat champions Saturday.

Angela Mathews of Westland is the women's champion for the third straight year, and Emery Pitcel of Richmond earned his second consecutive men's title.

It's an event Mathews, the girls cross-country and track assistant coach at Country Day High School, has owned; however, she wasn't anticipating an easy win Saturday.

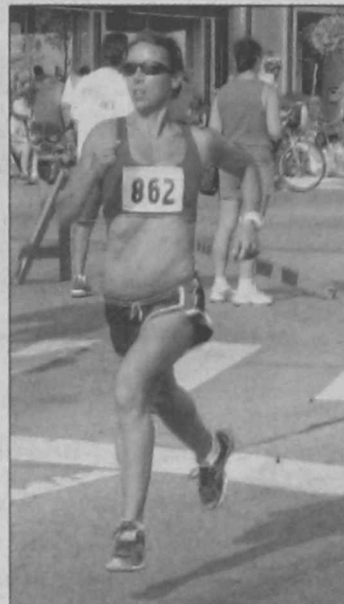
"That would intimidate me if I started thinking how many years I've won it," Mathews said. "Every race is different, depending on how I've been training. I try to approach each one as something brand new, something fresh."

The 20-year-old Pitcel, a Grand Valley cross-country and track runner, competed in his third Founders race and was eager to defend his crown.

"I had such a positive experience the first two times I ran it," he said. "My dad and I and



Pitcel



Westland's Angela Mathews, 27, claimed her third consecutive women's title in the Farmington road race.

recruited my older brother (Lance, who won the 20-24 age group) to come out and race this year. I went in with the mindset I wanted to try to take it again."

The race started slowly as the runners crawled through a 5:30 pace for the first mile, according to Mathews, 27. She soon found herself in "no-man's land," away

Please see **RACE, B3**

Maybury hosts Road Runner Classic

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a little bit of something for everybody at Saturday's 2011 Road Runner Classic, which will be held on the grounds of historic Maybury State Park in Northville.

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

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods. The family fun event also features story hour, face painting and hands-on activities.

Maybury State Park is located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck.

"All preparations are set up for a really great run on Saturday," race organizer Gay Haf said. "We'll have plenty of water and a lot of refreshments before and after race. We'll take care of the runners."

Cash awards will also go to the overall male and female winners, along with the masters (over-40) male and female champions.

First-, second- and third-place age-group placers will also receive awards courtesy of Sterling Cut Glass, along with finishing medals going all 1-mile participants.

Race day registration, which begins at 3 p.m. is \$30. The 1-mile fee is \$5.

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The Canton Celtic U20 national championship men's soccer team includes several Observerland-area players.

Canton Celtic U20 men earn national title

The Canton Celtic U20 men's soccer team was a beast in the east this past weekend.

As a result, the contingent of local kickers won the title of USASA U20 national champion — the first time a Canton Soccer Club team has earned that remarkable distinction.

The Celtic persevered in a demanding five-match finals weekend in Manalapan, N.J., and prevailed in the championship match, 2-1, over Rochester (N.Y.) FC, which had upended the Celtic by the same score earlier in the tournament.

Canton opened group play Friday by falling to Rochester, 2-1. The Celtic struck first in the game's third minute when Matt Nedwicki (Dearborn Divine Child, University of Detroit-Mercy) scored.

In its second group match, Canton edged Montgomery (Mass.) United, 1-0, on a goal by Etienne Lussiez (Livonia Churchill, University of Michigan) in the game's final

five minutes.

Needing only a tie in its final group match to advance to the semifinal round, Canton jumped on Bethlehem (N.Y.) Soccer Club 2-0, on goals by Lussiez and Nedwicki, but Bethlehem rebounded to earn a 2-2 draw.

In Sunday morning's semifinal, the Celtic steam-rolled Junior Lone Star FC (Pa.), 4-0, as Moustafa Bazzi (Detroit Mercy) scored twice while Adam Wright (Olivet) and Nedwicki netted a goal a piece. Lussiez continued his top-notch play in the championship match scoring 12 minutes in on a left-footed half volley that found the top corner of the net from 24 yards out.

Bazzi contributed an insurance goal — his third of the tourney — a short time later to cement the title.

Captain Mitch Reinhart (Canton, Saginaw Valley State University) and assistant captain Sasha Miskovic (Salem,

Duquesne) led a team that included John Krutty, Lachlan Savage, Jeremy Stoychoff, Zach Walega and Mohammad Pourmandi, all of Salem; Churchill's Adam Bedell and Lussiez; Adam Wright, Travis Smith, Matt Ybarra, Marco Bernardini, Jack Brown, Morley Burns and Kyle Wittingham (Canton).

Head coach David Hebestreit was accompanied by assistant coach Kieran Savage and certified athletic trainer Carly George.

The Celtic men's program has compiled an 84-27-10 record since its inception in 2005 by CSC director of coaching Pete Alexander. Hebestreit, who has been in charge of the men's program since 2006, has added a U23 and a U20 team; two Gerhard Mengel State Cup championships (2008 and 2010), two USASA Michigan Amateur championships (2008 and 2011); and now a USASA U20 national title.



On to the Series

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 10U softball team are: (front row, from left) Justice Ruggles, Lucy Cronin, Morgan Overaitis, Madison Rosiewicz, Isabelle Dawson; (middle row, from left) Jennifer Bressler, Nicole Dawson, Makyleigh Silverman, McKenzie Knight, Jessica Tucci, Alaina Heitmeyer; (back row, from left) coaches Dan Bressler, Tony Gould and Craig Overaitis. The 10U Pride recently won the USSSA state tournament at the Canton Softball Center with a 15-4 rout of the Hartland Eagles. The team will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla. in the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.



Pride prevails

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 12U softball team are: (front row, from left) Olivia Grant, Sydney Dawson, Katie Hiltz, Peyton Philbeck, Jenna Olszewski, Rachel Zerona; (middle row, from left) Jamie Squires, Jamie Klotz, Kara Hutchison, Becky Sarver, Sabrina Shingleton; (back row, from left) coaches Gary Zerona, Tim Hutchison and Dan Hiltz. Not pictured are Emily Stewart and coach Jon Olszewski. The 12U Pride recently won the USSSA state tournament at the Canton Softball Center and will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla. in the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.

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OLSON

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paid off in the end, because we placed second in the tourney."

LEAVING THEIR MARK

She and her teammates were selected for the Berlin Open team at the recommendation of their college coach, Ed Karasek.

"The girls received first-class treatment, challenged all the teams who were there, saw much of Europe and left an indelible mark for Indiana Tech with their second place finish," Karasek said.

Olson followed up a 54-goal regular season with plenty of goals and assists over in Europe.

"The playing atmosphere was very intense over there," Olson noted. "Especially when playing some of the German and Czech teams because they didn't speak any English, so communicating was not easy.

"It was an amazing learning experience, not only for lacrosse, but as a person too."

According to Olson, each step along her career path has helped prepare for what came next.

At PCEP, she navigated a mini-campus between the three high schools and got an early taste of what college life might be like.

FAMILIAR FACE

Then at Indiana Tech, despite a "much faster pace" in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, it was a major plus to have one of her PCS Lady Warriors teammates also joining Karasek's program.

That would be Nikki Rottell, a 2009 grad of Plymouth High School.

"It wasn't very hard to get along with any of the girls at Indiana Tech, because I started off having a teammate from high school with

ALL ABOUT CHELSEA

Who: Chelsea Olson, 20, women's lacrosse midfielder at Indiana Tech.

What: She was a key contributor to the USA Athletic International team's runner-up finish at the recent Berlin Open tournament. She scored 10 goals and assisted on five others.

Prep: A 2009 graduate of Canton High School, Olson starred for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem combined team. In her senior year, she was second-team midfielder and the Lady Warriors MVP.

College: With Indiana Tech's Warriors, she really blossomed her sophomore season (2011) with 54 goals, 24 assists and was named the All-NWLL first-team midfielder. The criminal justice major carries a 3.62 GPA and earned selection to the NWLL academic team.

Family: Her parents are Kim and Jim Olson of Canton.

me, Nikki Rottell," Olson explained. "Both of our playing techniques clicked together immediately as if we were still in high school, which helped us click with the other players on our new team."

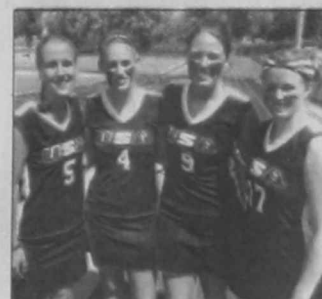
Right away, Olson, Rottell and their Indiana Tech teammates meshed as a unit, finishing 14-7 in 2010.

Then in the 2011 season, the Warriors went 18-4 and captured the National Women's Lacrosse League championship.

According to Olson, attending the Park "helped prepare me for going to a large college, considering we had to walk between three schools."

She actually was surprised and even shocked when she began getting to know her Indiana Tech teammates at a much faster clip than at PCEP.

"Instead of meeting a new person at PCEP everyday, I



Indiana Tech women's lacrosse players (from left) Clea Endres, Chelsea Olson of Canton, Erin Skodi and Autumn McMillin all competed at the Berlin Open for the USA Athletic International team.

knew most of the kids from Tech by the first week," Olson said. "Playing with the girls from PCEP definitely helped me get ready for playing with the selected girls from everywhere to play on Tech's team.

"Learning to adapt to the different playing levels of the girls was the most difficult part, but the best learning experience."

UNBELIEVABLE

But when time came to play at the Berlin Open, there wasn't the same opportunity to get to know her teammates on the USA AI squad.

"We had one practice then took part in the tourney," she said. "You wouldn't believe the skill level of some of the girls I had the honor of playing lacrosse with."

Olson said she and her Indiana Tech teammates had "the time of our lives" and she gave thanks to family, friends and businesses (such as Forrest Place Optical in Plymouth and Rose's Restaurant in Canton) who helped her raise money for the trip.

"I would also like to thank my high school coach, Dave Medley, because he is the one who started it all for me," Olson added. "I wouldn't have gotten so far if it weren't for him."

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Rams' Carson slams door on Pride, 9-3

Mike Carson launched a second-inning grand slam to lead the Michigan Rams to a 9-3 victory over the Pride in Monday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams, who improved to 16-14-1 with the lopsided win, tallied eight runs in the second frame and never looked back thanks in part to a solid mound performance turned in by Greg Spiess, who scattered three hits, three walks and three runs while striking out three in five innings of work. Jay Perry hurled the final two innings for the winners, yielding just two hits while strike out a pair.

Charlie Fisher suffered the pitching setback for the Pride, giving up eight runs and six hits in his two-inning stint.

The loss dropped the 22-and-under Pride to 18-12.

In addition to Carson, Jonny McCann and

Mark Weist were swinging hot lumber for the Rams, as each hitter contributed three hits. McCann drove in three runs while two of Weist's safeties were doubles.

Kevin Zak paced the Pride with two hits and an RBI.

The Rams, who outhit the Pride 10-5, led 8-3 after three before adding an insurance run in the fourth.

SPLIT DECISION

The Rams halved Sunday's double-header with Advanced, winning the opener 10-0 before dropping the nightcap 5-2.

Mike Schypinski tossed a five-inning complete game (the game was shortened due to the 10-run mercy rule) for the Rams in game one, striking out four while scattering five hits and two walks. Alex McMurray went the distance for Advanced, giving up 10 runs and 13 hits.

Livonia Stevenson alum Jeff Sorenson contributed a home run and four RBI for the Rams, who also were powered by Weist's 3-for-3, 2-RBI effort. McCann (3-for-3, RBI, two runs), Pat Lancaster (2-for-3, two RBI) and Miles Sorise (2-for-3, two runs) also had multi-hit games for the victors.

John Estes (2-for-2) was the lone Advanced player with more than one hit.

A stellar game-two pitching performance by Derek Fleetham earned Advanced the split. Fleetham held the Rams to eight hits and two runs in seven innings. Colin Gerish took the loss despite yielding just one earned run in 6.2 innings. Gerish struck out two and walked one. Rams reliever Zach Wedesky retired the only batter he faced.

Carson continued his hot hitting for the Rams, rapping out three hits while adding an RBI and a run scored. Sorenson also chipped in

with an RBI.

Spencer Sorel was red hot at the plate for the winners, ripping three hits in four plate appearances. Danny Kilger added two hits and two RBI.

RAMS SQUEEZE COBRAS

The Rams scored five runs in the third inning Friday night on the way to a 5-4 triumph over the 20-and-under Cobras in a game played at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Starting pitcher Alex Pierse notched the win as he struck out eight in five innings. He gave up two runs and three hits. Wedesky picked up the save with two solid innings of relief.

Aaron Saarela took the loss even though he struck out 13 batters.

Weist (two), Evan Piechota and Sorenson registered RBI for the Rams. Steve Pelletier had two hits for the Cobras.



Tennessee Titans special teams standout and linebacker Tim Shaw (far right), a Clarenceville High grad, expects to return for another NFL season once the lockout ends.

SHAW

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be just a madhouse.

"Players won't be able to take the visits they might normally take. Just so many things are going to be shortened. I imagine it's going to be a hectic time."

AS BEST THEY CAN

Players, meanwhile, have had to improvise, staging informal workouts instead of going to the required off-season training and mini-camps.

"We had a week of informal stuff where we got together and ran our own practice, did some individual drills and did a lot of seven-on-seven," Shaw said. "We had a great turnout, too. We had 27 guys only on defense. I think we probably had 50 guys show up — so it was good for us to get together."

So what was missing during the off-season?

"As one NFL player I haven't been able to do normal film study that I would do," Shaw said. "I have some film that I've been able to watch, but not all the film I like to watch. Those are normally the things I see to try and improve on."

"It's just been so different. It's affected me not being with my teammates, not being able to learn and grow with my teammates as I normally would."

Shaw, the MHSAA's second all-time career touchdown (131), points (786) and rushing (7,813 yards) leader, worked out regularly at Total Sports in Wixom alongside Lions' defensive end Cliff Averill.

But with the more than normal down time, it gave him a chance experience some other aspects in his life.

"I've had more free time to do things I normally haven't been able to do," Shaw said. "I've traveled where I've never been able to travel, and played more golf than I ever normally should ... really just spent more time with my family. Those are all positive things, I think, but at the end of the day that's making the best out of a bad situation."

With starting quarterback Vince Young most likely gone and back-up Kerry Collins (Penn State grad) retiring, not to mention a new coach in Mike Munchak (another Penn State alum), there's a bit of uncertainty in the air regarding the Titans entering the 2011 season.

STILL VIABLE

But Shaw still views his team as a viable play-off contender.

"If we can play as a team, then I don't see why we can't play with anybody," Shaw said. "We definitely have talent and what we need to win. It's going to be a matter of getting together, seeing what the coaches are going to bring, and seeing what the players are going to do and what they can do together."

How to divide up more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues, restructuring rookie contracts, reworking free agency, taking care of retired NFL players and managing the salary cap are just some of the issues that have been worked out in principal during the new CBA talks.

"It's all about money absolutely, but I have to be on the side of the players, and say it's been a pride issue and a really just kind of a big snub move by the owners to drag it out like this," Shaw said. "They had this planned for a long time and I think that's what a lot of fans don't understand. The players didn't want this to go down like this. We just wanted to play football and we were happy with how things were. It's all about money and we all know this is a business. To affect so many people to pull something like this by owners ... I won't say unprofessional, but not cool."

Shaw, meanwhile, won't get his hopes up until he hears the definitive word from Titans player representative Jake Scott. "I don't believe what I hear in the media, that's that No. 1 thing," Shaw said. "I also think the owners are really feeding the media, and telling people what they want to know and what they want people to think and feel. Even the players. They say stuff because we also listen to the media as well. There's a lot of misinformation. How many times have you heard a certain date that things will be worked out, and then not? So, I don't believe any of that stuff. If it gets worked out, I'll be happy as anybody else. But I'm not sitting here expecting it to get worked out. You'd just be ignorant."

But in the end of the day, Shaw is proud of the way his NFL brethren have remain steadfast throughout the lockout.

"The players are very unified," he said. "And this is what I will say: 'They (owners) thought that we would cave, but guess what? We saved our money. We're not going to cave, we're going to stick together. But in the end of the day we all want to play.'"

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GLENHURST

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INSTANT IMPROVEMENTS

Glenhurst was blessed with its first irrigation system in the mid-1990s, transforming the sun-dried fairways into a sea of green.

"Before that," Detter said, "the only water the course got was what Mother Nature gave it. Some nights we'd pull the hoses out and put the sprinklers on at night, but other than that, we hoped for rain."

While he's learned a lot about his craft by working countless 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shifts over the years, Detter has earned specialized horticulture, landscaping and nursery degrees and certificates from Schoolcraft College and Michigan State University.

"If I were a normal landscaper, I'd go from one house to the next every day, working on people's yards," he said. "What I like about this job is that I have 102.5 acres I can landscape, and I get to do everything here. I'm a certified arborist, so I've probably planted at least 100 trees on this course and I've cut down maybe another 100."

"We have a lot of things out here you won't find on a lot of golf courses. We have a lot of exotic species of plants that you don't see every day."

Detter approaches the course every morning

almost like a painter approaches an ongoing work of art.

"There are certain vistas you can go to when you're mowing and you visualize what a golfer is going to see when he's playing the hole," Detter said. "The angles you trim around the greens and the directions you mow affect the light and dark stripes the golfers see on the greens and fairways. Things like that are important to us."

LIKE A FAMILY

The staff of workers who maintain Glenhurst have bonded like brothers, Detter said.

"We have a mix of ages, but we all get along," he said. "It's important to (superintendent) Chris (Rhodes) that we have good camaraderie, and we do. We'll even get together in the winter and bowl or just sit around and chat. We have great rapport with one another. It's a very pleasant place to work."

Asking an assistant superintendent of a golf course to pick his favorite hole is comparable to asking a proud father of 18 kids to pick his favorite child, but Detter didn't duck the question.

"I'd have to say No. 13 is my favorite, at least looks-wise," he said. "It's a par three where you tee off on a hill that looks down onto a valley. The green sticks out like a peninsula from another hill. If we do the mowing right, No. 13 is a very nice-looking hole."

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RACE

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from the pack and running alone.

"I can focus on the guys in front of me to (set the pace and) keep me motivated," she said. "Running that stretch down Grand River, along the parade route, is not quiet or anything. There's not much time to zone out or lose focus."

"I got to the line and, once the gun went off, just took off. I just kinda went on instincts as to what I had to do; I didn't overthink this at all."

Mathews, who was fourth overall, finished in 22:40, which was 10 seconds slower than her winning time a year ago.

"You always think about your time — 'Here's a point in the race where I should have pushed harder' — but I'm not going to sit and stress about 10 seconds," she said. "It's always fun to come away with a win, and I'm not going to gripe about the time."

"Plus, it's early summer. There are other races coming up in August that people are starting to look to. I think we're all gearing up to the end of summer, so this is a nice stepping stone each year to gauge where you're at."

Mathews, who won the Northville Solstice 5k race in 18:03 this year, thinks she's better at shorter distances, but the four-mile race seems to suit her well, too.

"I'm in shape for any distance," she said. "I just feel I can race 5k harder than the longer stuff. I prefer the shorter distance; that's what I train for."

"Most people in my group are marathoners or half-marathoners. Just picking up half their workout, I feel prepared; I'm ready for my races."

FORMER FALCONS

Pitcel has Farmington roots as both parents are Farmington High School graduates — his dad, Leonard, in 1983 and his mom, Judy, in 1985.

"The thing that got me to race down in Farmington the first time is both parents were residents of Farmington," Pitcel said. "My dad was flipping through a magazine, (saw an advertisement for the race) and we decided three days before, 'Let's go do this one.'"

Pitcel went out faster and felt stronger in this year's race. He didn't take the lead until the last half mile a year ago, and he was in that position by the halfway point this time.

"I feel stronger running this summer than I felt last summer," he said. "The key this time was, when I took over the race at the two-mile mark, I had to make sure I kept going and didn't settle. I had to keep digging and pushing all the way to hold on to lead I established."

"The way I like to race is to try to run as even splits as possible. I'll sit back and pick off people throughout the race. Halfway through it, I was already up in the top spot. It was a different feeling; the front of the pack was suddenly right there."

Pitcel's stronger physical condition and performance is reflected in his time of 20:49, which was 36 seconds faster than last year.

"Hopefully, the proof is in the pudding there," he said. "I'm also hoping this will be a sign of things to come going into cross country season



Emery Pitcel, 20, was the men's and overall winner for the second year in a row.

in the fall."

Pitcel said his familiarity with the Farmington course helped him to run a smarter race.

"When I raced the first year, I didn't know that whole stretch down Grand River would be downhill all the way," he said. "Once you know you're going to have a crowd (waiting for the parade that follows) cheering you through the last mile and a downhill to aid you, you can get away with going a lot harder in the first half."

"It's a great group of people to pull you through, and you also have gravity on your side. When they made that course, they really made it final-mile friendly."

OTHER TOP RUNNERS: Steve Menovcik, 42, finished second overall in 21:39 and was the men's Masters winner. Sheen Watkins, 50, won the women's Masters title in 29:57.

The top eight runners included Matt Yacoub, 36, of Farmington Hills, 22:17; Mathews, Farmington High runner Drew Lindman, 16, 22:50; Steven Harris, 45, 23:19; Brian Wilson, 42, 23:23; and Chris Woodring, 43, 23:38.

Harris won the men's 45-59 age group and Wilson the men's 40-44; Woodring was second in the men's 40-44. Heather Dyc, 20, was second overall among female runners at 25:16.



Thundering Storm

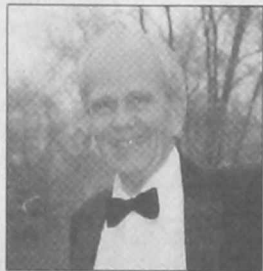
The 12-and-under Canton Storm baseball team recently captured first place in the South Farmington All-Star Classic when it upended Dearborn, 10-7, in the championship game to cap a 5-0 tournament run. Pictured are (front row from left) Josh Janovsky, Chase Timko, Erich Payne, Nick Sprosek, Jake O'Donnell, (middle row from left) Robert Barnes, Matt Brooks, Justin Raylean, Matt Lessel, Noah Haran, Jake Dattilio, Josh Rubis, (back row from left) assistant coaches Scott Payne, Steve Barnes and Keith Rubis. Not pictured is head coach Rob Brooks.

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BECK, MAX T.

Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed away Saturday morning, July 16, 2011, at home, surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends. He was born October 31, 1933 in Flint, Michigan, son of the late Goldie (VanDette) and Thomas Beck. Max graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1953. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Far East, until 1956. After his service, Max pursued his love of photography working for Press Picture Service in Detroit, Michigan; he started what would be a 45 year career as a school photographer, working in the metro-Detroit area, before retiring in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Margie (Staisil) of nine years; his children, Todd (Cheryl) Beck of Fenton, Renee (Tom) Connors of Sanford, Scott Beck of Royal Oak, Corey (Jennifer) Keranen of Sterling Heights, and Jason Keranen of Northville; his grandchildren, Amanda, Ross, Ryan, Molly, and Jena Beck, and Austin Knoll; sisters, Norma Kallao, Barbara (Lonnice) Graham, and Brenda (Steve) Cutchins; brother, John (Roxanne) Dodd; and many special nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Max was predeceased by his stepmother, Almedus Beck; stepfather, Fred Dodd; and sister, Rose Beck. A memorial service to celebrate Max's life will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany Street, Ferndale, MI. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Senex Adult Day Program, c/o Costick Community Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org.

FEISTER, DONNA J.

Age 60 of Westland died July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Larry Smith, Matt Smith, Gary Anthony. Dear daughter of the late Jane Feister, and Donald (Dee) Feister. Proud grandmother of Joel, Jacob and Madison Smith, Sadie Anthony, Bree and Bailey. Visitation was Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Funeral Service was Thursday. Memorial donation may be made to the American Lung Association. To view and send condolences, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GEPHART, RICHARD (RICK) W.

Age 56, found refuge with our Lord and Savior on July 17. Son of the late Wayne & Jane Gephart. Also preceded in death by brother Michael Gephart. Survived by Daughter Michelle, Sister Nancy (Guy) Gephart - Williams, brother Daniel Plourde, nieces & nephews & extended family. Memorial services to be held at Lighthouse Ministries, Livonia MI. on July 23 @ 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the family.

HARGIS, CAROLE ANN

Age 79, of Tracy City, TN, formerly of Dearborn, MI, passed July 15, 2011. Funeral services has taken place. Arrangements are by Foster & Lay Funeral Home, Tracy City, TN.

HIRZEL, KIMBERLY

Age 45 of Livonia. Cherished daughter of William and the late Patricia. Loving sister of Doug (Robin) and Bill. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Memorial Gathering at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd Livonia (E. of Levan) Saturday 2-4pm. Memorial Service at 4pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

JOUSMA-THEEKE, JANE ANN

Age 66, died Saturday, July 16, 2011 at her residence in North Aurora, IL. She was born May 24, 1945 in Jackson, MI. Jane was a Realtor and Mortgage Broker in the Chicagoland area for the better part of her career. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children and their families. She was a 1963 Graduate of Plymouth High School, in Plymouth MI, and attended Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. She is survived by her son, Jon (Inga) Theeke and their children Emma and Nora Theeke of Batavia; her daughters, Janiece Theeke and granddog Jack of Chicago and Jennifer (Vincent) Theeke-Lenczewski and their children, Alexandra, Kevin, Matthew and Avery Lenczewski of Southbury, CT; and her brother, Robert Jousma and his family of Ypsilanti, MI. In addition to her parents, Jane is preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Ann Theeke. All services and interment will be private. For additional information please call the Moss Family Funeral Home in Batavia at 630-879-7900 or www.mossfuneral.com where you may share condolences using the online guestbook.



KEMPA, FRANCINE VAUGHAN

Of Livonia, passed away on the morning of July 15th after a long battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Christopher Michael Kempa. Left to mourn her are her husband of 35 years, Adam F. Kempa; her son, Adam William (Sarah) Kempa; her parents, William T. and Joan M. Vaughan; her sister, Kathy (Michael) Putnam; her brother, William T. (JoAnne) Vaughan, jr.; her sister, Mary (Daniel) Vaughan; two nieces, and one nephew. She is also survived by many beloved friends and her cherished beagle, Speck. She was born on September 13, 1954 in Buffalo, NY, and was a career nurse who greatly enjoyed gardening and being a mother. Visitation was held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia on Sunday, July 17. Funeral service was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia on Monday, July 18. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christopher Kempa Memorial Art Scholarship at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Rd., Livonia.



LARSON, NANCY C.

71, of Livonia, suddenly on July 17, 2011. Beloved mother of Wendy Juback, Michael, Paul (Aziza) and Gretchen (Steve) Kline; dear sister of Lowell Thompson; and devoted grandmother of 10. Memorial gathering Friday, July 22, from 3-7 PM, at Woodlore Condominium Clubhouse, 33045 Fargo, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (734-466-2555). Arrangements entrusted to the Heency-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heency-sundquist.com



LEIBY, BRENDA JOYCE (DEVINE)

Age 69, of Avondale, AZ. Passed away on July 9, 2011 in Minden, Nevada. She was born in Tecumseh, Michigan on October 10, 1941 and moved to Paradise Valley, Arizona in 1970. Brenda is survived by her daughters Deborah, Belinda, Rhonda, Carla, Elizabeth, step-daughter Bobbie Jo, three brothers - David, Richard and Dale, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, July 30th. At 11 a.m. at West Resthaven Funeral Home: 6450 W. Northern Ave in Glendale, Arizona.

RITCHEY, DAVID ALAN

Passed away suddenly on July 13, 2011, at the age of 65. David was born in Detroit, the son of Walter and Dorothy (Pries) Ritchey. David worked for Wallside Windows as a repairman for 26 years. Among the special enjoyments he loved were camping, fishing and playing cards. But his real joy was in being with and playing with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Kathy L. Gunn, whom he married in 1977. Also surviving are his children, Michael (Marion), Kimberly, Karyn, Karol (Jim), Carl (Shelly) and Barbie (Shane); seventeen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Carol and Marilyn. Private services were held. To share a memory or leave a condolence: www.schrader-howell.com

ROLLINS, BONNIE "CHRIS"

Age 93, of Farmington Hills passed away 7/17/2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



SCHAUFFELE, PHYLIS J.

Age 86 of Plymouth, died July 17, 2011. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of John, Terry, and Connie (Richard) Bailey. Dear grandmother of John, Terri Ann, Jason, Randy, Pamela, Holly and Jarrod; and dear great-grandmother of Kaylie, Cameron, Isabelle, Morgan, Jack, Aden, Brooklynn, Roryann, Nathan and Carver. She also leaves one brother, Duane Rodenberg. Visitation and funeral service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

WELSH, MARILYN J.

Of Wayne, age 76, July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Brad, Lisa Menard, Brian (Jane), Scott, and the late Bret. Dear Grandmother of 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Loving sister of Teri Light and Roger (Betty) McGilvray. Donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To view and send condolences visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

SHISLER, CLAUDE W.

July 16, 2011, age 84. Beloved husband of the late Viola. Dear father of Barry (Susan), Susan (Rodney), Edwin (Gloria), Caroline (Forrest), Nancy (Roger), Beverly (Roger), Judy and the late Irene. Also leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother of Ida Mae and Jenny. A memorial service has been held. Donations suggested to the Salvation Army Church, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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Watercolors for a cause

Senior artists bring life experience, skill to their works in Farmington Hills show

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The artists at Botsford Commons Senior Community say their upcoming watercolor show is not your grandmother's art exhibit.

"You know, it's not just a bunch of old people painting. There are a lot of really good artists," said Bill Waddell, 84, who has created everything from landscape scenes to portraits to abstracts since joining the watercolor class last year at Botsford Commons Senior Community, in Farmington Hills. "There are some real one-of-a-kind, really good pieces of art that people can take advantage of and probably find a better price than if they went to a dealer."

"I think it's a unique thing because it's a group of us that get together and display our talent," said Berta Billarreal, 83, a veteran watercolor painter.

Class instructor Karin Phillips, promises a show with a variety of subjects, price ranges and styles. It's the group's second exhibit since the class was formed last year.

"They've really done beautifully and have grown so much," said Phillips, a Bloomfield Hills resident who has shown in Michigan Watercolor Society exhibits and at the Community House in Birmingham. "They have a zest to want to learn, plus they bring all the experience from their lives. You can tell everyone's style by their personalities."

"I'll tell you a cute story. There was a gentleman who was 98 — he had to drop out because of our schedule — but he came to the last show with a picture of a skull he had painted. I said, woa, what's this? And he said, it's a self portrait. What a wonderful sense of humor."

The group's second exhibit, Friday-Saturday, July 29-30, will include approximately 100 pieces, \$10 and up. Admission is free.

A BETTER RIDE

Tickets to the artist reception and preview, 5-7 p.m. July 28 costs \$35 per person and will benefit Botsford Commons' campaign to buy a new state-of-the-art bus. Camille Purdie, executive director of marketing and development officer, says the new vehicle will give residents a "smooth ride" while they attend to daily errands, participate in recreational



Instructor Karin Phillips demonstrates a technique on a painting that Florence Ptak is working on.

programs and volunteer in the community.

"Our residents do a lot of community service," Purdie said. "They do a lot with the schools, reading programs and they use the bus to go into the larger community. They make blankets and deliver things to Children's Hospital. There's a lot of giving back."

Purdie said the new bus will accommodate about 15 passengers and be capable of handling electric scooters and other equipment.

"We just started the campaign, but what's so great is that our residents have already raised close to \$7,000 and we have an anonymous donor who will match."

She said the senior community plans a silent auction of various art forms next month. Residents skilled in arts and crafts will be asked to donate a handmade piece to the cause.

SELLING THEIR ART

Every watercolor class student involved in the group's first show sold at least one piece.

"It was amazing," Phillips said. "She (Billarreal) sold \$1,000 of art at the last show. She had big pieces and people wanted them."

Billarreal said she's interested in selling her work, but that's not why she created the class. She simply wanted to gather other artists together for informal painting sessions. A small group began to meet on a consistent basis and Phillips, a longtime friend, agreed to offer advice and instruction.

Billarreal started painting with oils while in college and later switched to watercolor which she found less "stinky" and more challenging. Phillips has travelled to Paris, France on three Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center plein air painting trips. Several other class members, including Jane Langa, whose paintings hang on the walls in Botsford Commons' Town Commons building, have honed their skills over years of working with watercolors.

Waddell and Florence Ptak are among the newcomers to

RESIDENT WATERCOLOR SHOW

What: Paintings by members of the Botsford Commons watercolor class

When: 1-7 p.m. Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30

Where: In the Botsford Town Commons at Botsford Commons Senior Community, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills

What: Watercolors on exhibit and for sale by residents of the senior community. Admission is free

Charity preview: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 28, includes beverages and appetizers. Tickets are \$35 per person and will benefit the community's

"Next Stop, Our Bus" campaign that aims to raise funds for a new bus. Many artists will be on hand at the charity preview

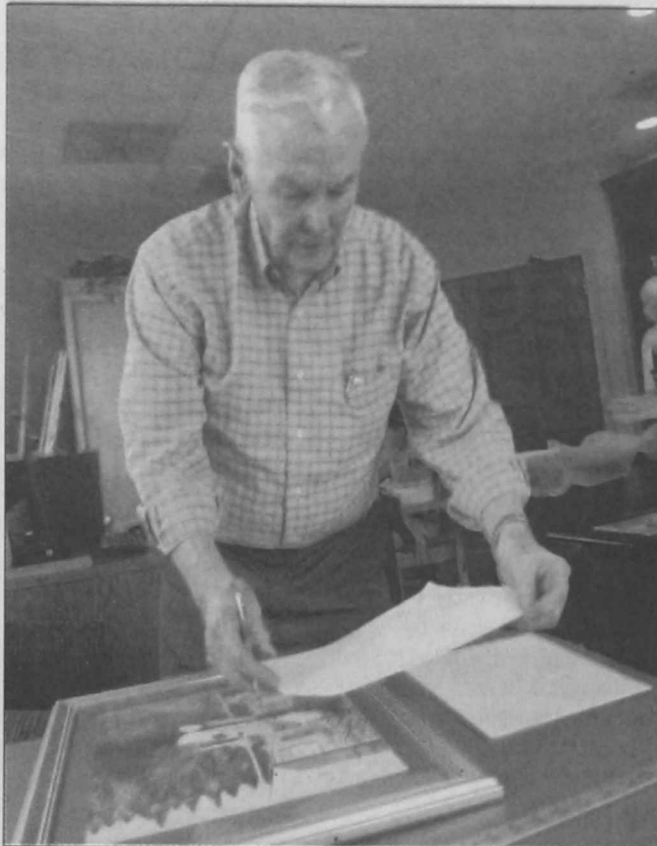
Contact: Call (248) 426-6951 to buy preview tickets or for questions

the art.

Waddell dabbled in ceramics, furniture-making and other crafts after he retired at age 58. He had owned an auto parts store in New York and worked for General Motors.



Florence Ptak studies one of several photos as she paints a still life in watercolor class at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. She hopes to finish the piece in time for an upcoming art show and fundraiser.



Bill Waddell will show several of his paintings in the watercolor show at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills.

"From age 58 until now I built a garage, a house, a small canoe. I took a course at OCC in pointillism. I stay busy doing crafts I love. I have about 35 watercolor paintings." Florence Ptak, a "70-something" Botsford Commons resident, took up watercolor

painting for the first time when she joined the class last year.

"I got into it and now I don't want to get out of it. Watercolor painting is so different from oils because it flows," she said. "It's enjoyable."

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Details: "Ages of Art" is an inter-generational show that exhibits work by 24 artists who have taken workshops at the art studio and created at least one piece under the direction of Shaqe Kalaj, artist-in-residence
Contact: (734) 420-0775



"The Grizzly Truth" by Carol Zeiss and works by other artists are on display through Aug. 7 at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery and Studio in Plymouth Township.

Orchard Lake Fine Art and Craft Show

Time/Date: 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, July 31
Location: On Powers and Daly roads, south of Maple, just west of Orchard Lake Road at West Bloomfield Plaza
Details: Ninth annual show features paintings, clay, glass, sculpture, wood, fiber, jewelry, photography and more. Suggested donation is \$5; parking free
Contact: (248) 685-3748

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Aug. 5-27, with opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Potters Guild

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 25
Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth
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Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: 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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6
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Contact: (734) 455-1453

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Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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
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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. The Terry Lower Quartet with Terry Lower on keyboard, Jim Ryan on drums, Tom Lockwood on bass, and Edye Evens-Hyde singing will perform July 26
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 22
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: Gia Warner Band
Coming up: 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 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 for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August
Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville
Details: Free concert series includes 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 clas-



Winnie's a winner

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy presents artist Elizabeth Gullikson with the Supervisors Choice Award during the Three Cities Art Club Exhibit, held at the Canton Public Library last weekend. Gullikson, who recently retired from the Plymouth/Canton School system, created "Winnie the Pooh and Gang," her winning entry in oil pastel. Cathy Vettese won first place and dinner for two at Texas Road House in the "Popular Vote" category for a color pencil work called "River." Second place and a gift from Famous Dave's BBQ went to photographic artist Allen Brooks for his digitally-enhanced infrared photo, "Windy City Reflections." Third place and a cash award went to David Lamb for his oil painting titled "Rocky Shore." For more information about the Three Cities Art Club, which meets September-June at the Canton Township Hall, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org, call Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext.123 or e-mail her at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

sics, 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 Palamazoo, July 26; Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.
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Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12
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Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
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R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's)
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Main Art Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4
Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
Contact: (248) 470-4290

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Water for Elephants," all seats \$3
Coming up: "The Beaver," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 22 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 23
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," tickets \$5
Coming up: "Somewhere in Time," 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6; tickets \$5
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Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.
Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; <http://science.cranbrook.edu>

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth
Details: Rediscovering the Civil War
Contact: (734) 455-8940

THEATER

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday of the month
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Improvisation workshops for all levels; \$3 per session
Contact: Laura Gumina at (248) 225-0160

Local bands to perform at Buy Michigan festival

The Howling Diablos will be the headline act at the 3rd Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7 in downtown Northville.

The band, known for its funky, blues-jam style, will perform 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, on the festival's main stage. Main stage acts on Aug. 5 include singer/songwriter Shawn Byrwa, 12:30 p.m., the folk duo Match by Match, 2 p.m., Carolyn Striho Band, 3:15 p.m., Infinity Hour, 4:30 p.m., and Michael May and the Messarounds, 7 p.m.

In addition to the Howling Diablos on Aug. 6, the David Gerald Band will perform at 10 a.m., Rare Standard at 12:30 p.m., David Sawiki and Youth Under Construction at 2 p.m., Stephen Clark at 2:30 p.m., and Mainstreet Soul at 5 p.m. David Nefesh Band will perform at noon, Aug. 7, followed

by Ben Chutz and the Scores at 1:15 p.m., The American Gravy Company at 2:30 p.m. and Rickysee at 4 p.m.

The festival's Wing Street stage will feature acoustic performances, demonstrations and presenters. The Kids Zone will keep youngsters busy with magic and music performances, visits by mascots, balloon animals, storytelling and a costume contest. The free weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. More than 100 vendors and merchants are scheduled to participate.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 6, and noon-5 p.m. Aug. 7.

For more information visit www.buymichigannowfest.com.

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SUMMER splash



Watermelon Beach Party



Watermelon Raspberry Lemonade

Chill out with cool watermelon treats

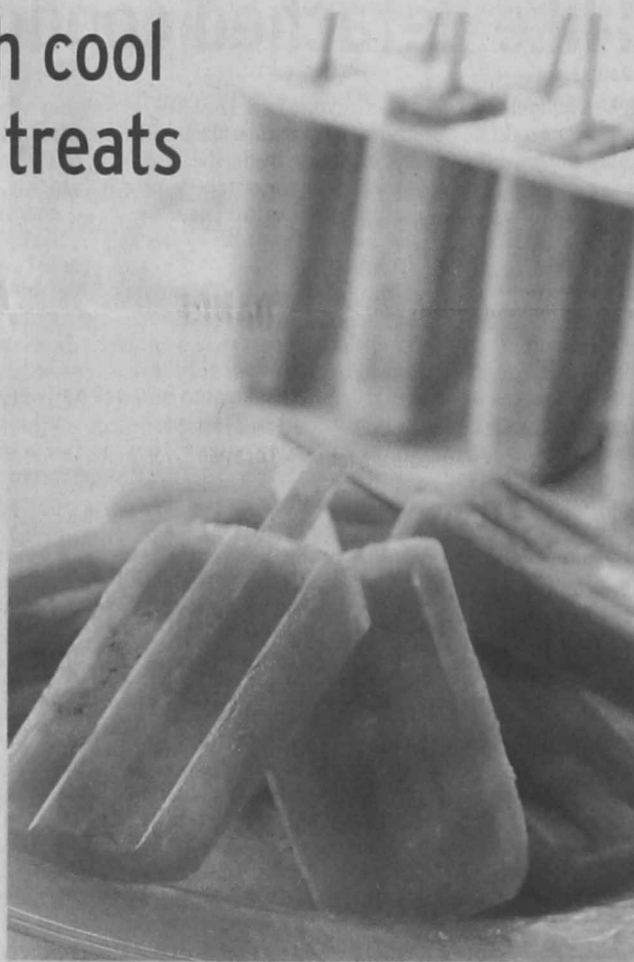
There's nothing quite like juicy, fresh watermelon to cool you off on a hot summer day.

Whether you want to give the kids a refreshing, healthy snack or wow guests with a watermelon showpiece at a backyard barbecue, these recipes serve up great taste and good nutrition all summer long.

For more tasty ways to make a summer splash, visit www.watermelon.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Watermelon has higher concentrations of lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable.
- Watermelon is naturally low in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol.
- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is an excellent source of vitamins A and C and a good source of vitamin B-6.



Watermelon Popsicles

BEACH BUCKET

- 1 watermelon – can be seeded or seedless
- Cutting board
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Green dry erase marker
- Large bowl and spoon
- Melon baller
- Beach theme cookie cutters
- Light-colored cake mix

Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry.

Placing watermelon on its side, cut off the bottom end $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch so it can stand flat on its end. Be careful not to cut too deep into the white part of the rind — this would allow liquid to leak from bottom of carving.

Stand watermelon on cut end. With dry erase marker, draw a line about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down from the top, around the whole watermelon.

Pick a point on the line and find the corresponding point on the exact opposite side of the watermelon. From those points measure 1 inch to the right and to the left. Connect those points by drawing two parallel lines across the top, forming the shape of the handle.

Use paring knife to cut along lines, being careful to not break or crack handle. For best results, hold paring knife like a pen, but only cut half way into rind. Once you complete that

first cut all the way around, go back and cut the rest of the way through the rind. Doing the cut in two steps will ensure a cleaner line and smoother cuts.

Carefully remove trimmed rind and flesh. Try to remove as much as possible in large portions that can later be sliced and used with the cookie cutters.

Scoop out remaining flesh from base, trying to leave as much flesh intact. Remove it in larger pieces that can be used for making watermelon balls or bite-sized chunks.

Take knife and carve a channel about 1 to 2 inches from top edge, creating rim of bucket.

Take the large removed pieces and trim off rind. From flesh, cut rectangles about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick.

Using cookie cutters, cut shapes from watermelon. To create light colored shapes, use slices of honeydew melons, or cut decorative pieces from white part of watermelon rind. Set aside and drain on paper towel.

With remaining fruit, make either cubes or balls and drain. Toss with other cut fruit and berries and fill bucket.

Decorate top of bucket with cut watermelon shapes and new, clean toys and shovels. Use light colored cake mix to resemble sand.

WATERMELON BEACH PARTY

- 1 watermelon – can be seeded or seedless
- Cutting board
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Pencil or thin marker
- Large bowl and spoon or ice cream scoop
- Blue gelatin
- Small plastic container
- Small beach themed items
- Gummy fish

Using an oblong seedless watermelon, cut a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch slice off the bottom to provide a stable base.

Draw lines in a wave design with a sharp pencil or thin marker approximately one half of the way up and all the way around the watermelon.

Scoop out the flesh with an ice cream scoop or a large spoon, and reserve for salad.

Chill gelatin in a small plastic container to make a pool of "water" and place in the watermelon bowl. Fill in around the "water" with fruit salad cut into fun shapes and balls.

Arrange toys toward the edge of the watermelon bowl. Garnish sides with drink umbrellas and plastic palm tree swizzle sticks, and add gummy fish to complete the scene.

WATERMELON RASPBERRY LEMONADE

Makes 4 servings

- 6 cups watermelon cubes (seeds removed)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raspberries
- 1 cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lemon juice

Place watermelon, raspberries and water in container of electric blender, cover and blend until smooth. Strain through fine mesh strainer into pitcher. Stir in sugar and lemon juice until sugar dissolves. Refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

WATERMELON POPSICLES

- Watermelon
- Chunks of fresh fruit – try grapes, strawberries, or
- kiwi fruit

Puree watermelon and pour into popsicle molds. Drop in chunks of fresh fruit, insert caps and place in freezer. Serve when frozen.

– Courtesy of Family Features

HOW TO CHOOSE A WATERMELON

– Look for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

– The watermelon should be heavy for its size.

– The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.



Beach Bucket

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Lawn care pros at MSU have 'go green' tips

Michigan State University's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences lawn care pros offer ample advice for those who want their summer lawns in tip-top shape.

Mow high — recycle clippings. MSU experts say to mow at least 3 inches high and to return clippings to recycle nutrients. You should sweep or blow clippings from walks and driveways onto the lawn.

Taller grass crowds out weeds and promotes deeper roots, they say. Deeper roots help the lawn survive droughts.

You should fertilize in fall for the best results. Be patient in the spring, and wait until May to fertilize if that's your choice. Don't fertilize if the ground is frozen or saturated with water.

Don't guess, MSU experts add, soil test for proper fertilizer recommendations.

It's important to choose lawn-type fertilizers with low or no phosphorus (the middle number) and to follow directions. Avoid using "triple" products (e.g. 12-12-12).

Confirm spreader setting before applying, the pros say.

You need to clean up and avoid surface water. Maintain a no application zone near lakes, rivers, streams and storm drains. Never discharge clippings near lakes, rivers, streams or drains.

Sweep fertilizer granules from walks and driveways onto the lawn, and wash your spreader on the grass.



When it comes to being water smart:

- Don't soak you lawn and avoid night watering
- Watering should not produce puddles; lighter, more frequent

watering is best

- Brown lawns are OK; dormancy is a natural response to drought, however, some water may be necessary during an extended drought of more than a month

For more lawn tips see: WWW.TURF.MSU.EDU. The website

has extensive information on such subjects as moles, home lawn grub control products, Japanese beetles, European chafer pests and more.

Advertising: Check out documents for details

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: We are in a mixed use development and the business portion of our condominium, in an effort to encourage foot traffic and improve the bottom line, wants to promote their businesses with signs and advertising in the front of the building and advertise in area publications. What can we do to stop that as residents?

A: It all depends on your documents and what rights the business owners have to provide for advertising, if any, if the association is

responsible for the area where the new signage is being installed, the business owners may have to get permission from the association.



Robert Meisner

Obviously, the association's potential concerns about attracting more people to the area must be weighed against the business owners' needs to keep their businesses going. In any event, the association should get legal counsel involved who will not be in a conflict between the two warring factions.

Q: We have a problem in our condominium with respect to various people hoarding property in their condominium and, eventually causing a safety hazard. What can we do to prevent the problem?

A: There should be a restriction of a general nature regarding any conduct which would be detrimental to the interests and/or safety of the residents in your documents.

You may also have a specific provision regarding excessive cluttering and, if necessary, some inspection mechanism to ensure that it has not been done.

It is my experience that courts will issue injunctive orders if you can establish that a co-owner is hoarding goods and/or materials which are flammable or otherwise dangerous, including food and drugs. An injunction issued by the court allows the association to enter the premises and remove the hazardous materials at the cost of the co-owner. Obviously, hoarding can be a sign of mental illness and making hoarders remove their items can be traumatic.

You may wish to contact the local social services department to make the process easier and to provide the resident with access to mental health providers.

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.

Boomers often like detached condos, but supply lags

BY NANCY AUSTIN
 GUEST COLUMNIST

I am on a moving mission. My website is being expanded and I've been asked to list all the senior condo complexes in the area for the 55+ group. Eventually the list will include apart-

ment buildings, assisted living, Alzheimer's units, and other senior living arrangements. The goal is to make it easy for the senior or the adult children of seniors to

researching this kind of information.

The information will contain the location of the condo complex, number of units, and amenities; for example, club house, a swimming pool, senior activities, transportation, pet restrictions, barrier-free entrances. The condos will be those situated in

Western Wayne and Oakland Counties. And there could be a few strays, should they be recommended.

The discovery I made and have long suspected, is that there aren't very many specifically designated "senior" with the age restriction specified. Period. I find it amazing.

How could such a large area as metropolitan Detroit be so devoid of senior-designated condo complexes. The concentration is definitely on apartment-style communities be they high-rise, one-story, or government subsidized.

Isn't the building industry missing a good bet? Maybe the only builder to catch on has been Dell Web. The problem is that they are not in the immediate metro Detroit area. They are Downriver in Brownstown or north of our metro area in Grand Ledge. (My sources tell me a similar type of community was to have been built in Canton but now isn't going to happen due to our economy.)

These are the kinds of communities the boomers and others are looking for. Hello?

Does anyone hear me? Yes, I know the status of the building industry. It's in the same situation as the single-family home-building industry. It's not happening at break-neck speed.

But listen up. The boomers are retiring by the thousands. They don't necessarily want to live in the high-rise retirement buildings. They want to downsize into condos. They want to remain independent. They want access to services nearby such as health care, shopping, church, walking trails, health and fitness centers, restaurants, playgrounds for the grandchildren and want to live near their families.

OK, maybe the conclave can't be hundreds of units, but what about a smaller, more compact community. The trend today is away from attached condos to detached condos. The detached units are so much more desirable because you don't have the noise factor from adjoining walls. Because they are detached, privacy is still intact. I saw some really wonderful detached "cottages" as

they were called in Dexter, Mich., called the Cedars of Dexter. They are selling quickly, proving that the demand is there.

New construction is desirable because there isn't deferred maintenance causing the new owner to spend thousands on repairs, nor on massive amounts of updating. Owners want to move in, hang up their coats and hats and begin their new, retired life.

In my search for senior communities in Wayne County, I have found Bradbury Park, and Crestwood condos in Plymouth. The Villas at Maple Creek are under construction in Canton. Hickory Ridge and Crestwood Manor are in Dearborn Heights and the Meadows in Garden City. Morley Manor is in Dearborn, a high-rise structure, but close to conveniences.

There are other complexes that seniors find attractive because of the substantial number of ranch condos that were built within the complex. But they are not designated senior complexes with the

amenities about which I have already spoken.

Both Botsford Commons and Pendleton Club are in Farmington Hills. Botsford Commons has more than the average amenities. The condos are on the same campus as is the Commons building in which is situated a pool, library, dining room, movie theater, and health-care facilities.

If I have inadvertently omitted any senior condo complex, please let me know. The goal here is to accumulate as complete a list as is possible. Co-ops will be mentioned in a future column. If there are builders reading this who have begun to build a community or may have one on the drawing boards, please let me know. I will include them in the list. Please contact me either by e-mail or by phone at (734) 718-8900 and give me as much detail as possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 11-15, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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415 Gilman St 6503 Helen St	\$60,000 \$32,000	39587 Dun Rovin Dr 48822 Freestone Dr 15941 Johnson Creek Dr 16904 Yellowstone Dr	\$235,000 \$110,000 \$135,000 \$120,000	32027 Avondale St 38187 Carillon Blvd 155 N Karle St 38623 Shelby Dr 27748 Trailbrooke Cir	\$28,000 \$39,000 \$47,000 \$144,000 \$38,000
1514 Centennial Dr 41505 Copper Creek Dr 410 E Canford Park 42318 Edenbrooke Dr 288 Edington Cir	\$306,000 \$96,000 \$285,000 \$127,000 \$134,000	14209 Arcola St 10021 E Clements Cir 10184 Flamingo St 19470 Haggerty Rd 15024 Knolson St 34607 Northland Dr	\$71,000 \$68,000 \$107,000 \$9,000 \$103,000 \$265,000		

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

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25234 Chapelweigh Dr 23141 Cora Ave 28104 Gettysburg St 21462 Gill Rd 26429 Greythorne Trl 26364 La Mueria St 26265 Rose Hill Dr 39230 Silverthorne Bnd 39299 Silverthorne Bnd	\$150,000 \$118,000 \$180,000 \$121,000 \$135,000 \$115,000 \$144,000 \$252,000 \$260,000	23814 Prescott Ln E 22155 Swan St # 633 52906 Trailwood Dr	\$61,000 \$28,000 \$125,000
17554 Cambridge Blvd	\$88,000	21582 Avon Ln 20660 Bradford Ct 28124 Brentwood St 17010 Edwards Ave 29749 Farmbrook Villa Ln 28066 Glasgow St 23302 Grayson Dr 19265 Melrose Ave 19440 Silvercrest St 18461 W Nine Mile Rd 26781 W Carnegie Park Dr 25112 Woodvale Dr S	\$50,000 \$95,000 \$54,000 \$83,000 \$30,000 \$25,000 \$34,000 \$63,000 \$76,000 \$45,000 \$21,000 \$55,000
2856 Tall Timbers Dr 1253 Three Acre Ct 325 W Washington St 1293 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$1,350,000 \$252,000 \$50,000 \$244,000	1479 Bathgate St 9587 Portage Trl 722 Ranvee St 8167 Wildwood Ln	\$72,000 \$35,000 \$280,000 \$237,000

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Word Search — Ice Cream

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chip cookie dough ice cream peanut butter vanilla

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