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The Fletcher family, son Drew, Stephanie and Dan.

First winner

Stephanie Fletcher, a computer systems administrator from Plymouth, won the Hometownlife.com Beyonce ticket contest and received two tickets to the July 18 show at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Wow, I can't believe that I won something, and Beyonce at that!" said Fletcher.

Fletcher, pictured with husband Dan and son Drew, 3, signed up for our new E-newsletters at Hometownlife.com in the first days of the contest and waited to see who would win the random drawing with hundreds of other readers. Fletcher — a subscriber to the *Plymouth Observer* for the past three years — was randomly selected Friday.

The Beyonce tickets have been awarded but there are plenty more concerts this summer so the contest goes on.

Plymouth Observer readers still have a chance to win tickets to Dave Matthews Band, Randy Travis, American Idols Live and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Anyone who signs up for our new E-newsletter will be entered into a random drawing for two tickets to one of the concerts. Drawings will take place a week before each show. The DSO's Tchaikovsky Spectacular is July 25 at Meadow Brook Music Festival so hurry and sign up for a chance to win.

Readers who sign up could also win a pass for two (any day) to Emagine Theatres in Novi or Canton, and a free Buddy's small pizza.

The free service recently debuted, and hundreds of newsletters are going out to subscribers. The newsletters give you the news of the day in an easy-to-read format.

To sign up, 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, 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.



Mark Plencner and son Sam, 3, tossed the football at Plymouth Township Park during the Fourth of July picnic. Leisure facilities and opportunities helped Plymouth Township finish as the 28th Best Place to Live list in Money magazine.

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Livin' larger

Township moves up on magazine's 'Best Places' list

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a state with the nation's highest unemployment rate and a region that's home to the hard-hit domestic automobile industry, Plymouth Township is again drawing positive national press.

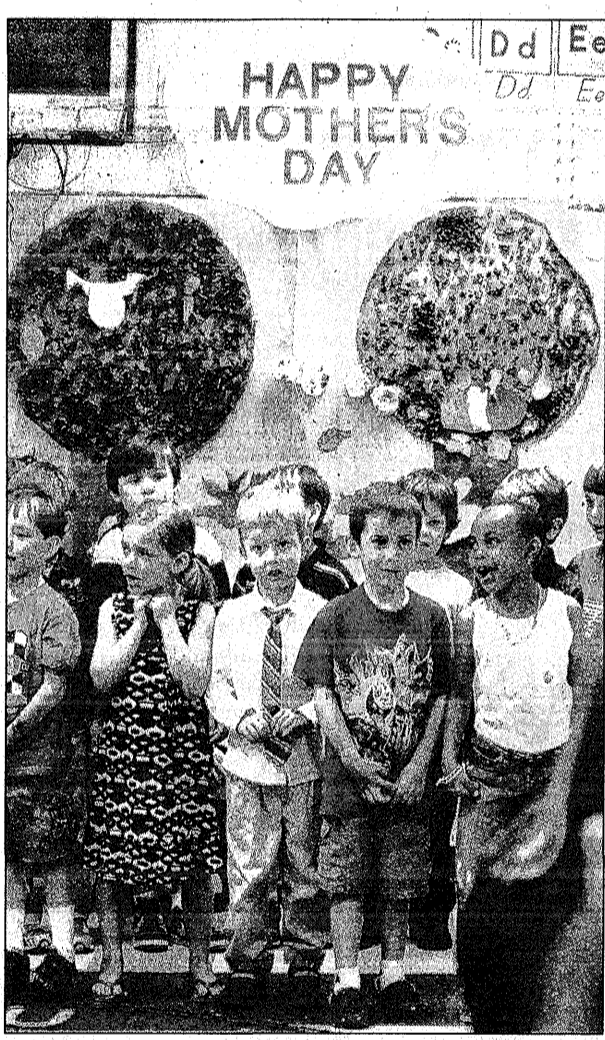
The township is 28th on *Money* magazine's list of the 100 best small towns in the country, up from 37th place in 2007. The list, with details about each community, was published Monday on the Web site money.cnn.com and will appear in the August edition of *Money*.

"This is just fantastic," said township Treasurer Ron

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Despite an economy hit by auto-industry blows such as the bankruptcy filing of township-based Metaladyne, Plymouth Township was named the country's 28th best place to live in *Money* magazine.



Money magazine, in naming Plymouth Township the 28th best place to live, lauded the school system, such as these kindergarten students at Bird Elementary School.

Plymouth stores ace police tobacco sting

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Underage smokers and tobacco-chewers looking for their next illegal purchase can cross Plymouth off their list.

A teenage decoy working with Plymouth Police Department officers came up empty-handed after recently trying to buy tobacco at a dozen establishments in the city, officials say.

The police department periodically undertakes such sting operations for both tobacco (the minimum age is 18) and alcohol (minimum age 21) sales, said Police Chief Wayne Carroll. Police will also conduct decoy operations at specific businesses against which complaints have been made, Carroll said.

"As long as they don't sell, I'm happy," Carroll said.

In this case, the decoy — Carroll wouldn't say whether it was a boy or a girl — would enter a store and ask to buy a tobacco product. The decoy had a driver's license showing his or her age at under 18, he said, and was instructed to tell the truth to police about what transpired. If a sale had been made the chief, said, an officer waiting nearby would have immediately followed up with a citation.

"We take steps to make sure it's a controlled environment," Carroll said.

The chief didn't have details about specific store visits, such as whether the decoy was ever asked for identification, or whether she or he was ever simply refused tobacco outright.

The businesses visited by the decoy — every business in the city that sells tobacco products — will be getting thank-you letters from the police department, informing the owners that a decoy had been there.

Selling tobacco to minors is an ordinance violation, and a citation requires a court appearance by the person who made the sale.

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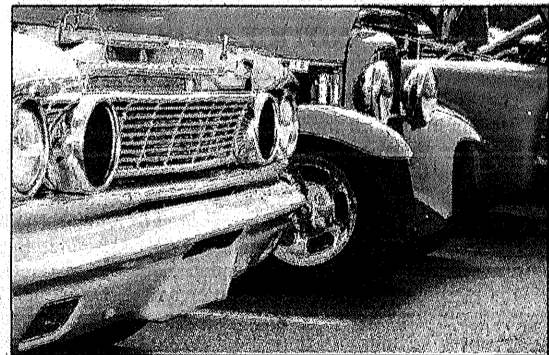
Old Village set for cars, bikes, blues

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Now it's Old Village's turn. After downtown Plymouth's Green Street Fair, Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades, Art in the Park and outdoor concerts, Old Village is getting in on the action this weekend with "Bumpers, Bikes and Blues," a classic car and motorcycle show and music festival.

The free event is 1-7 p.m. Sunday; cars will be displayed along Starkweather, which will be closed between Spring and Division streets, and motorcycles along Liberty. Bumpers, Bikes and Blues promises a visit by members of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan, who will show off their Mustangs in the parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant. Roush Fenway Racing (formerly Roush Racing) also plans a display.

Supporters say it's about raising the profile of a resurgent Old Village as well as raising money for the Old Village Association, an organization working to boost the north-side neighborhood through marketing and beautification efforts.



Grilles from some of the classic cars on display during the 2008 Bumpers, Bikes & Blues in Old Village. This year's show, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, is expected to feature more than 100 show cars, 30 to 40 show motorcycles, and free concerts on three different stages.

"There are a lot of really neat businesses down here and people just don't know about it," said Shannon Hall, the owner of The Trend, a boutique

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BUMPERS

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on Starkweather that features designer-inspired handbags and accessories.

"It's really on the upswing, and with these events, I think it's only going to get better," Scott Farmer, a longtime resident and chairman of the Old Village Association, said of the neighborhood.

This year's show will be about twice the size of last year's, Farmer said, and it will be the first time Starkweather will be closed for the event. Refreshments will be available.

Bumpers, Bikes and Blues' musical performances, from National Ghost, Ask Alice, Danny Cash and Wiley Coyote Band, among others, will take place on two festival stages. A smaller third stage, near the Old Village Market on Starkweather, will feature karaoke from 1-3 p.m. and open-microphone music from 3-7 p.m.

The event will also offer a 50-50 drawing and a silent

auction for products and services from local businesses, including haircuts, massages, and gift boxes.

"Everything that we have is from Plymouth-based businesses," said Hall, who is donating merchandise from The Trend. Auction items will be displayed in front of The Trend/Perfect Fit @ Margaret's, 640 Starkweather; bidding will close at 6 p.m.

Hall opened The Trend in March and said the store is doing well despite the recession. She got involved right away, she said, because she took to Old Village and wanted to help. She plans to move to the neighborhood in the future. "I think that Old Village is a neat place," Hall said. "The people are fantastic here."

For more on Bumpers, Bikes and Blues, visit the Web site www.plymoutholdvillage.com, or the Bumpers, Bikes and Blues page on Facebook.

The event will also offer a 50-50 drawing and a silent

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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

Pageant volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program is in need of volunteers to help out with this year's program.

Organizers' goal is to make the event bigger and better, and say the only way to do that is with volunteers.

Anyone interested should send an e-mail to pjcrmiss@yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Senior writing group

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging Senior Writing Group, which meets at the Plymouth District Library, is offering a presentation by Dr. Peter Kearly, who received his doctoral degree from Wayne State University in English Literature and is an author and English professor at Henry Ford Community College.

Dr. Kearly is featured in *After the Morning Calm: Reflections of Korean Adoptees*. He will be informing the group on how to prepare their journals for publication. The meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, in the Dunning Room at the Plymouth District Library and is free and open to the public.

'Whimsical' Wednesdays

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 22, the mother of local author Caden Mack, Robin Mack, will read Caden's books *12 Days Under the Sea* and *12 Days in the Jungle*. Caden is a 10-year-old author.

• On July 29, *Tears of Mother Bear*, by Anne Margaret Lewis, will be read by Plymouth Historical Society President Emeritus Sanford Burr.

• On August 5, *The Harp Mouse Chooses Her Home: The Adventure Begins* will be read by author Diane Dunn.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of 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.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Evola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include Celebration Youth Symphony for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO

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Pom pre-eminence

The Canton High School Chiefettes PomPon Teams attended the recent MidAmerican PomPon camp held at Northwood University in Midland. The honors awarded to the teams included Overall Grand Champions and overall Peppy Pom Award for the Chiefettes' junior varsity squad.

concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community; Celebration Sinfonia for intermediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue building ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor.

More audition information can be found on-line at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org

Pageant time

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Young women who live, work full time, or attend school full time in Wayne County and are between the ages 17 and 24 are eligible.

Areas of competition include and interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2010 Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon as well as receive a cash scholarship.

Call (734) 367-0560 or send an e-mail to sheilamae116@aol.com to request an application. They also can be found on the Miss Wayne County Web site at www.misswaynecco.com.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 17. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Livonia Church Hill High School.

Music camps

Parents looking for a fun, new camp to introduce their children to music might want to check out the Music, Melodies & More summer camps offered by the Plymouth Symphony.

• "String Camp," July 27-31, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11
• "Wind Camp," Aug. 3-7, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11
• "Brass and Percussion Camp," Aug. 17-21, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-11

Aspiring musicians can sign up for one or all three camps. Activities and musical instruments will change with each session so that young musicians will enjoy a different experience throughout the summer.

Instructor Faith Demorest, along with other Plymouth

Canton Symphony musicians, will teach the camps. Each session will introduce different instruments, explore various composers, teach musical games and get creative with musical crafts. Parents can plan for a performance for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Friday after each session.

Instruments are encouraged; however, those who don't have one can contact the symphony.

Call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 to sign up today.

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.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

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.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen

Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

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 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 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.

Scrapbooking workshop

Anyone looking for time to work on scrapbook albums or crafting projects can join Chrissy Detary for her workshop with fresh ideas, new techniques and tools available to use.

The 12-hour scrapbooking workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Extended Stay America-Canton. Cost is \$30 per person with lunch and dinner included. Six-hour options are also available that include one meal for \$15.

For details, contact Detary via e-mail at cldetary@hotmail.com or call (734) 546-5246. Must be registered to attend.

Grief seminar

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 18.

This workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115 or visit our web site at www.newhopecenter.net.

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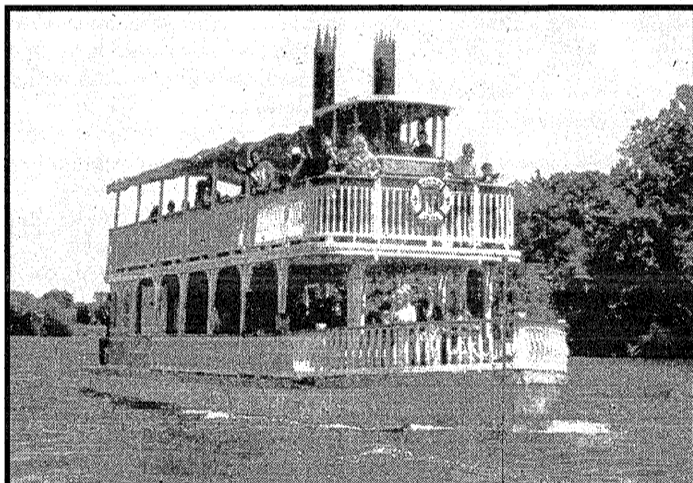


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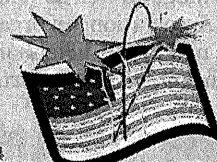
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A makeshift memorial is at the Hannan Road railroad crossing where five young people died.

Police hope 'black box' will answer questions

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Police won't be completely finished this week with the investigation into the train-car collision that killed five young people July 9 — for instance, toxicology reports are still likely weeks away — but investigators are hoping to have a lot more answers.

One key source of potential information, according to Canton Police, is the "black box" from the Ford Fusion driven by Daniel Broughton, who tried to beat a 530-ton Amtrak passenger train across the railroad crossing on Hannan.

Police sought a search warrant for the box, a move that became necessary, Canton Police Department spokesman Sgt. Mark Gajeski explained, once the car was removed from the accident scene. The car, which belongs to Broughton's mother, Donna Broughton of Woodhaven, was taken to Westland Car Care Center.

Surveillance video taken by a nearby company showed Broughton passing a white SUV already stopped at the tracks, where video and witness accounts say the gates were down and lights were flashing. The train struck the Fusion as it tried to cross.

What the video doesn't show is whether Broughton attempted to slow or at what speed he was traveling, questions Gajeski said police hope the black box will answer.

"Right now, we're waiting for that box," Gajeski said. "Hopefully, they'll be able to download the data from it."

The medical examiner's report, which will come when toxicology results are in, should show whether alcohol or drugs were a factor. Gajeski said at the scene the day of the accident there was "nothing to indicate" anything of that nature.

Published reports have since said Broughton, 19, was hurrying to avoid being late for work. Killed with him in the accident were Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor.

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Canton firefighters move away from the car struck by the Amtrak passenger train in last week's accident that claimed five young lives.

'Huge' project could ease I-275/Ford Road issues

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth drivers making their way into or through Canton will have an easier time of it if officials can successfully push a \$22.5 million proposal to create hundreds of jobs and improve the overburdened I-275/Ford Road interchange.

The plan, officials say, hinges on federal economic-recovery dollars communities are fiercely competing to receive.

Officials say the project would dramatically ease traffic congestion in a bustling corridor including the Ford-Haggerty intersection, one of Michigan's most accident-prone intersections with 345 crashes during a five-year period ending in 2008.

The project could begin with a design phase as early as February with construction finished in 2012, aiding motorists not only in Canton, but also in neighboring communities such as Westland.

"This would be huge," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

His remarks came on the same day the township board agreed to spend nearly \$10,000 to hire a Detroit-area transportation consulting firm, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, to beat a Sept. 15 deadline to apply for a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, grant.

Consider how the three-pronged project would benefit the area:

- Motorists exiting the southbound I-275 ramp could avoid Ford altogether and con-

nect to northbound Haggerty by accessing a new road slip that would curve over and intersect with Haggerty north of Ford, near the IKEA property. A traffic light would be installed at the intersection.

- Drivers using the same I-275 ramp could access southbound Haggerty by crossing Ford — rather than traveling on it — and using another road slip south of Ford. Even with two traffic lights — one at Ford, one at Haggerty — motorists could avoid the Ford gridlock.

"It's a huge difference," LaJoy said.

- Drivers traveling either east or west along Cherry Hill could access I-275 by using a northbound connector — essentially a service drive — that would be built along the east side of the interstate. The connector would intersect Ford, where a traffic light would be installed, and then continue to a newly designed, northbound I-275 on ramp.

Tim Faas, the township's municipal services director, said the \$22.5 million project, if approved for federal funding, could create an estimated 235 to 705 jobs. Area businesses also could benefit from the dollars those workers would spend, he said.

Moreover, the project would be far less costly than installing a completely new interchange — a much larger project that would force out some of the area's residents and businesses.

"It would be brutal," Faas said, but the current proposal will not displace anyone.

The impact of potential lane closings during construction

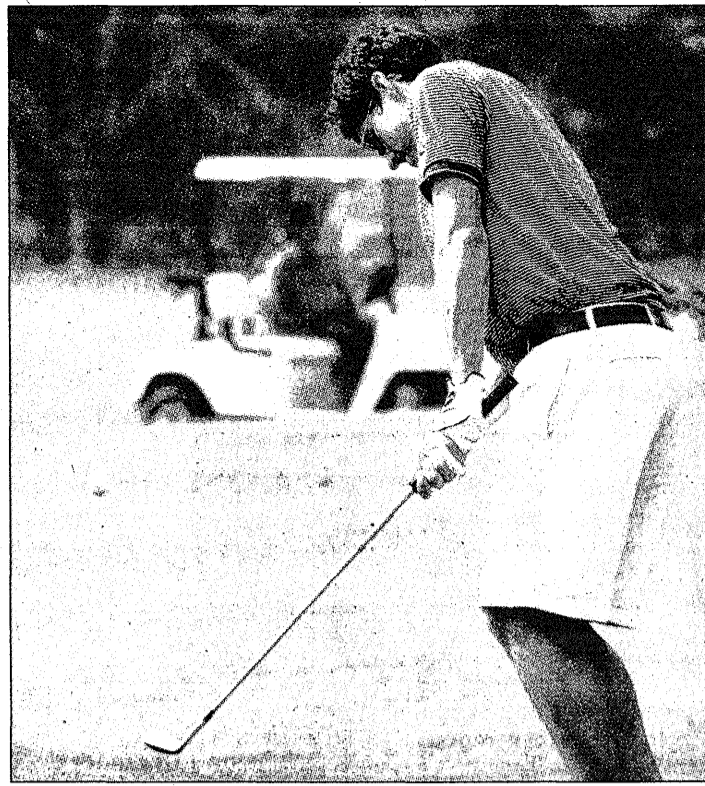
isn't yet known. But, Faas said, "I expect the biggest disruption could be on the northbound on ramp to I-275, as it (would be) completely reworked."

The project already has gained support from the Michigan Department of Transportation, but Faas conceded competition will be fierce for \$1.5 billion at stake in federal TIGER funds, part of a larger economic stimulus plan. However, the firm hired to seek the grant, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, is highly familiar with the project because the company was involved in a regional transportation study that placed a high priority on the proposal.

That study — completed for local, county, regional, state and federal officials — spawned a report in 2006 that listed numerous projects endorsed by an array of government agencies, including the township board. The study cost \$450,000, largely funded by MDOT, and it encompassed a 72-square-mile area.

LaJoy said talks about improving safety around the I-275/Ford Road interchange began in earnest in 2003, when he was a state representative. LaJoy called it critical to ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, which he said already was being traveled by some 50,000 vehicles a day when one study was done nearly a decade ago. Haggerty, too, has its share of gridlock.

Township officials expect to know by February whether the \$22.5 million project will be approved. Said LaJoy: "It's kind of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."



The Money magazine write-up specifically mentioned the township's own golf course, Hilltop, among its leisure opportunities in naming Plymouth Township the 28th best place to live.

BEST PLACE

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Edwards. "How can the naysayers say we don't live in a great place?"

"For us to even go up, it's truly exciting," said Supervisor, Richard Reaume. "If we were on the list, I thought we would slip," not because of anything the township is doing, but because of Michigan's economic woes.

A brief story about the township on the CNN Money Web site mentions successful attempts to diversify the local economy and says the township gets high marks for education and leisure opportunities.

Plymouth Township is the list's highest-ranked Michigan community; other places in the state that made the list are Grosse Ile (38th), Rochester (52nd), Saline (68th) and Tecumseh (93rd). The town of

Louisville, Colo., tops the list.

Reaume said the township's honors go to the community as a whole, not just the government. "All of us work together to make it a great community," he said.

The ranking is a good marketing tool, Reaume said, and something the township can use to spark interest from outsiders — whether it be a company looking to relocate or a family looking to buy a home.

"This list could tip the balance in favor of a Plymouth Township home," he said.

The township shared similar honors with the city of Plymouth in April when the Plymouth community was named one of the top 100 places to live by RelocateAmerica.com, a Web-based resource for people who are moving.

Money magazine annually alternates its 100 Best Places to Live list between small towns and larger cities. The list of best small towns was last compiled in 2007.

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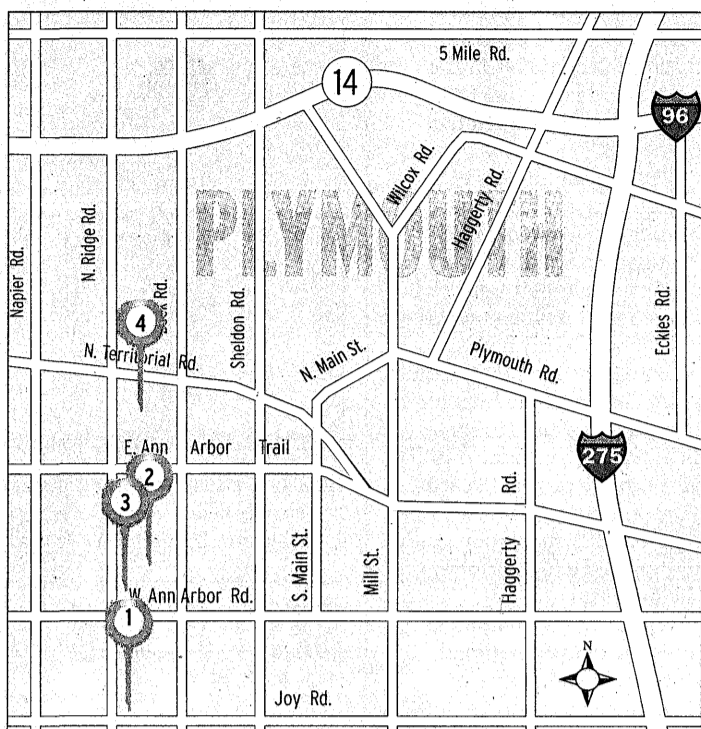
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CRIME WATCH



Police look into rash of burglaries, vandalism

Police are investigating a rash of vehicle burglaries and vehicle vandalism that occurred in Plymouth Township last week.

In one incident, late on July 9 or early Friday, a knife was stolen from a Ford Explorer parked on South Quail Run Drive and used, police believe, to tear up the Explorer's leather front passenger seat.

The knife was also used, police suspect, to then slash one tire on each of at least six vehicles parked on South Quail Run Drive and South Quail Run Court, Plymouth Township Police Department reports indicate.

Wallet stolen, found

In another incident, also occurring late on July 9 or early the next day, a man's wallet was stolen from a 1995 Honda Accord that was parked in the driveway of his house on West Normandy Court. The car was unlocked, the man told police.

The wallet was later found by another man in the backyard of his house on Pinehill Drive, the owner's license still inside. The owner, whose wallet was returned, said the only things missing from it were two gift cards.

Phones stolen

In a vehicle break-in, an Apple i-Touch, a combination phone and music player, was reported stolen from a Mercury Mariner parked on Red Pine Drive after a rock was thrown through a window. The break-in occurred between 8 p.m. July 9 and 11 a.m. the next day, police said.

An i-Touch was also reported stolen, during the early morning hours Friday, from a Hyundai parked on Quail Circle Drive. A rock had been

thrown through a window on the car, police said.

Checkbook, cash stolen

A Ford Focus was burglarized late on July 9 or early Friday as it sat parked outside a house on Hillcrest. The victim reported a checkbook, wallet and envelope of cash were stolen, and he told police he could not recall if the Focus had been locked. There was no damage to the car, police said.

- By Matt Jachman

Police offer tips about being stopped

A common question for drivers stopped by police is, "Why?"

Plymouth Township Police offer the following reasons and tips for how to handle being stopped by a police officer (courtesy the Plymouth Township Web site):

- There are many reasons the police might stop you. Whatever the reason, police say, the officer needs the driver's cooperation.

1. You may have committed a traffic violation.
2. You may fit the description of a suspect.
3. The officer might think you are in trouble and need help.
4. You may have witnessed a crime.

- When stopped by police, remember:
 1. A police officer may pull you over at any time for a traffic offense or police investigation.

2. When you see the red overhead lights and/or hear the siren, remain calm and safely pull over parallel to the right side of the road.
3. Remain in your vehicle unless the officer advises otherwise.
4. Keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see them.
5. Avoid any sudden movements, especially toward the floorboard, rear seat or passenger side of the vehicle.

6. Do not immediately reach for your license or other documents until the officer requests them. Michigan Law requires drivers to show their license, registration and insurance card upon request.

7. If your documents are out of reach, tell the officer where they are before you reach for them.

8. If the stop occurs during darkness put on your dome or interior lights so the officer can easily see that all is in order.

9. If there are passengers in your vehicle, encourage them to remain quiet and cooperate with instructions. You as the operator are solely responsible for your vehicle and its occupants.

10. The officer may issue you a ticket. If you feel the reason is vague or unclear, ask the officer for the details.

11. Avoid becoming argumentative. Arguing will not change the officer's mind. If you contest the violation, you will have the opportunity to contest the matter in court.

12. Be honest with the officer. If you really didn't see the stop sign, or are unaware of the speed limit, let the officer know. Being honest about any situation never hurts.

13. Many departments use one-officer patrol cars, especially in the suburbs. It would be normal to see two or three marked units on a routine traffic stop.

14. Finally, if you receive a ticket, accept it calmly. Accepting it is not an admission of guilt.

- Generally, a police officer:
 1. Will provide his or her name upon request.
 2. A police officer who is not in uniform will present proper identification; you may request to examine their credentials so that you are satisfied that they are a law enforcement officer.
 3. Will inform a person of the reason for being stopped.
 4. Will only use the force necessary to affect the arrest of a suspect and to maintain the custody of a prisoner.
 5. Will not search the body of a person of the opposite sex except to prevent injury to the officer or another person, or to prevent the disposal or destruction of evidence, and
 6. Will only arrest a person for a crime committed in the officer's presence, or when the officer has probable cause to believe the person has already committed the crime.
 7. If you have a question about procedures or a complaint about your treatment, contact the Department and ask to speak with a supervisor. You may also send a letter of compliment if you feel the officer was particularly helpful in your situation.

Township car-semi crash kills woman

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Five Mile and Ridge Road," said Assistant Chief Bob Smith of the Plymouth Township Police Department. The victim, Smith said, was not a township resident.

Smith would not release details of the crash, saying Wednesday that it remains under investigation.

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A woman died Tuesday as a result of injuries suffered in a collision in Plymouth Township between her car and a commercial semi truck.

The crash occurred before noon Tuesday. "There was a collision between two vehicles at



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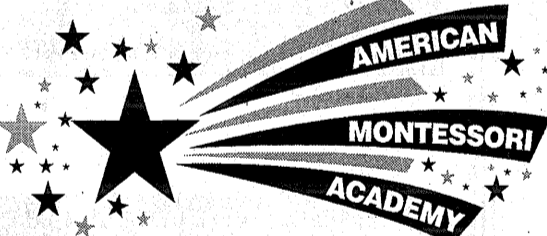
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Canton Softball Complex serves as Special Olympics host site

Athletes from around the state will gather this weekend when the 2009 Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Sports Classic tees off Friday and Saturday.

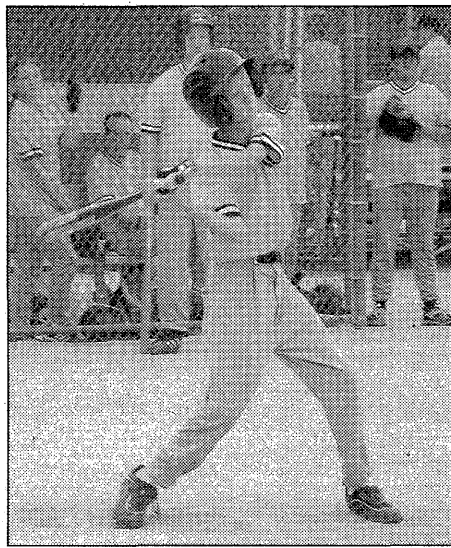
The golf competition is set for Friday at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti, with the softball competition set for Saturday at the Canton Softball Complex.

The golf competition will involve a nine-hole course play, including an individual skills contest and a Unified format, which involves Special Olympics athletes participating on the same team with non-Special Olympics players.

It's the 19th straight year Canton Softball Complex has been the home of the Special Olympics Michigan State Softball Tournament.

Competition for both days begins at 8:30 a.m. The two-day event can be a stepping stone toward the National Games in Nebraska in 2010. In the past, teams have been selected from this competition to participate in the Special Olympics National Games.

The State Summer Sports Classic is one of seven annual state-level competitions



The Canton Softball Complex serves as the host for the softball portion of the 2009 Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Sports Classic.

for athletes of Special Olympics Michigan. The Special Olympics Michigan programs are offered at no cost to athletes or their families.

"Through these various competitions Special Olympics Michigan provides, athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community," said Kimberly Purdy, public relations manager for Special Olympics Michigan.

The State Summer Sports Classic "would not be a success without all of the people involved, including athletes, volunteers and sponsors," Purdy pointed out. The State Summer Sports Classic brings together over 100 volunteers who help the athletes compete in their respective sports.

The presenting sponsor for this year's event is Amerisure Insurance. Statewide partners include Spartan Stores, Real Estate One, Wertz Warriors, Water Warriors, Law Enforcement Torch Run and Knights of Columbus.

For more information, directions or schedules for the State Summer Sports Classic, visit www.somi.org.

Old Village eateries set for annual crawl

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Among the many attributes Plymouth's Old Village has is a plethora of good restaurants.

Half a dozen of those eateries will be on display when Old Village owners and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce partner for the 10th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

The popular crawl takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"Last year's response was overwhelming," said Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wes Graff. "We're encouraging folks to buy their tickets now, while they last."

Restaurants participating in the Crawl this year include Liberty Street Brewing Company, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Station 885, Crawford's Kitchen and Plymouth Fish & Seafood.

There will be raffle prizes given away to participants who go to all six participating restaurants.

Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years old. They can be purchased at any of the participating restaurants, or at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

To purchase tickets over the phone or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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Steve King and the Dittlies take to the Kellogg Park stage for Friday's 7 p.m. Music in the Air concert.

Plymouth concerts pack in music fans

Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert schedule, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council:

- July 22, Saline Fiddlers
- July 29, Candy Band
- Aug. 5, Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
- Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler

All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the Friday night "Music

in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

- July 17, Steve King and the Dittlies
- July 24, Sarah Lenore (Plymouth native; www.myspace.com/sarahlenore123)
- July 31, Gia Warner
- Aug. 7, The Bluescasters
- Aug. 14, The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28, Mass Transit
- Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X Band

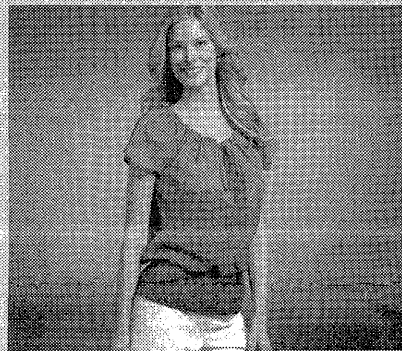
The concerts take place in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7 p.m.

Community Band

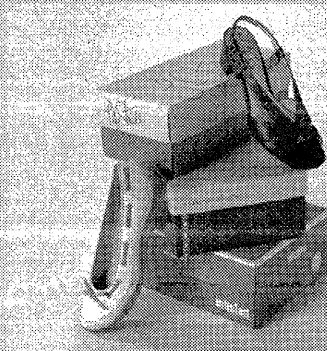
The Plymouth Community Band, headed by longtime leader Carl Battishill, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

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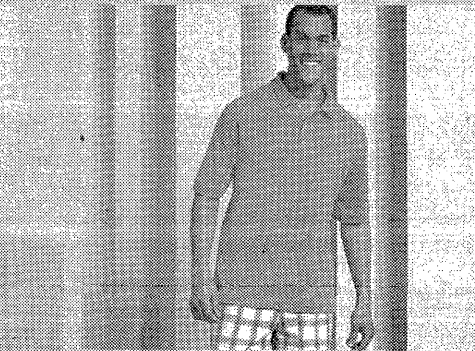
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State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, host a special town hall meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Canton Library, to share information about job opportunities in new and emerging industries like renewable energy.

"Renewable energy and other green technologies are creating jobs for our hard-working men and women right here in Wayne County," Slavens said. "This informational meeting will help provide residents with the resources they need to find good-paying, green-collar jobs."

Slavens and Corriveau will be joined by Liesl Clark, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth (DELEG). For information on green jobs available in Michigan, please visit DELEG's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dleg.

"Our workers are the best in the world and their knowledge and skills will help make Michigan the nation's center for green technology," Corriveau said. "I encourage everyone to join us for this excellent opportunity to learn about resources that are available to help them land a job in this emerging industry."

The Canton Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Christmas in July

Canton Goodfellows and Indigo Salon and Day Spa partner for the 2009 Gifts for Kids with a "Christmas in July" special Monday, July 20.

Proceeds from 100 percent of services rendered noon to 7 p.m. that day will be donated to the Canton Goodfellows Gifts for Kids to help children in need.

The Indigo Salon and Day Spa is located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

To reserve a spot, call the Spa at (734) 961-3245. For more information go to the Spa's Web site at www.indigosalonanddayspa.com or the Canton Goodfellows' Web site at www.cantongoodfellows.org

Republican picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Taking Back America" picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Heritage Park Pavilion 2 on Heritage Drive (west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill) in Canton.

Cost is \$10 per person (and 50 percent of that goes to the Michigan Military Moms). Hot dogs, chips, pop and fun are promised, with guest cook State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and special guest Attorney General Mike Cox. Picnic goers will be able to talk and network with other people from western Wayne County, discover how to remain informed and get necessary information to become more involved.

Democratic Club meets

The next meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club takes place 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting features guest speaker Garrett Arwa, the Michigan State Field Director for Organizing For America, who will give a short informational segment and then take questions. The club is also still looking for additional speakers for its upcoming Energy and Environment Forum. Subsequent meetings take place Aug. 20 and Sept. 10. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting to be donated to Food Gatherers food bank.

Haggerty closes

Drivers used to traveling Haggerty near Cherry Hill noticed the northbound lane closed a quarter-mile north of Cherry Hill Monday.

The northbound lane of Haggerty will be closed for four to six weeks for a Wayne County resurfacing project during which workers work to resurface Haggerty from Cherry Hill to Ford Road.

Canton Township officials are suggesting northbound drivers use Lilley as the detour.

In a few weeks, officials said, the southbound lane on Haggerty will be closed at the bridge; however, they said, southbound traffic will be shifted to the northbound lanes on the bridge. Southbound traffic will be maintained at all times during construction.

More information on road projects is available at Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org

NAMI Walk

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of

mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts their sixth annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26. The 5k/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registra-

tion walk fee for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates.

Proceeds will fund NAMI programs in Michigan, including support, education and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.

NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country dedicated to the

eradication of mental illness and improving the quality of life for people affected.

"NAMI members are volunteers whose mission is to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families," said Sherri Solomon, executive director of NAMI Michigan. Companies, organizations and families are encouraged to organize teams of walkers, made up of employees, organization members, relatives and friends. Walkers raising \$100 or more get a NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America event

T-shirt. Walkers also get other incentives based on amounts raised up to \$5,000 or more.

There are a variety of sponsorships available, ranging from "Kilometer Sponsor" (\$250) to "Presenting Sponsor" (\$10,000), each carrying various incentives and opportunities for recognition/publicity.

To register or become a sponsor, go online at www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI; contact walk manager Marti Bush at mbush@gchi.org or (313) 263-2370; or Solomon at shallsolomon@comcast.net or (517) 485-4049.



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Obama invite excites Schoolcraft's chief Jeffress

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress got a call from the White House Monday, he wasn't sure he should take it seriously.

The call turned out to be legit, and Jeffress was on his way at lunchtime Tuesday to see President Barack Obama during a visit to Macomb County Community College

in Warren. The president was in town to unveil a \$12 billion program to improve U.S. community colleges.

"I enjoyed them even though we sat in the sun four hours," said Jeffress Wednesday morning of Obama's remarks. "It was worth the wait." He was about 12 feet away and able to take photos of the president with his cell phone.

"The programs he proposed

are fine," Jeffress said of the community college funding, primarily financial aid through Pell grants. Obama hopes to boost community college graduation rates. The U.S. president sees many job opportunities requiring two-year degrees, and hopes to better link community colleges to successful job training.

Completion rates at Schoolcraft depend on the pro-

gram, Jeffress said, with nursing and culinary arts around 90 percent.

"We can't really track people who come in and take one or two courses" and move on, he said, noting that's easier for four-year universities. Schoolcraft has a main campus on Haggerty in Livonia as well as a Garden City campus, and serves a number of western Wayne communities.

When students apply to Schoolcraft, they get a flier with job information, such as pay and the employment picture.

"We try to give them as much information as possible," Jeffress said. Obama's speech cited his goal by 2020 of the U.S. having the highest proportion of college graduates worldwide.

The community college



Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

Challenge Fund cites dual enrollment with public schools, and tutoring to help students graduate, Jeffress said. "He wants to concentrate on completion rates and I think that's great." Employers like to see that students were able to complete a program.

The president's plan called for some \$2.5 billion to upgrade and maintain community college buildings.

"Always it comes in handy," said Jeffress, citing phone and computer systems, as well as building renovations. "That's a continuing problem with all the schools."

Obama cited loans and not grants for facilities. "It doesn't bother me either way," Jeffress said Wednesday. "You have to stay current."

Students site buildings as part of their satisfaction with the school, he said, and expect up-to-date facilities.

"Actually, any money is wonderful," Jeffress said. "I'll take it in a brown bag."

The president's plan also calls for \$500 million for online learning. Schoolcraft's already a leader in that area, either No. 1 or 2 among community colleges statewide. Jeffress hopes to "invest in the robustness of that." He envisions more interactive content, beyond that of a PowerPoint presentation.

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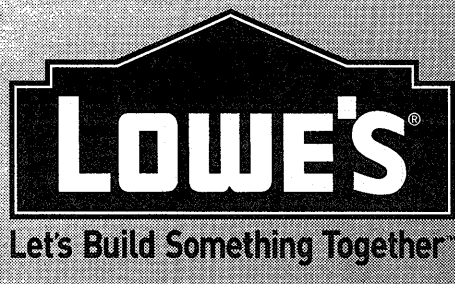
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OUR VIEWS

Mud mirth worthy of celebrating

Slinging the mud generally has negative connotations in government, but it can be a good thing in Wayne County. Just witness last week's 22nd annual Wayne County Parks Mud Day at the Nankin Mills Area of Hines Park.

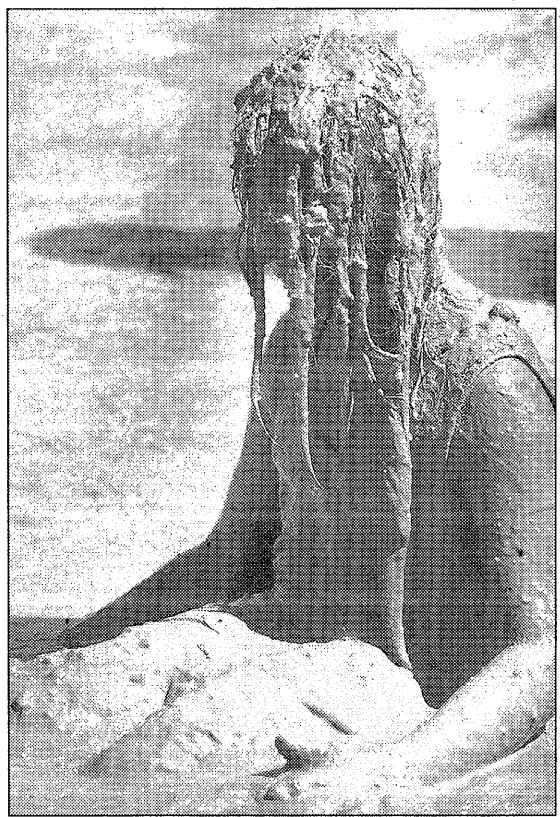
Kids were able to roll and romp through a Westland mud pit and get hosed off by warm HazMat showers courtesy of the Westland Fire Department. For more than two decades, this event has pulled families far and wide in for some old-fashioned — and very messy — fun. Mud Day is becoming nationally and even internationally known. The July 8

USA Today, the day after Mud Day, carried a photo and caption giving Mud Day nationwide exposure.

Last year's Mud Day made the front page of the *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Guardian*, carrying our topsoil merriment to our good neighbors to the north in Canada. A quick Web search following Mud Day shows fun images carried worldwide online, broadcasted and in print.

It takes cooperation from governments, and help from sponsors like Fox 2 News and ITC Holdings, to put Mud Day together. Hats off to those who make it possible, and may the muddy fun go on for many more summers!

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Breana Archandault gets covered head-to-toe at the 22nd annual Wayne County Mud Day at Nankin Mills.

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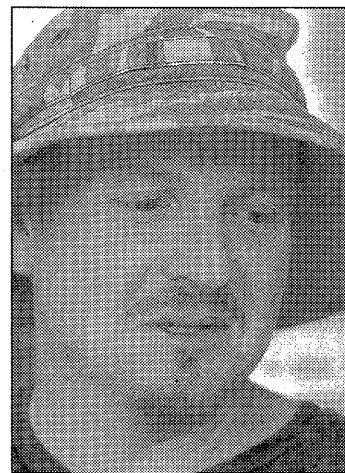
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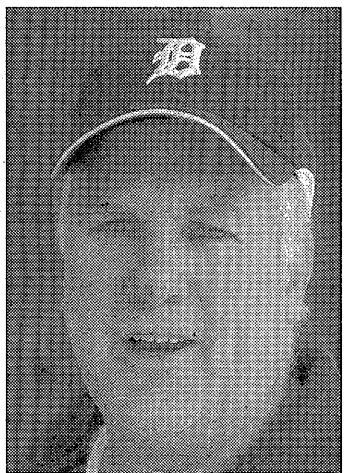
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What do you think of the move in Congress that would force General Motors and Chrysler to retain some of the dealerships they want to cut?

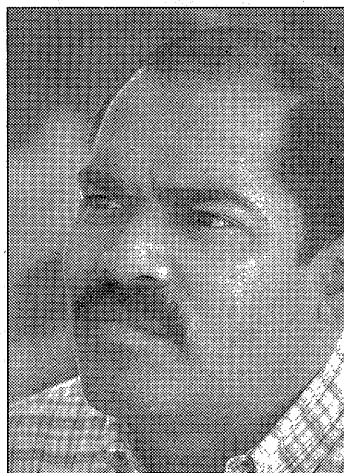
We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



'If they can't make it they can't make it.'
Brian Greer
Cullman, Ala.



'I don't think they should go back on their original position.'
Dave Seageren
Plymouth



'That's a good (thing). That'd help for employment.'
Jose Cyriac
Canton Township



'You have to go with what's profitable. But the dealerships are hurting 'cause it's their bread and butter.'
Nancy Kleven
Livonia

LETTERS

Thanks for help

On Thursday evening, May 21, around 7:45 p.m., I was driving on E.N. Hines Drive, heading for Northville Road. Suddenly, it felt like I ran out of gas.

I was able to turn my 10-year-old Ford Mystic mostly to the side of the road just as it drifted to a stop at the traffic light on Wilcox Road.

Since my driving is local, there didn't seem to be a need for a cell phone, until this moment. Almost immediately two teenage girls, probably around 17 years old, asked if I needed a ride or cell phone. One of the girls (they were sisters) quickly went down the road and returned with a cell.

I called my family for help. At that moment, a police car pulled up and the officer tried to help. The car wouldn't start, so he very gently pushed my car down the road so I could turn into a Hines Drive drive and out of traffic.

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My husband and son arrived at that time, and between the police officer and my son were able to determine the problem, look under the hood and with my driver's handbook (kept in the glove compartment) find and change the correct fuse. I was ready to go again!

I am so thankful for the enthusiastic generosity and help given to me by the two wonderful and very lovely sisters (whose names I cannot remember) and also to one of the girls' boyfriend, who arrived later.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude to Officer Fritz for his very courteous manner and outstanding cooperation and direction in helping me get on my way.

It is a genuine pleasure to live in this community and to experience the real character that abides within!

Catherine Konieczny
Northville

Value your hometown newspaper

What if our local newspaper went out of business? What would we lose as a community the day our newspaper dies? If our local paper dies, could it be resuscitated?

It hit me watching the Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville. I thought I would enjoy reading the local newspaper, the *Northville Record*, next week to capture the simple joys of a parade — kids marching, the smiles on young and old faces as the clown came by, and the salutes from the war veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the recent heroes back from fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But what if our hometown paper ceases to exist? No, I haven't even heard a rumor to this effect — but given what is happening to the newspaper business across the country, but the thought is not that far-fetched.

We are losing great newspapers and writers to budget cuts. What makes us believe our local community paper will be immune? This would be an enormous blow to our collective freedom and our democracy. The great news reporter Walter Cronkite remarked, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy; it is democracy." We need to know what is going on in our world, nation and state — but no one covers our hometown like the local paper.

What if the *Observer & Eccentric* and the *Hometown* weeklies go the way of far too many good newspapers across the country and disappear with the latest wave of economic bad news? Sure, you will still get the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings scores, the latest problems from our State Capitol and updates on the most recent national scandal. You don't need the local press to be inundated with the Michael Jackson stories of the world — unless you want the "local angle."

Our newspapers and our democracy are dependent on the economy and advertising dollars. Both are in a sharp decline. The reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 percent to 80 percent of most newspaper companies' revenue. It is a sad and unfortunate reality that the cost of our freedom and knowledge is dependent on the bottom line.

But a community that loses its local paper loses part of its community soul.

No, our world will not come to an end if we don't read about the newest flavor at Guernsey's Farm Dairy, that the cow had a new calf at the farm in Maybury State Park, the Tuscan Cafe's women's softball team made the playoffs (even though all teams that sign up make the playoffs), what's happening at Jack's Barber shop, what is playing at the Tipping Point or Marquis Theater, the father-daughter St. Valentine Day's dance will be held at the Rec Center again this year, or our local schools produce nationally recognized students while struggling financially due to the state's economic woes.

This is our hometown community, family, friends, connections. The true simple pleasures in life that happen close to home are what truly matter. It is good to see the news about our local businesses, and what our hometown mayor, City Council, County Commission or Township Board are doing.

The *Detroit News*, the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Oakland Press* all do an admirable job attempting to cover the multitude of small communities that make up southeast Michigan. Yet, as hard as they try, they cannot capture the local culture and makeup, nuances and the small things that make our local communities unique. Nor will they devote the ink or newsprint to cover the PTA, VFW, Rotary, Optimist, Lions, Moose, new school bus routes, police blotter, the new technology at our local library and the many other events that document the wonderful things about our local community.

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT TIL IT'S GONE

What can you do to help? Do you believe having a hometown newspaper adds value to your hometown? If the answer is yes, I highly encourage you take the following action:

- 1) The first and easiest thing we all can do is to renew or take out a subscription to your hometown paper.
- 2) Encourage your neighbors to sign up for a subscription.
- 3) Advertise in the local paper.
- 4) Frequent the local merchants that advertise. These businesses give back to our community in many ways and need our support and help to stay in business during these tough economic times.
- 5) Send news to the local editor. Like most businesses, our local papers have cut back and don't have enough reporters to "dig up" the news — so send it to them. Tell them about how Grandpa is turning 100, that the new baby has arrived, the baseball team went undefeated, how the robotics or Odyssey of the Mind team did at the national competition, and the acts of kindness shown by the local high school students.
- 6) Send a letter to the editor telling him or her how you value your hometown news.

The time to act is now. Our community newspaper is a business. Like all businesses it needs our support to survive and prosper. We should do all we can to help keep our local newspapers alive and covering the good, the bad and ugly to keep us informed about our town.

Let's not let the ink go dry in our community.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant in the United States and China. He subscribes to the *Northville Record*. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05. Read Watkins' recent China/Change blog at: <http://pod08.prospero.com/tomwatkins>.



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Susun Yerebeck of Brighton and Last Chance Animal Rescue (from left), Andrew Baum at the drive-through window, Jason Smith of Novi and Silver Dairy Operations Manager Gary Bernstein of Farmington enjoy a cool break with their furry friends while planning for this weekend's pet adoption day and fundraiser at the Farmington ice cream store.

Retailers, businesses, offer summer camps, activities for kids

An Old Navy camp shirt might be just the thing for this camp. From July 20-24, Old Navy is partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Canada as well as other youth serving non-profit organizations to offer teens a chance to explore career opportunities in retail and develop valuable job skills.

In more than 450 Old Navy stores across the U.S. and Canada, teens ages 13-18 will become campers at Camp Old Navy, now in its ninth year. Teens will spend the day getting a behind-the-scenes look at how a retail store operates and gaining hands-on experience in retail management, sales and merchandising as they "job shadow" employees.

Participating Old Navy locations are: Novi at the Novi Town Center, Romulus BGCA; Auburn Hills at Baldwin Commons, Detroit Salvation Army; Troy at Midtown Square, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit; and Ann Arbor, Arborland Shopping Center, BGCA of Ypsilanti.

Observer-area Old Navy stores include Old Navy in Farmington Hills.

Also offering youth an insider's look at their business this summer is Uptown Entertainment, an Ilitch-owned company that operates three metro Detroit movie theatres. It will host Harry Potter enthusiasts ages 9-12 for a special, one-time-only Harry Potter Movie Day Camp at the Palladium 12 theatre in downtown Birmingham from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 20.

The event features a special showing of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," which hits theatres this week. Participants will also tour behind-the-scenes areas of the theatre, enjoy lunch and movie concessions and dress up as their favorite Harry Potter characters for their own big screen performance. Uptown Entertainment will provide the costumes, as well as gift bags and a DVD of the kids' performances for them to take home.

Tickets are \$50, available at the Palladium 12 at 250 North Old Woodward Avenue in Birmingham or by phone at (248) 723-6220.

Retailers are also offering plain old fashioned fun. Kids Days is a two-day shopping event, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 21 and 22 at Parisian Laurel Park, Livonia.

"We have partnered with local businesses to create a fun and exciting Back to School shopping day for families. All activities are complimentary and will be located in our children's department and our mall courtyard. We will also have a few non-profit organizations for children and animals visiting as well," said Jill Engel, Parisian spokeswoman.

Also, the more Parisian customers buy, the more they'll save that day: from 20 percent for spending \$25 to 30 percent for spending \$75 and more.

Retailers offering activities for the entire family will include: Max & Erma's, Zap Zone Extreme, Livonia Family YMCA, Lightning Speedway, Borders Express, Pump it Up, D&M Art Studios, Michigan Flag Football and Just Baked Cupcake Shop.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS BENEFITS

Pendleton aids Goldens

Pendleton in Downtown Northville is partnering with the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan - GRRoM - in a special fundraising sales event. From July 16-18, when you designate your purchase to GRRoM, 10 percent will be donated to GRRoM. A representative from GRRoM, along with a foster Golden Retriever, will be there from 12-3 p.m. each day to answer questions. For more information about Pendleton, call (248) 596-9820. For more information about GRRoM, visit www.grrrom.com Ice cream social and pet adoption From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River Ave., Farmington, will host a pet adoption day and fund raiser for Last Chance Rescue Animal Rescue of

Howell, Brighton and Flint. There will be animals to adopt and partial proceeds of sales will go to the organization. Dogs are welcome, cones for dogs are available. The event is being held on the weekend of the Farmington Founders Festival. (248) 474-6609

Coffee for a cause

From noon to 5 p.m. July 18-19, Biggby's Store 241, 1952 South Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate its one year anniversary by donating \$1 for each drink sold to Variety Far Conservatory. Students will also sell products they created and there will be a Far Band and vocalists, among other activities. Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts enriches the lives of children and adults with special

needs and serves over 2000 individuals in school and community-based programs.

Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue

The 4th Annual Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue! is a night of family fun at Aleta Sill's Bowling World, Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9-Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. The event is 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be auctions, raffles, door prizes, music, karaoke and cash bar. For tickets, call 248-615-9060 or via e-mail: Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com. Or visit www.YourBowlingCoach.com/Community

Have fun shopping, exploring downtown areas during festivals, fairs

Summer is great for shopping in downtown areas and having fun at their festivals and fairs, too. Following are a few:

FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

The Farmington Founders Festival is this week, July 17-19. The weekend is one of music, art, and fun for all ages.

The festival is well known for its one-of-kind shopping. In addition to great finds at Art On The Grand and the Crafters Marketplace, the festival is the perfect opportunity to explore downtown Farmington shops and boutiques. There will also be sidewalk sales.

The kids will love the activities. This year's festival has a circus theme. The Meijer Go Playground will feature the Ringling Brothers.

From 5 to 11:30 p.m. each evening, the over 21- crowd can enjoy fine wine, food, and live music in Alley Regalley, in the big white tent on Grand River near Farmington Road. The \$5 cover charge benefits charity partner Make A Wish Foundation.

Find out more at FoundersFestival.com.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

There'll be lots of art to buy at the 50th annual Ann Arbor Art Fair through July 18 in the heart of the central campus of the University of Michigan. The fair features 150 juried artists, an array of free art activities and performances for the whole family to enjoy.

BUY MICHIGAN NOW FESTIVAL

Downtown Northville is the host location for the official "Buy Michigan Now" Festival, July 27-Aug. 2.

Participating organizations will all be Michigan-based. Vendors and exhibitors will be on hand all week to describe services, offer tastings and to demonstrate and sell their products.

Weekday themes draw attention to emerging industries and opportunities. They are: Monday - Going Green in the Eco-Peninsula; Tuesday - Family, Fun, and Food; Wednesday - Wellness Wednesday; Thursday - Creating

Commerce; Friday - Cultivating a Creative Economy; Saturday & Sunday - Made in Michigan Exploration & Celebration.

Hiller's Market in Northville is one of the participants. It will host local companies and products, with samples for shoppers.

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Backyard habitats

It's easy to 'give back' to nature, in your own back yard

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The only thing that thrives on an expansive lawn is a lawn mower.

That's what Naturalist Joe Derek says when he thinks about how many more people could "give back" to nature by creating their own backyard habitat.

Attracting wildlife to a suburban backyard isn't as difficult as it would seem. The key is to let it grow, naturally. Farmington Hills resident Pete Fellman knows this, firsthand. His back yard rolls down to a pond, where wildlife teems.

"We just try to protect the indigenous species of wildlife and plant life," said Fellman, describing how he and his family encourage the survival of what's already there. "We try not to disturb what's down there."

But, he did take the opportunity to offer a helping hand to the resident wood ducks by building nesting boxes, so the ducks have safe places to nest.

"Encouraging the native wildlife is the best thing we could do," he said.

For properties that do not already have a pond, there are four elements to consider when creating a backyard habitat: access to food, water, cover or shelter and a place for the animals to raise their young.

Backyard habitats can be as large as the Fellmans' property or as small as a balcony on an apartment or condo.

Derek said butterfly habitats are the best for small spaces.



Above, the habitat at the Nature Center, in Heritage Park, grows naturally, but the native plantings, along with the waterfall and pond are carefully maintained to ensure it's an inviting place for wildlife.

Fennel or parsley plants are good for laying eggs and a butterfly bush is a good food supply for the butterflies once they hatch.

"You've created a habitat and a food source for caterpillars and butterflies to come in," said Derek.

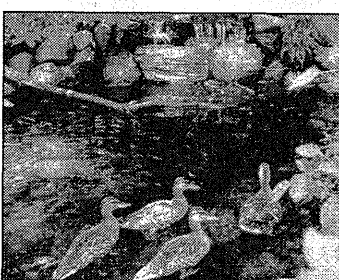
A good example of a backyard habitat that attracts all sorts of wildlife, including animals, insects and birds, can be found at the Nature Center at Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

The lush area, outside of the bird viewing window, has a waterfall and small pond and is filled with native plants such as goldenrod, elderberry bushes, Timothy grass, jewel weeds, milk weed and more. Most of the plants have come in naturally, while others were planted there.

On a given day, the habitat attracts many species of birds, squirrels, woodchucks, chipmunks, ducks and even deer, if the conditions are just right. People enjoy sitting on the



Farmington Hills City Naturalist Joe Derek points out the native plantings in the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.



A family of ducks take a swim through the pond at the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.

bench in the viewing room and watching all of the activity. "The habitat here is a hit," said Derek. "This is the place everybody comes — but, anyone can do this in their own yard. Nature will bring it in for you, and then you can tweak it."

He said the backyard habitat will immediately become a hit with wildlife, too.

"If you plant it, they will come," he said.

Derek noted that a habitat offers a place for wildlife to thrive, instead of struggle to survive.

"At least this is somewhere they can come in and continue to exist with us," he said. "We're part of the chain, we're part of the web. People think we're at the top of the food chain and that's it. This is just giving back."



The elderberry bush is a food source inside the wildlife habitat at the Nature Center.



A woodchuck stops in for a snack at the Nature Center's habitat.

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League-leading Rams sweep Eagles

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scoring early and often was the recipe for success Sunday as the Michigan Rams twice made easy work of the Detroit Eagles in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play. Backed by a three-hit showing from Aaron Cieslak and strong mound performances by Brady Cooper and Taylor Robson, the Rams rolled to an easy 8-1 victory over the Eagles in game one. Game two wasn't much different as

Cieslak again led the hitting parade with three hits and left-hander Tom Hansen tossed five shutout innings of one-hit ball as the Rams took the nightcap, 10-0, in five innings.

In the opener, the Rams jumped on Eagles starter Chris Whitney for three runs in the second inning. They added two more in the fourth and two in the fifth, knocking Whitney out of the game.

Cieslak drove in three runs in the game and teammate Joe Barnes chipped in with a two-hit performance

that resulted in two RBI and two runs scored. Andrew Ciennik singled, knocked in one run, walked twice and scored two times, while Jake Rhodes singled and scored two runs. Nick Plinka and Justin Forster added to the nine-hit Rams attack with a single each and combined to score three runs.

Cooper earned the victory in the contest with three scoreless innings of work. He faced just 10 batters, striking out four, walking none and not allowing a hit. Robson took over in the fourth and yielded one hit and three walks.

Jeff Beckles had the only hit and RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, the Rams scored two runs in the first, pushed across four more in the second and put the game away with two in each of the third and fourth frames to rack up the win.

Cieslak clubbed two singles and a triple, scored three times and drove in two more to highlight the nine-hit offensive attack. Forster, meanwhile, hammered a double and triple, drove in

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GAME WRAPS

Marecki at USAs

Livonia Stevenson High grad Brynn Marecki, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Buffalo, qualified for the 100-meter breaststroke at the USA Swimming Nationals last week in Indianapolis, Ind. where she wound up 59th overall with a time of 1:14.65.

The 2008 MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley also earned All-Mid-American Conference honors this past season with the Bulls.

At the MAC Championships, she swam the breaststroke leg of the record-breaking, first-place 200-yard medley relay and was also a member of the record-breaking 400 medley relay (3:44.39).

The freshman made an NCAA 'B' cut in the 100-yard breaststroke, breaking her own school record for the fourth time this season with a clocking of 1:01.81, good enough for a third-place finish. Marecki also earned sixth place in the 200 breaststroke with a school record time of 2:15.99.

All-Academic baseball

Six area players were among 65 state-wide recently selected to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division 1 Academic All-State Team.

Among those selected were Livonia Churchill seniors Jimmy Szymanski and Jimmy Tyler, along with junior Christian Leathley.

Livonia Franklin was represented by Jack Chinavare and Nick Hopson.

Also selected was Westland John Glenn junior Andrew McGrath.

Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600 or email cott@canton-mi.org.

Ace shooters

Glen Garry, of Garden City, recently notched his first hole-in-one as his 5-iron to the 114-yard eighth hole at Rolling Meadows Country Club found the bottom of the cup.

Steve Wheeler, of Canton, also scored a hole-in-one. Wheeler aced the 149-yard fifth hole at Snow, Snake, Ski & Golf in Harrison Township on June 28.

Motor City Junior Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship, sponsored by Caddyshack and Top Flite Golf, will be Wednesday, July 29 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. The event is open to boys and girls ages 12-17.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is 18 holes, practice rounds (prior to the event), driving range balls (day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pack.

All entries are due by Friday, July 24. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.).

For more information and tee times, call (248) 476-4493.

Moldovan leads area winners at Kingsbury tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan was a late entry into the 11th annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament hosted by the Livonia Family YMCA.

Rated No. 2 in the Girls 12s and No. 16 in the Girls 14s in the latest Southeast Michigan Tennis Association rankings, the unseeded Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday over Ann Arbor's Courtney Lymburner in the finals at Stevenson High School.

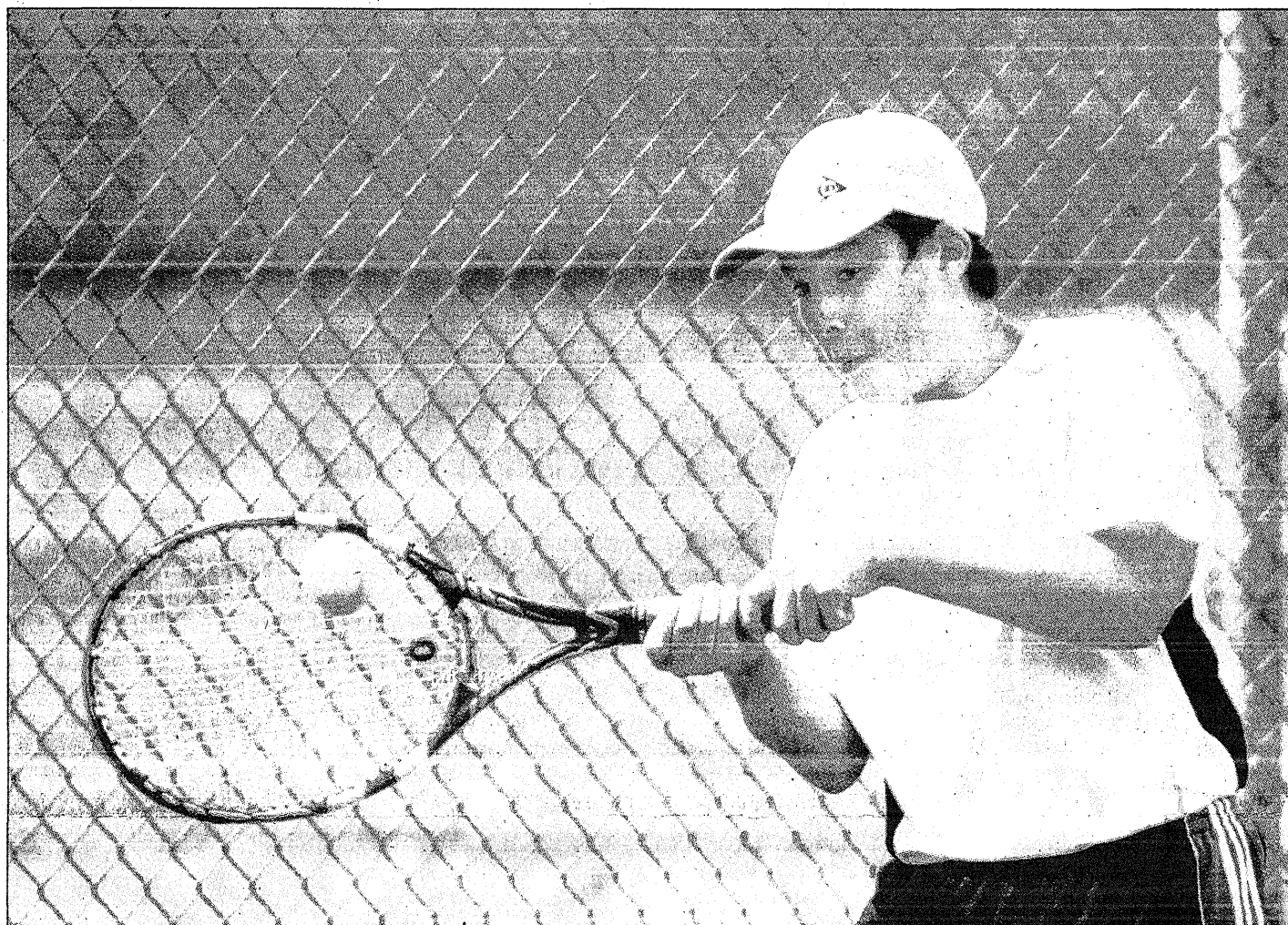
Moldovan, who recently captured the Girls 14s singles title last month at the Schoolcraft College Spring Open and won the SEMTA District Muthig Girls 12 qualifier in May, now sports a 12-month overall record of 45-5 dating back to July of 2008.

Other girls singles winners at the Kingsbury Tournament, included unseeded Emily Nghiem, Franklin Village (Girls 14), who beat Westland's Carolyn McCullen; top seed Marybeth Hurley, Novi (Girls 12); and unseeded Madalyn Winarski, Rochester Hills (Girls 10).

In the Boys 18 singles, unseeded Garrett Halpert of Ann Arbor won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2, over Michael Fitzgerald of Grosse Ile. Halpert is ranked No. 11 in the Boys 16 SEMTA rankings.

Top seed Andrew Cahn of West Bloomfield rolled to the Boys 16 title with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the finals over second-seeded Kevin Chang of Ann Arbor. Cahn is ranked No. 12 in the SEMTA Boys 16 rankings.

The top seed also captured the Boys 14 title as Rishi Patel of Bloomfield Hills defeated Jason Mondry, also of Bloomfield Hills, 6-3, 6-1.



Michael Martz of Farmington Hills looks for a successful return during recent play in the 11th Annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament held in Livonia. The event crowned champions in five different age categories.

Bianca Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday.

The Boys 12 singles title also went to No. 1 seed Franklin Brozovich of Fort Gratiot. He defeated Brendan Dillon of Birmingham, 6-3, 6-1, after Dillon toppled second seed Jonathan Martin of Livonia in a third-set tiebreaker, 11-9.

The Boys 10 singles featured a round-robin format with Troy's Anthony Ciraci winning all three of his matches to take the title.

KINGSBURY RESULTS

11th annual JUD KINGSBURY MEMORIAL JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT July 10-12 at Livonia YMCA, Stevenson H.S.

FINAL AGE-GROUP SINGLES RESULTS

Boys 18s: Garrett Halpert (Ann Arbor) defeated Michael Fitzgerald (Grosse Ile), 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Halpert def. Michael Zieck (Bloomfield), 7-6 (7-3), 1-6 (10-4 third set tiebreaker); Fitzgerald def. Tyler Marengo (Fort Gratiot), 7-6, 6-2.

Girls 16s: Bianca Moldovan (Livonia) def. Courtney Lymburner (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Moldovan def. Katelyn Blumberg (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-2; Lymburner def. Abby Wang (Novi), 6-2, 6-4.

Boys 16s: Andrew Cahn (West Bloomfield) def. Kevin Chang (Ann Arbor), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Cahn def. William Wilson (Commerce), 6-1, 6-2; Chang def. Stephen Payne (Livonia), 6-4, 6-4.

Girls 14s: Emily Nghiem (Franklin) def. Carolyn McCullen (Westland), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Nghiem def. Kerry Hu (West

Bloomfield), 6-2, 6-1; McCullen def. Maria Vicini (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-1.

Boys 14s: Rishi Patel (Bloomfield Hills) def. Jason Mondry (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Patel def. Michael Ciraci (Troy), 6-4, 7-5; Mondry def. Phillip Kovalev (Bloomfield Hills), 6-4, 6-2.

Girls 12s: Marybeth Hurley (Novi) def. Reehma Kumar (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Hurley def. Nina Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-1; Kumar def. Mausam Patel (Ypsilanti), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

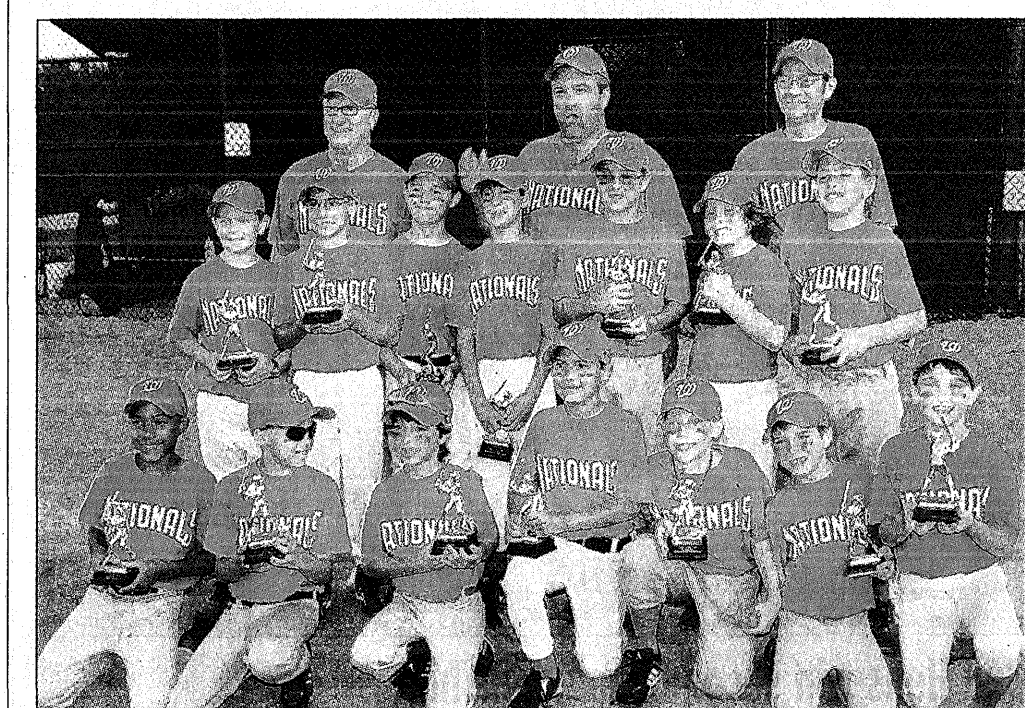
Boys 12s: Franklin Brozovich (Fort Gratiot) def. Brendan Dillon (Birmingham), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Brozovich def. Kobie Mueller (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0; Dillon def. Jonathan Martin (Livonia), 3-6, 6-2 (11-9 third set tiebreaker).

Girls 10s: Madalyn Winarski (Rochester Hills) def. Allona Yutzy (Northville), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Winarski def. Lily Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-3; Yutzy def. Tara Shetty (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0.

Boys 10s (round robin): 1. Anthon Ciraci (Troy) def. Sean Mulka, 6-0, 6-1; def. Brad Silverman (West Bloomfield), 6-3, 4-6 (10-7 third set tiebreaker); def. Brendan Allen, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Silverman def. Allen, 6-1, 6-2; def. Mulka, 6-2, 6-3.



Morgan Spencer of Plymouth goes to the backhand to return a shot in junior tennis play.



Spring champs

The 9U Spring Baseball Playoff Champions in The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association are the Nationals. Members of the team include (front row, from left) Colin Troup, Joseph Vespaziani, Tanner Tracy, Gabe Segovia-Plate, Matt Breda, Grant Harmer and Alex Schaffer. In the middle row (from left) are Jacob Paton, Davey Farhat, Matt English, Mitch Harber, Jacob Seipenko, Nathan Faur and Brett Caldwell. The back row includes (from left) coaches Scott Schaffer, Don Harber and Brian Paton.

Bucks seek must-wins on the road

The Michigan Bucks dominated the offensive statistics on Saturday night, but as the story of their season goes, they failed to finish their chances when they needed to score.

The Chicago Fire Premier Development League playoff ticket with a 2-1 win in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 989 fans at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Chicago improved to 9-1-5 in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, tied for first with the Kalamazoo Outrage (10-2-2, 32 points).

The loss leaves the Bucks looking on the outside for the third and final playoff spot at 7-5-2 (23 points), five points behind third-place Forest City of London, Ontario (8-3-4).

"The players responded well and never gave up," said Livonia native and Bucks CEO/Chairman Dan Duggan. "We just didn't have things go our way when we needed them. As I replay the season in my head, I can tell you of four games if we finish one of those chances we change the entire situation so that we are not in a position to have a 'must win' at this point in the season. The fans got their money's worth tonight, and saw at least six future Major League Soccer (MLS) players on the field. Unfortunately, this year most of them were wearing the wrong color jersey."

Chicago jumped out to a 1-0 lead on striker Andre Akpan's goal from Rich Balchin in the

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CAMPS/CLINICS

Football

North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd.schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

The Pops QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including: Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12). For more information, visit popsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

All sports

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer - July 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball - July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball - July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail

athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics.

The summer programs, through Aug. 17, will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymcadetroit.org for information.

Soccer

Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24.

Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff

working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting Midwest Soccer Academy at 1-800-714-5575 or toll free at 1-877-714-5575, or by email at info@midwestsoccer.net, or by signing up online at www.midwestsoccer.net.

Basketball

Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.



Storm rules tourney

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm softball team recently captured the Warren Fury Tournament. Members of the Storm include: Katie Bone, Lauren Brenner, Anna Burch, Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery, Amber Gelinis, Sidnee Mattison, Naomi Oxendine, Amanda Shaltis, Anna Plumley and Breanna Taylor. The Storm is coached by Mark Bone, Brett Emery, Kathie and Joe Taylor and Dennis Mattison.



Turning up the Heat

The Livonia YMCA Heat recently captured the Western Suburban Soccer League's Recreational High School Open Division 1 with a 6-1-1 record for the spring 2009 season. Members of the Heat include (top row, from left): head coach Todd Francisco, Jeff Dombrowski, Kevin Francisco, Chad Stevens, Tyler Brown, Aiden Yee, Michael Dolunt, Neil Culbertson, Tyler Ruchala, Zach Miller, Scott Vasko, Tim Talty, assistant coach Steve Vasko; (bottom row, from left) Jake Allen, Kyle Keller and Tony Ianni. (Not pictured is John Falkowski.)

BUCKS

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14th minute.

The Bucks, meanwhile, mounted constant pressure but were denied by Fire goalkeeper James Maurer, who made four spectacular saves.

The Bucks, however, tied it on Mauro Fuzetti's penalty kick after teammate Kenny Uzoigwe was knocked down in the box to make it 1-1 at intermission.

In the second half, the Bucks continued to pound at the Fire defense and had several golden opportunities to take the lead but were denied by Maurer or his defenders.

The goalkeeper's best friends cleared two balls off the line before the Bucks could finish their chances as the game went into the final quarter hour. Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald threw all his players forward the last 10 minutes, desperately trying to get the go-ahead strike while the disciplined Fire side patiently waited for a Bucks mistake.

That happened in the 86th minute when the last Fire counter-attack started deep in their own defensive end. Three passes later, Akpan was in alone on Bucks keeper Steve Clark to put an end to the Bucks' chance of winning. Michigan did have several more opportunities to tie the game, but could not get the final equalizer.

"This game was a snapshot of our entire season," Fitzgerald said. "We played one of the best teams in the PDL even and had at least five great opportunities to put them away, but couldn't finish. Give them credit; they are an intelligent, disciplined team. We outshot them 18-10 but could not get anything past them other than the PK. Credit their goalkeeper for saving the game, and the finishing of Akpan was outstanding. We wish them well as they move on to the postseason."

Duggan, meanwhile, was not pleased with the outcome, but proud of the effort his team displayed against a difficult opponent.

"It's always difficult when

we lose a game," he said. "It really hurts when you have such a great crowd on a night when the outcome of the game means so much to both teams. Everyone in the building knew we had to win this game, as a tie or a loss did us no good in trying to get that last playoff spot."

The Bucks have the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever to thank for their extended playoff lives, as they played London to a 1-1 draw on Sunday, leaving the door open for the Bucks to sneak past the first-year club by winning its final two matches of the season.

The Bucks travel Friday to FC London and then finish their 14th regular season in the PDL on the road Sunday against the host Toronto Lynx. The Bucks have qualified for the PDL playoffs 12 of the last 13 years.

But to qualify this year, they will need to win both road games this weekend. If the Bucks do anything but win both games, then FC London will clinch the final playoff spot in their inaugural season.

RAMS

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three runs and scored twice.

Barnes, Plinka, Ciennik and Alex Trojan all added a hit apiece.

Hansen (Madonna) faced only 18 batters in his five innings of work, striking out seven and walking only two. The only hit off the lefty in the mercy-shortened contest came from lead-off batter Corey Chapman in the first inning. The win moved Hansen to 5-

1 on the season and kept his ERA a perfect 0.00.

A single game slated with the Eagles for Monday produced much the same result as a five-run third inning by the Rams triggered a 10-0 triumph in six innings and a sweep of the three-game series.

Trojan paced the 12-hit Rams attack by going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate and knocking in four runs. Rhodes clubbed two hits and also drove in four runs and Cieslak's hot bat produced

a single and double and one RBI. Forster, Barnes, Ryan Abraham, Kyle Vesey and Brett Mazmanian each chipped in a hit apiece.

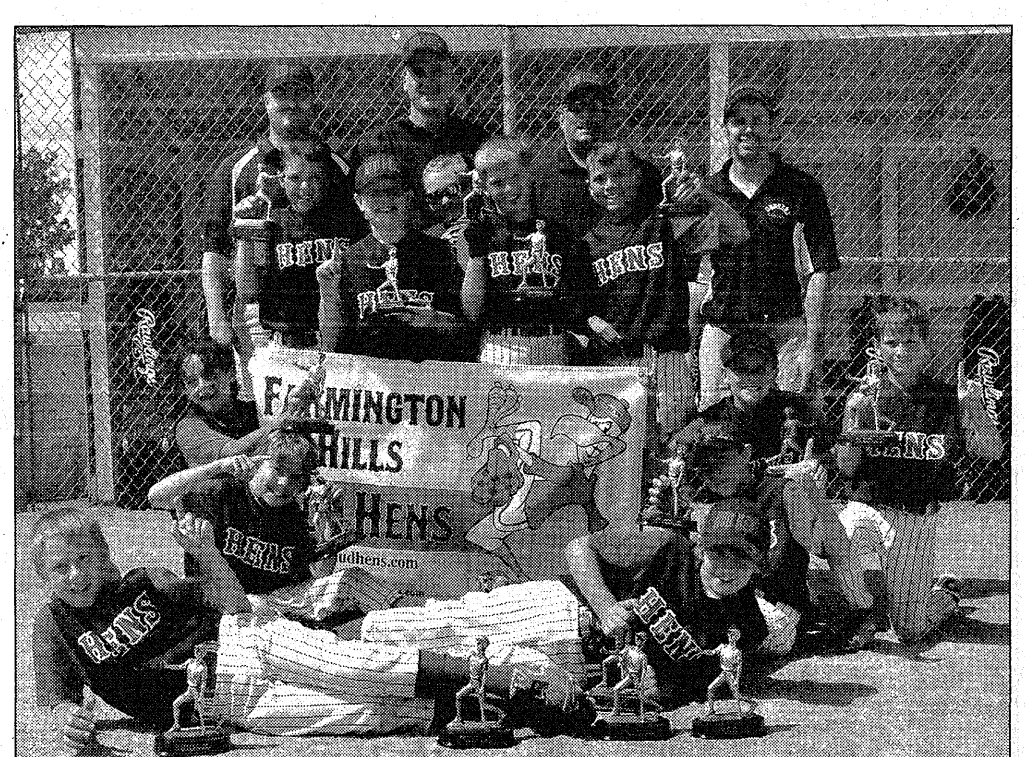
Starter Erik Wright was just as overpowering on the mound as the Rams hurler fanned seven in four scoreless innings of work. James Bertakis came on to clean up the final two frames, allowing only one hit during his time on the mound.

The Rams now stand 16-8 on the season with eight games remaining in the regular season. The Eagles fell to 5-19.



Blues win Major Elite crown

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Michigan Major Elite tournament June 12-14 in Monroe and Flat Rock. The Blues went 3-1 in pool play and were the fourth seed in the championship bracket. The Blues defeated the NFWB Cobras and Illinois Sparks to make it to the semifinals game against the Up to Bat Titans from Cleveland. The Titans took a 12-5 lead. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Blues scored eight runs to advance into the final. The Blues defeated the Cincy (Ohio) Flames to win the title, 6-4. This is the fourth tournament the Blues have won this year. The Blues placed second in the Michigan Super NIT and qualified to play in the USSA Elite World Series at Disney World in July. The Blues are (bottom row, left to right) head coach Pat Malzone, batboy Nate Wenson, Matt Stojkov, Jason Gluck, Connor Mohr, Bobby Lett, Alex Peczynski, Sal Cipriano, coach John Perry, (top row, left to right) coach Kevin Lowery, coach Dave Peczynski, Jake Lowery, Carmen Benedetti, Nick Malzone, John Perry, Harrison Wenson, Randy Kuzdak, Sterling Sharp, coach Paul Wenson and coach Joe Stojkov.



Mud Hens win second championship

The Farmington Hills Mud Hens won the Fowlerville 10-and-under tournament June 27-28. The team posted a 3-0 record, defeating the Pinckney Pirates and the Hartland Eagles in pool play and beating the New Lothrop Hornets in the championship game. The Hens needed a dramatic come-from-behind victory to win the championship. Trailing 9-1 in the bottom of the sixth, the boys scored eight runs to tie the game and send it to extra innings. Trailing 11-9 in the bottom of the seventh, the Mud Hens again rose to the challenge and scored three runs to bring home their second championship in the month of June. The Mudhens are (front, left to right) Colin Repasky, Ben Kucharski, (second row) Joe Majoros, Blake Kocsis, (third row) Dov Seifman, Charlie Ciaramitaro, Blake Bean, (fourth row) Drew Sheckell, Jack Politowicz, Dillon Champagne, Jared Fish, Jadyon Hodges, (back row) coach Tom Champagne, coach Steve Sheckell, manager Steve Bean and coach Brian Seifman.

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Who's who of Golf Associations

By David Graham

Have you ever wondered who all those golf associations are? The PGA, USGA, LPGA, GAM, PGA of America, Michigan Section PGA, MGCOA, MTF, MiGCSA, R&A, WGA, etc. It seems like we have more initials and abbreviations that make it "easy" for us in the business to talk in shorthand but confuses the bejabbers out of the vast majority of "golf fans." Who is responsible for what? Here is a quick tour of the statewide and leading national organizations that support our favorite sport in Michigan.

Golf Association of Michigan
Classified as a State and Regional Golf Association, the GAM is the only association that is dedicated to interests of the individual golfer. Founded in 1919, the mission of the GAM is to "promote, preserve and serve amateur golf in Michigan." Accordingly, we support a broader range of stakeholders, from golf facility operators, to golf professionals, to course

superintendents... all key participants in this industry. The GAM also serves as the licensed representative for the USGA to administer the USGA course rating and handicapping systems in Michigan and GAM administers all of the state amateur golf championships as well as qualifiers for the USGA's national championships including the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur.

United States Golf Association
Founded in 1894, the USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA administers the national championships including the U.S. Open, writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, maintains the official Handicap System, provides a Turf Advisory Service and administers an ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program.

Professional Golf Association Tour
The Tour is where the best golfers in the world compete for huge sums of dollars. "The mission of the PGA Tour is

to expand domestically and internationally to substantially increase player financial benefits while maintaining its commitment to the integrity of the game. The PGA TOUR events are also committed to generating revenue for charitable causes in their communities." In Michigan, we have had the Buick Open contested for over 50 years hosted at Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blanc.

PGA of America and Michigan Section PGA
This is the association of club golf professionals who work at golf facilities, private clubs, driving ranges, teaching academies, et. al. These professional golfers pass rigorous examinations of not only their golf skills, but also facility operations, retail merchandising, staff management, golf instruction, etc. The country is divided into districts and within districts, sections. We have the Michigan Section based in East Lansing that serves the member professionals around the state.

Ladies Professional Golf Association
This is the professional tour for the best women golfers in the world. Their stated mission is "to be a leader in the world of sports and to promote economic empowerment for our members. We will also serve as role models on and off the course." The Oldsmobile Classic was a LPGA tournament hosted at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing for a number of years.

Michigan Golf Course Owners Association
The MGCOA is "the voice of Michigan's Golf Business." This statewide organization is affiliated with the National Golf Course Owners Association and serves public golf facilities. Special purchasing programs are available to the members as well as leadership on marketing initiatives. In addition, the MGCOA pursues needed lobbying efforts in Lansing to insure the golf course operator's voice is heard by our legislators.

Western Golf Association
The WGA is best known for

overseeing the Evans Scholar Foundation that has provided college scholarships for deserving caddies who could not afford to go to college otherwise. In addition, the WGA has hosted the Western Open Professional Golf Championship (now known as the BMW Championship) and the Western Amateur and Junior Championships.

Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association
The newest of the statewide associations, the MiGCSA serves as the voice of golf course superintendents throughout the state. Until this state wide group was established in 2008, the needs of these professionals who really understand how to "keep our courses green" were organized into regional chapters all linked into the national association. The stated mission is "to provide leadership for Golf Course Superintendents and other golf industry partners on the economic, environmental and recreational vitality of golf in Michigan."

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan.

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Plymouth-based Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., announced the addition of Steven Willobee as community development manager. Willobee brings 10 years' experience helping governmental and private clients secure financial incentives and address federal, state and local requirements associated with redevelopment projects. He specializes in packaging and negotiating financial incentives for mixed-use, commercial, industrial, downtown revitalization and residential developments. Willobee holds a bachelor's degree in political



Willobee

science from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan.

Career seminar

Thought about a career in real estate? Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth hosts a 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 16. Questions will be answered about commissions, costs and what it takes, and your potential to succeed. The seminar will be held at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve your seat.

In the air

Foster Aviation is now open for business at the Willow Run airport, on the south side of the airfield in Hangar 2, Bay 6. Foster Aviation (www.foster-aviation.com) services all aircraft makes and models, including

the MiG-17 and the MiG-21 that will be performing at the Thunder Over Michigan airshow.

Health Screening Clinic

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 8. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screenings are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Spongebob anniversary

This summer is SpongeBob Squarepants' 10th anniversary and Borders is having a party. It's SpongeBob's Day of Happiness 2 p.m. July 18, an event that will feature SpongeBob games, trivia and stories. This is NOT a costume character event. It's open to children

ages 4-12.

Evelyn Aschenbrenner will sign copies of her book, A History of Wayne State University in Photographs, 7 p.m. July 22.

Borders also sponsors "Space Camp" 2 p.m. July 25. Attendees can celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Moon Landing. Bring out your inner astronaut with a special Kids Space Camp with games, trivia and stories. All events are free. Borders is located at 43435 Ford Road in Canton.

Retail management

LaKritz-Weber & Company announced the formation of Retail Center Management, a new property management company which will actively handle third-party management, lender distressed properties as well as the existing LaKritz-Weber portfolio.

Presently, the new company involves retail properties only. David Gronbach has joined Retail Center Management as its Executive Vice President and CEO. He brings to Retail Center Management more than 35 years of retail real estate experience. Formerly as Vice President of Real Estate with a regionally based retailer with more than 70 locations, Gronbach has extensive knowledge and experience of commercial real estate, particularly in property and project management. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, serving as the State Retail chairman. Gronbach is a graduate of Wayne State University and has a Michigan broker's license.

New director

The Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals has appointed James Harless to fill the vacant position of

government relations director on the AHMP Board of Directors. Harless, a long-standing member and secretary of the CHMM of Michigan, Inc. Chapter, has served on the AHMP Government Affairs Committee for four years, most recently as the chair. As the government relations director, Harless will coordinate activities of and support the Homeland Security Technical Committee and the Government Affairs Technical Committee. He is a vice president/principal at Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth. He has more than 33 years of experience, including five years with SME in environmental evaluations and consulting. He is a director of the Institute of Brownfield Professionals and is a member of the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Think first: Loyalty, love not part of investment equation

It's hard to believe that in six weeks General Motors declared bankruptcy, developed a reorganization plan, had the plan accepted by the creditors and now has become the new General Motors.

The new GM is supposedly leaner and meaner and better able to compete in the worldwide economy. Hopefully, this will be the case, however, it is still too early to tell. After all, worldwide the entire auto industry is experiencing difficulties and the new GM will undoubtedly face certain challenges.

While in some ways the new GM looks the same as the old yet in other ways it will be totally different. One way is ownership. One new owner — the U.S. government — has received very little publicity. The U.S. government owns a majority of the new



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

or bad, on how the company is managed.

You may be asking what happened to all the individual shareholders that owned General Motors stock before it went into bankruptcy. The short answer is they received nothing from their invest-

ment. Their investment in the old GM is worthless and they have no ownership interest in the new company.

Lost in the discussion of the General Motors bankruptcy has been the individual shareholder. The individual shareholder virtually had no rights in the bankruptcy.

I believe it is important to understand what happened to the individual shareholder because, unfortunately, too many individuals continued to retain GM stock even as its finances continued to fail, not because they thought it was a solid investment but out of loyalty. Loyalty is a great attribute in many situations. However, as an investor loyalty should not factor into the decision making process. Your investments don't love you, so you

shouldn't love them.

Never forget we invest money to make money. That concept should be the guiding light when it comes to investing. Unfortunately, many investors forget about that and let other things such as loyalty enter into the equation. The result is that investors who were loyal to GM now find their investment is worthless. They have no ownership interest in the new company and all they will receive is a tax write off.

The fact that shareholders will have no interest in the new GM is not surprising. It wasn't too long ago the same thing happened to Kmart shareholders.

Investors have to realize that in a bankruptcy preceding the shareholder is last in line. When a publicly held company declares

bankruptcy, shareholders will not benefit.

Whenever you buy a stock and invest in equities there is a risk that if the company does run into financial difficulty, your investment may become worthless. This is a risk that every investor has to accept. After all, if it can happen to GM, it can happen to any company.

Even though investors cannot prevent companies from going into bankruptcy, they need to be monitor their investments. Loyalty should not be a consideration in deciding to sell.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Business/Community News

• What is the 3/50 Project? Have you seen The 3/50 Project signs around town? The 3/50 Project is an initiative by many local independent owned businesses to promote the value to the community of spending money at these businesses.

The initiative encourages people to spend \$50 per month in their three favorite independently owned businesses to support the local economy. Studies show that 68 percent of the money spent at these local businesses returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. The initiative is part of a national campaign with more information available about the project on their web site at www.the350project.net.

• Children's Concerts on Wednesdays

Wednesdays at noon this summer Kellogg Park is full of strollers, young children and parents enjoying Music in the Park, a series of children's concerts hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The concerts run through Aug. 19. For more information and a list of performers go to concert schedule.

• Support Buy Michigan initiative
Gov. Jennifer Granholm declared July 27 "Buy Michigan Week." To highlight the week, the City of Northville is hosting a Buy Michigan Now Festival from July 27-August 2 featuring many Michigan-based businesses. The festival is also offering advertising opportunities through an event guide being published by the *Observer Newspapers*. For more information about advertising call (734) 582-8363 and to learn more about the festival go to www.buymichigannow.com

• Old Village Restaurant Crawl
The Chamber is teaming up with a group of restaurants in Plymouth's Old Village to host the Old Village Restaurant Crawl from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 5. For just \$15, food lovers can enjoy delicious treats from Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Company, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and Mill Street Gourmet Pastries. For those who go to each location they will be eligible to win special door prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office (850 West Ann Arbor Trail) and at participating restaurants. For more information call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

• Comedy two-fer
Free tickets for Chamber members are available for the July 16 exclusive "sneak preview" of Barefoot Production's "Comedy Double Feature". The show starts at 7 p.m. at their theater on 240 N. Main St. featuring Steve Martin's *Picasso* at *Lapin Agile* and Tim Harris' *The Adventures of Captain Neato Man*. Tickets can be picked up at the Chamber office



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Sidewalk sales

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at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail starting on Friday. There are only 40 tickets available on a first-come-first-serve basis. The production will run July 23 through Aug. 2.

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Physical therapist assistant comes to the rescue for Detroit Zoo flamingo

The Detroit Zoo's keeper staff had to think outside the bird's nest recently when it came to treating the bowed leg of one of its flamingos. A therapeutic taping method most commonly known for its use on athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics turned out to be the perfect solution.

While hand-rearing Ashton, a male Chilean flamingo born in October 2008, bird care staff noticed a progressive rotation in one leg as he continued to grow. When regular exercise did not solve the problem, it became evident that alternative treatment would be necessary. If left untreated, the condition can lead to scar tissue formation and a painful arthritic condition from bone-on-bone contact.

Zookeepers and veterinary staff thought Ashton's leg abnormality could be remedied noninvasively and enlisted the help of Stacey Lonser, a local physical therapist assistant trained in the Kinesio Taping Method. The therapeutic taping method, using Kinesio Tex Tape, is traditionally used on humans to decrease pain, increase circulation and restore tissue normality. The tape drew worldwide attention last year when it was used on prominent athletes — including USA Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Kerri Walsh — at the Summer Games.

Kinesio Tex Tape, which is durable, elastic and waterproof, uses stretch to re-educate the neuromuscular system. Once applied, the tape gently recoils toward its anchor, providing non-restrictive support and allowing a full range of motion. With the Kinesio Taping Method, Ashton is able to engage in regular activity while the tape encourages proper bone alignment.

Once a week, Lonser visits the Detroit Zoo on her own time to measure Ashton's progress and

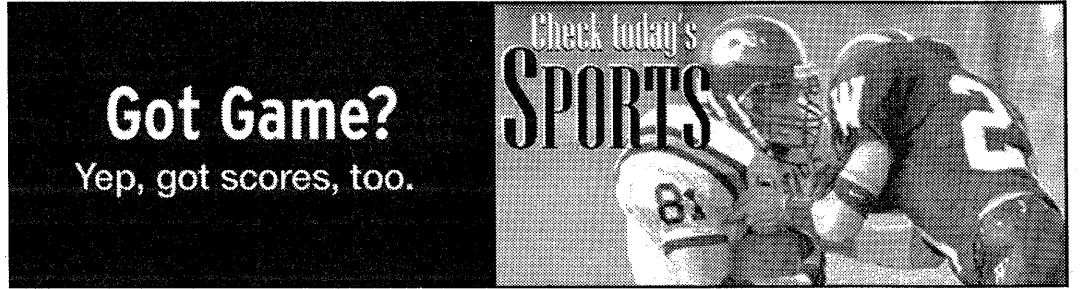
re-apply the tape. Since beginning treatment in April, the flamingo's leg has improved from being twisted at a 12-degree angle to a 4-degree angle. Zookeepers plan to continue Ashton's treatment for a few more weeks, at which time a full recovery is anticipated.

"We are pleased with the results of the taping method and feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Stacey to noninvasively improve the health of the flamingo," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare Scott Carter.

Detroit Zoo visitors can see Ashton — still sporting his Kinesio Tex Tape — and the other two dozen Chilean flamingos in the South American animals habitat across from the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Fountain.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) — with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August — and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 852-4056.



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FILTER

Feel the thunder, see the speed, precision at air show

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Watching the Blue Angels perform is something you feel as much as you see as the jets roar above performing awe-striking maneuvers.

If your breath isn't taken away by the enormity of the machines and the blasts of the rumbling engines, the skill and precision of the pilots certainly will during Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, beginning at 9 a.m. July 18-19 at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$20 and children 15 and younger are admitted free.

The performance by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels is sponsored by Chrysler Jeep Superstore and the Yankee Air Museum.

"It's an overwhelming response when the Blue Angels come to town," said Kevin Walsh, Air Show director for Thunder Over Michigan.

Between 80,000 and 100,000 people are expected to watch the show featuring the F-16 East Coast Demo Team and Herc Invasion, a line-up of C-130 Hercules aircraft in celebration of the Herc's 55 years of global airlift power.

Maj. Nathan Miller of Lapeer is flying in his third and last year with the Blue Angels.

"Some people say it's a rush," Miller said. "I wouldn't call it that. It's exhilarating. You're mentally and physically involved in the 40-minute show."

Watching the planes dive and flip prompt many to wonder about the danger.

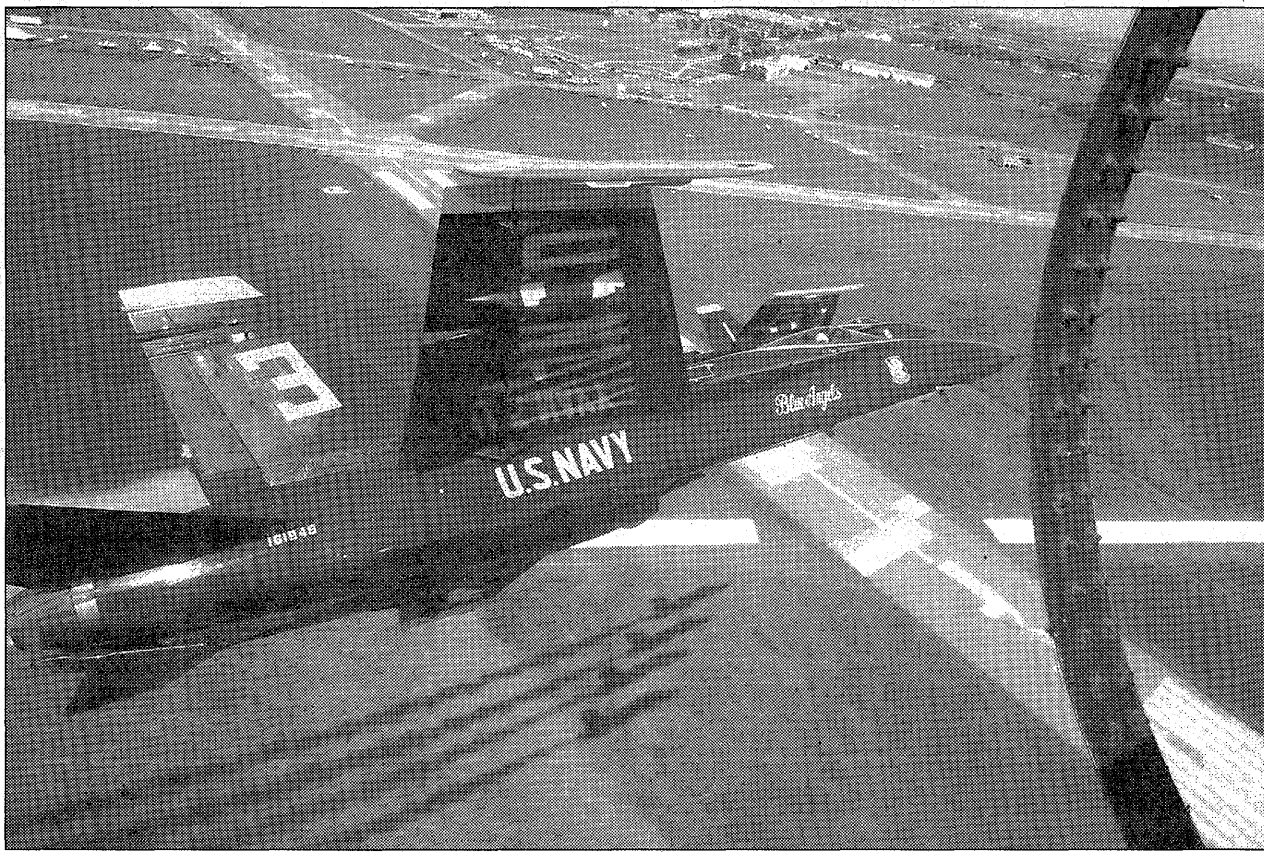
"You take the risk out by reviewing the tapes every flight," Miller said.

NEW MUSEUM

Blue Angel fans will see top fighters and bombers of World War II, a special salute to Vietnam and modern aerial demos.

Proceeds will go to rebuild a new museum complex following an October 2004 fire that devastated the entire WWII hangar and most of its contents. The museum is housed in Hangar 2 on the southwest side of Willow Run.

The fire destroyed a prototype North American YOV-10A Bronco, Waco CG-4A Glider, Republic F-105,



Blue Angels airplanes fly in tight formation.

Aero L-39, Link Trainer, artifacts, spare parts, tools and the museum's library.

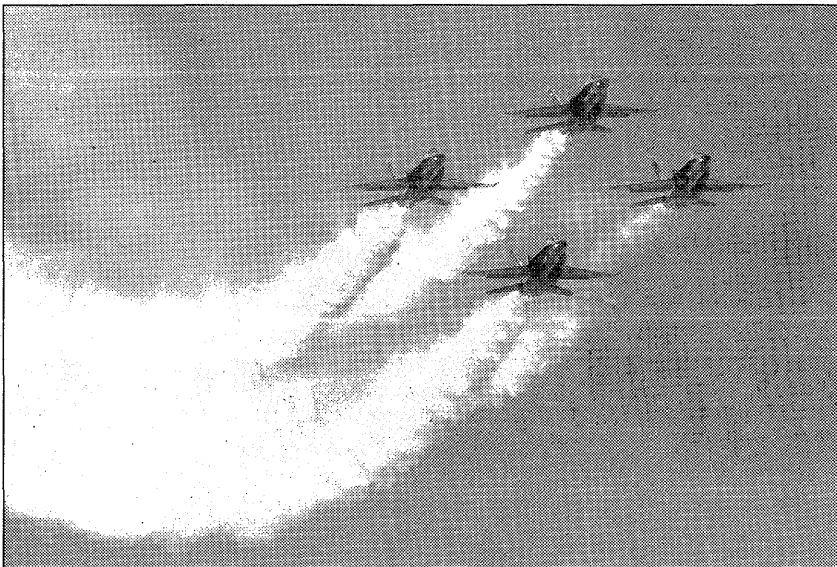
Reconstruction plans are under way and the objective of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation Inc. is to build a greatly expanded, state-of-the-art aviation museum and aerospace facility to replace what was lost.

Thunder Over Michigan is expected to raise between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"Our main goal is always to break even and then make money on the back side," Walsh said. "Fund raising in this economic climate is tough. We are at a point where we're back on our feet."

The Blue Angels are scheduled to fly 69 air shows at 35 air show sites in the United States from March to mid-November. Last season, more than 13 million spectators watched the Blue Angels perform.

"The majority of our crowds are non-aviation enthusiasts," Walsh said. "The Blue Angels are a big



The Blue Angels fly in a diamond formation.

name. People know they're going to see a great show. By having the non-aviation buffs out there that gives us a chance to introduce them to the

Yankee Air Museum and get them to become members and become involved."



Blue Angels pilots ready for a flight.

DREAM CAREER

The Navy and Marine Corps also use the Blue Angels as a recruiting tool.

Blue Angel pilots practice 150-175 hours before performing in their first show, Miller said.

"Then every practice is a show and every show is a practice," he adds. "Our mission is to recruit. We have been told there are spikes (in recruitments) after the shows. We have those kids who dream about what they want to be. And we provide hope to older people. They tell us, 'Thank you for your service in the military.'"

A Blue Angels flight demonstration exhibits choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all naval aviators. It includes the graceful aerobic maneuvers of the four-plane Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two Solo Pilots. Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

The team is stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., during the show season. However, the squadron spends January through March training pilots and new team members at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.

Since inception in 1946, the Blue Angels have performed for more than 455 million fans.

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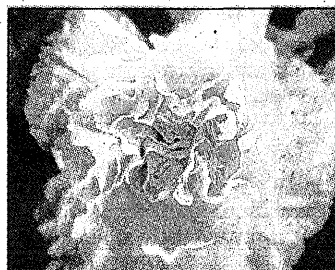
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Carnation, by Laura Williams, is on display in a show of floral works at Northville Art House.

ART EXHIBITS

Art In Bloom
Time/Date: Through July 18
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
Details: All-media juried floral arts show. Free
Contact: 248-344-0497, www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays.
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays; Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, perform in their one-act comedic play, Travel Earth Timeshares, through Sept. 24. Wednesdays, admission \$5; shows at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. Thursdays, admission \$10; shows 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, admission \$15 for early shows and \$5 for late show; 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., Sundays, admission \$10 for early show, \$5 second and third shows. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is at 10 p.m., Wednesdays.

JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday thru Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
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Jazz Cafe at Music Hall
Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free
Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
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Callahan's Music Hall
Time/Date: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Tinsley Ellis, July 24
Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills
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Clutch Cargo
Time/Date: 8 p.m., July 17, Peter Murphy with special guests, Venus Infers
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Comerica Park
Time/Date: Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31
Contact: 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
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Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

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Time/Date: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights
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Time/Dates: The Original Waiters, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 400z. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21
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Time/Dates: ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4
Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills
Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

Northville Friday Night Concerts
Time/Dates: 7-9 p.m., The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31
Location: Town Square.
Contact: (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

Oakland Community College
Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. July 21, Jim Dignan & Swing Shift; July 28, Partly Brothers; Aug 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18: Blackthorn
Details: Free summer concerts
Location: 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford



Alan Parsons will perform July 17 at DTE Energy Music Theatre in the Alan Parsons Live Project.

DTE Energy Music Theatre
Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Alan Parsons Live Project with special guest The Orchestra, featuring former members of Electric Light Orchestra and Electric Light Orchestra Part II
Location: 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston
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Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Dates: Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
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Riley Park
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Details: Rhythmicz in Riley Park
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Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: "Rumpelstiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com
Northville Tunes on Tuesday
Time/Dates: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Town Square
Contact: (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Annual art fair offers smaller alternative to Ann Arbor fests

BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a small, "accessible" art fair this weekend, you won't have to drive farther than Farmington.

The community's Art on the Grand runs Friday-Sunday and offers more than 50 art booths, along with entertainment and children's activities.

Nancy Coumoundouros of Farmington Hills Culture Arts Division, says that although the Ann Arbor Art Fair is scheduled for the same weekend, Art on the Grand, a juried show, will draw its own, albeit smaller, crowds.

"We've found that we bring people in from outside our area," Coumoundouros said. "It's small — Ann Arbor's is mammoth — but ours is very friendly and it's an interactive one."

Artists, both local and from out of state, will sell their works in 55 booths. Coumoundouros said about 80 artists will be represented in total, because the Farmington artist tent will show a mix of works from its members.

New this year is Odds and Ends, a couple that creates "fantastic" face painting. "We've always had face painters, but I've seen their work and I was impressed. They have their own special style. They do large pieces on faces."

A henna artist also will be on hand this year to create intricate, temporary tattoos.

The entertainment schedule offers musically diverse performers. A fan dancing troupe from Farmington Hills will execute their moves in colorful Korean dress. Rock and Soul, a local duo, sings pop and oldies, and Simpatico plays jazz.

A returning favorite to the fair, Robert Shangle, will impress with his ability to mimic a statue.

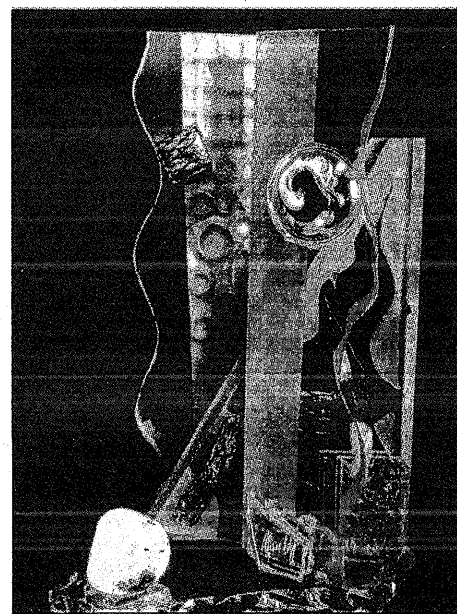
"Isn't he wonderful? He's one of the best highlights of the festival," said Coumoundouros, adding that this is Shangle's third year at Art on the Grand. "It's a riot to see his effect on the crowd. Some can't believe he's not a statue. We keep inviting him back. I've seen a lot of living statues, but he is the best."

"He's from Oklahoma and he says this is one of his favorite fairs."
 Look for Shangle from 1-7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Here's the rest of the entertainment and activity schedule:

- Friday, July 17
 Noon to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 4-9 p.m. artistic face painting; 4-5 p.m. Max Reid & Tommy Brigham; 5-6 p.m. Rob Hayes; 7-8 p.m. Steve Schriemer, 8-9 p.m. Bob Young Band
- Saturday, July 18
 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. artistic face painting;
- 2-2:30 p.m. Korean fan dancing troupe; 2:30-4 p.m. David Nefsh; 4:30-6 p.m. Bobby Penneck Band; 7-9 p.m. Rock & Soul.
- Sunday, July 19
 Noon to 5 p.m. free children's art tent and artistic face painting; 1-2 p.m. Darwin Mamassian; 2-3 p.m. John Natiw; 3-5 p.m. Simpatico.



Robert Shangle, "the Living Statue" holds his pose, sitting next to Alyssa Costyk.



Glass art by Steve Brewster, one of the artists who will exhibit at Art on the Grand.

ART ON THE GRAND

What: More than 50 artist booths with more than 80 artists showing their works; entertainment; children's activities

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19

Where: Downtown Farmington, in the park at Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue
Admission: Free



The Korean fan dancing troupe will perform at Art on the Grand.

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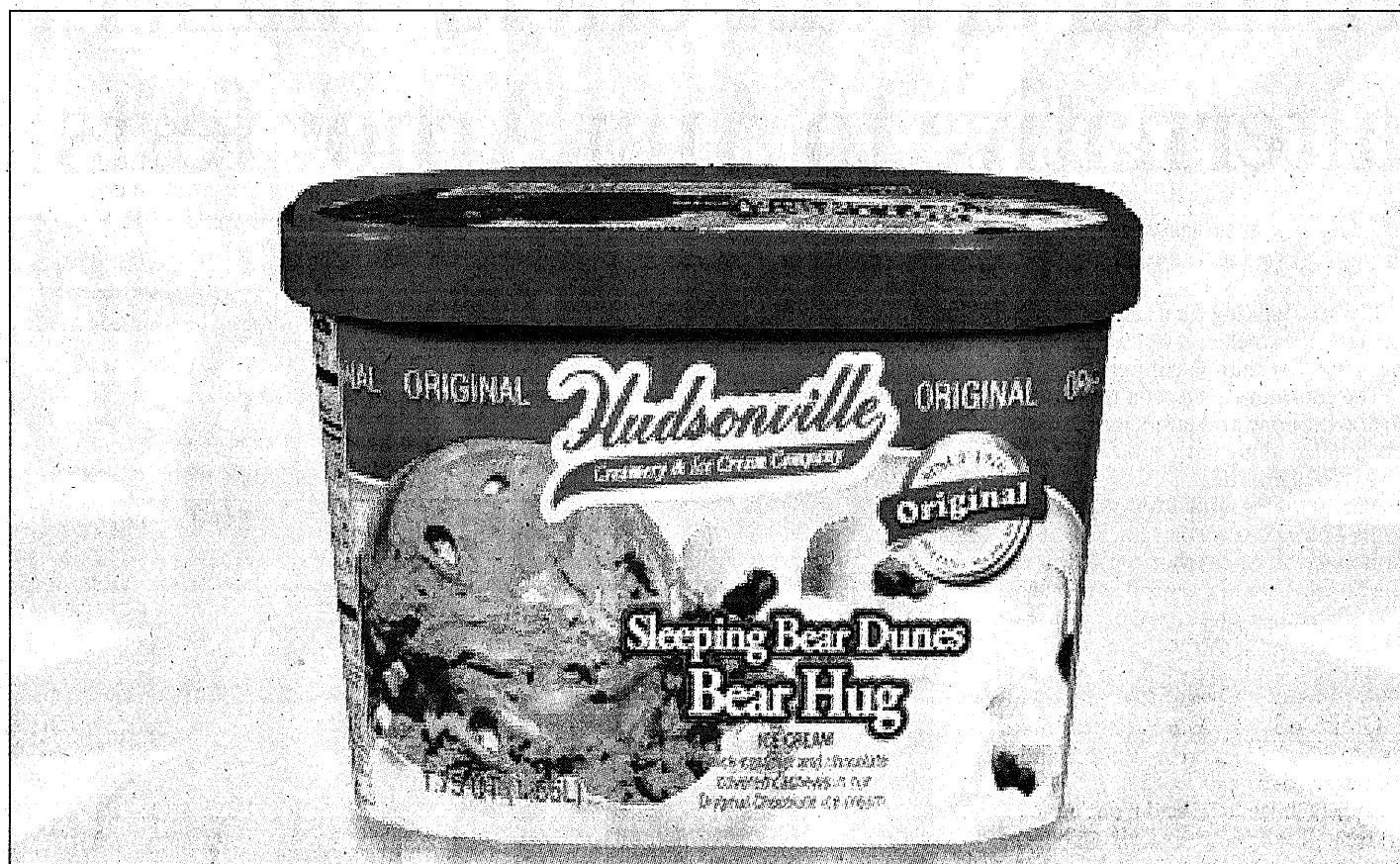
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West Michigan-based Hudsonville ice cream is now available in the Detroit area.

Ice cream

Wayne County — If Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes brings to mind caramel and chocolate covered cashews, chances are you've tasted Hudsonville Creamery & Ice Cream Company's chocolate ice cream named in honor of west Michigan's natural tourist attraction.

Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes Hug, Mackinac Island Fudge, Grand Traverse Bay Cherry Fudge and Michigan Deer Traxx are among the Holland-based company's ice cream flavors that are now available on the east side of the state.

"Hudsonville Ice Cream has been enjoyed in West Michigan and Northern Michigan for generations," stated Bruce Kratt, the company's director of sales and marketing. "We regularly receive requests from Metro Detroiters who have tasted our ice cream while traveling in the state and want to be able to purchase it when they are at home."

Now they can. Busch's Fresh Food Markets, Hollywood Markets, VG's, Sav-on Drugs, Shopper's Market and Walgreens are carrying

the product. Other stores include Westborn Market in Livonia, Value Depot in Westland and Harvest Fresh Market in Farmington.

In addition to the Michigan theme flavors, Hudsonville also sells limited edition ice cream, such as Pumpkin and Cake Batter; creamery churned including Chocolate Cashew Bark and Turtle Sundae; as well as traditional favorites.

New location

Novi — Zoup! Fresh Soup Company has opened its newest restaurant at 47996 Grand River Avenue, across from Providence Park Hospital. The new 2,000 square foot Zoup! seats 50 customers and features all of the company's signature menu items.

The new store will serve 12 always-rotating soup varieties each day from Zoup!'s hundreds of proprietary recipes. Customers can select from the restaurant's "Something for Everyone" nutritional categories, including low-fat, vegetarian, dairy-free, gluten-free and low-points options. The menu also will feature made-to-order GreenZ! Salads; TryTwo! Combos, grilled and rolled SandwichZ! and an array of beverages and desserts.

Pub Crawl

Northville — Mark your calendar for Northville's 5th annual Pub Crawl, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, in downtown Northville. Twelve restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for participants. "Crawlers" can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Participants must be 21 and over.

2009 Participating restaurants are Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Claggagh Irish Pub, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Genitti's, Little Italy Ristorante, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, The Turning Point Grill, and Wine Sync/Red Pepper Deli.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Involve guests in food prep at cookout

If you're throwing a backyard barbecue, encourage your guests to join in the fun of preparing their own foods at several "build-it-yourself" stations.

Bush's Beans' Grill U Web site offers a few ideas: Grill the chicken and steak for fajitas and burritos and supply other ingredients, such as cheese, lettuce and salsa. Let guests choose what goes on their tortillas.

Skip the bottled marinade and set out ingredients, recipes and utensils for two or three different homemade sauces. Let guests mix up their own. Judge the best version and award a prize.

Arrange a buffet line with the grill at the start so guests can choose their own entree straight from the coals. Place sides next, followed by utensils and beverages.

Try a sundae bar for dessert and let guests create their own ice cream extravaganza with red, white and blue sprinkles, gooey toppings, nuts, chocolate shavings and whipped cream. Arrange cookies, cupcakes and brownies nearby.

Go green by serving on reusable melamine or bamboo dishes and bowls. Ask guests to write their names on one cup and use it throughout the party.

Visit www.grillu.com

Entertain guests with fare featuring Michigan beans

Here are several other recipes from the Michigan Department of Agriculture which also feature beans, in this case, Michigan dried beans.

BEAN SALAD

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| 16 ounces (2 cups) dry Michigan Navy Beans, soaked | 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt |
| 6 cups water | 1/2 teaspoon paprika |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 1/2 cups celery, diced | Pimento strips for garnish |
| 1/2 cup onion, chopped | Drain beans. Place beans and fresh water in large saucepan. Bring to boil and cook about 2 hours, or until tender, adding more water if needed. Drain well and chill. |
| 1/2 cup green pepper, chopped | Combine all remaining ingredients and pour over beans. Stir gently. |
| 1/2 cup oil | Chill at least 4 hours before serving. |
| 1/2 cup vinegar | |
| 1/2 cup Michigan sugar | |
| 1 teaspoon dry mustard | |

BEAN DIP

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| 2 15-ounce cans Michigan Pinto Beans, drained and rinsed | 1 pint sour cream |
| 1 pound ground beef | 1 pound grated Cheddar cheese |
| 1 medium Michigan onion, chopped | 1 can black olive slices, drained |
| 1 package taco seasoning | 1. Brown ground beef with onion. Drain and add 1 package taco seasoning mix and water, simmer 15 minutes. Place in bottom of oblong pan. |
| 1/2 cup water | 2. Mash Michigan Pinto Beans with enough milk to make spreadable. Add salt and garlic salt to taste. Spread over beef. Top beans with green and red pepper, tomatoes, slices of avocado, and salsa. Spread sour cream over top of vegetables. Sprinkle cheese and black olives over top. |
| Milk | |
| Salt and garlic salt | |
| 1 each Michigan green and red pepper, chopped | |
| 1 tomato, chopped | |
| 1 avocado, sliced | |
| 1 cup salsa | |

MICHIGAN BAKED BEANS

- 16 ounces (2 cups) Michigan dry navy beans
2 quarts cold water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
4 ounces salt pork
1 medium Michigan onion, chopped
- Rinse beans; add to water in saucepan. Bring to boiling and simmer 2 minutes; remove from heat. Cover; let stand 1 hour. (Or add beans to cold water; soak overnight.)
- Add salt to beans and water; cover and simmer till beans are tender, about 1 hour. Drain, reserving liquid. Measure 2 cups liquid, adding water if needed; mix with molasses, brown sugar, and mustard. Cut salt pork in half; score one half. Grind or thinly slice remainder.
- In 2-quart bean pot or casserole, combine beans, onion and ground salt pork. Pour molasses mixture over. Top with scored pork. Cover; bake in 300-degree oven for 5-7 hours. Add more liquid, if needed. Makes 8 servings.

Baked beans is a favorite side from 'cousins' concoction

Bob Westbrook of Livonia always has copies of his baked bean recipe on hand when he serves it.

Whether he takes the dish to a church social or potluck "the pan is licked clean" and everyone begs him for the recipe.

"So now I just take printed copies with me," he says.

Westbrook's dish was "borne out of necessity for something quick and filling to feed the masses" at his aunt's lake home.

"Us cousin's were delegated to the cooking when we were old enough to give our folks a rest, so my cousin Frank and I created this recipe out of what was on hand," he explains.

"Try them out. I think you will love them."

rlwestbrook@earthlink.net

THE COUSIN'S STOVETOP BAKED BEANS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound smoked bacon, diced

- 1 large Spanish onion, medium chopped
- 1 large green pepper, medium chopped
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons dry mustard
- 4-6 ounces salad mustard, to taste and color
- 4-6 ounces pancake syrup, to taste
- 2-4 ounces unsulphered molasses, to taste
- 1 large 40 ounce #10 can of Busch's Baked Beans, drained, reserve the liquid

Brown the ground beef, bacon, onion and green pepper, and drain excess grease. Add brown sugar, white sugar and dry mustard, and cook until syrupy and near caramelized. Add drained beans, 4 ounces pancake syrup, 2 ounces molasses, 4-ounces salad mustard. Beans should have a light brown to slight yellow color. Adjust flavors to taste, and thin to desired consistency with reserved bean liquid. Simmer on low at least one hour — but the longer the better — stirring to prevent sticking

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- 18 Skater's leaps
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- 30 Branch
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