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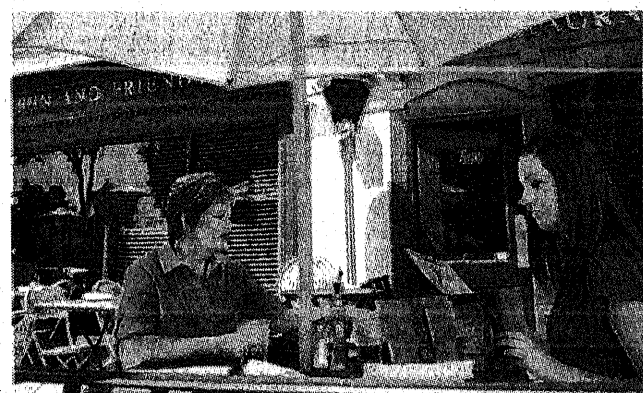
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## PIPELINE

### Riders wanted

Plymouth Township officials are looking for 100 bicycle riders to take part in Plymouth's annual Fourth of July parade.

Participation is open to riders of all ages, as long as they're willing to decorate their bikes in Fourth of July style and wear a helmet (a requirement for all riders). Riders will meet at 7:15 a.m. July 4 on Main Street at Theodore.

Anyone wishing to sign up should call the Plymouth Township treasurer's office at (734) 354-3416.

### Sign up today!

Kris Yanke of Plymouth is this week's winner of a pass for two to Emagine Theatres and a free Buddy's pizza after she was selected in a random drawing of folks who signed up for the Observer's new E-Newsletter.

The E-Newsletter helps readers stay plugged in to their hometown news with a free e-mail newsletter that will automatically send the latest news via e-mail to anyone who signs up at hometownlife.com.

To sign up, click on the E-newsletters tab on Hometownlife.com (top left of the home page). Subscribers will be entered into weekly drawings for Emagine Theatre movie passes, concert tickets at The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre and gift certificates for dinner at restaurants throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Getting the newsletter is easy. The first thing you have to do is become a member of our Web site by going to Hometownlife.com and clicking on the link Become a member, which is just above the main carousel of stories. Once you are a member, click on the E-newsletters tab at the top left of the homepage to sign up.

### Light 'em up

The marquee at the Penn Theater will be blazing once again after a relighting ceremony 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

The marquee, which had experienced 67 years of weather and damage, was removed last month, and the new one was installed earlier this month. It's the latest step in the Friends of the Penn efforts to renovate the Penn and save it from the wrecking ball.

The Plymouth Community Band will provide fanfare and the evening's events will conclude with an afterglow at the Box Bar. Tickets (\$5 donation) for the afterglow can be reserved at the theater box office or by calling (734) 453-0870.

# Doctor: Orlewicz 'operated in fear'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Defense attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contends the testimony of Birmingham psychiatrist Gerald Shiener would have been enough for a Wayne County jury to find her client, Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz, not guilty in his first-degree murder trial last year.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jeffrey Caminsky obviously doubts it, painting Shiener's testimony as nothing more than a regurgitation of the things Orlewicz told him during a series of interviews following Orlewicz's arrest November 2007 arrest.

The two lawyers waded through



Orlewicz

more than four hours of Shiener's testimony Friday in a hearing on Jacobs' request for a new trial.

Her client, Orlewicz, was convicted last year of killing and beheading 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. Orlewicz claimed self-defense at trial, but the jury didn't buy it and convicted him on charges of first-degree murder and felony murder. Orlewicz is serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

The judge in the original trial, Annette Berry, refused to allow Shiener's testimony. Jacobs said in

court Friday her client would have been acquitted had the doctor been allowed to testify.

"If (Shiener) had been allowed to testify, I believe the jury would have come back with a verdict of not guilty due to self-defense," Jacobs said.

Shiener's report, which he said was based on an examination of police reports and interviews with Orlewicz, concluded the teen was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he lured Sorensen to his grandfather's garage in Canton, stabbed him multiple times, then beheaded him and dumped his body in a Northville field and set it on fire.

The fear, the doctor testified, grew from Orlewicz's belief Sorensen was

involved with organized crime. The doctor said Orlewicz also told him Sorensen threatened his girlfriend and family.

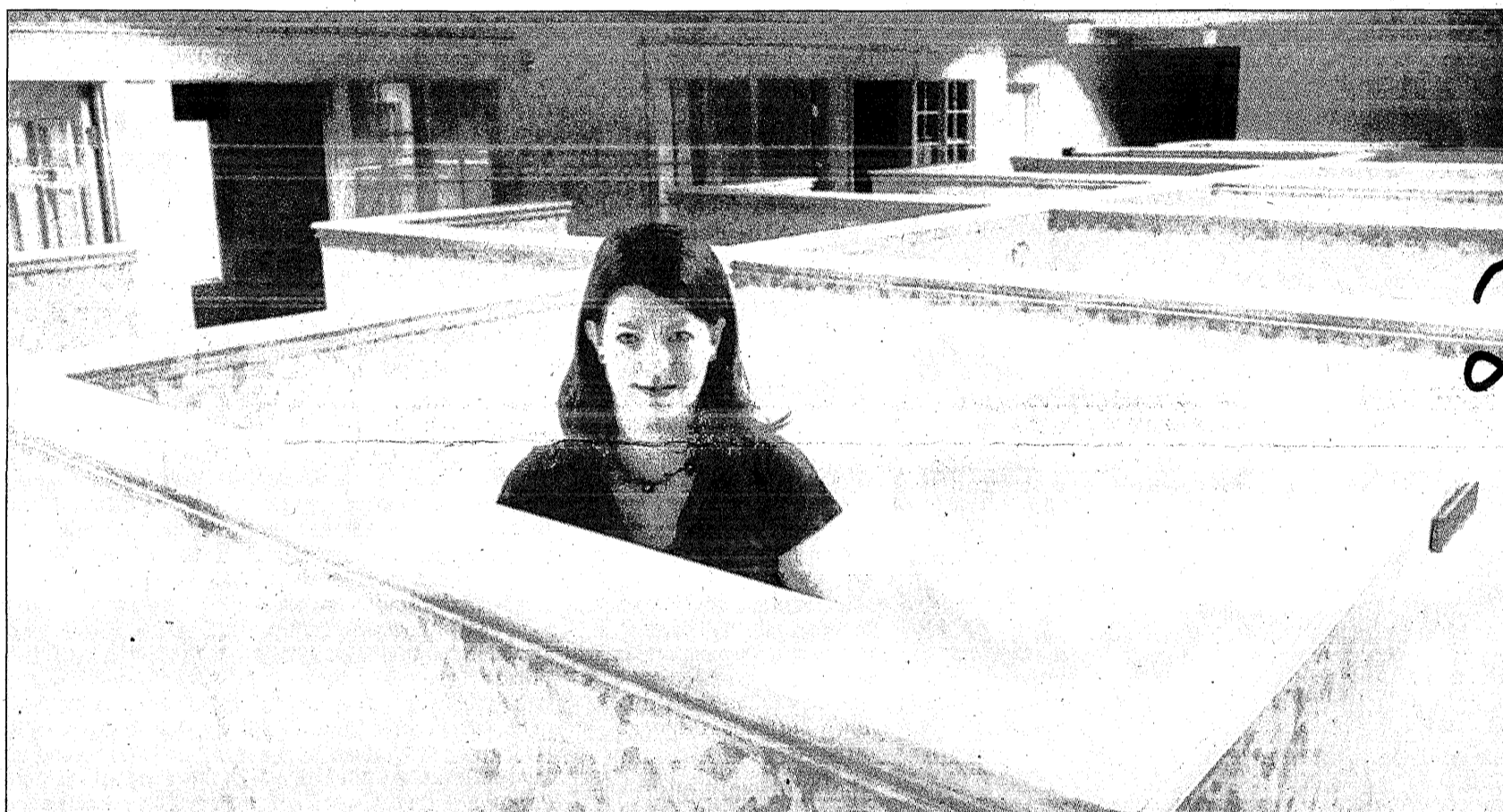
Caminsky doesn't believe the doctor's testimony would have changed anything.

"The defense has to show (Shiener's) testimony would have made a difference," Caminsky said. "I don't believe that's true."

The hearing will continue before Judge Bruce Morrow. It was moved from Berry's docket because of strong statements she made about Orlewicz while sentencing him following the original trial.

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# Home office



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Dorothy Twinney offers office space, cubicles, and office services to businesses at the former Century 21 building on Main Street in Plymouth.

## Concept offers flexible space, shared services

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As businesses evolve in southeastern Michigan's challenging economy, their settings need to evolve, too.

That's the message Dorothy Twinney offers as she talks about her latest project, 705 South Main, a multi-tenant Plymouth building with flexible office space and shared support services, including conference rooms, a copy room and telephone and receptionist services.

Twinney is marketing the concept for D&P Leasing, which, she said is having trouble renting the building, the elaborate former Century 21 Town & Country building on Main Street. Town & Country moved out about a year ago in a consolidation.

Twinney said 705 South Main, which totals 31,000 square feet, would be an ideal spot for home-based businesses that might need a little more room, or for businesses that have downsized and no longer need their current space.

"As a small business owner myself, it makes sense to me," said Twinney, a Plymouth Township resident whose marketing firm is called Pandora Outside the Box.

Traffic at the site, which is scheduled to open by mid-July, is steady, and a lawyer, an accountant and a small real estate firm are among those in

line to be the first occupants, she said.

Twinney said rentals at 705 South Main can range from a 100-square-foot office to a 15,000-square-foot suite, furnished or unfurnished. "It's very flexible," she said.

Likewise, the Internet-based phone service has the flexibility to route calls directly to tenants' offices, to voice mail, or to home or cellular phones, depending on tenants' needs on a given day.

"They can tell us on an hourly basis how they want their calls to go," Twinney said. For a more traditional approach, a receptionist will take and prioritize messages, too. (Businesses can also bring their own phone systems.)

Rents start at about \$300 a month, including

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## Young people launch new Jaycees chapter

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Career- and community-minded young people in the Plymouth area are reviving one of its many civic groups.

The Plymouth Area Jaycees, which recently gained recognition from the national Jaycees organization, is bringing together people ages 21 to 40 who work or live in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and surrounding communities and want to strengthen leadership and organizational skills, contribute to the community and build professional and social networks.

The group, which has its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, has 21 members so far; the area's original Jaycees group, the Plymouth Jaycees, had its charter revoked in December 2007 when

membership dipped too low.

Membership vice president Dominique Duong, a Plymouth Township resident, said she wants to see more young people take on roles of community leadership and civic involvement.

Duong is a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce member and a chamber ambassador, and said she's always the youngest person at chamber gatherings.

"I saw this as an opportunity to make sure there's another generation" of leaders, she said of the Jaycees.

Duong said the new Jaycees are planning their community involvement and already had volunteers help with the recent Relay for Life, for which she was a committee member (independent of the Jaycees).

The new Jaycees plan to reach out through their events, said

Duong, who works in financial services for New York Life in Southfield. "We'd like to be able to involve the community," she said.

Duong said she's recruited her banker and other local young people she knows to join the Jaycees.

Chamber director Wes Graff helped bring the Jaycees together after hearing that another local resident, Amy Flavell, who works for Sysco Corp., wanted to start a chapter. Flavell is the new group's chairwoman.

"They're learning great skills within the Jaycees and creating great leaders for us," Graff said. The Jaycees is officially known as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but Graff said there are no formal ties between the

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

**Mobile law office**

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, is encouraging area veterans to take advantage of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's Mobile Law Office, which will visit Plymouth on Monday, June 29. The visit is part of Project SALUTE - a statewide program that provides free legal assistance on federal benefits claims to low-income veterans.

The mobile law office will stop in Plymouth on Monday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

The mobile law office is a specially outfitted 31-foot recreational vehicle that has been on a statewide tour providing legal counseling and assistance. Volunteer attorneys and law students working with Project SALUTE have assisted more than 2,000 people at senior centers, churches and other community centers during the past year. According to Project SALUTE, there are more than 290,000 veterans located in Wayne County and the surrounding counties.

For more information, contact Corriveau's office

toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737), or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

**Preschool open house**

The Goddard School will host an Open House on Friday June 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The school provides educational programs year round for children 6 weeks old through kindergarten. It is located at 6697 North Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren Roads.

Registration is now open for summer and fall programs. For more information contact Jennifer, Ashleigh or Carl at (734) 454-4737, or online at www.goddardschool.com/Schools/Canton-MI/Schools.gsp.

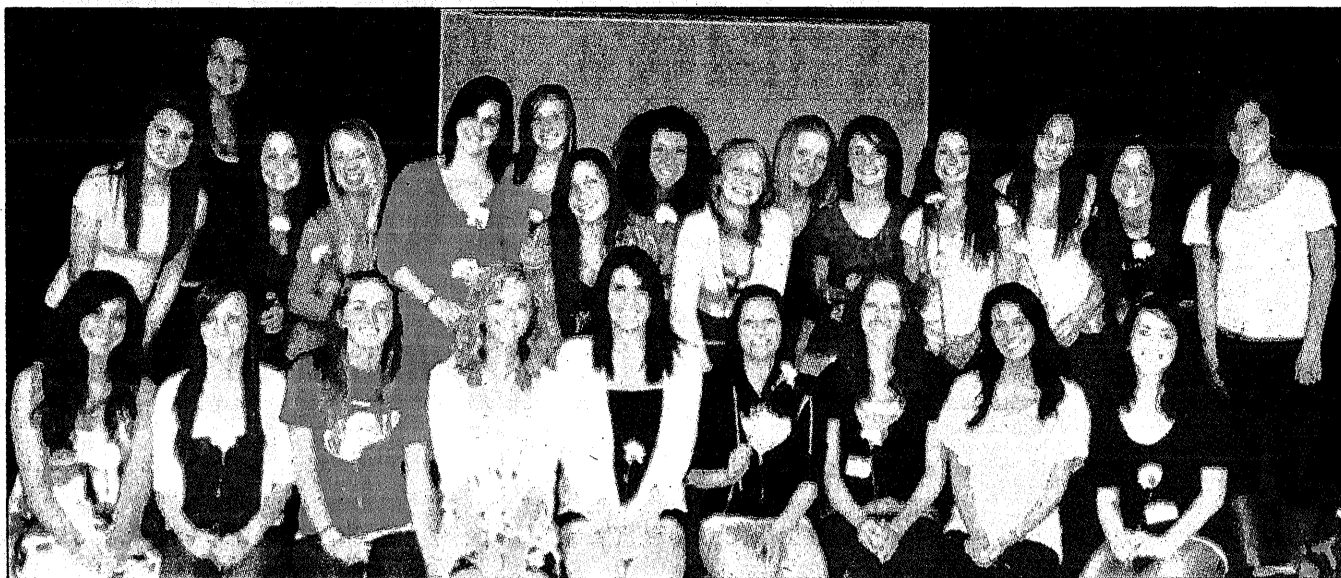
**Ice cream social**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts the annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck Roads. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA Members and \$3 for guests.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for information and ticket purchase.

**Tour of hope**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one-hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in



**Pompon picks**

Auditions for the Canton High School Chieftettes were conducted recently and the squad has been formalized for next year. The new Varsity Chieftettes include (back row, from left) Abby Rice, Allie Stephens, Megan Young, Kara Bureau, Maggie Kokoszka, Ashley Polydoros, Renee Janisse, Julia Beydoun, Sarah Mabie, Ashley Garvin, Tori Parrelly, Sarah Lindbauer, Samantha Juback, Melissa Webster, Nicole Webster; (front row) Eva Debeliso, Melissa Krug, Lexie MacDiarmid, Kirsten Holland, Kayla Channell, Emily Bouse, Courtney Simpson, Alex Brekke and Lindsey Mason.

**Northville.**

This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough of Plymouth.

Tour dates include 5 p.m. July 15; 9 a.m. Aug. 21; 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16; and 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

To attend one of the tours, RSVP to New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or e-mail griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

**Senior Olympics**

The 2009 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics are set for Aug. 17-21, to be co-hosted by the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Redford Township.

Registration packets are now available at the Plymouth Council on Aging office in City Hall, The Plymouth Cultural Center and the Friendship Station. You can also pick up them up at all other community senior centers.

Opening Day festivities will include Opening Ceremony, Breakfast with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and Opening Day Expo in Hines Park (Nankin Mills) on Aug. 17. The week long games close with a Banquet Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at Schoolcraft College - Vista-Tech Center.

Registration deadline is Monday, July 27. For more details call Plymouth Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, or the Redford Township Senior Center at (313) 387-2788.

**Spotlight auditions**

The Spotlight Players are getting ready to present *Oliver*, written by Lionel Bart and directed by Barbara Bloom.

Auditions take place Sunday, July 12 (for youth up to age 16). Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Auditions for all adult roles (age 16 and over) are Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, registration each night begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are September 18-20, 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 504300 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Follow *Oliver*, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin, Nancy and the Artful Dodger through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a very dark Dickens tale.

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

**Corriveau hours**

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville
- 1-2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road
- 3-4 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., in Plymouth
- 6-8 p.m. at 129 W. Liberty St. in Plymouth

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

**Crafters wanted**

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26th for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fund-raisers we host each year," stated Dennis Carnevale, president of the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our craft shows have built a reputation for being some of the best run arts and craft events in the area."

Plymouth High School is

located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

**Call for crafters**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried, handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

**Summer dance**

Registration is now open for the summer dance session at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth.

Dance classes for children, teens and adults in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels begin Monday July 6 and run for 6 weeks. Ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, ballroom, pilates and hip hop classes offered. Multiple class and family discounts.

For more information visit www.MetroDanceCompany.com or contact the studio at (734) 207-8970. Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S Mill St (Lilley) in Plymouth.

**Tiger trip**

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout.

A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. If July 6 doesn't work, the museum also has tickets and a luxury coach reserved for the Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call (734) 455-8940 before coming to the museum on that day. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the museum's Web site at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html.

**Barbecue contestants**

The Plymouth Knights of

Columbus are looking for contestants for their BBQ Cook-off (Chicken and Ribs) scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Interested contestants can call Steve for further information at (734) 546-8756.

**Summer camps**

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

**Fall Fest crafts**

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend.

Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

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**Business booths**

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

**Prisoner family support**

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com for more information.

This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain.

Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

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**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT**

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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Dorothy Twinney, trying to lease office space at 705 S. Main (the former home of Century 21), said space can range from a small office to a 15,000-square-foot suite.

**OFFICE**

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all services. Amenities such as coffee service, snack machines and dry cleaning pickup will also be available.

Aside from the cost-savings that will come with sharing services, Twinney sees some intangible benefits at 705

South Main. "Our tenants will be networking together and they'll be supporting each other," she said.

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, agreed. "Hopefully, these folks can develop some rapport among each other," he said of the 705 South Main tenants.

Graff said Plymouth is a good location for the concept and that 705 South Main is a good option for business people who need services and flexible space. "Plymouth is a great place to be," he said. For more on 705 South Main, visit the Web page [www.705southmain.com](http://www.705southmain.com).

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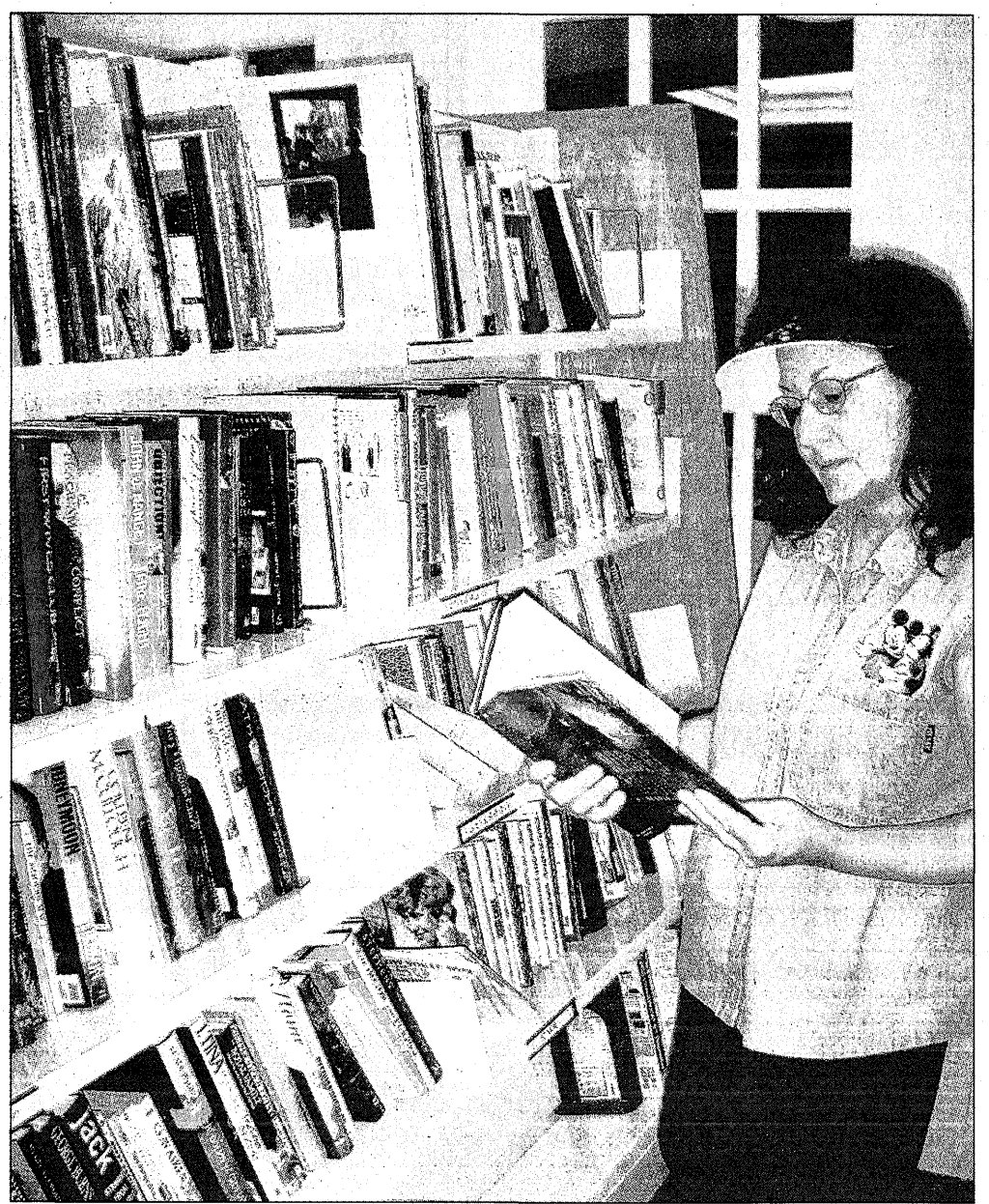
The Plymouth Area Jaycees' next general membership meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the chamber office at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, between Main and Harvey in down-

town Plymouth. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth-based Community Financial Credit Union. Duong and chapter president Mark Evensen will also be at the Panera restaurant in downtown Plymouth on the fourth Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7 p.m., to meet anyone who might be interested in joining the Jaycees. Duong emphasized that the

new Jaycees are more than a service club. Members have already become good friends, she said.

"You're going to meet great people," she said. "We're not all work and no play." The Plymouth Area Jaycees can be reached via e-mail at [PlymouthJuniorChamber@gmail.com](mailto:PlymouthJuniorChamber@gmail.com).

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**Used book expansion**

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library have improved their successful ongoing used book sale. Expanded shelving has been placed in the Library's meeting room lobby, located to the left upon entering the building. The new location is brighter and with more space, making the books more accessible. "We have increased our shelf space by 75 percent," explained Nan Cooper, "We're very pleased with our new spot." Nan and Bob Cooper head up the Friends' used book effort, organizing inventory and managing a staff of 40 volunteers. Prices are \$1 for hardcover books and 50 cents for paperbacks, with some exceptions for gift-quality books or special sales. Proceeds help fund special Library projects such as summer reading programs, history series for adults, teen gaming tournaments, building enhancements and more. For more information on the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, go to <http://plymouthlibrary.org/~friends/>.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rabbit sponsors**

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies.

The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month.

To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit [www.rabbitsanctuary.org](http://www.rabbitsanctuary.org).

For more information, call (734) 461-1726.

**PLAV members**

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seek-

ing new veteran members (the first year is offered free).

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-2031.

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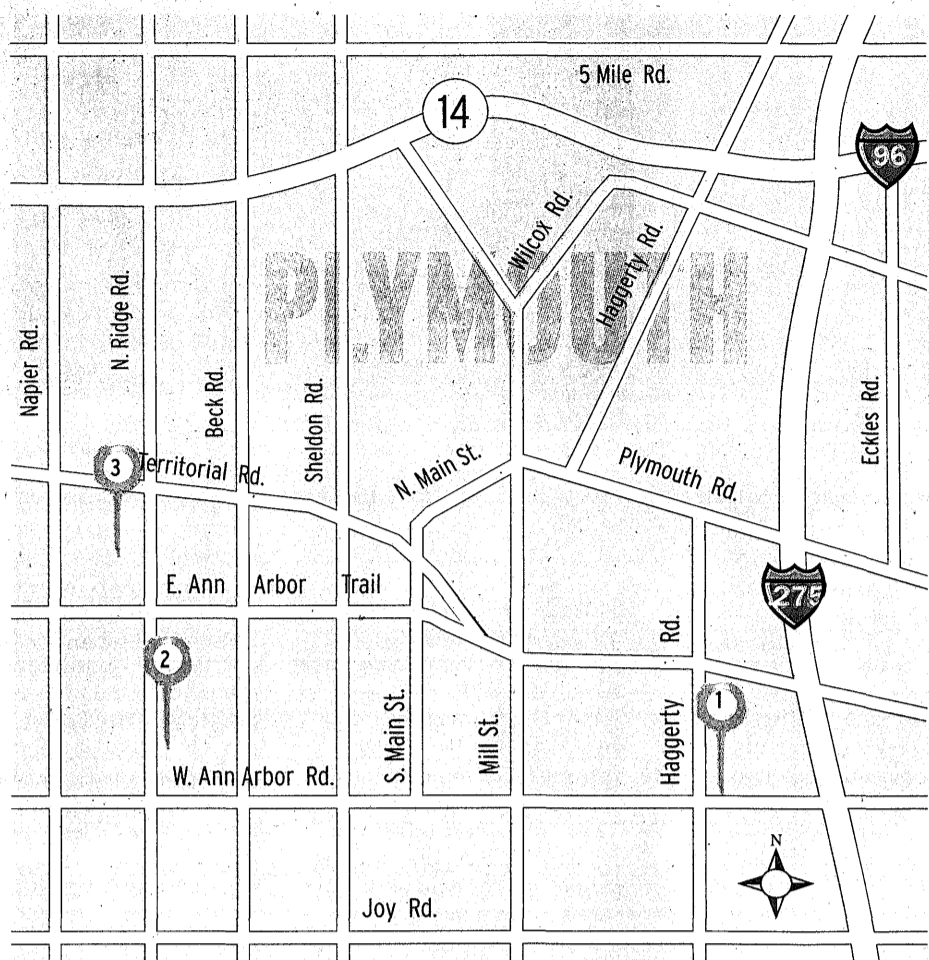
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# PUBLIC SAFETY



## Power problem

Residents and businesses in the Old Village area were forced to do without power for awhile Monday as a semi-truck collided with a power pole near Farmer and Amelia. City officials said DTE crews worked into the evening to repair the pole, pull the truck out from under downed wires and restore power to the area.



## Storm shuts down Sheldon for nine hours, strands cars

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It must have seemed a little like deja vu Friday night for folks familiar with Sheldon Road.

After torrential rains pounded the area, officials were forced to close Sheldon Road — which was closed for nearly two years while the underpass was being installed — after displaced sod slid into the road, plugging drains and causing enough flooding to strand seven cars.

No one was reported injured,

and city officials said the road was closed for some nine hours during a clean-up effort.

Mark Wendel, acting chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, said firefighters responded to a variety of runs during the storm, including the stranded cars, but that no injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, residents reported the storm caused the Tonquish Creek to overflow its banks late Friday night, causing as much as a foot of flooding in neighboring yards. At least two homes, including that of Plymouth City

Commissioner Gerald Sabatini, reported flooding of some 12 inches.

That's less than was reported along Coolidge near Burroughs the last time it happened, when three inches of rain dropped on the creek in 24 hours in 2007.

One homeowner reported the rain saturated the newly installed carpet in his lower-level walkout. The homeowner had only recently recovered from some \$25,000 damage caused by the 2007 flood, Sabatini said.

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## Police turn bad bulb into pot bust

### POLICE BRIEFS

**1** When Plymouth Township police officers pulled over a driver on Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Road Sunday, it was simply because of a burned-out light over the car's license plate.

By the time it was over, his passenger was walking home and the driver was jailed on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

After pulling the car over because of the dim bulb, officers ran the driver's name through the system. When it turned out the driver was driving on a suspended license, he was taken into custody.

During a routine search of the driver's vehicle prior to impounding it, officers discovered what appeared to be a car-

rying case for eyeglasses. Upon further inspection, they found 11 baggies containing what they suspected was marijuana. The case had been stashed under the dashboard on the driver's side of the car.

The substance was later tested and positively identified as some 15.7 grams of marijuana.

### Smashed window

**2** A homeowner on Chambury Court told police that someone smashed out the window on her 2008 Ford Fusion.

The owner told police the damage happened sometime between 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The

vehicle had been parked in the driveway when someone apparently threw a rock through the passenger window.

Nothing was reported stolen from the vehicle.

### Smashed window, Part Deux

**3** The owner of a 2000 Jeep Cherokee on Cooke Avenue wasn't so lucky.

The Jeep was parked at the owner's house when someone apparently threw a rock through the front passenger window between 9 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

At first, the owner said there was nothing missing from the vehicle. Later, it was established a wallet containing identification, cash and credit cards was actually stolen.

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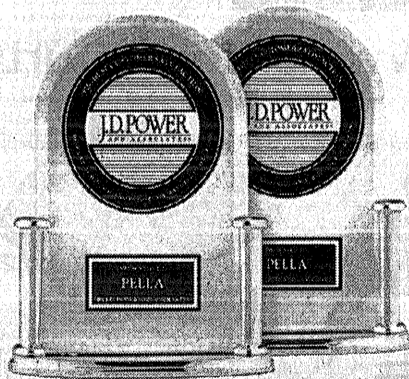
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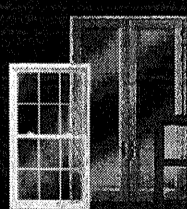
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NEWS BRIEFS

Museum gets 'Whimsical' for youngsters

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author.

"Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday" starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history about the city of Plymouth.

The schedule:

- On July 1, Plymouth Historical Museum's Education Coordinator Anna Lopez reads *Footsteps in History*, a short historical story about Plymouth and how our community changed and grew to become the great area it is today.

- On July 8, Peggy Price Heiney reads her book about a teddy bear experiencing his own adventures after his companion Elizabeth forgets to take him back home with her to Seattle following a vacation at her Grandpa's house in northern Michigan. Heiney's book, *Lonely Teddy*, is available on Amazon.com.

- On July 15, first-time children's book author Beth Conway shares Rachel's story in her book *Rachel and the Magic Beads*. While on vacation with a dear friend and her family, the idea to write a book about Rachel, her friend's child with Down syndrome, was born. While Rachel's brother Johnny watched as his sister danced around with her beads, the author and he decided they wanted to capture her fun in this little book. Twenty percent of the proceeds of the sale of the book go to an organization called the "Belle Center" in Chicago, which mainstreams children with disabilities.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of



Artists wishing to exhibit in the Fine Arts Exhibition at Village Theater at Cherry Hill are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration.

admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit. For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

Fine Arts exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton will once again host the annual Fine Arts Exhibition featuring works by some of the most interesting established and emerging talents in the area. Now in its 17th year, the annual Fine Arts Exhibit is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Artists wishing to exhibit are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by Aug. 21 for consideration. Entry forms are now available online at [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater) or artists may request an application form by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at (734) 394-5300, Ext. 8. All media is accepted. Slides and digital image files will be accepted for review.

Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet wide or 6 feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet x 5 feet x 6 feet and 200 pounds in weight. These original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. Entry fees are \$15 for each submitted piece. All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21 to be eligible for consideration.

This year the competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: Best of Show - \$750; Second Place - \$500; Third Place - \$300; 2 Honorable Mentions of \$100 each, and 4 Merit Awards of \$50 each.

"This will be a great opportunity to view works by many popular artists in one location," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator. "We are delighted to offer our gallery for this special exhibition that will help introduce our community to the wonderful work of these talented artists."

For more information, please call 734/394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater).

Funeral planning can ease strain on loved ones

A few weeks ago, I was talking to a client who unexpectedly had to bury a spouse. In the process of arranging the funeral he said he was in a very vulnerable situation and felt some people used that for their benefit. He asked for my advice in pre-planning a funeral.

Although it is a topic that most of us avoid having to talk about, the reality is that we are all going to leave this great earth some day. Since we generally do not know the timing of our demise, it is a good idea to plan ahead. After all, during our lifetime we try to do the best we can for our loved ones. Why not make our passing as easy as possible on them?

One issue people run into when making funeral arrangements immediately after a death is that they do not want to appear cheap. Whether it is deciding on the type of casket or other amenities associated with a funeral, the prices add up. One of the great benefits of pre-planning a funeral is it gives one the opportunity to be cost-sensitive. Funerals can be expensive but pre-planning can help mitigate the cost. If you are thinking about



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

pre-planning your funeral, there are a few issues to consider. The first is the type of funeral arrangements that you want. Do you want your remains cremated or do you want to be buried? In addition, you need to decide on the funeral home and the type of service that you desire. Many people are no longer choosing a traditional service at a funeral home instead opting for a graveside service. If you decide on burial, another important issue is the casket. In the past, the only way to purchase a casket was through the funeral home. Caskets from a funeral home are a high-profit margin item and it is not unusual for caskets to be marked up 500-700 percent.

When I talk about pre-planning a funeral, I'm not necessarily referring to pre-paying. If you are considering pre-paying your funeral there are some things that you must consider. First, in today's world where people are constantly on the

move, what happens if you no longer live in your community? If you have prepaid through one funeral home can that money be refunded or transferred to another? In addition, determine what happens if the funeral home goes out of business. Do you have the right at any point in time to cancel your contract and get a refund? If you do decide to prepay your funeral you need to do some homework. Check with the Better Business Bureau and the Michigan attorney general's office.

Death, dying and funerals are subjects that no one likes to discuss, however, they are a fact of life. There is one reason we do estate planning and that is because we love our family. The same thing can be said with regards to pre-planning your funeral. We all know that the worst time to think about a funeral is after you've lost a loved one. Therefore, as difficult as it may be, it makes sense to pre-plan. Good luck!

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W-W board says goodbye to Turner, Becher

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be two new faces at the table when the Wayne-Westland school board meets for its organizational meeting on July 14.

Joining the board will be Carol Middel of Canton who was elected to a four-year term and John Goci of Westland who will serve out the remaining two years of term that had been held by Frederick Weaver.

But as the board prepares for the change, school officials and trustees took time at this month's meeting to honor departing members Steve Becher and Ed Turner, and they, in turn expressed their thanks. Both men lost in their bid for re-election in the May school election.

"It's been a pleasure to serve on this school board, this district is amazing," said Turner.

Turner has served on the board for 12 years. He pointed out that he never missed a day of school, both elementary and high school, and never missed a school board meeting.

"I'm proud of my record, I served to the best of my ability," he said. "I always said I put students first, parents second and the administration and teachers third."

"I'm thankful that the residents allowed me to serve the



Becher



Turner

last five years," said Becher. "I've enjoyed my tenure on the board. It has done an excellent job in providing an education for our students with no major layoffs or program cuts."

Becher expressed confidence that the district will endure the economic crisis and become the "lighthouse in the state." He also thanked school officials for "putting up with me every year I proposed single sex physical education classes."

"Great futures do begin right here," he added. "Thank you for allowing me to serve."

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger noted that the two men devoted themselves to the district and that they "surely will be missed by the board."

"I'm truly thankful for your years of service," she said. "By your willingness and dedication, you have enriched the lives of our students."

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield noted that Turner "set the standard for attending events in the schools and it

still stands."

"People don't realize that besides the events, Ed provided scholarships to our students. He gave more than people realize," she said. "He set a good example for us."

She added that while she wasn't sure what to expect when Becher, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, joined the board, she came to realize he had "expertise on issues we didn't understand because you had been in the classroom."

Board Vice President Skip Monit told the two men he will miss their "devotion to what we do as a board" and said their service was exemplary.

"You both contributed a great dynamic to the board," he said. "Ed, you were devoted to the kids and that never changed. Steve, I will miss your ability to speak frankly, your knowledge and your friendship."

The newest member of the board, Shawna Walker, said the two men "were right there" when she joined the board last August.

"Mr. Turner, you went to every event and that made me want to do that, Steve Becher showed me a lot in a short period of time," she said. "I'm going to miss you both. You will be truly missed."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Concerts embody hometown feeling

There are many things that give the Plymouth community its small-town, hometown feel — festivals and events, the people and the shops, parades and picnics.

Many people seem to feel — and we agree — having a park like Kellogg Park smack in the middle of the downtown is a huge asset. It's the fulcrum for the kind of lifestyle Plymouth people seem to enjoy.

No time of year is that more apparent than during the summer, when a steady diet of concerts dominate the schedule.

Music in the Park is hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council Wednesdays at noon and features music aimed at youngsters. Sponsored by Monroe Bank and Trust, the Carl and Isabelle Schilting family, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., the Wilcox Foundation and Huron Valley Ambulance, the shows feature a variety of entertainment that has kids young and old dancing in the aisles.

PCAC officials estimate some 20,000 people watch these weekly shows, which started two weeks ago and run through August. The schedule usually features a couple of newcomers and some old-reliables, such as Guy Louis, who opened this year's series two weeks ago.

The shows give parents and families time to come down, maybe eat lunch at the burgeoning number of Plymouth restaurants or, better yet, spread a blanket in the park and have a picnic.

The Music in the Air series targets an older audience, but is just as popular. Sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the schedule features music from a variety of genres — from blues to rock, from oldies to bluegrass.

Like the Wednesday concerts, the Music in the Park series provides families a chance to come down for some dinner or maybe a little shopping, then gather for the evening in the park, then maybe take advantage of Plymouth's night life afterward.

If those aren't enough, the Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, plays Thursday nights at 8, also in Kellogg Park.

If you've been to any of these concerts, you know how good they are, and should go again.

If you're new in town or haven't taken advantage, you don't know what you're missing.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friends and families find the Wednesday Music in the Park series a fun way to spend an afternoon.

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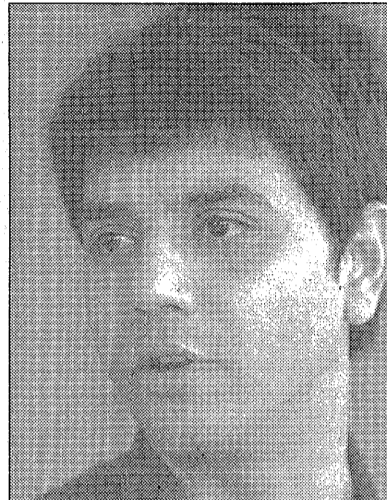
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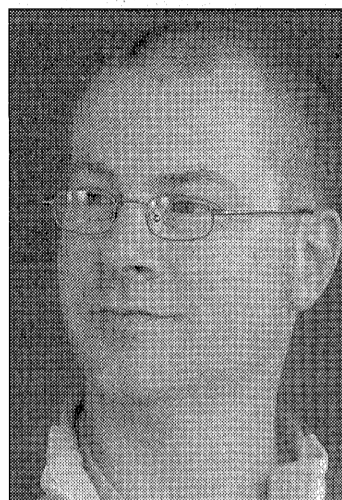
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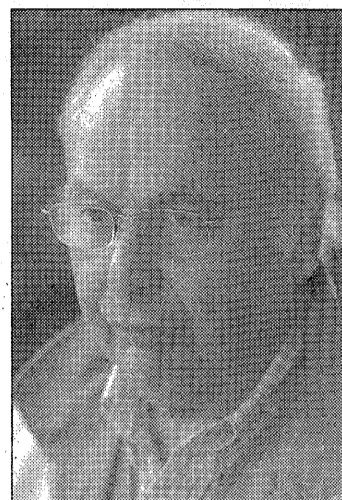
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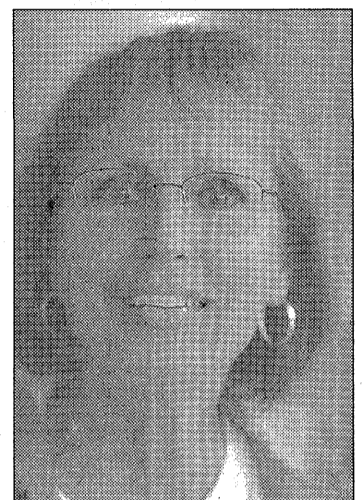
**"They ought to just concentrate on the employment of the people."**  
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Plymouth



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George Trudell  
Plymouth Township



**"I think, if they can do it now ... buy an American-made car. ... Give us some tax breaks."**  
Louise Siekirk  
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## LETTERS

### Bruscato good choice

I'd like to congratulate the City of Plymouth and Plymouth DDA for the outstanding choice of Tony Bruscato of Canton as the DDA's next director.

Tony's knowledge and commitment will be an asset to the Plymouth community, and the region. As one who has been interviewed numerous times by Tony in his previous role with the *Observer*, I know he will bring fairness, objectivity, and attention to detail to this important position, and will build upon the progress that has been made in downtown Plymouth.

I wish Tony well in his new role as a public servant.

Kurt L. Heise  
Plymouth Township

### Multicultural lens

The Plymouth-Canton Diversity Initiative is moving forward and the efforts of the history working group bring a multicultural lens to reviewing the past in these communities.

They are discovering many things, some of which are surprising. While Plymouth has long been known as a stop on the Underground Railroad, the group has found hints of a long tradition of efforts to create justice.

During the abolitionist movement, anti-slavery sentiments were strong in the area. The group is currently exploring the case of William Dean, who may have been among the first African Americans to successfully sue for the right to vote as early as 1850. It also appears Plymouth may have been the site where three African American men joined the forces of the Union Army.

The group has also been exploring the Native American heritage in the area. To the surprise of many lifelong residents, Richard Reaume uncovered a local historical marker describing the death of Chief Tonquish.

The group hopes to provide a more complete history than those currently captured in publications by bringing to light the lives of people who were frequently overlooked in official stories.

At the town meeting May 28, Cathy Webster gave a progress report inviting people to contact the group with any information they had to share. This week, the group will be making recommendations to the soon to be formed strategic planning committee to encourage processes for reclaiming a more complete view of our past. Group members include Christine Peele, Lori Manoogian, Miguel Lopez, Pat Fisher, Phyllis Redfern and Richard Reaume. Dr. Karen Miller, chair of the Department of History at Oakland University, is consulting with them.

The next meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative will be held at 7 p.m. June 25, 2009, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Stacey Stevens at (313) 870-1500 or sstevens@miroundtable.org, or to Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org. This is an effort supported by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

### Protection from tyranny

There is no doubt times are changing. Many honest, hardworking citizens wonder "what has become of the individual freedom to choose our own path through life, in search of the happiness guaranteed under our Constitution?" To this question, one must answer, when was the last time you actually read the Constitution?

The U.S. Constitution was written and adopted under the principle of "positive grant." What this means is quite simple. The federal government is authorized to exercise only those powers which are "positively granted" to it by the Constitution. If a power is specifically listed in the Constitution, the federal government can do it — if not specifically listed, the federal government has no power. This principle was so important to the founding fathers that they codified it in law as the 10th Amendment.

The language of the 10th is clear and concise: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Thus, the federal government's powers are limited to a specific set of activities — the rest is to be handled by the state government, or locally, by the people themselves.

Each of the sovereign states has, through its own legislature, adopted a State Constitution and set of regulations, based upon issues important to its own citizens. It has always been the right of the people to decide under which set of rules they wish to be governed, simply by choosing which state in which to live. Those searching for certain employment may migrate to states with "right to work" laws. Entrepreneurs look for states with the lowest business tax burden. Parents seek states providing the best educational opportunities for their children. Gun owners choose states with strong Second Amendment protections. The sovereignty of each state to govern itself has, in turn, provided this diversity of choice.

The federal government's attempt to impose legislative mandates meant to override State Constitutions and statutes is clearly unconstitutional, and has been ruled such by the U.S. Supreme Court in *New York vs. United States*, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), "... Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states."

When the federal government oversteps the powers "positively granted" to it by the sovereign States and We the People, the possibility for tyranny grows. It becomes incumbent upon the States, and the people, to rein in their servant government.

The State of Michigan, through its legislators in Lansing, is attempting to do just that. Rep. Paul Opsommer has introduced legislation in the Michigan House (HCR 004) which will serve to remind our federal government of the meaning of the 10th Amendment. Similar legislation (SCR 004) has been introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Bruce Patterson. Both Concurrent Resolutions have been referred to committee, where they will be agreed to and sent to the floor for debate and adoption by the whole body, or simply die of inaction.

Now is the time for the people of the sovereign state of Michigan to raise their voices and be heard all the way to Washington. Please call, write or visit your state representative and senator, urging them to

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co-sponsor and support these concurrent resolutions. The last protection from tyranny rests with the People. The time to act is NOW.

Melanie Collinsworth  
Canton

### Health care reform needed

In less than five months, President Obama and his administration have already achieved an impressive list of domestic and foreign policy accomplishments for the near term as well as long-term benefit of America's people. However, the president's remarkable successes thus far are merely a prelude of what is still to come. Topping the administration's current agenda is the most important and difficult issue of all, that of health care reform.

The obstacles to real reform are many, most notably the entrenched and arrogant health insurance industry, perhaps the only American industry that is actually sleazier than Wall Street bankers, big oil, defense contractors and credit card companies. Notably, and unsurprisingly, each of the preceding considers the Republican Party as a wholly owned subsidiary. Thus, it is equally unsurprising that obstruction to health care reform, especially the absolute necessity of a public option, is led by the troglodytes of the GOP as well as the right-wing media noise machine. Unfortunately, even a few cowardly Democrats have been unwilling to break free of the filthy campaign money of the insurance industry.

However, unlike the past when conservative and corporate slime campaigns derailed health care reform, the hundreds of millions of dollars of dirty money being poured into efforts to sabotage the Obama administration's reforms will this time be for naught. All the endless right-wing cheerleading against the common good of America's citizens cannot stop the inevitable progress of our nation toward ensuring that the fundamental right of affordable health care is available to every citizen. A public option is the only way of ensuring this as a reality.

The insurance industry is outright terrified of competition, especially competition that significantly lowers medical costs for all Americans while ensuring that everyone has equal access to high quality and affordable care. How ironic that the self-anointed Republican defenders of free and competitive enterprise are so obsessed with shielding their pet industries from actual competition!

It is time for our nation to break free from a health care system which is rigged to screw over American families. Never again should any citizen of our nation be refused coverage or have to declare bankruptcy because of health care bills. The arrogant conservative mindset of greed and selfishness blithely considers affordable health care as a "privilege." It is not. Rather, it is an inalienable right, directly derived from our intrinsic rights of life and liberty. Most of all, it is a right which America's citizens are about to reclaim once and for all.

Joe Golonka  
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MALLS & MAIN STREETS

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Book sale

The League of Women voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold a used book sale Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28 at Westland Mall, located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. Admission to the sale preview from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, is \$3. Free admission 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The League will sell books of interest to adults, children and youth; hard cover and soft cover books, cookbooks, fiction and books in many categories, some special books and some audio and video tapes. Most magazines and books are priced at \$1 or less. CDs, DVDs and videos are individually priced. Bag sale — \$6 per bag or \$11 for two bags — is Sunday.

This fund-raiser allows the League to honor a local political science student with a scholarship each year.

Comerica Cityfest

Two local merchants will set up shop at the LISC Street Market during the Comerica Cityfest, July 1-5, in the New Center area, on West Grand Boulevard, between Woodward and the Lodge Freeway. The street market will be located on Second Avenue within the festival boundaries. The local merchants are:

■ Middle Kingdom of Plymouth with Asian-inspired treasures, including beautiful pearls, and silk items

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Comerica Cityfest hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4 and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, July 5.

Trade electronics

RadioShack at Westland Mall will appraise your used electronics — MP3 players, GPS receivers, digital cameras, mobile phones, games and gaming systems, and camcorders — and give you their value in the form of a RadioShack gift card on trade-in. The program runs through December. Westland Mall is located at 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. (734) 421-0291

Wall the mall

Too hot or wet to hit the pavement outdoors? Head to Laurel Park Place Mall where the doors open to walkers at 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. You'll log more than a half mile for every completed trip through the mall, including hallways. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh, in Livonia.

Inline skating

Summit Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two loops.

The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26, Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Midwest talent, locals, celebrities perform at comedy festival

Need a few laughs? Head to Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia where the summer comedy festival continues through July 11.

Bill Bushard, festival organizer and a stand-up comedian, says the festival focuses on Michigan comedians from throughout the state.

"We have a variety of shows planned."

Each show offers something different:

■ Thursday, June 25 — "The Freaks & Geeks Show!" featuring Mike Bobbitt (Detroit International Comedy Festival, DC Comedy Fest). The stand-up fringe hits the stage with smart edgy comedy.

■ Friday-Saturday, June 26-27 — "The 20 Midwest Comedy Showcase!" featuring Dave Landau (*Comedy Central: Live at Gotham*, NBC's *Last Comic Standing*) this weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

■ Monday, June 29 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 2!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's newest comedy talents compete for cash and prizes.

■ Tuesday, June 30 — "Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza!" This one of a kind show will combine music, dance and comedy resulting in a night of high-energy entertainment.

■ Wednesday, July 1 — "Comedy Overdrive!" featuring Michael McDaniel

(Detroit International Comedy Festival) and the best talent on the Detroit comedy scene

■ Thursday, July 2 — "Red White and Butland!" featuring PJ Butland.

■ Friday, July 3 — "Joey's Comedy Club All Stars!" A line-up of the best comedians in the Detroit area.

■ Monday July 6 — "Comedy Jump Start Contest: Round 3!" Watch as 11 of the Detroit area's youngest talents compete for cash and prizes.

■ Tuesday, July 7 — "The Roche Show!" featuring Frank Roche (Boston Comedy Festival, clubs and colleges across the US.)

■ Wednesday, July 8 — "Funny Top Cops!" featuring funny cops Dwayne Gill, Khurum Shiek and Henry Forbes. The fundraiser show will benefit M I Concerns of Police Survivors.

■ Thursday, July 9 — "1001 Laughs!" --- The best in Arab American comedy from all over the country featuring Amer Zahr and Mike Batayeh.

■ Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 — "The Midwest Comedy Showcase!" The weekend will bring together some of the most talented comedians in the Midwest.

Show schedules subject to change. Admission prices will vary. Joey's is located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call the Joey's Comedy Club box office for details at (734) 261-0555.

Furniture company awards grants to nonprofits

In honor of its 50th anniversary, Art Van Furniture is spending \$1 million to fund 50 grants for Michigan-based children, health and human services programs. The grants will range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

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Furniture over the past 50 years," stated Art Van Founder Art Van Elslander. "The \$1 Million Charity Challenge will benefit 50 remarkable and deserving organizations to help them continue their work and improve the lives of people across our state. We encourage all eligible charities to apply for a grant."

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# Crowds storm Liberty Fest

Bob and Andrea Brown watched the Canton Liberty Festival fireworks Saturday night with twin sons Darryl and Donnie from seats along Canton Center Road.

"The thing I like about it is it feels like you're watching the fireworks with thousands of your best friends," Bob Brown said. "Everyone is so nice, and they're all just focused on having a good time. It's a very neighborly thing to watch. It was fun."

The Browns' sentiment was apparently echoed from a mass of people, as Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Monday he was still hearing from people how much they enjoyed it.

Canton firefighters and the department's popular clown team had a busy Saturday, joining their police counterparts, colorful floats, dance and cheer teams, and others in the festival parade that included Dodson Elementary second-grader Ryan Berger and Tonda fifth-grader Natasha Pietruschka riding on a fire truck after winning an earlier fire-prevention poster contest.

Firefighter paramedics gave minor assistance to a few festival goers, but no serious medical incidents were reported on the main grounds. Township police Sgt. Mark Gajeski also reported no major police incidents during what officials described as a peaceful, family-friendly event.

Firefighters did douse a mobile home fire that occurred shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday on Mott, officials said. The occupants and two family dogs safely escaped, but officials said several exotic pets including birds and snakes died in the blaze. The home was believed to be a total loss, and the Red Cross was on-site to help the victims.

Firefighters also had other calls including a boat fire, but no injuries were reported as the owner was able to move the boat away from a home



Mrs. Michigan Jeannette Greco-Pawloski waves to the cheering throng lining Ford Road for the Liberty Fest parade.

that sustained minor damage. Officials said the owner was preparing the boat for the summer season when a fuel leak caused a fire.

On-duty firefighters at times received assistance from some of their counterparts who were working Liberty Fest.

Police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden said a traffic accident on Beck at Saltz slightly hampered some efforts to steer traffic out of the fireworks, and it took some festival goers a little over an hour to get away from the festival grounds.

None of that dimmed the opinion of Teri Logan, attending the festival for the first time with her husband, Jack.

"It's our first time attending the festival and I was amazed by the variety of things they have here," she said. "The parade was great, and we spent the whole day out here. It's a very family-oriented event, and we liked that."

- Compiled by staff writers Darrell Clem and Brad Kadrich



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Twins Dennis and Alexander Ye ride one of the many carnival rides dotting the Family Zone at Liberty Fest.



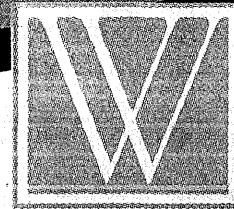
Shrine Clowns provided some parade entertainment Saturday morning.



Nicole Lambourg dances with the group Dance Connection.



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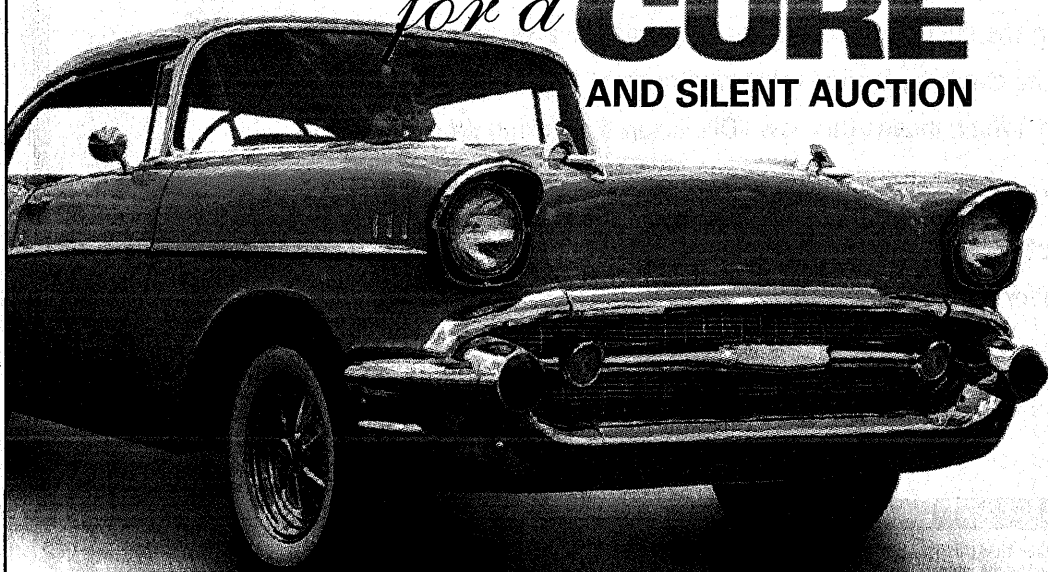
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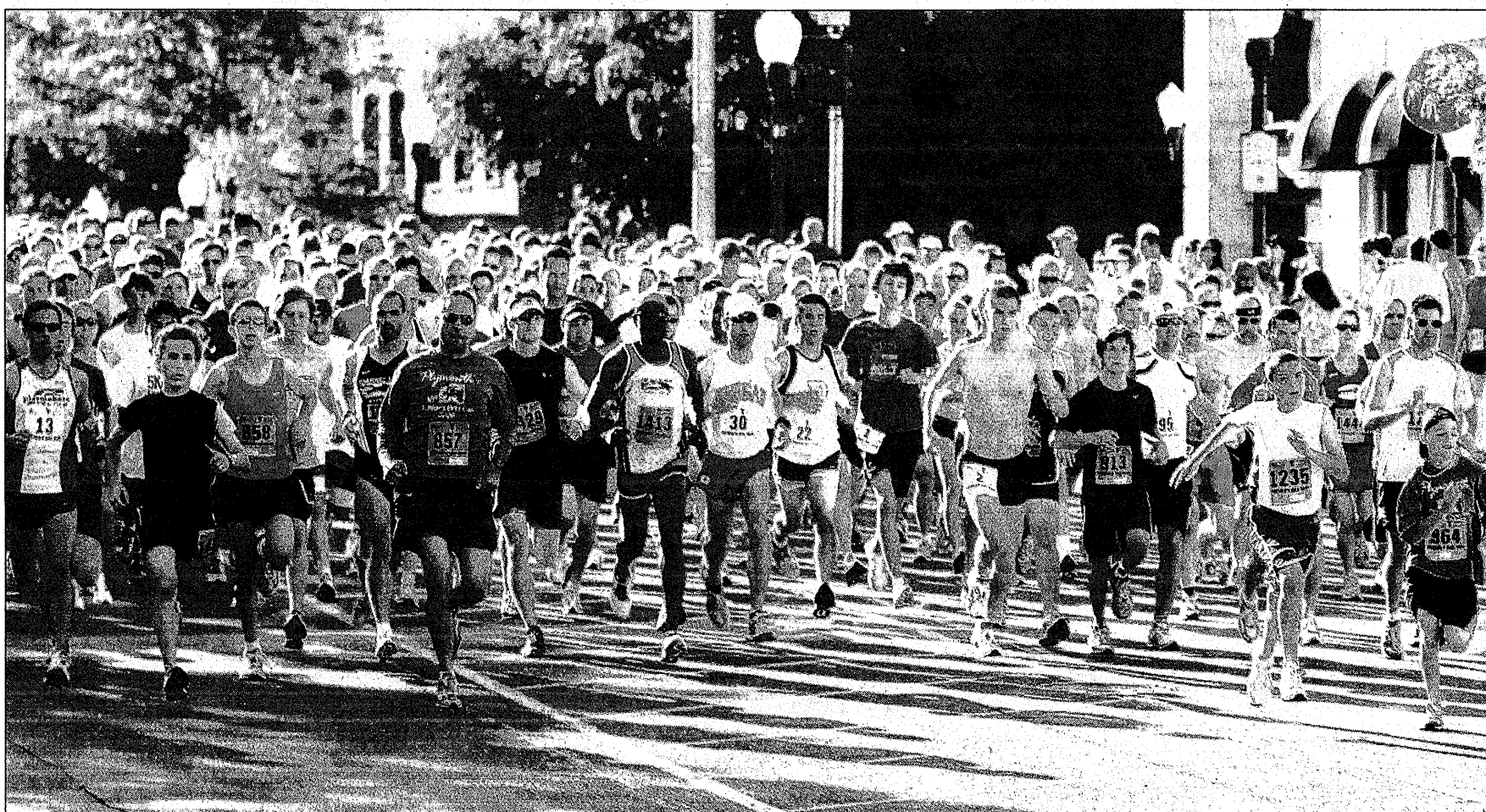
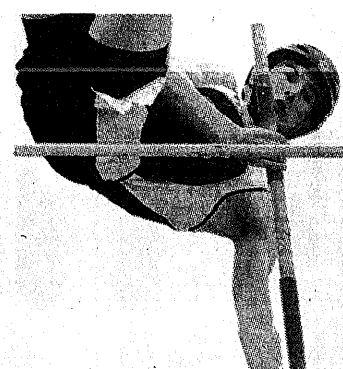
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# HOMETOWN LIFE

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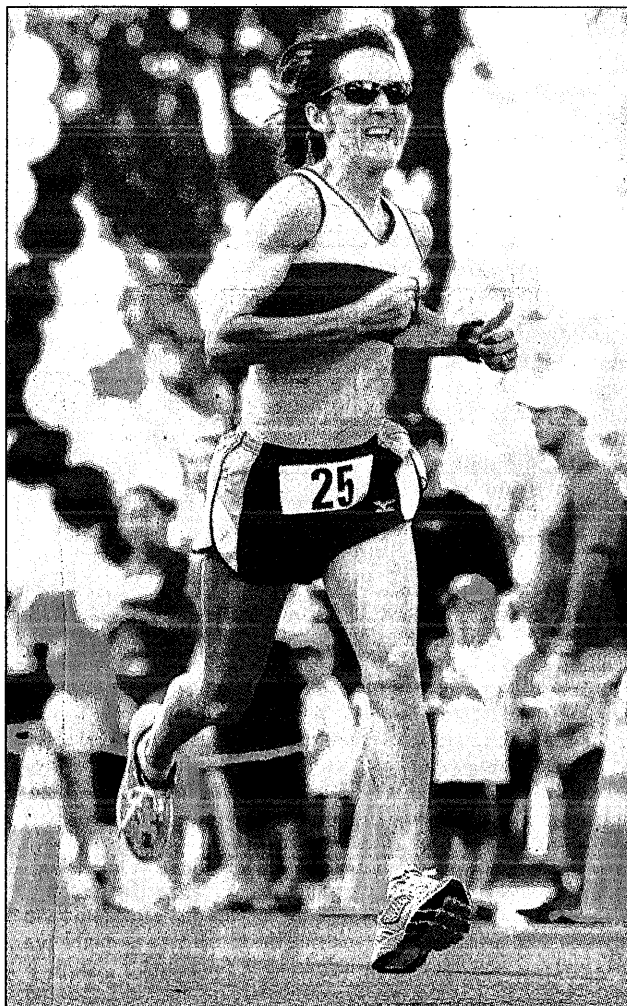


PHOTOS BY ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Participants at the 30th annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run try to get a jump on the competition as the 5K Run begins in downtown Plymouth. More than 2,000 people came out to compete in a number of running and walking events.

## DASHING WITH DAD

### Families enjoy holiday at Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run



Motoring toward a triple victory Sunday is Lisa Veneziano of Fenton. She took first in the 10K, 5K and mile runs.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Father's Day tradition in Plymouth keeps getting bigger and better.

Sunday's 30th annual Plymouth Family YMCA Father's Day Run provided families with a unique and hearty way to celebrate the holiday as more than 2,000 runners of all ages came out on "a beautiful day," YMCA spokeswoman Cindy Morency said.

"It was our most successful event to date," Morency said, estimating that overall registration was up about 500 from 2008.

There was something for everybody, whether seasoned race veterans from Michigan, other states and Canada or local families out to help raise money for the Plymouth YMCA Strong Kids Campaign (to benefit summer day-camp programs).

One such "daddy daughter" tandem was Plymouth's Michael Sytniak and his 8-year-old daughter Francesco, who competed in the mile Run. In the 5K Run was Canton's Rob Shaver and his 14-year-old daughter Shannon. Many others ran with their dads more for the cherished memory than for the sheer competition of the event.

"It's a family tradition," Morency said about why the event

'It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Day.'

CINDY MORENCY, Plymouth YMCA

continues to grow. "It's a way for families to come out every year and celebrate Father's Day."

Participants of different ages, experience and physical capabilities had plenty of choices. At 8 a.m., Gault Race Management simultaneously started the mile run and walk from downtown Plymouth, near Ann Arbor Trail and Union.

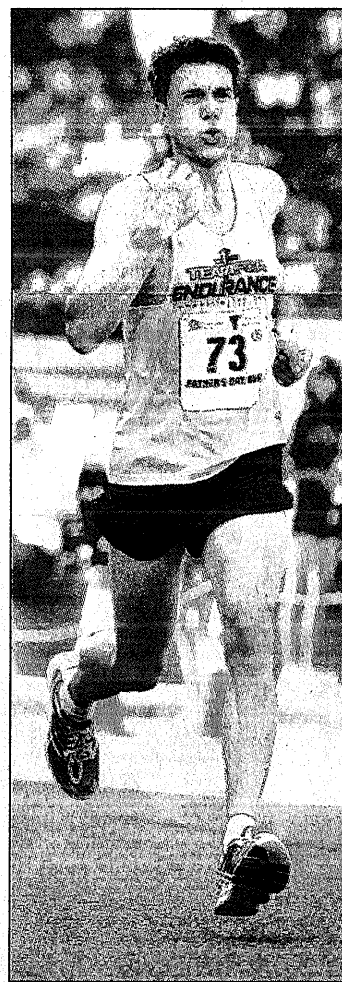
Fifteen minutes later opened the 5K run/walk, while the 10K run/walk started at 8:45 a.m. Some also raced in the MDG Triple — simultaneously competing in all three runs for a total of 10.3 miles, with all runners and walkers finishing up near the historic Penn Theatre.

Meanwhile, there were events for infants, toddlers and children. Those included the Diaper Dash (ages 0-1), Wee Walkers (ages 1-2), Kids Trot (ages 3-4) and Kids Jog (ages 5-7).

#### TRIPLE WINNER

The big winner of the day was Fenton's Lisa Veneziano, who

Please see **YMCA RUN, B4**



Carl Randall, of Birmingham, sets the winning pace in the 10K run on Father's Day in Plymouth.

## Diesels avenge defeat

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

It's all about redemption for the Detroit Diesels this year. After avenging last year's first-round playoff loss to the Southwest Michigan Punishers last week with a 28-14 victory, the engines were really cranked for their bitter Great Lakes Football League Eastern Division rival, the Michigan Vipers.

And last Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School, that dish of revenge was served, as Western

#### FOOTBALL

Wayne County's minor-league football team rattled the Vipers, 24-0.

The Diesels opened the scoring with a 6-yard quarterback keeper by Matt McCullough (Livonia Franklin) early in the first quarter. JaKendall Brown caught the two-point conversion pass.

The Diesels would strike again on their next possession, as McCullough would fire a 26-yard-scoring toss to Jon Craven (Farmington). Venzal Russell caught another two-point pass.

The majority of the second quarter was give-and-take, as a fumble recovery put Detroit on their own 14-yard line. A turn of events caused the Diesels to get to the Vipers' 23, where Andrew Crushshon (Wayne Memorial) busted loose on a draw play for a 22-0 lead before halftime.

The Diesels sat on the lead for the second half, except for one play, as Jeff White crushed the Viper ball carrier in the end zone for a safety and a 24-0 lead.

McCullough finished 11-of-16 passing for 189 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed for 15 yards on three carries of his own, including the TD.

Craven, Brown, and Russell each had three receptions. Craven's 99 led the way. Crushshon gained 122 yards on the ground for the Diesels.

Defensively, Earl Blanchette led the charge for the Diesels with three sacks. Lamarr Miller, Brian Aneed, Rob Love, and White were also defensive standouts.

The Detroit Diesels, 3-1 overall and 2-0 GLFL's Eastern Division, will travel Saturday to Ada, Ohio, to take on the Dark Knights.



CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

## All-Area baseball team

Farmington Harrison senior third baseman Steve Pelletier connects for one of his school-record 56 hits during the recent baseball season. Pelletier, who will continue playing at Madonna University, is one of 15 players selected for the All-Observer first team. The area includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Farmington. Eleven schools are represented on the first team. See B2 for the story.

## Bushart blazing trail in two sports

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Julie Bushart, summer vacation seems more like a continuation of the recently completed school year.

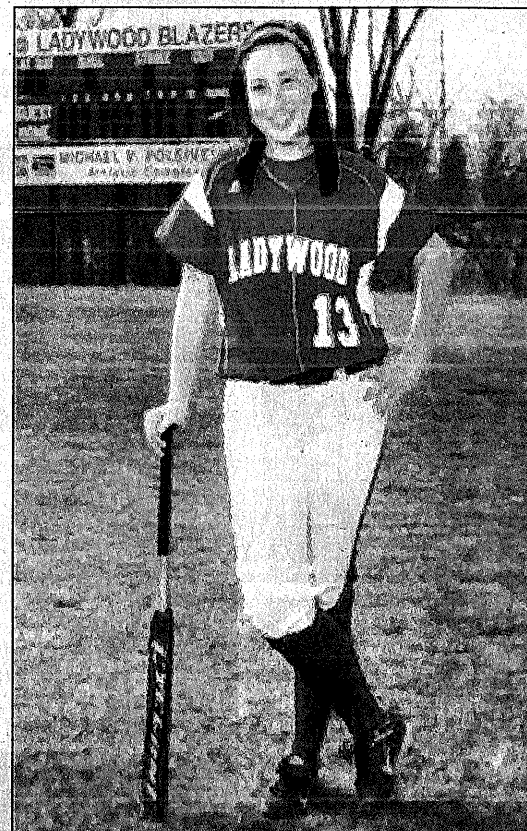
Take away classroom activities and there seems to be little difference as the Redford native is engaging in some sort of athletic competition pretty much every night of the week. A two-sport athlete who just completed her junior year at Livonia Ladywood High School, Bushart is virtually taking no time off between school years as she continues to hone her skills involving the sports she loves so much — softball and hockey.

Two nights a week, the starting right fielder on the Blazers softball team that earlier this month advanced all the way to the Division 2 title game, can be found competing for the Blazers summer softball team. Three to four nights a week, she is lacing up the skates and working out with the girls ice hockey squad at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

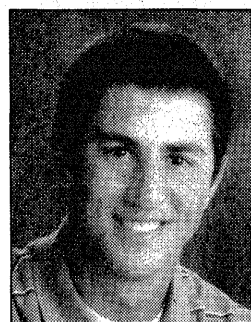
"I try to be a normal teenager, but this is keeping me real busy," Bushart said of her commitment to the two sports. "Most people wouldn't think a girl would be playing hockey, but it's something different and I really enjoy being around my teammates."

There were plenty of smiles expressed by teammates last spring on the softball diamond as the

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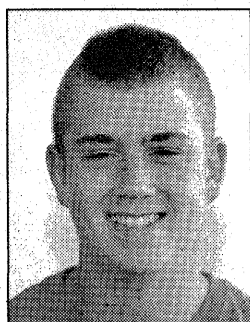
Redford native Julie Bushart, a two-sport athlete at Livonia Ladywood, played a key role in the Blazers' run to the Division 2 title game in girls softball.



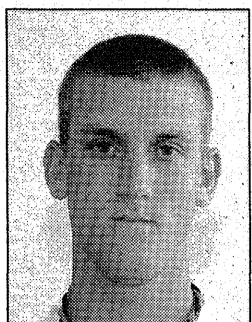
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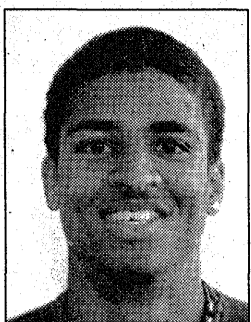
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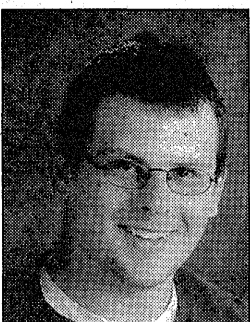
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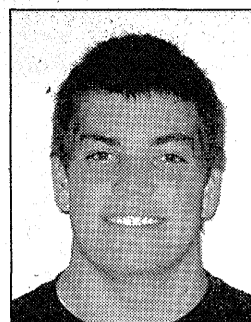
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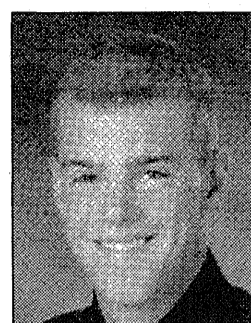
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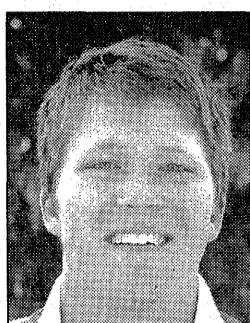
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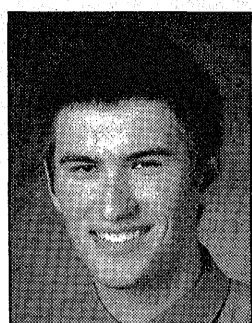
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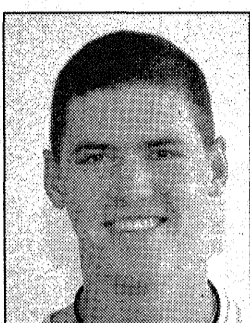
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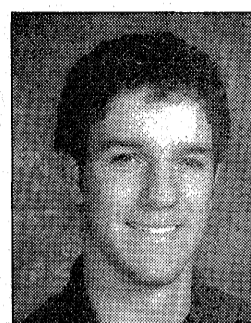
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# Baseball season peppered with team, individual success

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Kevin Delapaz, Jr. P, Canton:** What a sensational season the lefthanded Delapaz had for the Chiefs, going 10-0 with a 1.22 ERA while fanning 79 batters in 59 innings.  
Icing on the cake was a victory over Detroit-Novu Catholic Central in the regional semifinal, allowing just one run in six innings. That followed a no-hitter in a predistrict game against Livonia Stevenson. He also helped out offensively, with a .315 average and 12 stolen bases.  
"Kevin was a major component in leading the Chiefs to the second best record (25-12) in school history and back-to-back district and regional runner-up teams," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield.  
Delapaz earned selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams.  
**Justin Young, Sr. P, F.H. Harrison:** The senior left-hander was a quality pitcher, even in games his team lost, and recorded some impressive numbers. Young struck out 93 batters in 67 innings while walking just 24. His ERA was a solid 1.25. He threw a no-hitter and a pair of one-hitters, and he is third all-time at Harrison with 168 career strikeouts.  
Young's 5-4 record (with two saves) is not an accurate indication of his ability, according to coach Pete Lamerato. His losses were to 22-win Farmington, state champion

DeLaSalle, John Glenn and OAA White champion Seaholm.  
"He pitched against every big team we played," Lamerato said. "He was our No. 1 all three years. I never saved him. He pitched in every game we had to have. More times than not, he came through."  
"Every time I gave him the ball, I knew I was going to get 100 percent. He's all effort all the time. He never took a pitch off. He didn't care about his record. He wanted to go out there and pitch against the best teams, period."  
"He lived for game day. He was focused on the game from 7 o'clock in the morning. I don't think I've coached a better all-around pitcher, someone who knew when to turn it on, how to hit the corners, how to drop in the curveball."  
**Nate McHugh, Jr. P, Garden City:** This Cougar junior emerged onto the varsity scene in sterling fashion as he helped his teammates to 14 wins on the season and a berth in Division I state regional competition. The crafty left-hander posted a 6-4 mark with a 3.09 ERA in 54 1/3 innings of work. He struck out 47 batters and walked only 19. McHugh's contributions weren't limited to just the mound as he clubbed opposing pitchers at a .385 clip, scored 16 runs and drove in 24 more from the clean-up spot in the order.  
"He's a ballplayer," Cougars coach

Steve Herman said of McHugh, who also excelled in the field at first base. "He didn't start out really strong because his stamina wasn't there, but near the end of the year, he proved his mettle. He's a placement pitcher who can hit his spot. He can throw his breaking ball anytime for a strike and keep hitters off stride."  
**Dan Stoney, Sr. C, Canton:** A glimpse into the all-around player Stoney is came at regionals, where he homered against Catholic Central and also made a defensive gem in the regional final against Birmingham Brother Rice to save a scoreless tie.  
But he was a stalwart all season, batting .414 for the Chiefs, belting six homers (two against South Lyon) and driving in 36 runs. In addition to being a solid catcher, Stoney helped out Blomshield by playing other positions when needed.  
For his efforts, he was named to the All-KLAA Division and Conference teams and was selected to the All-District squad a second consecutive year.  
**Fred Sharp, Sr. C, N. Farmington:** The senior catcher had a solid season for the Raiders, hitting .381 with seven doubles, four triples and six home runs. Sharp, who was voted team MVP, also walked 10 times and scored 26 runs. Sharp had 37 hits in 97 at-bats. Behind the plate,

he posted a .966 fielding percentage with 118 putouts, 24 assists and just five errors. He was durable and dependable, catching every game but two. Sharp will be a walk-on player at Bowling Green.  
"If you take one person over the last three years, he might be the most improved," coach Kevin Kansman said. "I think he still has potential to develop and play at a higher level. He's athletic, he has a good arm and he has speed. Those are all things colleges are looking at. My hope for him is he continues to improve and finds a spot at Bowling Green."  
**Matt Priebe, Jr. 1B, Plymouth:** The junior first baseman was a cog for the Wildcats on offense and defense, batting .455 with 13 doubles, four homers, 26 RBI and registering a .979 fielding percentage.  
Priebe was selected to the All-KLAA and All-District teams in recognition of his consistency.  
"Matt has anchored the middle of our lineup since his freshman year," said Plymouth head coach Chuck Adams. "He's a power hitter that uses the entire field. He also has a very good glove at first base."  
**Ricky Scully, Sr. 1B, Liv. Churchill:** The senior first baseman and third sacker was Churchill's most productive offensive player hitting .418 (41-for-98) with 11 doubles, one homer and 33 RBI.

The All-KLAA South Division selection also slugged at a .561 clip and sported an on-base average of .504. He also scored 27 runs and only struck out 13 times.  
"Ricky was our most consistent hitter at the three- and four-spot," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He got a lot of big hit throughout the year. He hit the ball hard whether he was on-base or out."  
**Garrett Gumm, Sr. SS, Liv. Franklin:** The repeat first-team performer batted .469 (45-for-96) with 11 doubles, two triples, two homers and 39 RBI.  
The senior shortstop also had a slugging percentage of .668 and an on-base percentage of .510.  
Gumm, an All-KLAA South selection, also sparked on the mound with a 7-1 record and a 2.77 earned run average. In 55.2 innings he struck out 45 and walked only 19.  
"Garrett had another fantastic season for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He has a very smart baseball mind. For three years he anchored our infield at shortstop and our batting lineup in the three-spot."  
"This season he also elevated his season on the mound. He loved coming to the ballfield and will be tough for us to replace."  
**Brad Lineberry, Sr. SS, Plymouth:** The senior shortstop, headed to Madonna University, was All-KLAA, All-District and All-State along with team MVP after batting .400 with seven homers and 40 RBI for the Wildcats.  
Lineberry, a slick fielder, joined Salem's Sam Ott in the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.  
"Brad is just a flat out excellent baseball player," Adams said. "He comes to the park each day ready to go. I look forward to seeing him continue to improve at the next level."  
**Sam Ahlersmeyer, Sr. 3B, Luth. Westland:** The Division 4 All-Stater (second-team) and All-Metro Conference pick led the Warriors in just about every statistical category this season including batting average (.508), doubles (12), homers (6), RBI (37) and runs (38).  
Ahlersmeyer also finished with career records for hits (113), doubles (31), triples (9), homers (9) and RBI (90). He is the single-season school record holder for homers (6), hits (53), RBI (47) and slugging percentage (.1013).  
"Sam is an exceptional athlete and has helped bring Lutheran Westland to a new level," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "As a junior he was instrumental in leading us to a state finals appearance, the first in school history. Sam is a great kid who will be truly missed."  
**Steve Pelletier, Sr. 3B, F.H. Harrison:** The senior third baseman is the all-time hits leader at Harrison with 152, and his career batting average after four years as a varsity starter is .447. Pelletier broke Drew Stanton's single-season record (.560) with a .566 average this year.  
His school-record 56 hits included eight doubles, a record 10 triples and five home runs. He had 39 stolen bases, 34 runs and 39 RBI. He was 3-3 as a pitcher with 34 strikeouts in 36.1 innings. Pelletier is the first player to receive a full ride to Madonna University.  
"When you talk about an overall player, Steve is the whole package," coach Pete Lamerato said. "He hits with power, runs with speed, makes great contact and can bunt. He can

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Sam Ott, Sr. OF, Salem  
Andrew DeLuca, Sr. OF, Westland  
Glenn  
Joe Posler, Sr. A-L, Salem  
Dan Pochmara, Jr. A-L, Farmington

**SECOND TEAM**  
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Mark Blomshield, Canton

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
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**Sam Ott, Sr. OF, Salem:** The senior outfielder capped off an outstanding career with a base hit, run and inning pitched at the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.  
Ott batted .486 for the Rocks, with 15 doubles, four homers and 40 RBI and was team MVP. Other honors included selection to the All-KLAA squad and All-State teams.  
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**ALL-AREA**

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one of the top five players in the long and storied history of Salem baseball," said Rocks head coach Dale Rumberger. "He holds eight individual hitting records, the Salem Hitting Award is now named after him (and) he is All-State, But above and beyond all that Sam has become a better person than a player."

**Andrew DeLuca, Sr. OF, Westland Glenn:** The three-year varsity starter, bound for Adrian College in the fall, now holds offensive records in five different categories.

The senior center fielder hit .451 (46-for-102) with 12 doubles, four triples and four homers. He scored 32 runs and had 16 RBI. He struck out only two times all season. The All-KLAA South pick had a slugging percentage of .765 and an on-base average of .556.

"His love for the game and work ethic will be tough to replace," Glenn coach Tom Wakefield said. "His career at Glenn proved to be a successful one."

**Joe Posler, Sr. At-Large, Salem:** Posler did it all for the Rocks. On the mound, he was splendid, again earning the Salem Pitcher of the Year Award with a 6-1 record and 2.55 ERA.

At the plate, the All-KLAA selection contributed 45 hits (second to Ott) a .405 average, .541 slugging percentage and 26 RBI.

"Joe Posler is an outstanding young man with a true love of the game," Rumberger said. "He truly plays every day to have fun, and if we win his frosting on the cake."

**Dan Pochmara, Jr. At-Large, Farmington:** The multi-talented junior was Farmington's No. 1 pitcher and shortstop when he wasn't on the mound. Pochmara batted .392 with 40 hits, which included six doubles, three triples and two home runs. He drove in 28 runs and scored 36. He was hit by a pitch eight times and was 7-for-7 stealing bases. Though his record was 3-5, the team MVP pitched in a lot of big games and threw an 8-0 shutout against Grosse Pointe South. Two of his losses were to OAA White champ Seaholm, 2-1, and Brother Rice. Pochmara, one of eight guys to pitch 16 or more innings for the Falcons (22-13), worked 46 innings

and had a 3.80 ERA. Pochmara's selection as the MVP of the Clarkston Tournament was "an example of what he is to our team — so many things," coach Pete Finn said. "He competes every day. That's the best thing you can say about a ballplayer. He hits for power, hits for average — all the things a good baseball player does."

"He impressed us most with his growth in terms of his emotional resiliency, especially as a pitcher, and that definitely helped a lot and contributed to his success."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Mark Blomshied, Canton:** The second-year coach continued his run of success with the Chiefs. The team went 24-12 and went on to postseason success, highlighted by the second Division 1 district title in a row (only the second back-to-back in school history) and a victory over Detroit-Novati Catholic Central in the regionals. The Chiefs battled Birmingham Brother Rice in the regional final before falling short.

"The kids fought extremely hard to the end and took a 1-0 lead into the sixth before giving way (to the Warriors)," Blomshied said.

Canton combined hitting, pitching and defense to mow down oppo-

nents, jumping out to a 17-4 start. After a slump, the Chiefs revved it up again for the postseason, outscoring teams in the districts by a 43-2 tally.

Posting 20-plus victories and winning the districts for a second year in a row, noted Blomshied, shows that the Chiefs are on the right track toward building a perennial winner. Canton also defeated three of four ranked opponents, only coming up short against Brother Rice.

"Our coaching and support staff continues to build a winning culture and competitive attitude," Blomshied said. "It seems even more enjoyable from the coaching box than it did as a player being able to teach baseball to a great group of young men and see them improve every day and be as successful as they have been over the past two seasons."

A pitcher at Western Michigan University during the 1990s, Blomshied earned his physical education degree and then began teaching in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in 1999.

Blomshied then coached Salem in 2001 and the Canton junior varsity in 2002-07 before taking over the Chiefs' varsity job in 2008.

**Metro firefighters 2nd**

**MOTOR CITY CLASSIC**

The 2008 Open Division national champions from Louisville (Ky.) won the 29th Annual Motor City Firefighters Softball Classic for the second year in a row June 5-7 at Power Park in Novi.

The Kentuckians defeated the defending over-40 Masters Division national champion, Detroit Metro/Belfor, which is managed by Farmington Hills firefighter Denny Hughes.

With one loss going into the final round, the "old boys" needed to knock off the "young guns" from Kentucky twice to claim the crown in the double-elimination format.

The metro Detroit team surprised many in attendance with a convincing, 14-2 victory in the first game.

It needed to come up big again in the next game to take the title, but Louisville rebounded for a 12-2 win to retain its Motor City championship.

The Detroit Metro/Belfor players are Tim Prokop and Dan Cipolla (Dearborn), John McCoy (Shelby), Keith Lamphear (Birmingham), Mike Albo (Southfield), Pat O'Dowd, Pat Wilson, Pat Harrison, Randy Gibson, Russ Schaller, Jimmy Nadolski, Russ Zarras and Eddie Nadolski (Detroit) and Ray DeWalt (Hazel Park).

The city references indicate the fire departments where the men work. Zarras is a CYO basketball coach at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

The all-firefighter softball tournament also attracted teams from Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Prince Georges County, Md. Many teams from Michigan also competed in the three-day event to raise money for various charitable causes.

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**Jimmy Chestnut of Grand Blanc, GAM 2008 Men's Player of the Year.**

Jimmy won the Michigan Amateur and the GAM Championship. He was also a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Mid-Amateur. He attended the University of Michigan prior to transferring to Michigan State University and was an Academic All-Big Ten player in 2004 and 2005. Jimmy also was the club champion at Warwick Hills Country Club in 2007 and 2008.

**Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll of Haslett, GAM 2008 Women's Player of the Year.**

Stacy was the GAM Women's Mid-

Am Champion, for the fourth successive year and played well in the Michigan Women's Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Am, Michigan Women's Open and GAM Women's Championship. She has won the Michigan Women's Amateur in '96 and '98, won the GAM Women's Championship in '98 and earned Women's Player of the Year in '96, '98 and '07. She is coach of the Michigan State University Women's Golf team and was selected as Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

**Bill Zylstra of Plymouth, GAM 2008 Senior Men's Player of the Year.** Bill won the GAM Senior Championship and played very well in a range of other tournaments in Michigan and beyond. He played so well that he was ranked the No. 1 Senior Amateur in the country by the Titleist National Rankings and was the 2008 Golf Week Senior Player of the Year. Bill has also been GAM Senior Player of the Year in '06 and '07. He

also holds the record for the lowest round (65) ever recorded in the USGA Senior Amateur Championship (2007).

**Joan Garety of Ada, GAM 2008 Senior Women's Player of the Year.**

Joan was the medalist at the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur and a semifinalist in the match play segment. She also tied for 3rd at both the GAM Women's Senior Championship and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship. She is a two-time Michigan Women's State Amateur Champion in '82 and '97, GAM Women's Champion in '96m GAM Mid-Am Champion in '04, GAM Senior Champ in '06 and two-time Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Champion in '06 and '07. She was GAM Woman Player of the Year in '97 and '99, and GAM Senior Women Player of the Year in '06 and '07. Joan was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2005.

**Joey Garber of Petoskey, GAM 2008 Junior Boy's Player of the Year.**

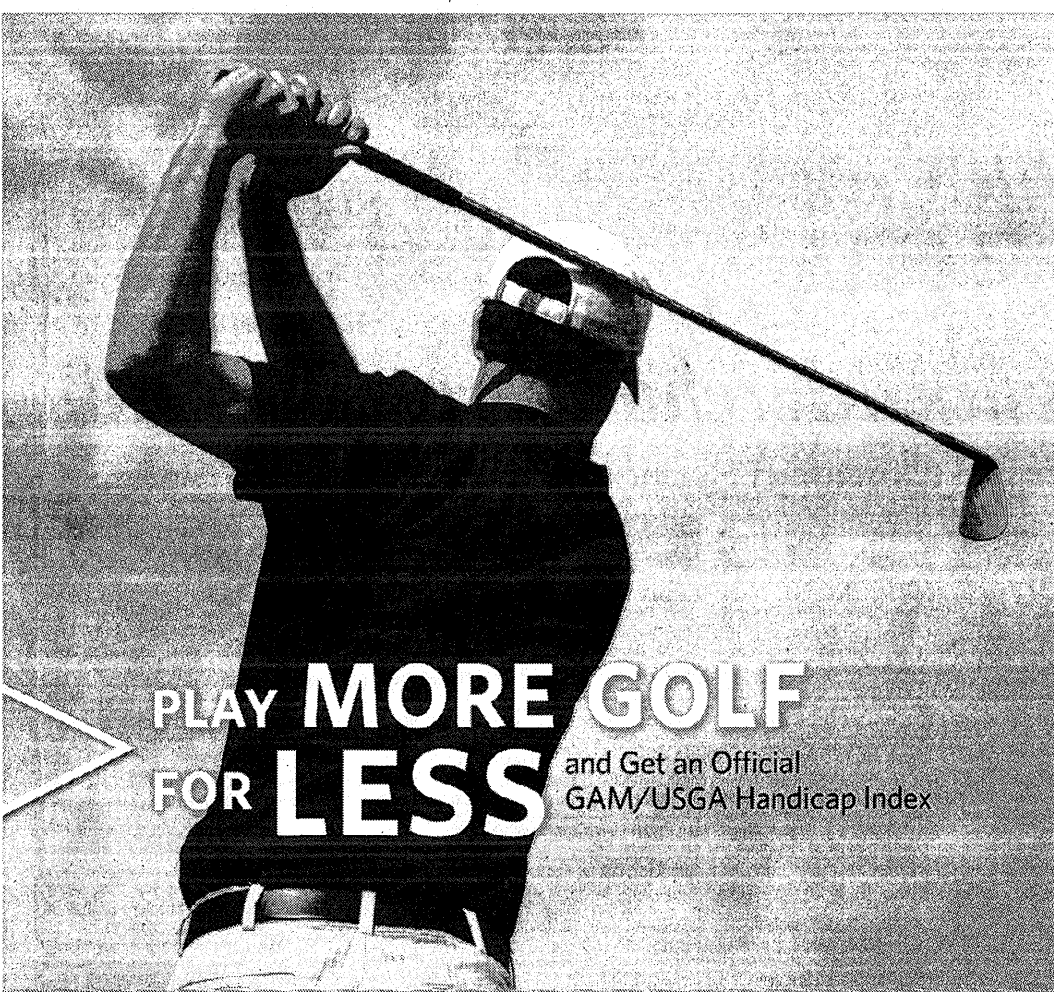
Joey won the Michigan Junior Amateur Stroke Play Championship

and the GAM Chrysler Club Championship in 2008. He was very active in the AJGA tour. As a high school freshman, he finished second at the MHSAA State Championship and was selected to the first team All State.

**Elizabeth Ecker of Niles, GAM 2008 Junior Girl's Player of the Year.**

Elizabeth won the stroke play segment of the Michigan Girl's Junior Championship and finished in the top 20 at the GAM Women's Championship. During the fall season at Oakland University as a freshman, she competed in all five-fall events and finished with the third best stroke average on the team.

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### Construction Update

Courtesy the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:  
• Genuine Toy Company - Finish work continues on the interior of the

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- Ave. Market - Interior construction of the space continues. Owners hope to be open in mid-summer.
- Ironwood Grill - Interior finish work continues on the space. Owner Dan Johnson hopes to open in mid-July.
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### Therapy credential

Jennifer Farley of Plymouth earned the prestigious Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy (APT), according to its executive director Bill Burns. Farley is a licensed clinical social worker. To become a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, applicants must have earned a traditional masters or doctoral mental health degree from an institution of higher education, 150 clock hours of play therapy training, five years and

5,000 hours of post-Master's clinical experience, 500 supervised and 500 additional hours of play therapy experience, and be licensed or certified by their state boards of practice. Information is at [www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org).

### New yoga stop

Come join your friends and neighbors at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio for a gentle flow yoga class. They meet every Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and share an experience that builds awareness of breath, movement and relaxation. Participants of all fitness levels are welcome and encouraged to work at the level that is comfortable for them that day. Modifications are given to increase or decrease the intensity of postures. Terri Irler, owner of Miss Harriet's, and Tricia Ptak believe that it is very important to have a way to give back to the community. This is a way to offer healing for those who truly need yoga but who might be afraid to try or who simply cannot afford classes at a yoga studio (average is \$17 per

drop in). Donation is the act of giving from the heart, allowing you to pay what you can. Miss Harriet's is in the Northville Square Mall at 133 W. Main St., Suite 190 in downtown Northville. Contact Tricia Ptak at [yogatrish@wowway.com](mailto:yogatrish@wowway.com) or (734) 259-9588 for more information.

### Karmann PR

Karmann USA, a leading supplier of automotive convertible tops, has selected AutoCom Associates as its public relations agency of record in North America. Founded in 1996, Karmann USA is based in Plymouth Township and is a subsidiary of the Karmann Group. The world's leading Tier-1 supplier of convertible tops, the Karmann Group also has served as the contract manufacturer of several complete vehicles, including the VW Karmann Ghia, the VW Beetle convertible and the Mercedes-Benz CLK convertible. At its Plymouth Township campus, Karmann USA employs more than 300 people.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# On the cutting edge: Shop gives salon cut at barber prices

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

Main Street Haircuts: Mainstreet Haircuts for men offers stylist's specializing in men's haircutting, scalp massaging shampoos and professional styling. Other services included are beard trimming, and eyebrow waxing.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Main Street Haircuts: Our salon is a one of a kind haircut experience which offers stylist with exceptional attention to detail.

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

Main Street Haircuts: I wanted to start the business because I always torn between getting an expensive but quality salon cut or getting an affordable cut with a great atmosphere from a barber shop. So I combined the two.

### MAIN STREET HAIRCUTS FOR MEN

- Business Name: Main Street Haircuts for Men
- Business Address: 550 Main, just south of Ann Arbor Trail
- Your Name and position: Bryan Young, owner
- Business Opened: May 1, 2009
- Number of Employees: 3
- Your Business Specialty: Barber shop feel with a salon cut.
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Business Phone: (734) 414-9744

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Plymouth community?

Main Street Haircuts: I felt that plymouth needed a more diverse barbershop for men with an upscale salon feel while keep our price reasonable at \$19.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Main Street Haircuts: It's hard to tell how the economy

will affect the business, as we opened in the state that the economy is currently in.

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

Main Street Haircuts: Don't be scared of the economy.

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

Main Street Haircuts: Hopefully location Number 2.



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Stylist Diana Balhorn trims Bryan Young's hair at Main Street Haircuts for Men.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Twitter chat

Everywhere you turn you keep hearing about Twittering or Tweets. The Chamber has started to use the popular social networking site to promote our community. Twitter is a micro-blogging service that allows people to post text-based messages up to 140 characters.

To tie all of our online promotions together, the Chamber has our Twitter page connected to update our Facebook page and there is a box on the

homepage of our web site that shows our Twitter updates. Currently we have 93 followers on Twitter and on Facebook we have over 900 friends and 250 fans.

By using these social networking sites we are able to promote the community and receive feedback from others commenting on our postings. On Twitter our site is "Plymouthmich" and on Facebook we can be found at "Plymouth Mich."

### Business/Community News

• Stella Contracting hosting open house on July 4. Stella Contracting celebrates over 50 years of service in

the Plymouth community. In honor of this accomplishment, Stella Contracting is hosting an Open House on July 4 on the parade route, at 747 S. Main St., Plymouth. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. join them for breakfast treats, refreshments and fun.

As a thank you to the Plymouth Chamber for years of support they are offering Chamber members and their friends and family 51 percent off any installed bathroom counter top with the completion of a bathroom remodel. This offer is good through August.

For more information, please contact Jeff Stella at (734) 459-7111.

• The Central Parking Deck, off of Harvey Street in downtown Plymouth, will have portions closed through mid-August for rehabilitation work: When sections of the deck are closed, parking limitations will not be enforced. If the Central Deck is full there is street parking and public lots available. For Chamber members who often park in the ramp behind our building, this construction may affect where you are able to park.

• The Chamber is now offering members the ability to sponsor our popular E-Newz letter. Members can be a sponsor by placing an advertisement at the top of the newsletter that will include a link to their Web site. To

sponsor the E-Newz for an entire month, the cost will be \$150. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Teri Fry at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540. We will not accept more than one sponsor per month.

• More than 108 golfers are scheduled to play in this year's Golf Outing - a great way to promote your business - Monday, July 13, at Northville Hills sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth.

There is still time to reserve a space to golf or to be a sponsor in the golf outing. Additionally, we are seeking donations of items for our silent auction and promotional items for golfer gift bags.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org).

### Top Web site

To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the Web site from the Engraving Connection: [www.engravecon.com](http://www.engravecon.com).

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org) or by phone at (734) 453-1540.

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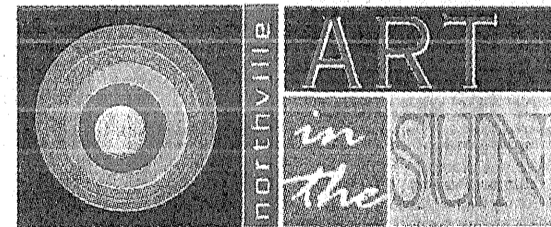
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**HELEN M. AUBERLIN**

Age 95, of Farmington Hills, June 21, 2009. Cherished wife of the late Marvin (Dan) Darnell; devoted mother of Beverly (Dan) Darnell; beloved grandmother of Jason and Christopher (Amy); dear great-grandmother of Mathias, Solana, Olivia and Addison. Mrs. Auberlin is also survived by her sister Jenny Tompor and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her siblings Frank, Walter, Edmund Hardy and Stella Kondracki. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements entrusted to Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200. [heeneys-sundquist.com](http://heeneys-sundquist.com)

**ERNEST W. JOHNSON**

Age 79 of Westland. Loving husband of Jo. Dear father of Donna (John) Swanson, Jan (Bill) Mackenroth, Vicki (Michael) Webster, Laura (Rick) Hazen and the late Mike. Brother of Dorothy Briggs. Grandfather of Angela (Andrew) Hathikhanavala, Amanda Webster, Katie Webster & the late Kris Mackenroth. Funeral Wednesday 10 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Mon. 4-9 pm & Tues. 3-9 pm. Donations to Westland Historic Village Park appreciated. Please visit & leave a note of condolence at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).

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## Church offers job-hunting resources in challenging times

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will kick off a series of job workshops Monday.

"We have a team of members starting a workshop to help people who are looking for work find jobs," said the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt.

"Our team has been through that experience — they have quite a few resources — you can check our church Web site for some of this info. The site address is [www.stmatthewslivonia.com](http://www.stmatthewslivonia.com).

The church's upcoming Monday night workshops are:

- June 29, 5:30-7 p.m.: Julie Pugginni from Schoolcraft College will talk about setting goals and motivation.
- July 13, 7-8:30 p.m.: The topic will be communication — using the right words in the right way.
- July 20, 7-8:30 p.m.: Your "elevator speech" says it all. Business cards, too.
- July 27, 7-8:30 p.m.: Interviews — on the phone and in person. Practical tips on preparation and presentation.
- Aug. 10, 7-8:30 p.m.: Retraining Resources — when it's right for you and how. There also will be a presentation on "No Worker Left Behind."
- Aug. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.: Family Finances — The topic addresses the importance of having a plan and making sure everyone is "on board."

Discovery — What's the Market Like Now

Eckhardt said Pugginni, the first speaker in the series, "comes to us with excellent recommendations as a counselor who understands what people need to hear and do as they face unemployment and start looking for the next job."

The workshops are designed to help people in employment transition put together a useful job-hunter's tool box. They include a presentation and small group discussion.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church is located at 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

Armenian-Canadian vocalist Mariam Matossian and the world music group, Free Planet Radio, will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$50 for priority seating. Reserve tickets by calling (248) 357-2234.

**Mom's retreat**

A series of four summer retreat days starts July 1 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia, 11441 Hubbard. A children's ministry will be offered for the little ones while Mom enjoys Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms. The discussions will introduce the Doctors of the Church and the steps of spiritual development, based on noted Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin's newest book, "The Fulfillment of All Desire." Sessions run 8:30-11 a.m. July 15, 29 and Aug. 12. Cost is \$8 per meeting. Register at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail to [swilliams@livonistmichael.org](mailto:swilliams@livonistmichael.org).

**MARY E. BRIGHT**

Age 92, of Garden City, MI. Loving and devoted mother of Ernest, Arthur and Eugene (Michelle). Grandmother of Misty. Stepsister of Robert Phillips. Former wife & lifelong friend of Dutch Eichenberg Passed away peacefully. Mary will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

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**WALTER B. GENTILE**

Age 86, of Westland, June 21, 2009. Beloved husband of Ehtel. Loving father of Loretta (Ken) Clary, Walter (Jackie) Gentile Jr., Linda Sampson and Catherine (Joe) Clairmont. Dearest grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of 11. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Bertha Gentile, Barbara Ann Gentile, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services are private. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

*Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One*

**CORDIA "Corky" (Pursell) NIPPER**

Age 75, Prudenville formerly of Livonia and Plymouth died June 22, 2009. Services 6:00 pm Friday, June 26, 2009, Christ Lutheran Church, Oakley, MI. Please visit Corky's webpage at [www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JUNE 25-JULY 1

- Bethany Suburban West**
- A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining, between Sibley and West, New Boston (Exit 13 off I-75). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.
- Food pantry**
- Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25.
- Garage sale**
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. (313) 538-1142
- Bible study**
- St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers a Bible

study series, 9 a.m.-noon on four Tuesday mornings - June 30, July 7, and 28, and Aug. 4, at the church, 11441 Hubbard. Based on Jeff Cavin's "Quick Journey Through the Bible," the study offers a survey of salvation history, using a combination of individual reading, group discussion, and lecture commentary. Cost is \$19.95 for the study guide and materials. A Children's Ministry is available at \$2 per child per session. For additional information and registration, see [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org) or call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

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# Dine al fresco

Fresh air comes with every meal on a restaurant patio or deck

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

An outside patio at Compari's in Plymouth on a balmy spring afternoon was like a magnet to two sisters when they needed a break from shopping.

Sitting comfortably at a table facing Kellogg Park with all its greenery and charm, they talked about how much they enjoy restaurants that allow patrons to dine in the fresh air.

"People gravitate to patios," said Susan Clark of Lansing, who was visiting her sister, Mary Khoshnegah of Hamburg Township.

A few tables away, Catherine and Todd Mueller enjoyed lunch with their daughter, Anna, 6.

"We live downtown and enjoy being able to walk downtown, sit outside and enjoy a great meal," Catherine Mueller said.

Restaurant patios are good for business and seem to be a trend that will last well into the future, according to Nichole Jacobs, manager of Leo's Coney Island in Plymouth.

"More and more restaurants are adding patios," and if they're new construction, outdoor seating is built into the plans.

Like many cities with a downtown area, Plymouth is teeming with restaurants offering dining outside even where space is limited. The Sweet Afton Tea Room and Simple Sandwich face each other on Forest Avenue in Plymouth. Each business has only a small patch of sidewalk, but it's enough for a couple of tables and chairs.

"The Porch" was added last year at the longtime dining establishment, Ginopolis of Farmington Hills, which is owned by brothers, John and Peter Ginopolis.

It's been good for business, said John Ginopolis.

"The nice weather is so short in this state people really enjoy sitting out there having lunch, dinner or cocktails," he explained. "They take advantage of it. They will specifically come here just to sit outside."

Across town, CJ's Brewery, a res-



Lisa Benages and her daughter Carolyn Benages are almost ready to order lunch at Compari's in downtown Plymouth.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

taurant attached to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, also recently opened a patio.

"If you go to any downtown you see more diners outside than you do inside," said David Doyle, Compuware Arena food and beverage director.

"We thought we would try it in our setting to draw people up to our restaurant and so far so good," Doyle said.

Front lot patios are the key feature of a block-long stretch of restaurants on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Mitchell's Fish Market and Bravo Cucina Italiana sit side by side with ample outdoor seating.

The Livonia block looks like a scene from a small town in Europe, and with the various ethnic groups represented, it's up to you to pretend which country you're visiting.

Jason King, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub, thinks most people are relieved to be outdoors after spending harsh Michigan winters inside buildings. Fresh flowers and a full power gas fire pit are extra features on the patio that lure diners.

Luciano Del Signore, owner and chef of BACCO Ristorante in Southfield, invites customers to "come, relax, sip some wine, treat yourself to a savory dessert, and share the joys of summer with friends and family."

"In Michigan people are cooped up for so long, to go outside is a bonus," Del Signore said. "On perfect summer days, our patio tables are the first ones reserved. We have actual furniture with table cloths outside. We keep it very much the same as inside."

At Penn Grille & Bar in Plymouth, the atmosphere is much more casual.

Marykay Marocco, day manager, said, "As soon as the patio opens we do twice the business. We also have a television facing outside and you can watch sporting events even if you're out on the patio."

Outdoor seating was added this year at Michnos Café, in Redford.

"We opened up on a Friday during the Wing's game and it was a blast," said Anthony Michnos, who is the son of the restaurant owner, Ron Michnos.

"People tend to want to relax and talk outside," he added.

Mike Lucaj, manager of Grand Tavern in Farmington Hills, says patios "put people in a better mood."

And that is definitely the case with the sisters visiting Plymouth at Compari's.

"It's great to be able to sit outside, have the action of the city and people walking by," Khoshnegah said. "And we can people watch."

## Local eateries with outdoor dining

Here's a sampling of restaurants with outdoor seating:

- Athenian Coney Island**  
43324 W. 11 Mile, Novi; (248) 305-9700  
Seating capacity outdoors: 40
- BACCO Ristorante**  
29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 356-6600  
Seating capacity outdoors: 50
- Bravo Cucina Italiana**  
17700 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 591-5600  
Seating capacity outdoors: 65
- CJ's Brewery in Compuware Arena**  
14900 N. Beck, Plymouth; (734) 453-4455  
Seating capacity outdoors: 70
- Compari's on the Park**  
350 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-0100  
Seating capacity outdoors: 40
- Fiamma Grille**  
380 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-9340  
Seating capacity outdoors: 60
- Ginopolis**  
27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-8222  
Seating capacity outdoors: 60
- Grand Tavern**  
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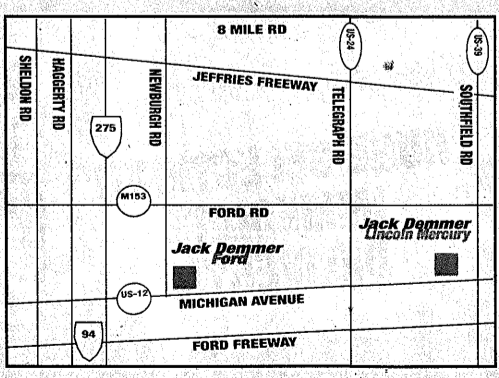
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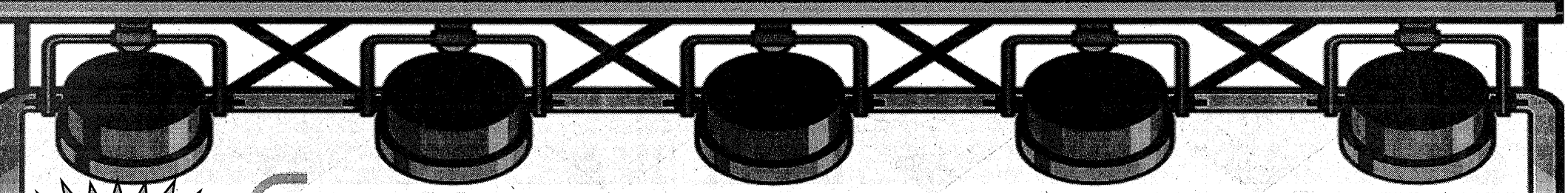
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importantly, in the hope of prosperity we share with our community. We also take inspiration from Alan Mullaly, President and CEO of Ford, who's been down this road before...and won. And we believe together we will win again. I'm Mark Douglas, President of Avis Ford, and I hope this message inspires you to go out and "Drive One."



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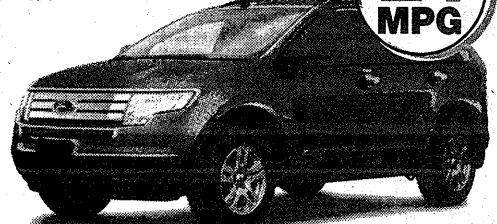
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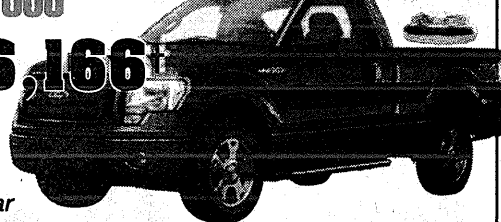


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