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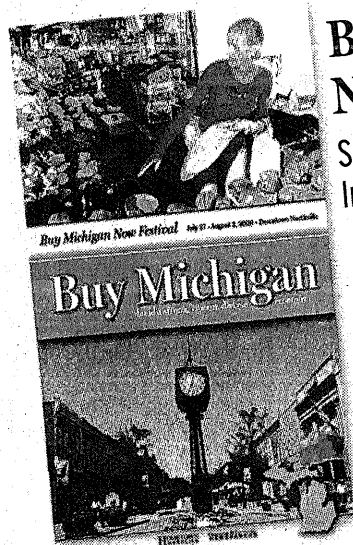
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## PIPELINE

### Hot button

Parents seeking information about back-to-school issues will get help finding it on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Web site starting Aug. 1.

The district will feature a "back-to-school" button on its site - [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us) - linking parents to a variety of information they'll need before their children return to school Sept. 8.

"It's only July, and school starts late this year, but parents are already starting to think about back-to-school," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "Our Web site will feature a lot of information parents need to know."

The link will feature information such as bus schedules (once they're posted), immunization forms, school supply requirements, open house dates, lunch program information and class lists, among other things.

The button, which will be located at the top center of the Web page, goes live Aug. 1, Ruggirello said.

### Scholars sought

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career. Scholarship money is awarded according to need and can be renewed.

Women must be able to demonstrate financial need, with preference is given to women who are the primary supporter of their household. They must have a Plymouth address and be formally accepted into a college program or vocational/technical program. If already in college, they must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

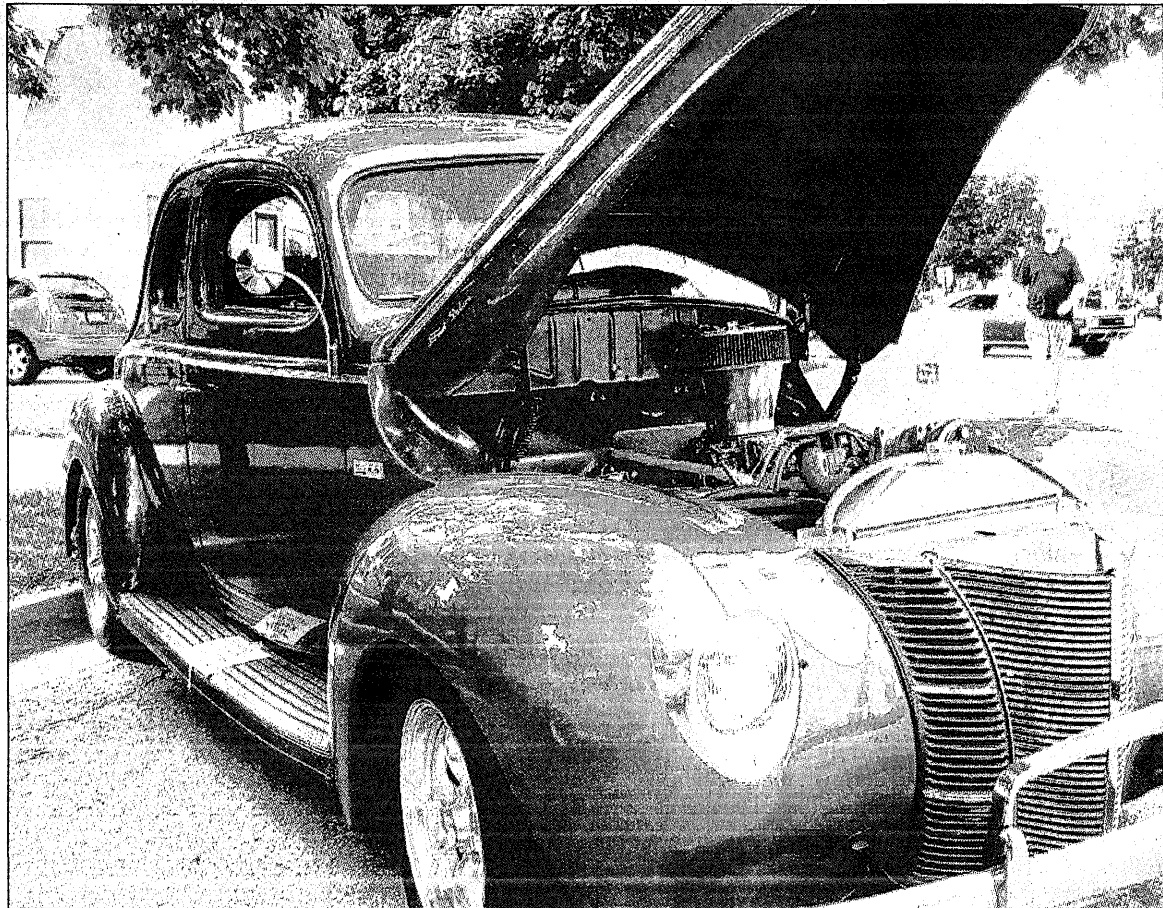
To obtain an application, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Plymouth BPW, PO Box 5338, Plymouth MI 48170.

### Barefoot auditions

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions conducts auditions for its production of "Mister Roberts," 7-9 p.m. Aug. 3-4.

Auditions take place at the former Walker-Buzenberg furniture store the production company now calls home at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Roles are available for 19 men and one woman.

For more information, call Craig Hane, (734) 582-9688.



This 1940 Ford Deluxe coupe, owned by Dave Dixon of Plymouth, was one of the models on display during the Bumpers, Bikes and Blues event in Plymouth's Old Village.

## Revvving up

### Old Village car show revisits Detroit's heyday

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Motor City's glory days were rediscovered Sunday on the streets of Plymouth.

Products from the world's former automobile capital were out in full force, for a few hours at least, on a crowded Starkweather Street as hundreds of visitors admired the vehicles and chatted with their owners during Bumpers, Bikes and Blues, Old Village's annual car and motorcycle show and music festival.

Ford Mustangs from the 1960s to the 1980s sat alongside muscle cars and vintage pickup trucks. Musicians performed on three stages, motorcycles were on display on Liberty Street and the outdoor seating area at Hermann's Olde Town Grille was packed.

"I think it exceeded our expectations," said Scott Farmer, chairman of the Old Village Association, which works to promote and beautify the neighborhood.

Farmer estimated the event netted about \$2,000 for the association, through entry fees paid by display vehicle owners, a silent auction and a 50-50 drawing. The proceeds will be used to plant trees and, perhaps, buy flower boxes, he said.

At the show's mid-afternoon peak, "it was just a sea of humanity and cars" along Starkweather,

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Baked Potato, including Justin Lee on guitar and vocals and Lee Hyland on the congas, performed original and cover tunes during Sunday's Bumpers, Bikes and Blues, a fund-raiser for the Old Village Association.

## Soccer club waits as coach faces assault charge

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man and Plymouth Soccer Club coach has temporarily severed ties with the athletic organization as he faces court proceedings following charges he sexually assaulted a 23-year-old woman.

Yao Fiacre Kra, considered by some a dedicated coach who is presumed innocent, has stepped aside from his youth soccer coaching duties as the club awaits the outcome of criminal charges against him.

"He's not having contact with anyone in the club right now," club President Glenn Liguori said, although he didn't label Kra's absence a suspension.

Kra, 28, has coached girls 8 to 12 years old and teenage boys during an unblemished, six-year stint with the club, said Liguori, who described Kra as "extremely trustworthy" and "so conscientious" not only as a coach, but also as a person.

"These charges have nothing to do with kids," Liguori said, adding that the club's executive committee has adopted a position that "we do believe strongly that he is innocent until proven guilty."

Kra faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for third-degree criminal sexual conduct amid accusations he sexually assaulted the 23-year-old woman while she was visiting a friend at The Crossings, a Canton apartment complex near Joy and Haggerty. Kra, released on a \$5,000 personal bond, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if he's convicted.

More details about Kra, including his coaching duties, have been learned by the *Observer* since Canton police last week issued a press release about him being ordered to stand trial.

According to township police, the two women had gone to a bar and returned to the Canton apartment with two men, neither of which was Kra. The visiting woman later went to bed, and the friend who lives at The Crossings phoned Kra — a neighbor and friend — to come over after the two men from the bar didn't appear to want to leave, police said.

The two men finally left, and Kra is accused of going into the bedroom and sexually assaulting the visiting woman, police said.

Earlier reports may have inadvertently given the impression that Kra was one of the men the two women met at the bar, but police said he was not. Rather, he had been summoned to the apartment to help usher out the two other men.

Meanwhile, Plymouth Soccer Club leaders are waiting to see how the court proceedings develop. Liguori said his personal knowledge of Kra has been positive.

"He is so conscientious with his coaching capabilities, as well as how he is perceived as a person and a coach," Liguori said.

Although Liguori acknowledged the allegations against Kra have aroused some suspicions within the club, he said the executive board is continuing to watch the case unfold.



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## Audit finds no red flags in financial records

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township passed a recent audit with flying colors, but township officials, while pleased, aren't about to lead the parade down Haggerty Road.

That's because, despite auditors' finding of balanced books and accurate record-keeping, the ongoing recession has meant a reduced revenue stream that will likely be further pinched, officials say, and force more belt-tightening in township government.

The audit by the firm Plante Moran, formally presented to the township Board of Trustees during its Tuesday meeting, contained no corrections and offered an "unqualified" opinion, meaning auditors found no red flags in the township's financial records.

"It doesn't reflect that the economy is getting bad; our revenues are going down and we're going to have to adjust our expenses down," Supervisor Richard Reaume said.

"We're making the right decisions in order not to deplete our fund balance," Treasurer Ron

Edwards said. "It's not that we're wealthy, but that we're fiscally responsible."

The audit for the 2008 fiscal year (the township's fiscal year matches the calendar year) shows general-fund revenue at just over \$13.9 million, 58 percent of that (about \$8.1 million) from property taxes. Money from the state (\$2 million) and the city of Plymouth (\$1.3 million, most of it for the Plymouth Community Fire Department) and intragovernmental charges (\$497,794) are some of the other major revenue sources.

General-fund expenses for the year were just \$58,652 shy of revenue, meaning the township added that much to its fund balance — the cash on hand at a given time. The fund balance stood at just over \$2.6 million at the end of 2008, the audit shows.

Edwards called the clean audit another piece of good news; within the past month, the township also was awarded a AA bond rating, which helped it get a lower interest rate for a \$2.5 million bond sale, and was named the 28th best

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**Comedy night**

Three local comedians - Gary George, Dave Bell and Mike Malec - will perform at the second annual Plymouth High School Football Boosters Club Comedy Fund-raiser, at the beautiful Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. This evening of laughs takes place Aug. 8. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7. This event is general admission and tickets are \$15. Proceeds from this show will help provide needed funds to the Plymouth Football Program.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Theater Box Office or on-line.

**'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 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.

**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.

**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.

**Chorale auditions**

"A Grand Night for Singing" is a first rate musical review featuring the music and lyrics of Richard Rodgers and Oscar



**Pom perfection**

The Canton High School Chiefettes Pompon team stormed into the MidAmerican Pompon camp at Northwood University in Midland earlier this month and swept out with some of the camp's top hardware. The varsity Chiefettes earned honors as the camp's overall Grand Champions and also got the Day 4 'Knock Your Socks Off' award. The Senior Chiefettes also took first place in the senior kick routine.

Hammerstein II. The cast features five primary characters and added voices from the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers. Songs include *Some Enchanted Evening*, *It's A Grand Night for Singing*, *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, *Hello, Young Lovers* and more. Performances are Friday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 13.

The auditions for soloists for Grand Night are Sunday, July 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday, July 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. Performances will be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This is a BeckRidge Chorale Production.

For more information or to sign up for an audition, please go to the BeckRidge Chorale Web site at www.beckridgechorale.org

**New Morning**

New Morning School announced seven scholarships are still available for the popular summer science camp program.

Due to the generous support of the Plymouth Noon Rotary club, the scholarships include one week of full-day science camp, along with before- and after-camp care. The scholarships are open to students that attend Plymouth Canton schools. Choose from hands-on,

- enriching themes such as:
- Advanced Robotics, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 27-31
- The Engineering of Physics, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 3-7

Anyone interested in scholarships can call the school at (734) 420-3331 to set up an interview in person or via telephone.

**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 pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

**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 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.miss-wayneco.com.

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

**Fall Fest crafts**

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

**Business booths**

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

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

**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.

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**Treasurer: Public safety model not right for township**

Plymouth Township officials are not looking at the public safety model for delivering police, firefighting and emergency medical services, according to Treasurer Ron Edwards. Edwards was responding to

a July 19 story in the *Observer* that quoted him as saying officials were "looking at the whole ball of wax" when it comes to public safety, including the public safety model, in which police officers are also firefighters and medical first-

responders. "This has been brought up in the past and I do not believe that it can work for Plymouth Township," Edwards said, in an e-mail, of the public safety model. Edwards said he had used

the term "public safety" to indicate all departments involved in public safety services, police, firefighters/paramedics and dispatchers, not the public safety model. The July 19 story stemmed from a meeting earlier this

month during which officials from the township and the city of Plymouth discussed public safety costs and the possible further regionalization of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which now serves both communities.

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# 'Black box' reveals details of Canton car-train crash

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2006 Ford Fusion driven by Daniel Broughton in the Amtrak collision at the Hannan Road railroad crossing July 9 reached speeds as high as 68 mph as it approached the crossing, according to information retrieved from the car's Powertrain Control Module.

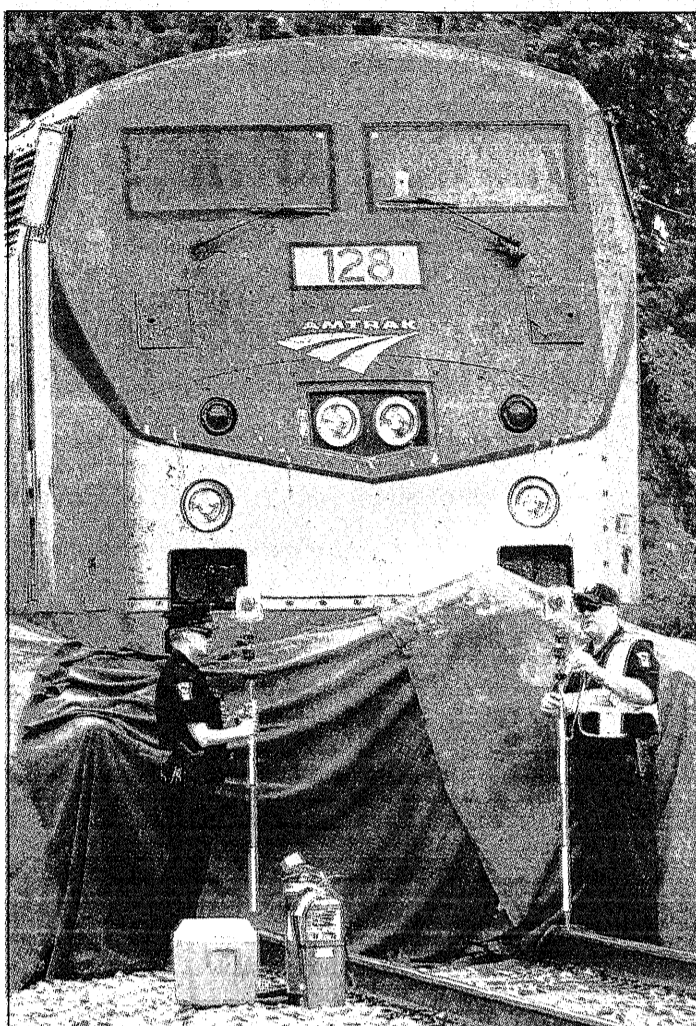
The car's "black box" also showed Broughton, the 19-year-old Woodhaven man who was driving the Fusion at the time of the accident, slowed to approximately 30 mph as he approached the crossing just prior to the crash, Canton Township police confirmed Monday.

Five people, including Broughton, were killed when he tried to beat the oncoming passenger train bound for Chicago shortly after noon.

Canton police retrieved the black box after obtaining a warrant Thursday. The warrant became necessary, police explained, once the car was removed from the scene. Because of the sophistication of the equipment, police said, an outside consultant was brought in to help police decipher the information.

A nearby business's video security camera recorded the crash and shows the driver did not try to stop and skirted past a white SUV waiting at the crossing. The train crossing's safety arm was lowered and its alarms and sirens were flashing at the time of the crash, witnesses said.

"When you place it in reference to the video, (Broughton) is coming northbound on Hannan Road, so he's accelerating up the road," said Canton



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Accident investigators, here taking measurements at the scene of the July 9 car-train collision, should be done by the end of the month, according to Canton police.

Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski. "He sees the car stopped in front of him and he has to slow down to get around it."

The speed limit in that area, Gajeski said, is 45 mph.

The accident remains under investigation by the department's Accident Investigation Unit. Gajeski said police hoped to have the investigation completed by the end of the month.

Investigators, he said, are still waiting on reports from the Wayne County Medical Examiner, including toxicology reports that would tell whether drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Gajeski said previously there was "nothing at the scene" to indicate that to be the case.

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John Ottino with his 1967 Plymouth Belvedere during his first time exhibiting at Bumpers, Bikes and Blues, a car and motorcycle show and music festival. Ottino locates vehicles for the film industry with his business, wheels2reels.com, and said he made many new car contacts on Sunday.

## SHOW

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said Plymouth Commissioner Ed Hingleberg, who dined with fellow Commissioner Mike Wright on the patio at Hermann's during the show. "It was a great event."

Farmer said Bumpers, Bikes and Blues, in addition to raising money, gave visitors a chance to discover Old Village's charms.

John Ottino made his first trip to Bumpers, Bikes and Blues to show off his 1967 Plymouth Belvedere GTX, for

which he built a 426-cubic-inch Hemi engine rated at 425 horsepower.

"I've had performance cars ever since I was able to drive," said Ottino, who also owns a 1977 Ferrari.

Ottino on Sunday also made contacts for his new business, wheels2reels.com, which locates vehicles for the film industry. "I know a lot of car people. I decided to turn that into a business," he said.

Farmer, a 10-year resident of the neighborhood, credited the hard work of Old Village Association volunteers, and donations from several local businesses, for the event's success.

## AUDIT

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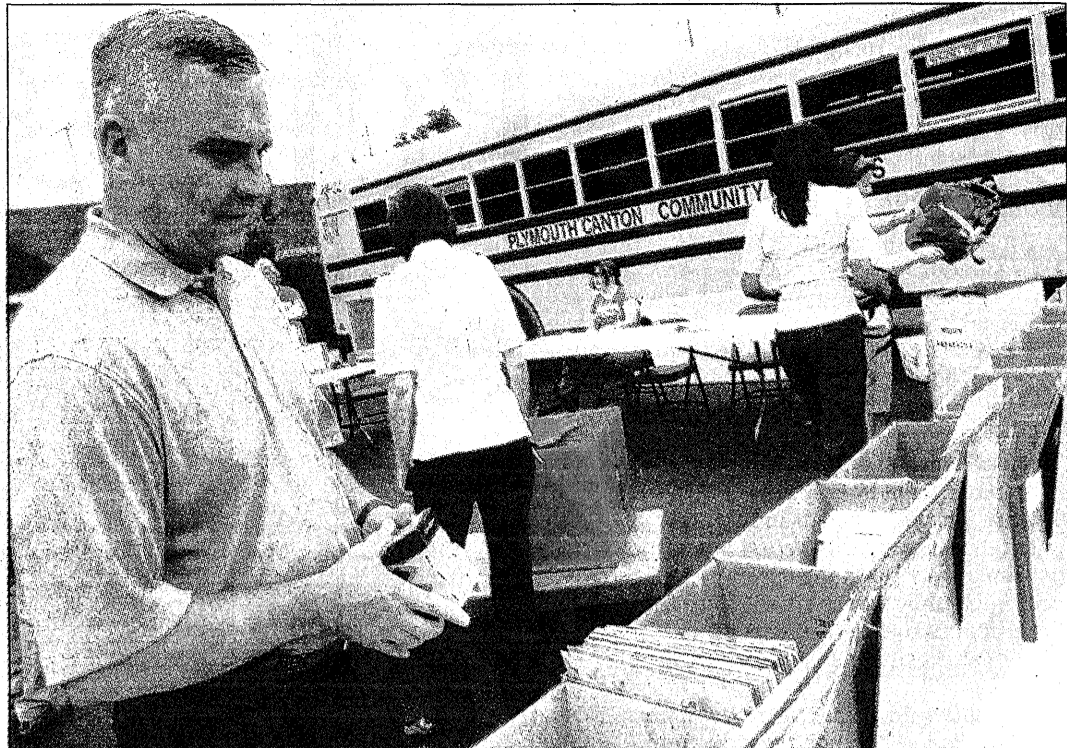
small town (under 50,000) in the U.S. by *Money* magazine

Township officials, in anticipation of falling revenue, have for the last seven months taken steps to cut expenses, including moving seven full-time employees to part-time status, which meant a reduction in their pay and benefits; reducing fire department overtime; halting a bus transportation program for low- and middle-income disabled people; and reducing some of the Plymouth Township Police Department's community outreach activities.

Property tax revenues are expected to keep falling because of deflating housing prices, and revenue from the state is also expected to drop. Cuts ordered by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in May cost the township about \$96,000 and, Edwards estimated, could mean the loss of nearly \$300,000 if extended over the course of a year.

"We've been in this same situation for a few years. It's tough and it's getting tougher," Edwards said.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel sorted out donations during last year's Back to School Blitz at the Plymouth Salvation Army. Donations for this year's drive will be collected Aug. 21.

# Blitz, part deux

Second drive aims to help kids with school supplies

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year, the inaugural Plymouth Salvation Army "Back to School Blitz" school supply drive drew enough supplies to help 142 students get the supplies they needed but, in many cases, couldn't afford to buy in order to get started in school.

This year, with an economy that continues to languish and a need that continues to rise, Salvation Army officials figure that number could rise as high as 300 students.

That's why they're gearing up for "Back to School Blitz II." "Based on all our other trends, we're expecting quite an increase for this, too," said Laurie Aren, director of Family and Community Ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Back to School Blitz II takes place Friday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A school bus will be parked at the Plymouth Salvation Army headquarters

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLITZ II

- **What:** Plymouth Salvation Army School Supply Drive
- **When:** Donations accepted 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 21
- **Where:** Salvation Army headquarters, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road
- **Why:** Provide school supplies for needy children in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville areas
- **Details:** For more information, call (734) 453-5464

(Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road) to collect donations. Another bus will be parked at a location in Belleville, though officials haven't nailed down the exact location yet.

Salvation Army officials are looking for donations of a variety of supplies, including backpacks, highlighters (the older grades need these), hand sanitizer (smaller bottles, wipes, etc), red pens, black/

blue pens, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, colored pencils, 16- or 24-packaged crayons, glue sticks, glue bottles and rounded tip scissors.

(Donations will be separated into individual backpacks at the Salvation Army headquarters Aug. 27, and officials are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should call Teresa Moriarty, (734) 453-5464.)

Deadline for families to register for help is Aug. 24, and backpacks will be issued Aug. 28. School officials are grateful for the help.

"The Salvation Army serves a large area here, and while it surprises a lot of people to hear it, their biggest area of need is Canton, so they're helping our kids," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "We appreciate the work of the Salvation Army because they help the kids who go to our schools. The partnership helps make sure our kids have the things they need to get started in school."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## CRIME WATCH

### Six vehicles burglarized in township

1 Thefts from parked vehicles — several of which had been left unlocked — were reported by residents of Plymouth Township neighborhoods in recent days.

Three vehicles parked outside a house on Elmhurst, two in the driveway and one in the street, were entered late Sunday or early Monday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

A satellite-aided navigational system and an i-Pod were reported taken from a 2003 Ford Windstar and a measuring wheel was reported taken from a Suzuki Swift, while nothing was reported stolen from a Buick Century, the complainant told police. All three vehicles had been left unlocked.

On nearby Oakview, a compact disc player was reported stolen from a Ford Explorer that had been parked, unlocked, in the street. Police said that burglary also occurred late Sunday or early Monday.

### i-Pod stolen

2 Earlier, an i-Pod was reported stolen from a Ford Escape parked in the driveway of a house on Fox Ridge Drive. Police said that theft occurred between about 2 p.m. July 13 and 10:30 a.m. July 15. The victim told police the Escape had been left unlocked.

### Laptop stolen

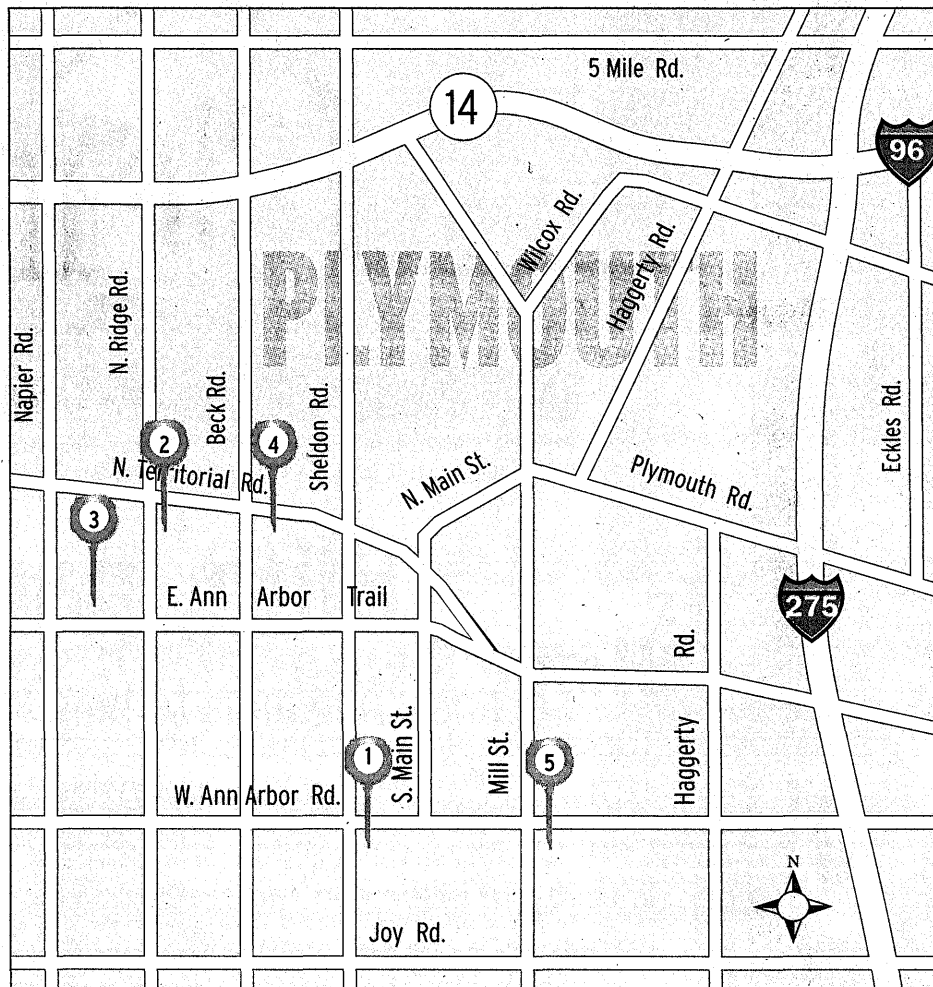
3 On Maple Ridge Drive, a laptop computer, two digital music players and an i-Touch phone were reported stolen from a Ford Explorer that was parked in the driveway of a house. Police said a rock had been thrown through a window on the Explorer, shattering it. The break-in occurred between 9 p.m. July 14 and just before 8 a.m. the next day.

### Phone stolen

4 An i-Touch phone was reported stolen from a Ford Escape that was broken into early on July 15. The car was parked in the driveway of a house on Fox Drive at the time, and a rock had been thrown through a passenger window, police said. The complainant told police the break-in occurred between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.

### Thefts from lockers

5 An archer's bow was reported stolen from one locker, and wrenches and a Lionel model train set from another, at an apartment complex on Postiff Avenue in



the township on Saturday.

The thefts from the basement storage lockers occurred some time between around noon Friday and early Saturday, police reports said. It was not clear whether the lockers had been secured.

### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 15-21:

- Tuesday, July 21 - Residential rescue runs on Jener, on Dewey and on Grant; rescue run on Sheldon; downed wires at Church and Harvey.
- Monday, July 20 - Residential rescue runs on Greenview, on Albert and on Sheldon; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Lilley; rescue run at Hines and Sycamore; fire on Morgan.
- Sunday, July 19 - Rescue run on Woods Drive; residential rescue runs on Woodland Place, on Bradner, on Pacific and on Westbrook.
- Saturday, July 18 - Residential rescue

runs on Canton Center, on Ross and on Pinecrest.

• Friday, July 17 - Commercial rescue run on Haggerty; vehicle accidents on Haggerty and at 5 Mile and Ridge; residential rescue run on Eastside; investigation at Thornridge and 5 Mile.

• Thursday, July 16 - Industrial rescue run on Anchor Court; vehicle accidents at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon and on Ann Arbor Road; investigation on southbound I-275 south of Joy; carbon monoxide detector run on Tyler; commercial rescue run on Port; smoke investigation at Ann Arbor Trail and Canton Center Road; rescue run to a public building on Heritage Park; residential rescue run on Eastside.

• Wednesday, July 15 - Residential rescue runs on Wilson, on Lorenz Way, on Dewey, on Margerite and on Northville Road; smoke investigations on Ann Arbor Trail and on eastbound M-14; dumpster fire on North Territorial.

- Compiled by Matt Jachman

## Driver hospitalized after second serious crash at intersection

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police in Plymouth Township are investigating the second serious accident in less than a week at Five Mile and Ridge Road.

The first crash, which occurred shortly after 10 a.m. on July 14, killed a 73-year-old Milan woman. The second, around 4 p.m. Friday, left a Northville man in his 60s hospitalized.

Both crashes, police said, involved a collision between a vehicle heading north on Ridge and a semi-truck heading east on Five Mile. There were no obvious signs that drugs or alcohol were a factor in either crash, police said.

According to a township police report, the man injured Friday was driving north on Ridge in a Ford F-150 pickup truck when it collided with an eastbound semi. The Northville man, the pickup's

lone occupant, was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti and was listed in intensive care there on Wednesday. The semi driver, a Detroit man in his 40s, was not injured.

Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said that while the investigation is not complete, it appears the pickup's driver pulled out in front of the semi. There are stop signs at the intersection for drivers on Ridge, but not for traffic on Five Mile.

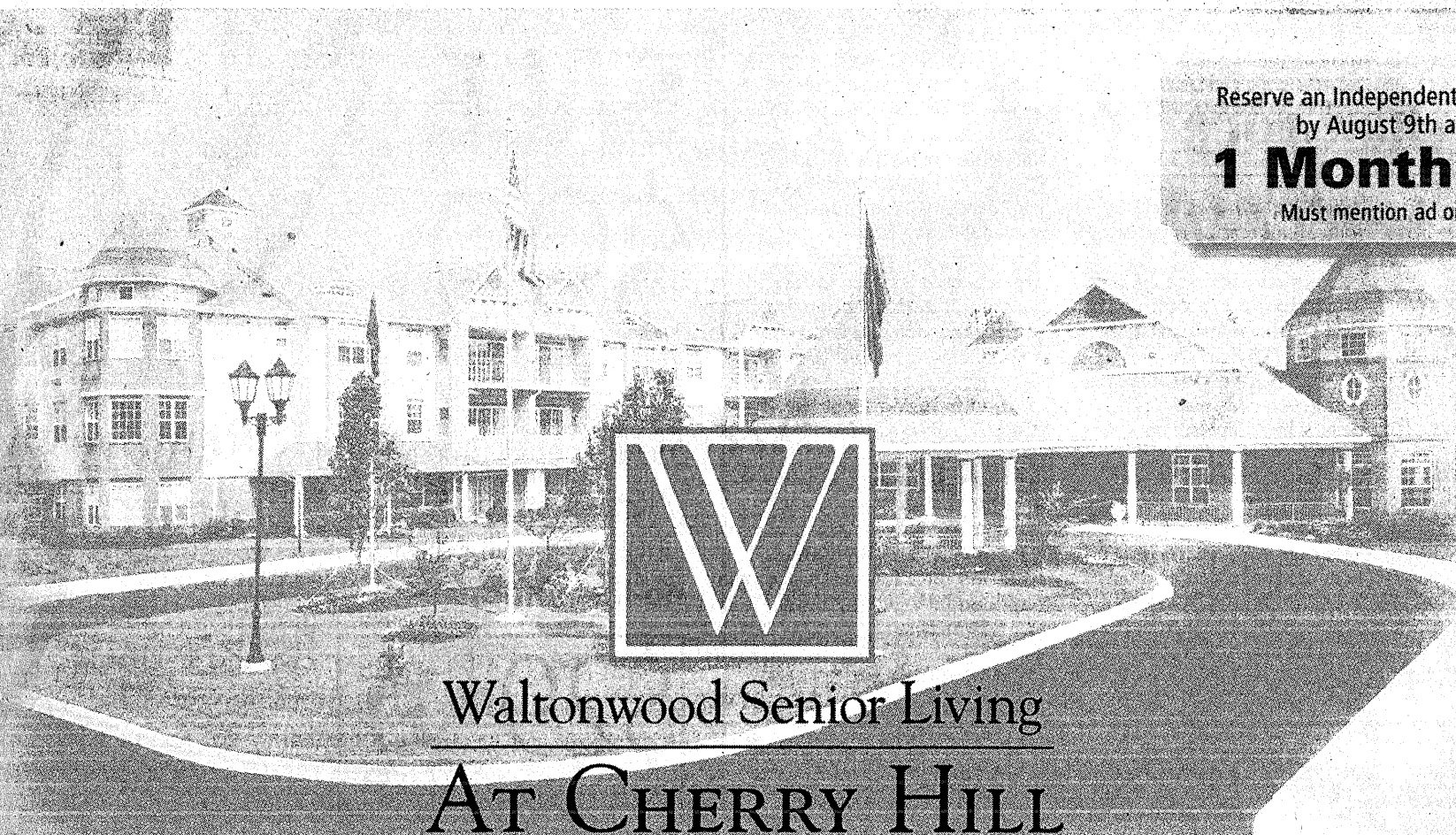
On July 14, Betty Stapleton, 73, of Milan died as a result of injuries suffered in a similar crash. Tiderington said Stapleton was driving a 2001 Buick Century north on Ridge when it was broadsided by a semi-truck. There were no passengers in either vehicle, and the semi driver was not injured. Police are still investigating that crash.

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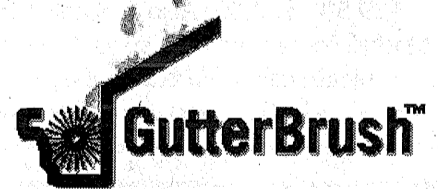
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ON STAGE



Plymouth native Sarah Lenore takes to the Kellogg Park stage Friday night for a 7 p.m. performance in the Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air concert series.

Music in the Park

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

- 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 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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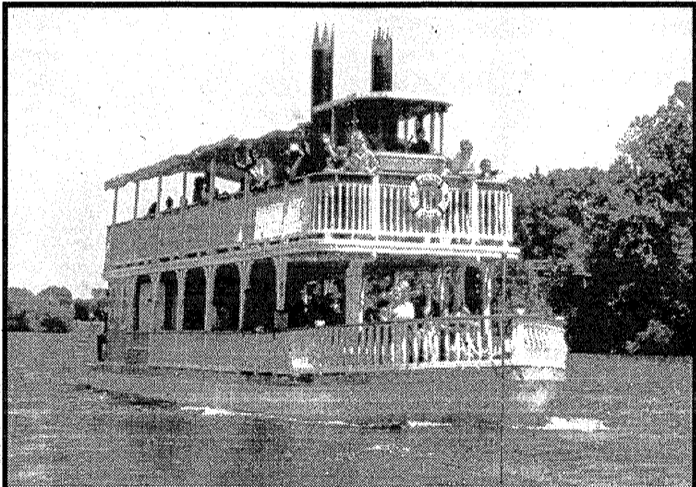
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Dolly, (2) office chairs, computer monitors, 13 misc. Storage tubs, army backpack, vacuum, office furniture, and other misc. items.

Unit #581 - Ann Milson, 26309 Eton, Dearborn Hts., MI 48125  
Vacuum, (3) satellite receivers, wooden box, (3) modems, (24) tubs, electric heater, table lamp, folding chairs, luggage, radio, dresser, dishes, angel statue and other misc. items.

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# New challenge to explore space is needed

wasn't old enough to act on President John F. Kennedy's call to action. You know, the famous one about putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. But in looking back on that fateful day in January 1961, I have reaped the benefits of it.

The technology we enjoy today had its roots in what was developed to send man into space and to put man on the moon on July 20, 1969. The creativity of many translated into a perfect Apollo 11 mission, putting Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the lunar surface and bringing them and Michael Collins back alive.

People — families — were glued to their television sets that evening, waiting for the first pictures of Armstrong setting foot on the moon. It seemed like it took an eternity to finally hear the Eagle had landed and twice that time to see Armstrong climb out of the lunar module and descend to the surface of the moon.

Kids gave up their evening of Hide-N-Seek to sit with Mom and Dad and watch. In an instant, three men went from being astronauts to our new American heroes. The pride in our flag sprang anew as they planted it on the lunar surface.

This wasn't the stuff of



Sue Mason

childhood conversation about the man in the moon. These were real men, taking a real walk and planting a real American flag on the moon.

We no longer could look at the moon and see a face outlined in the craters on its surface. We would see Armstrong and Aldrin. They were our men on the moon.

We were in the midst of the Vietnam War that was tearing the country apart. The year before was filled with turmoil and tragedy. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy had been assassinated. The Democratic convention in Chicago had turned into a riot. Years later, the media would label 1968 as the "crack in time," the year when life as we knew it changed forever. We lost our innocence for good.

But on July 20, 1969, we recaptured that innocence for a brief spell as we sat and watched this amazing feat. We were allowed to be kids once more and sit awestruck as the greatest event in history unfolded before our eyes.

Putting a man on the moon was both inspiring and uplifting. Our hopes were riding

on these three men as they flew into space. Their success would put the so there in the space race with the Russians. We would prove once and for all we were the best and claim outer space as our own.

In Craig Nelson's book, *Rocket Men*, Collins, who remained in the space capsule, acknowledged that it would have been "a national disgrace," if anything had gone wrong. The whole world was watching, Apollo 11 could not fail.

"I really felt this pressure, an awesome responsibility, a completely negative sensation," he said.

These days, space flight has become ho-hum, a blip on the screen. Building an international space station just doesn't command the attention the early space flights did.

Back then, the launches were a big deal, covered live. Who could forget the voice of Mission Control and the immortal "T minus one and counting"? Today, it's a tragedy that attracts our attention. Back then, we sat and prayed the launch would be flawless. Today, the news tells us the space shuttle has landed. Back then, we'd peer into the TV screen for the first glimpse of parachutes and watch as the space capsule splashed in

the ocean. We watched the astronauts' rescue and their triumphant welcome aboard a waiting aircraft carrier.

So much has changed since then, but the lunar landing in the summer of 1969 remains at the top of what we as Americans have accomplished over the years. I wonder what John F. Kennedy would have said had he seen what his call to action had done. I wonder what his next challenge would have been for this country. We'll never know.

Forty years later, we can look back and still say, "thank you" to John F. Kennedy. His words inspired us and motivated us to accomplish great things, and I'm glad I was there to witness them.

Satellites now do our exploring. They may send back fabulous pictures of Saturn and wherever else they've been sent, but they don't inspire like the early space program. I hope I'm still here for the day we return to space exploration and go beyond the moon. We need that kind of challenge and inspiration for a whole new generation.

Sue Mason is editor of the Westland and Garden City editions of the Observer. You can reach her at smason@hometownlife.com.

# Troop members earn Silver Awards

Seven members of Troop #501, all from Canton, have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award for girls 11-14.

According to troop officials, the award "represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others."

The first four requirements of the Girl Scout Silver Award help girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement. The Girl Scout Silver Award also requires 25 hours of community service and 15 hours of leadership. The requirements involved, as well as working on the actual project, are done over a three-year period. The actual project requires 40 hours of work per girl.

Raji Arunachalam earned her Silver Award by tutoring students in Tae Kwon Do. Megan Brewer, Jamie Emens and Stacey Jedele made 85 fleece blankets for



Canton Girl Scouts who earned their Silver Award included (back, from left) Stacey Jedele, Jamie Emens, Abigail Collingwood and Megan Brewer, and (front, from left) Stephanie Porcari, Meggan Ellis and Raji Arunachalam.

the Plymouth-based First Step organization, which works to prevent domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals and families affected by these crimes. Abigail Collingwood and

Stephanie Porcari tutored local elementary school students in Math and Reading. Meggan Ellis held a sock drive for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, which serves the poor who lack basic human

needs as well as provides psychological and social services. Meggan's sock drive donated over 625 pairs of socks to the organization. These Scouts were mentored by Sue Emens and Tina Porcari.

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**Kiwanis Club hosts largest fund-raiser**

When the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts its 27th annual golf outing, Kiwanapalooza, Aug. 6 on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, it won't be your average golf outing.

In addition to the golf, this outing - the club's largest annual fund-raiser - will feature music, food, contests and other between-hole surprises, along with an after-golf dinner program.

Organizers call it a "good way for local businesses who sponsor the event to get their name in front of more than 200 volunteers and golfers, with signs on the course or mention in the program. More importantly, they say, the proceeds help a variety of projects, including the club's work with the Plymouth Salvation Army, Mott Children's Hospital, Growth Works, First Step, YMCA of Plymouth, Plymouth's Tonquish Manor, Plymouth Council on Aging, Habitat for Humanity, United Way of Plymouth, Special Olympics, Plymouth Clothing Bank and Plymouth Canton Schools, among others.

"(Members) take great pride in assisting our community in a number of programs, anything from building a wheelchair ramp for a resident's home, to replacing a roof for a family in need, to hosting Plymouth's annual Good Morning USA Parade on July 4," said Mark Hutchins, the club's publicity chair. "We rarely have to deny a request for assistance from the community and work regularly with many other community groups."

Recognizing the struggling economy, organizers have reduced the cost to participate. This year the outing costs \$161.50 per golfer (the Little Palooza), \$646 for a foursome (the GOLF Palooza), or \$850 for a foursome with a hole sponsorship sign that supports one of our Club's projects or charities (the Big Palooza).

Hutchins said many of the prizes are re-gifted items, the golf balls will come from the gently used bin, and trophies will be recycled from the Glory Days of many of their members. "We wanted to make sure the money goes to the community service projects rather than frills," Hutchins said.

Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth. The event starts at 8 a.m. with a pre-golf breakfast. Contact golf outing chair Jim Ryan, (734) 459-9300, for more information on the outing, sponsorships and registration.

**Going 'Barefoot'**

Officials for Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions have announced their 2009/2010 season, unveiled a new logo and reduced ticket prices in an effort to encourage patrons to support local theatre.

Jump-starting what officials call "a stellar season" is Barefoot's first "Comedy Double Feature," a two-for-one production of Steve Martin's *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and Tim Harris' *The Adventures of Captain Neato Man*.

Both shows are included in one ticket price and for the 2009/2010 season, Barefoot Productions offers its own "stimulus" pricing, lowering its general admission ticket price to \$12. Student/senior ticket prices remain unchanged at an affordable \$10.

"Everyone is feeling the affect of the economy, today, more than ever," explained Barefoot's artistic director, Craig A. Hane. "As our new logo shows, Barefoot Productions is a 'theatre for the community.' As such, we're offering patrons an evening's entertainment that is of high quality, but still affordable. We're a part of Plymouth and that means a lot to us socially, professionally and communally."

The cast of "Picasso" includes Betty Berryman of Canton as Germaine; Brian Cahalan (of Flat Rock) as Freddie; Matt DeLisle (of Livonia) as Pablo Picasso; Jo Galvano (of Hamtramck) as Countess/Female Admirer; Kenny Konaszewski (of Hamtramck) as the Visitor; Samantha Lowry (of Novi) as Suzanne; Tim Majzlik (of Canton) as Albert Einstein; Eric McCormick (of Livonia) as Schmendiman; Ethan McIntyre (of Livonia) as

Sagot; and Jack Parr (of West Bloomfield) as Gaston (West Bloomfield).

The cast of *Captain Neato Man* cast includes Laura Bailey (of Ypsilanti) as Mother; Kenny Konaszewski (of Hamtramck) as Captain Neato Man; Samantha Lowry (of Novi) as Trixy; and Ethan McIntyre (of Livonia) as Larry/Horatio.

Also new this season is Barefoot Productions' season ticket pricing option. For \$40 for four individual general admissions or \$32 for four senior or student individual admissions, patrons can enjoy the entire Barefoot Productions 2009/2010 lineup including Picasso and Neato-Man (opens July 23, 2009); Mister Roberts (fall 2009); Rope (February 2010); and Steel Magnolias (spring 2010, in time for Mother's Day).

Season tickets are also offered. All performances are held in the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street in Plymouth. Individual and season tickets can be purchased online at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) and clicking on the Ticketleap link. Individual and group tickets can also be purchased by calling Barefoot Productions' box office at (734) 560-1493.

**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.

**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 registration 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.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Money list confirms the already obvious

Web surfers and magazine readers around the country are learning a fact of life already clear to Plymouth Township residents:

This is a great place to live. For the second time in three years the township has been recognized by *Money Magazine*, listed as 28th in the top 100 best small towns in the country. That's up a few spots from where the township sat (37th) the last time the list was published, in 2007.

This year's selection, according to the small amount of information published on the Web site money.cnn.com, mentioned the township's efforts to diversify its economy, and praises the township for its leisure opportunities and schools. The 2007 acknowledgement noted the township's population, tax rate (Wayne County's lowest) and recreational opportunities such as Lake Pointe Soccer Park and township-owned Hilltop Golf Course.

The magazine mentions Plymouth Township, a fact township officials are only too happy to trumpet, as well they should. But the recognition really is an honor the whole community deserves and (as much as some township folks don't want to admit it) reflects well on the city, as well.

There's so much to like about this community. We've rattled it all off before, but it bears repeating. In addition to all those other things, there's Kellogg Park and Art in the Park and the ice festival and the Plymouth District Library. We have the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Symphony Society and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

There's the Fourth of July Parade and the annual Plymouth Township picnic and, for the last two years, a truly outstanding fireworks display brought to town by Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The community even has its very own hometown newspaper, an integral piece of Americana in a role the *Plymouth Observer* is proud to fill.

Plymouth Township officials have their critics. Yet none of the political nastiness can dilute the fact this is a great community in which to live. The "naysayers" are, in effect, muted.

Recognition on lists such as these is nice, though hardly necessary to those who live here every day and already know what a great place it is.

### Jazz fest event worth saving

The Michigan Jazz Festival marked its 15th anniversary with Sunday's performances at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

From groups like the Schoolcraft College Big Jazz Band and Wayne State University Big Jazz Band, to seasoned pros like the George Benson Quartet and Johnny Trudell Big Band, there was something for everyone.

The event's free and a perennial summer favorite, but it's also in jeopardy. Generous support from the automotive community, the Recording Industry's Music Performance Fund and the Cohen family has been curtailed for economic reasons.

Organizers now must raise almost \$30,000 from new sources to continue with the six stages and some 200 musicians.

Donations payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival will be gratefully accepted if sent to 20457 Maplewood Ave., Livonia, MI 48152.

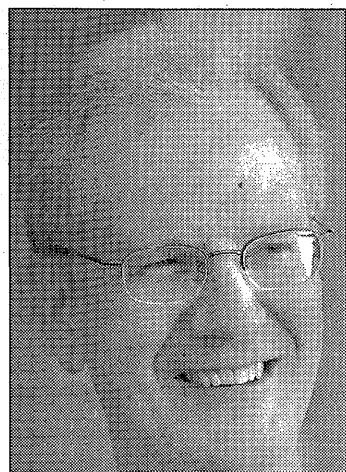
The Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and donations are tax-deductible. Donations were taken at the July 19 event, but the need is great and you're asked to give what you can to keep the musicians performing.

This event teaches much about music in an enjoyable atmosphere, and it would be a shame for the music to stop.

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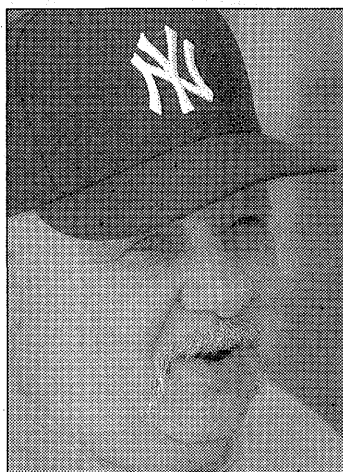
### Michigan officials are again looking for ways to balance the state budget. What do you think should be cut first?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



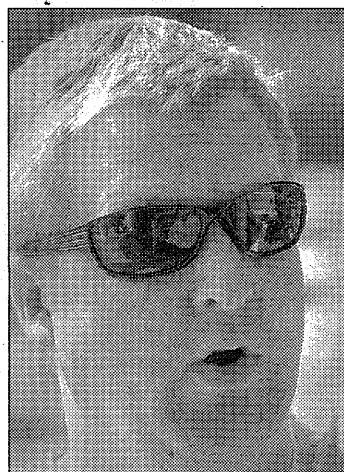
"I would not want to see any cuts in education or the arts. In terms of what to cut, it's a difficult choice."

David Newhouse  
Plymouth Township



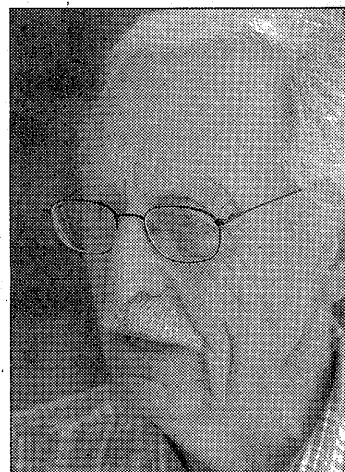
"Cut some of the fat. Look at administrative costs and do something with that."

Jim Burnett  
Plymouth



"I liked what they were talking about as far as secondary roads being gravel and primary roads being better serviced. What we need to do is focus on core infrastructure."

Mike Brace  
Plymouth



"Their paychecks. I'm serious. I see no reason for us to have a full-time (Legislature)."

Bob Cooper  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Success relevant?

The Farrand Multi-Age Program offers an alternative philosophy of education, advocating a hands-on, project based curriculum, in a context of responsibility and leadership. This program is being "phased out" because the new principal at the building does not feel it "works" any longer.

Parents of Multi-Age students were told that they need not worry because the straight classes offered an approach of equal quality. However, at the recent middle school graduation ceremony, every Farrand student who received a President's Award for grades was a former Multi-Age student and 75 percent of Farrand students on the sixth-grade Honor Roll were former multi-age students.

How would a program utilized by less than 10 percent of the Farrand students produce such disproportionate percentages of award winning students? Perhaps the programs are not so equal after all.

To add insult to injury, there is now a rumor circulating among district personnel that the "real" reason for disbanding multi-age is that parents have used this program to avoid having their children in classrooms with "the wrong kind" of students. Anyone who works in the district should recognize that this isn't even possible. Other than checking yes in the multi-age box, parents do not select their child's class assignment.

If the multi-age enrollment exceeds capacity, a lottery is held for open seats. If the current population is multi-age is less than representative, it is at the hands of those who handle classroom assignments, not parents. Last year, when my last child was at Farrand, the program contained all economic levels and races. Any statement otherwise is just another smokescreen.

These facts represent just another reason why parents are so disgusted by this action. We continue to feel that community input has been discouraged and ignored. We are deeply disappointed by the actions that so easily cast aside program which has proven itself again and again over the years. Unfortunately, success does not seem relevant in this decision.

S. Duda  
Plymouth

### Garden Walk thanks

The 14th annual "Flowers are Forever" Garden walk on June 30, sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club (Woman's National Farm and Garden Association) appreciates all those that made it successful.

A very special thank you to all the gardeners, Saxton's Garden Center, Backyard Birds, Home Sweet Home, Vince Toia of Plymouth Fish Market, Mel of Mel's Golden Razor, members of the Plymouth branch, our members and friends, and all who helped with our publicity.

Georgia Randinitis  
Trailwood Garden Club

### PCAC thanks

On behalf of the board of directors of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for 40 years of sup-

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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porting the Arts Council. Music in the Park on Wednesdays at noon, summer camps, art classes (drawing, painting, pottery) for people of all ages, the Plymouth Uptown Players — our children's theater program, and more, are things we offer with your support.

I would especially like to thank everyone who helped us with our recent office renovation. Efforts great and small are truly appreciated. The willingness of people in the Plymouth and Canton communities to donate their time, expertise and other resources is what made it possible for us to accomplish the transformation of our office space to accommodate our new tenants, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

We hope you will consider stopping in at 774 Sheldon sometime soon to check us out or check us out on the Web at plymoutharts.com

Linda Calzone  
Plymouth Community Arts Council

### Example of greed

From our small apartment in Canton we can see the Blue Angels flying overhead and my two sons are in awe. As a single mom who is struggling to make it on a single income, there are few events nowadays I can afford to enjoy with my children, but the admission for the "Thunder over Michigan" air show is free for my sons and I can get a parking pass for just \$5 if purchased online. So off we go ...

No coolers allowed. OK, we'll have to wait until after lunch to go. Just can't afford the outrageous prices for a hot dog at the concession stands. Hey, Blue Angels don't start until 3 p.m. anyway.

We get there at 2 p.m. My sons would love a funnel cake. A simple flat piece of deep fried dough covered in powdered sugar, \$6. I won't complain in front of my kids but man, that \$6 would have bought enough burger to feed them spaghetti and burgers next week. Oh, well ... it's not everyday you get to the air show, let's enjoy! We share one.

Now ... here is where I lose it! All that sugar had made us thirsty. Oh, boy, look! There's a smoothy tent! Three of us at \$5 a piece, sorry, guys, can't afford that. Let's just get some water.

Water ... simple water — \$3 a bottle! Are

you kidding me? As an individual consumer I buy it for \$3.99 a case! What could they possibly be paying for it? Why do they need to extort me like this? I have to give up a \$10 bill just to give my kids water? I think it's disgusting that in this economy (especially Michigan) the patriotism that drives us to see our U.S. Navy perform is taken advantage of with such a gross example of American GREED!

We all heard the announcer inform us that this year's crowd was a record-breaking 80,000 people. YEAY! I saw many, many in the crowd spending BIG money on expensive souvenirs for their kids, \$8 Italian sausage, Air Show programs, plane rides, \$5 smoothies and Blue Angel umbrellas. You name it, they had it! So don't you think they could have given us little guys a break on WATER? I've had it! I'm sick to death of being taken advantage of. I want someone to know it!

My kids understood we couldn't afford to spend a lot of money. They didn't even stop to look at the "Blue Angel" model airplanes (I know they would have loved to). And they never complained, not once, when they saw other children enjoying their own treasures from the souvenir booth.

I am outraged that my beautiful, understanding boys offered to skip the stop off at McDonald's for a \$1 Sundae because they knew that the \$9 I had spend on WATER was more than mom could really afford to spend.

Next year, I wish you another record-breaking crowd, but I for one won't be there. Even if my upcoming degree pays off with a better-paying job. I refuse to let you or anyone else take such a gross advantage of me and my children.

Tina Barbee  
Canton

### Political pandering

We have given little consideration to the February 2012 gubernatorial race, as frankly, we are too consumed with just daily survival tasks. However, our own Attorney General Mike Cox has taken himself out of consideration for the next governor, in our view. As Michigan's chief cop, Cox has lowered himself to the rawest and most loathsome political pandering we have recently seen at a state level. With great manufactured fanfare, Cox announced his filing a brief with the Supreme Court to strike down Chicago strict gun control ordinance.

You may rightfully wonder why our chief cop is involving himself in Chicago gun control politics? The only purpose is for Cox to demonstrate his affiliation with the National Rifle Association. This is fine, except Cox is pandering to the NRA on your dime. Yes, the filing of this brief is using your tax money.

As our attorney general, Cox should be involving himself in reducing crime in Michigan and not involving our tax money in Chicago gun control politics. After this most recent demonstration of pathetic political pandering and ownership by the NRA, Cox has removed himself for consideration as our next governor by us.

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## Try yoga and listen to live concert

The Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield is offering three different opportunities — including a live concert — for individuals to try yoga on for size next month.

"We want yoga to be accessible to everyone," says Steve Feldman, co-owner of the Yoga Shelter chain of yoga studios. "Every person hears the message of awareness and empowerment in a different form. It's my job to ensure there are a variety of ways for people to find clarity and direction. That's why we're offering so many different programs."

Although 14,000 people attend class every month in one of the four Yoga Shelter studios special workshops, retreats and other events provide additional ways for people to test it out.

Feldman's "Slow Flow" class from 7-9 p.m., on Aug. 7 will include a live concert by local musicians Jill Jack and Billy Brandt. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Barbi Stalburg Bell will offer sample classes 7:30-10 p.m., Aug. 14 during the Orchard Mall's Girls Night Out. Vendors will offer deals on purchases and introductory services. At the Yoga Shelter, try yoga under Barbi's invigorating guidance in the first studio and learn about awareness from Paula Perelman in the second studio. Free of charge.

Yoga Shelter Life Training runs Aug. 27-31 and aims to help take self-awareness, community and connection to the next level. Some of the best gurus in town will be on hand during the week-end retreat. Yoga Shelter Life Training guides participants in meeting challenges head-on, staying in the moment and building awareness. Many people say that the training workshop makes them a better person in every aspect of their life. For more information, e-mail [steve@yogashelter.com](mailto:steve@yogashelter.com).

The Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield is located in the Orchard Mall at 6363 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



## Skating through summer

Campers at YMCA Camp Boomerang in Flint, pose with their new skates, with staff and Summit Sports General Manager John Fulkert (kneeling left of sign). Summit Sports, in Farmington Hills, is collecting gently used skates for the camp through July 31. Underprivileged children who attend YMCA Camp Boomerang in Flint, will wear the refurbished skates. Donated skates must be in useable condition. Both adult and child-size skates are being accepted. Customers interested in buying new inline skates at Summit Sports, will receive \$10 off their purchase if they donated their used pair. The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road.

## Browse sidewalk sales at Orchard Mall

Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield will hold its Summer Sidewalk Sale, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1.

Most mall retailers will have marked-down merchandise as well as new fall offerings during the sidewalk sale, which runs noon-p.m. Participating stores include The Beauty Lounge, Frameable Faces Photography, Panera, Yoga Shelter, Guys N Gals, Annie Sez and Eleganza Boutique, Nancy's Linens, Sally's Designs and Maria's Bridal Couture.

"We'll be offering hot summer photography packages at the sidewalk sale," says photographer and owner Ally Cohen. Meanwhile, Eleganza Boutique will host a three-day trunk show for Angel knits, a family-owned business. Angel

Apparel offers unique, fashionable high-quality women's apparel, which is produced in Turkey using fine Italian yarns. The company is based in New York and run by Alen and Arthur Cakiryan.

"A trunk show gives customers an opportunity to view the complete collection," says Eleganza owner Sue Loussia. "It also helps me to see what styles and colors appeal to most customers."

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# Ahoy there! Canton sailor among crew to Mackinac

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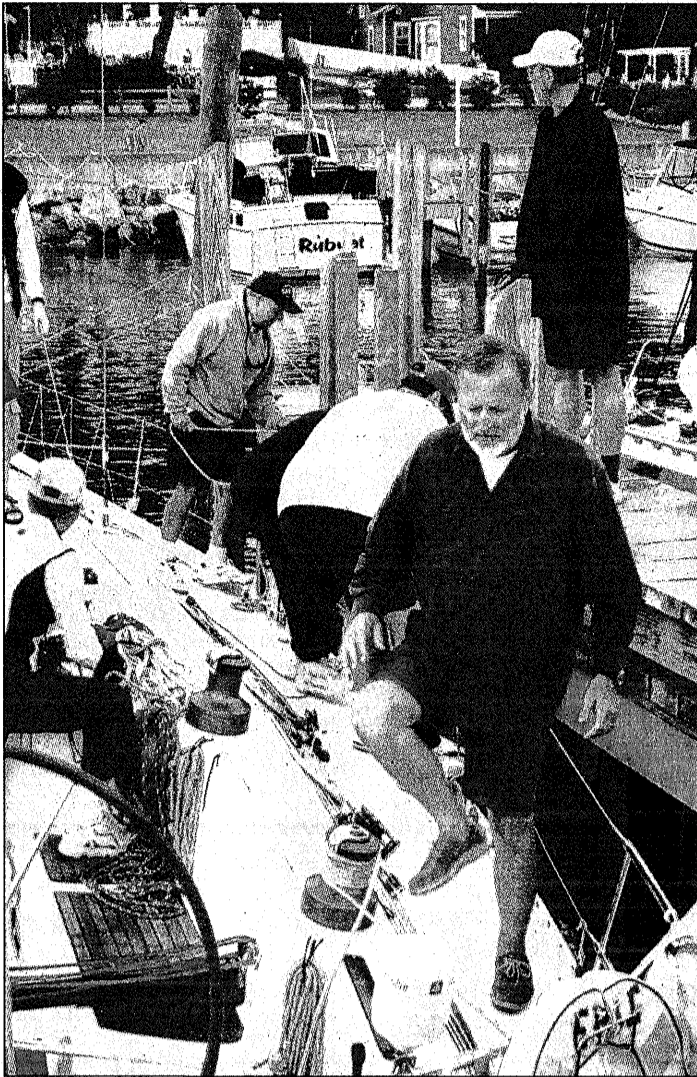
Ray Adams and his wife Winnie have several names for their sail boat, the Epic. It's sometimes called the Epic Hotel and at other times it's their "big baby" and at 42 feet in length it is big. But not quite as big as the 60- and 70-foot sailboats they'll race with in the 85th sailing of the Pure Michigan Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race this weekend.

Experienced sailors, the Adamses have been competing in the race from Port Huron to Mackinac Island since 1981 and have won it several times. A win this year would be the icing on a "pretty good sailing season" for the West Bloomfield couple.

"We've won a few in Wednesday night racing (on Lake St. Clair) and we're in first place for Thursday and Saturday racing," said Adams, the boat's skipper. "We have about eight Mackinac flags and have four wins, including one year when we won the Chicago to Mackinac and the Bayview race back-to-back."

With a crew of 12, including the Adamses, the boat sets sail at 11:40 a.m. Saturday on a 259-nautical mile race that will take the it to Cove Island near Georgian Bay in Ontario and then head northwest to Mackinac Island. Among the crew members are Mike Doumanian of Canton, DiAnn Papp of Birmingham, Tom Dallo of Bloomfield Hills, Dean Waldrup of Novi and Joel Craig of Chelsea.

Doumanian, who works for Aramark Health Services, has been crewing with the Adamses for 25 years and has made the Port Huron-to-Mackinac race 17 times. He said the trick to success in the race is trusting the people



Ray Adam is at the helm of the Epic. Joining him is crew member DiAnn Papp.

Skipper Ray Adams and crew members work on the 42-foot sailboat Epic that they will sail in the Pure Michigan Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race this weekend.

you're sailing with. "It's the team and the group of people I sail with," said Doumanian, who calls the Adamses family. "The sailing is awesome, but the group of people you sail with is what makes it worthwhile. Sailing in the middle of Lake Huron you have to trust the people you're sailing with." The Adamses got into sailing while teachers with the Garden City Public Schools.

Ray Adams, a band director at Burger Junior High School, had a student whose father was building a sailboat in his yard. He gave the student a ride home and parked his car under the bow of the boat. The parent was building a 30-foot sailboat in the driveway. That started Adams thinking. They went to the boat show at Cobo Hall and hooked up with the pintail fleet that races on Kent Lake and found



The Epic sails into Mackinac Island at the finish of the 2006 Chicago to Mackinac race.

a used sailboat listed for sail in the school district's Voucher newsletter. With that, the Adamses were off and racing. They did pintail racing for seven-eight years before Ray started crewing on a 30-foot

sailboat on Lake St. Clair. When the owner decided to sell the boat, they bought it and began racing on the lake. Five years later, they sold it and bought a 38-foot sailboat. They had that for 13 years when someone asked if they'd ever thought about selling it. The did and moved up to their current boat, a Beneteau 42s7. "This is our last boat," Adams said. "We still have three years to pay. We've put every dime we have into sailing. We have no children, the Epic is our big baby."

Doumanian, who himself owns a 16-foot day sailer, figures it "would be a tremendous experience" to captain his own boat in the race. For now, he's content to tend to the foredeck on the Epic, taking the occasional turn crew members get to drive it.

The veteran sailor said the challenge during the race is anticipate changes that are coming - like the weather - and to capitalize on them with "everyone working together as a team." "One of the biggest chal-

lenges, and the challenge to doing well in the race, is to keep treating it like it's a day race," Doumanian said. "It's easy to relax and kick back, so the challenge is continuing to be alert, continue to make the boat go faster."

The Adamses spend five months each year sailing. They compete in races on Lake St. Clair through the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association, making the 45-minute drive from West Bloomfield to the Bayview Yacht Club to compete. Some nights they stay on their boat and enjoy the post race festivities rather than drive home. While the Epic has a race exterior, it has a cruise interior with sleeping quarters, and enclosed head and galley.

They compete in the Port Huron to Mackinac race annually and the Chicago-Mackinac race every other year. Both are "Old Goats," a title they earned for competing in the Port Huron race for 25 years. They recorded their back-to-back wins in 1998 and won the Bayview Mackinac Races in 2001 and 2002.

The Adamses have been docked in Port Huron this week, doing "the little jobs" they've put off and preparing for Saturday's race. Being in the second group of boats - the ORR class - to start the race, Adams wants to see how far he gets before the bigger - and faster - sailboats pass the Epic. While winning would be nice, he's said the race is a "great experience."

"It's a lot about the people involved, but once you've won you keep coming back for more," he said.

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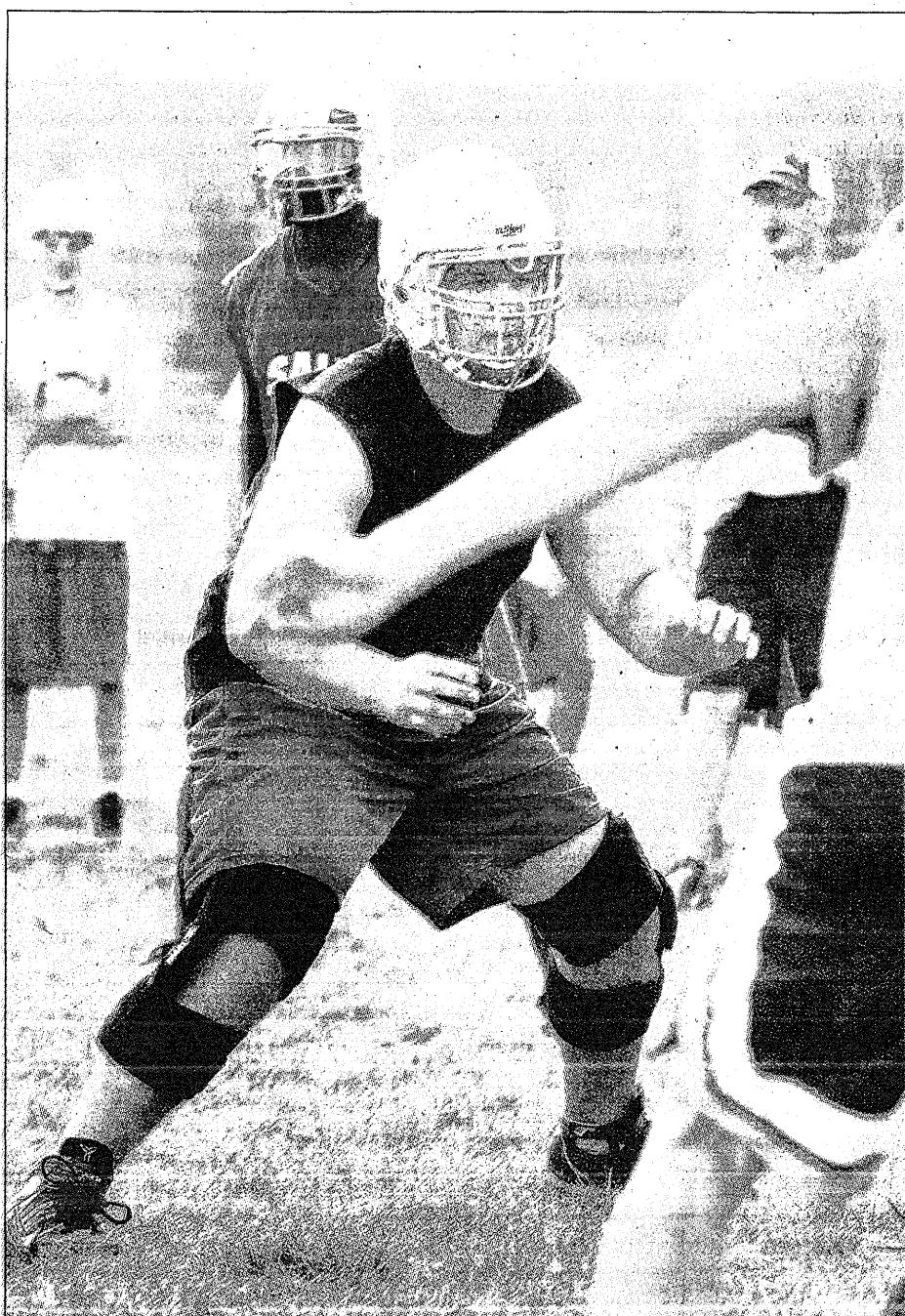
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Recent Plymouth Salem graduate Andrew Grabowski, shown here from a 2008 workout, played in the East-West All-Star Football Game (along with Canton grad Justin Sneddon).

## All-Stars bask in afterglow

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

College football isn't in the cards for all players who capped off their prep careers in grand style July 4 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

But just being part of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All Star Game was almost a Heisman-type moment for those who won't be moving on up — such as Salem grad Andrew Grabowski and Canton grad Justin Sneddon.

Both 18-year-olds were thrilled to compete, having been nominated by their high school coaches (Salem's Parker Salowich and Canton's Tim Baechler), among only 88 high school seniors to get the nod.

"It was really cool to be part of it because it's not every day that you get to go against the best kids in the state," Grabowski said. "So it was a challenge, but it was fun at the same time."

Noted Sneddon, merely getting to play for the East All Stars was unforgettable, even though the West came away with a 43-22 victory. "It was exciting and I never thought I would have the opportunity," he said.

Please see **ALL-STARS, B3**

'Playing in the All-Star game will prepare me for the rest of my life because it showed me a lot of character and prepared me for what things are to come.'

JUSTIN SNEDDON, 2009 Canton grad



### MHSFCA SPOTLIGHT

**Who:** Salem grad Andrew Grabowski (6-2, 260), whose parents are Irene and Joe Grabowski, plans on playing baseball at Henry Ford Community College. He earned second-team honors on the 2008 All-Observer football team and was an All-KLAA selection.

**Who:** Canton grad Justin Sneddon (5-10, 215), whose parents are John and Mickey Sneddon, was a Division I All-State selection for the Chiefs. He also earned All-Observer First Team accolades on offense for his performance during the 2008 prep campaign and also made the All-KLAA squad.

## SIDELINES

### Conover earns award

Jon Conover of Farmington Hills is one of 54 University of Michigan student-athletes to receive the Big Ten Conference's Distinguished Scholar Award.

This is the first year for the Big Ten program that honors student-athletes who have earned varsity letters and achieved a GPA of 3.7 or higher in the previous academic year.

Conover, who will be a senior in 2009-10, is a two-year letterman and wide receiver on the Michigan football team.

The former Catholic Central High School standout was named to the Big Ten all-academic team in 2007 and 2008.

### Road Runner Classic

The Northville Road Runners will stage the 2009 Road Runner Classic July 25 at Maybury State Park in Northville.

The one-mile run-walk begins at 5 p.m. followed by the eight-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m.

The family run event includes refreshments, pizza, home-baked goods, live music, story hour, face painting, age-group awards and scoring and timing by Everal Race Management.

Race day registration and packet pick-up begins at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the 8K and \$5 for the one-mile run-walk. State park entry is \$6.

For more information, visit [www.northvilleroadrunners.org](http://www.northvilleroadrunners.org) or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

### Baseball tryouts

The Motor City River Sharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will have tryouts for the 2010 season next month.

Tryouts for the River Sharks' 10U travel team will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Registration both days begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail [motorcityriversharks@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityriversharks@gmail.com).

### Hawks golf scramble

The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters will have their fifth annual golf scramble Sunday, Aug. 9, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The 18-hole event begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$90 per person and includes golf, cart, hot dog at the turn, prizes and steak dinner.

To participate, call Al Upchurch at (248) 473-3994. Make checks payable to Harrison Football Boosters and mail to Al Upchurch, 28109 Statler Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

## Diamond dandies Gladiators eager to make hall of fame showing

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a dream season. The Gladiators, members of the Garden City Youth Athletic Association, find themselves in the midst of one of those as a plethora of sterling achievements this season is sure to make the 2009 baseball campaign one to remember.

Coached By David Ferraciolo, the 12U Gladiators Saturday showed their prowess as they totally destroyed their three opponents to earn top honors in the PONY Baseball Bronco Sectional Tournament held in Garden City. In registering a pair of victories over Westland and one more over Wayne, Ferraciolo's troops outscored their foes by a combined 68-2.

With those wins, the Gladiators stand 18-5-1 on the season and poised to make a successful showing at the upcoming PONY Regional Tournament in Dewitt, Mich. And if that isn't enough, the 11-player roster will take to the field in historic Cooperstown, New York, Aug. 15-21, to take part in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament.

"They are all so excited," said Ferraciolo of his team's trip to the site of Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame. "None of us have ever been there before and that is why it is going to be so special. All of us are really looking forward to making the trip."

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The 12U GCYAA Garden City Gladiators captured the top spot at the recent Pony Baseball Bronco Sectional Tournament held in Garden City, winning the two-game elimination tourney in three games. Solid hitting and pitching proved to be the difference as the Gladiators outscored the competition 68-2, thanks in part to a total of 15 home runs hit in the competition. Brendan Ferraciolo and Zackary Maszatics each clubbed three home runs, Brandon Smeltzer, Angelo Policicchio and Brendan Spehar had two apiece and Tyler Harnos, Nick Montroy and Ryan Browne hammered one each. Although Bryan Widmer, Nick Radtke and Jake Preiss did not hit home runs, they combined for 17 hits in the tournament. The team now moves on to the Pony Baseball Bronco Regional Tournament in DeWitt, followed by the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament Aug. 15-21 at Cooperstown Dreams Park in Cooperstown, New York.

## Farmington Hills, Westland runners prevail

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though he was already an established runner, Ricardo Galindo surprised even himself with his performance Saturday in the annual Farmington Founders Festival road race.

The 17-year-old Galindo, who will be a senior at Detroit Catholic Central High School, was the men's overall winner with a time of 21 minutes flat.

"I was very happy with that," the Farmington Hills resident said. "I wasn't expecting to be that fast. I just went out there to

run; I felt good and kept going."

It was the second time running the Founders four-mile race for Galindo, who placed third overall last year. He pulled away at the halfway point and finished nearly a minute ahead of the runner-up.

"It's a fast pace," Galindo said. "Last year I was a minute or two behind. We've been training during the summer as a team. I was just trying to see where I was at in my conditioning."

Galindo also won the 5K Jingle Bell Race in Northville last December. He usually does only a couple races in the summer, so he doesn't burn out before the high

### FARMINGTON FOUNDERS RUN

school cross country season.

"I like the course; there were some small hills," he said. "The last mile is generally downhill. It's very nice to run that last mile. It refreshes you a bit and makes it a little easier to finish."

"I tried to pace myself and stay with people. I kept a good pace going for the race and got a good time."

Galindo was second in the region and 26th at the state meet in cross country a year ago. In the spring season, he was third in the region and eighth in the state for

3,200 meters.

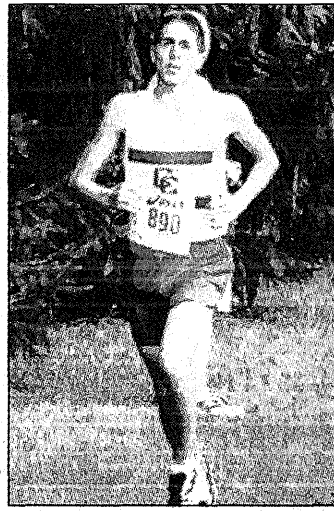
He plans to continue running at the collegiate level, hopefully at the U.S. Military Academy. He is in the process of trying to secure an appointment, but he's also considering Duke and Johns Hopkins.

### Women's race winner

Angela Matthews of Westland found the cool, breezy weather conditions Saturday especially suitable for her.

The 25-year-old technical editor cruised through the race to

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Ricardo Galindo of Farmington Hills and Detroit-Novu Catholic Central was the men's overall winner in 21 minutes.

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### Wire-to-wire Yanks

The Redford City League Yankees not only came away with a regular-season Capitol Park League title this summer, but a playoff championship as well following impressive victories over the Pirates (13-6) and Cubs (10-0). Coached by Mike Bobbish and assisted by Brian Levinsky, Pops Mullen and Ben Abela, the Yankees finished regular-season play 12-3 overall, including a heart-stopping 6-5 victory over the Cubs. Those players contributing to the season-long success included Mike Styles, Jourdan Bobbish, Chad Wilyard, Travis Wilyard, Thomas Woodrow, Roderick Howard, Mike Abela, Alex Riley, Corey Dziadzio, Paul Levinsky, Jon Bratcher and Josh Mullens.



### AABC World Series-bound Cards

The national stage is next for the 11U Canton Cardinals baseball team of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. The Cardinals last weekend won the 11U American Amateur Baseball Congress state championship and will compete July 31 in Brooklyn, N.Y. at the AABC Gil Hodges World Series. In the front row (from left) are Ravi Mahanti (Farmington), Trevor McManus (Canton), Cameron Shaughnessy (Plymouth), Cameron Stella (Plymouth), Matt Bocketti (Plymouth) and Andrew Hejka (Canton). In the middle row (from left) are head coach Dan Hejka, Sr., Grant Hartwig (Plymouth), Kevin Anthony (Canton), Seth Hubbard (Canton), Andrew Jossey (Canton) and Griffin Shiminski (Canton). In the back row (from left) are assistant coaches Kurt Anthony, Vince Shiminski, and John Shaughnessy.

# Rams walk away with win over Concealed Security

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With nine walks being handed out, the Michigan Rams made the most of their four hits Monday in scoring a 6-1 triumph over Concealed Security in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play at Ford Field.

Aaron Cieslak again carried the hot bat for the Rams as he cracked a single and a double, walked once and lifted a sacrifice fly to knock in two Rams runs. Nich Plinka and Kyle Vesey each had one hit and one walk, Joe Barnes scored two runs and drove in another, Justin Forster walked three times and scored twice and Brett Mazmanian and Ryan Abraham each picked up an RBI as the Rams improved to 19-9 on the season.

The victory went to starter Tom Hansen, who upped his season mark to 6-1. Hansen, who allowed one hit and three walks while striking out five, was able to maintain his 0.00 ERA as all three runs scored by Concealed Security in the third were unearned.

The Rams scored single runs in each of the first six innings

off Concealed Security hurlers Billy Harden and Drew Ordakowski.

Last Friday, the Rams and Michigan Bulls showed why they are the two best teams in the LCBL this season.

The Rams, winners of the Under 20 division, and the Bulls, champions of the Under 22 division, put on a solid display of baseball and settled for a split of their scheduled doubleheader.

The Bulls squeaked out a 6-5 triumph in the opener behind a three-run uprising in the sixth inning, while the Rams gained a 3-1 victory in the nightcap behind another outstanding pitching performance from Matt Broder.

In game one, Russ Luxton's sacrifice fly off Rams reliever Taylor Robson capped a three-run sixth inning by the Bulls and giving them a 6-5 lead. Starter Tim Simpson sent the Rams down in order in the seventh to notch the win as he scattered six hits and three walks while striking out six.

After spotting the Bulls (22-5) a 2-0 first-inning advantage, the Rams stormed back with four of their own in the second to take a 4-2 lead. Alex Trojan's

bases-loaded triple highlighted the frame.

Cieslak knocked in the other two runs for the Rams with a double and sacrifice fly.

Plinka and Jake Rhodes each stroked two hits for the Rams. Jeff Bultinck and Jon Berti clubbed two hits apiece for the Bulls.

Brady Cooper got the start for the Rams, lasting four innings and yielding five hits and only one earned run.

In game two, the Rams this time proved to be the comeback kids as single runs in each of the fourth, fifth and seventh frames helped make a winner of Broder.

The hurler faced only 24 batters in going the distance, allowing two hits and walking one. He struck out four and gave up a single run in the third on a sacrifice fly by Tyler Hall.

The Rams totaled six hits, two each for Cieslak and Mazmanian. Both Rams players scored a run and knocked in one run as it was Cieslak's single in the sixth that plated Andre Ciennik with the go-ahead run.

Rhodes collected the other RBI on a double.

# Events honor 50th anniversary of 1959 Legion championship

Michigan teams have made it deep into the American Legion World Series, but the 1959 squad from Detroit Edison Post 187 stands alone as the state's only champion.

The team celebrates the 50th anniversary of its national title with a series of events this summer, beginning noon to 7 p.m. Saturday in Clarkston.

That's when the American Legion will showcase the '59 champions during the zone playoffs at Chief Pontiac Field.

Legendary Detroit Tiger and White Sox lefthander Billy Pierce, 82, will make an appearance along with storied baseball coach Art Kohn, 89.

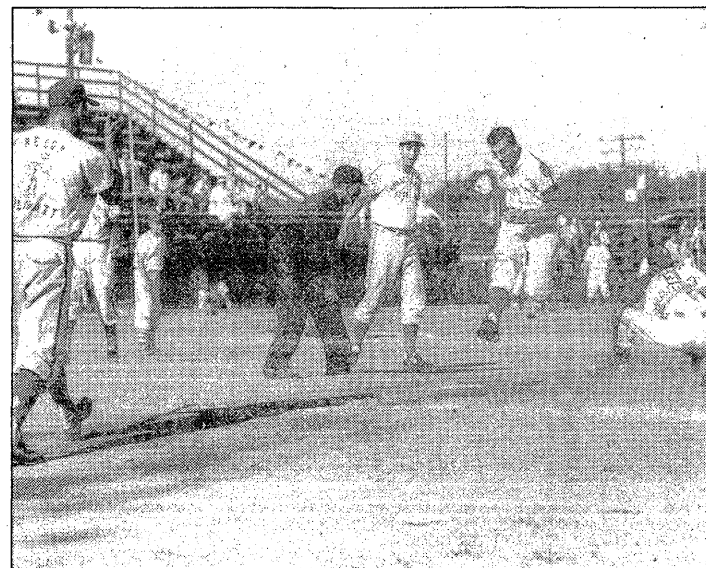
Saturday is one of several upcoming events spotlighting the squad, coordinated by Canton resident and Post 187 baseball historian Raymond Rolak.

Team members also will be guests of honor at the American Legion state championship banquet at Blissfield Post 325, and they will be recognized at the opening game in Adrian July 29-30.

The Detroit Tigers will honor the group at Comerica Park Aug. 31 with a ceremony prior to the day game versus the Tampa Bay Rays.

Detroit Edison Post 187 outfielder Rich Miller, 67, has been chosen by his teammates to throw out the ceremonial first pitch that day.

At the Michigan State Fair on Sept. 6, there will be an American Legion Baseball historical exhibit as part of Armed Services Day at the Hudson Auditorium.



COURTESY EDISON POST 187

Jim Saskewitch of Detroit's Thomas A. Edison Post 187 baseball team motors into home plate for another important run during the 1959 American Legion World Series.

Meanwhile, as a legacy project, the team will participate in a pre-school reading clinic sponsored by the Plymouth District Library. Former Tiger and Plymouth resident Bill Zepp will moderate.

The team itself also has quite a legacy:

■ At the National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., Chicago Cubs shortstop Ernie Banks awarded the Player of the Year trophy to Fred Bowen. He appeared on NBC's *Today* show and got to meet baseball legend Ty Cobb.

"At that time, (Cobb) was already in a wheelchair because of his diabetes," Bowen said. "He was having a good day, and I mostly remember

him just repeating, 'Do you want me to sign another ball, kid?' He kept calling me kid."

Bowen, 68, earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Detroit. He recently retired as an educator and sports referee.

■ Each Edison Post 187 team member received the famed Hillerich and Bradshy Black Bat Trophy. This was a Louisville Slugger ebony baseball bat with the players' name engraved in gold. The Major League World Series winners also receive this prestigious award each year.

■ Jim Saskewitch, 67, and Bill Takacs, 67, went on to sign professional baseball contracts. Most went on to college and all had successful careers.

## GLADIATORS

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According to Ferracciolo, the tournament in Cooperstown is not one where teams must qualify, but one of opportunity where teams must apply, and when selected, be able to travel and participate in a week full of games. A total of 104 teams will participate.

"They host tournaments there at Dreams Park every week for 12-year-old teams from all over the country," said Ferracciolo, whose coaching assistants include Keith Harnos, Jim Montroy and Tony Widmer. "Last year we all got together, and the parents just said let's go to Cooperstown. So we put in

for it and got selected to play in August."

The cost of the trip was made possible by everybody from players and coaches to parents and family members chipping in to help conduct a variety of fundraising events. Bowl-a-thons, football-mania and even poker tournaments all played a role in raising some \$15,000 needed to buy new uniforms and cover trip costs to various tournaments and Cooperstown.

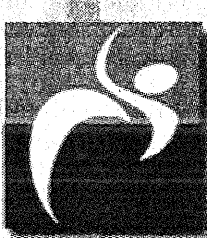
"It's all about teamwork on this team," said Ferracciolo, who is in his 22nd year of coaching. "They all feel like leaders. I told them they are all MVP's to win games like they have. They all accept they have a role to do and go out and execute them to the

best of their ability.

"You know you have a great group of kids, and it surely says a lot about them, when they come to you and say, 'I can sit coach,' so other kids can play," Ferracciolo went on. "And the parents get it, too, that it's all about teamwork. It's been a special season with all the support we have received."

With the success on the local level, it wouldn't be surprising to see even more hall-of-fame performances from Gladiators Brendan Ferracciolo, Zackary Maszatics, Brandon Smeltzer, Brendan Spehar, Angelo Policicchio, Tyler Harnos, Nick Montroy, Ryan Browne, Bryan Widmer, Nick Radtke and Jake Preiss while in Cooperstown.

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claim the title of women's overall champion with a time of 22:38. She was more than three minutes ahead of the next female runner.

"My pace was about 5:40; that's pretty typical of the way I've been competing and training lately," Matthews said. "That's a pretty good pace for me. I was happy with it."

Matthews, an assistant cross country and track coach at Southfield Christian High School, followed a pace set by SCHS head coach Matt Yacoub of Farmington Hills.

"He stayed about five seconds in front of the whole race, so it was good he ran a nice, even race," Matthews said. "He's a disciplined runner, too."

"Having a guy like that in front of me, I know he's not going to do anything crazy and go out like a banshee. I know how he races."

Despite her first-place finish, Matthews has had what she considers better races, citing a pair of fourth-place finishes at the Firecracker Mile and the Brian Diemer Race in Grand Rapids.

"I'm happier getting a fast time than necessarily winning," she said. "I've had a pretty successful spring and summer of racing and been staying healthy. July

was a big month. I had three races in a row every weekend.

"(Last week) was a high-mileage week. I was happy with how it went, but I'm focusing on other stuff down the road, too. I did as well as I could have done for that week."

Matthews competed in her first Founders race with many of her running associates who have informal weekly training sessions as Farmington High.

"I liked it, especially the finish," she said. "The last mile and a half was downhill, and we had the wind at our backs. That was probably my favorite because it was so fast."

"It's early (to commit to a title defense), but I did like the race and parade afterward. I can see myself going back. It was fun; it was a good time."

Matthews is a former four-sport athlete at Lutheran High Westland where she also played soccer and volleyball. She ran cross country and track at Concordia University in Nebraska.

The men's and women's over-40 masters division winners were Mark Wright, 44, and Cindy Bradley, 43. Wright (23:42) was ninth overall and Bradley (26:48) 42nd.

New Balance, a sponsor for the race, presented each of the four winners with a \$100 gift certificate for a pair of new shoes.



Angela Matthews of Westland was the women's overall winner in 22:38.

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**CREAM OF CROP**

According to Baechler, being picked to go to the MHSFCA game is a big honor in and of itself.

"There's over 400 kids nominated to play in that game, and they can only choose 88," Baechler said. "So it's quite an honor to be nominated, let alone be chosen to be on the team. That makes it a pretty big deal."

Both Grabowski and Sneddon — not planning on college football — played about two quarters worth of football, at offensive tackle and guard, respectively, as well as special teams.

Though considered physically undersized by some, their blocking helped spark a second-half surge that made the final score more respectable.

"I played more than I thought," Grabowski said. "Probably around two out of every three series on offense."

Baechler said he was proud of the way Sneddon (a Canton co-captain and Division 1 All-State honoree) handled himself throughout the week-long experience.

"It was a great way for him to go

out, even though they didn't win the game," Baechler said. "It was a great week. He met a lot of great guys and had fun."

"He represented himself, his family and Canton High School very well up there during the week. I watched him practice once and went to the game. All the coaches spoke very highly of him."

**HOPE FOR FUTURE**

Sneddon said being part of such a prestigious event is something that will pay off for him in his future.

"Playing in the All-Star Game will prepare me for the rest of my life," Sneddon said, "because it showed me a lot of character and prepared me for what things are to come."

Grabowski said the experience was a good one because he found out he could handle being taken out of his "comfort zone" and mesh with "new people and work with new coaches."

Going to East Lansing for the holiday game had an unexpected bonus for Sneddon.

"The game was a good way to cap off high school because I had my graduation party the day after the game," Sneddon said. "So all my family was there to watch."

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**Clarifying the rule of a provisional ball**

By Jeanne Myers

I suspect every golfer who has ever played the game at one time in their golfing life has proceeded incorrectly when he or she cannot find their ball. We all know the correct procedure and the penalty for a lost ball. The player must take a stroke penalty and return to the spot from which he last hit a shot and hit again. We call it "stroke and distance."

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If there has been virtual certainty that the ball has been moved by an outside agency, the player is entitled to drop on the spot from which it was moved. However, in the absence of that virtual certainty, the player is required to take the stroke and distance penalty. If he or she drops

and plays from the spot from which they "think" their ball was moved by an outside agency (without virtual certainty), they have played from a wrong place. In match play, the player just lost the hole. In stroke play, the player must add one stroke penalty for the lost ball, two strokes for playing from a wrong place and they must go back to where they hit their last shot and correct the mistake or be disqualified.

That is the most severe penalty in golf and this is probably the most abused rule in golf! If all players would just play a provisional ball when they think their ball might be lost, this kind of situation can be avoided. But don't forget to announce that you are playing a provisional, because if you do not announce it, then the ball you play is not a provisional, but is the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance. "I'm going to reload," or "That might be out of here," or "That's in the next

zip code" do not constitute announcing! A player really has only two options in announcing. Since I have never heard a player say, "I am proceeding under Rule 27-2a," which is the first option, I believe we are all stuck with actually saying the word "provisional."

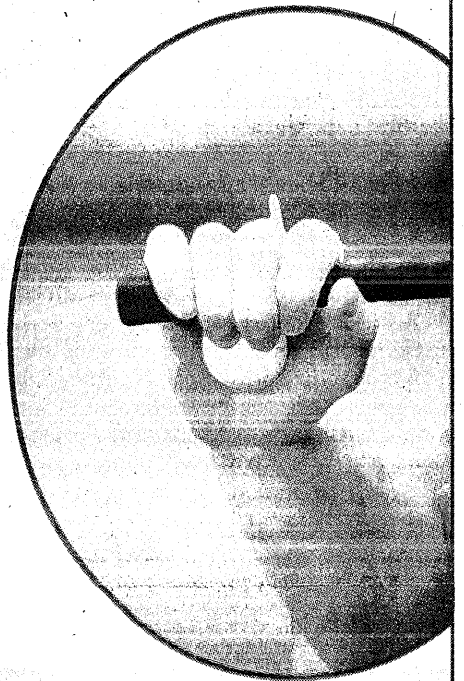
A player may play any number of shots with the provisional, until he reaches the place where the provisional ball is likely to be. If he plays a shot with the provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a place nearer the hole than that place, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play and the original ball is lost. If the provisional ball thus becomes the ball in play, and then the original ball is found, any further shot played with the original constitutes playing a wrong ball.

After playing a provisional, if you then find your original ball and it is in bounds, you must abandon your

provisional — you do not get to choose. Even if the original ball is in a water hazard or unplayable (situations that include stroke and distance as one of the options), you must abandon the provisional. If you then select stroke and distance as an option for the ball that is in the water or unplayable, you must take the stroke penalty and go back to the place from which you hit your last shot. The provisional ball must be picked up.

Always remember though, that if you play a stellar provisional, you are under no obligation to look for your original ball. Holing out a provisional on a par-3, for a 3, will probably make the best of us blind when looking for the original or even keep us from wandering in the original's direction at all!

Jeanne Myers is the Golf Association of Michigan's Assistant Director of Rules & Competition.



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The Mid-High group from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton took young people with cerebral palsy on a field trip to Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis., where the NFL's Packers play.

# Local students see God's handiwork on mission trips

It's summer, and that means mission trips for some local youth. Mid-High Ministries students at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton recently traveled to Green Bay, Wis., for a mission trip. The middle school students visited the Green Bay Packers Lambeau Field. They took a group of cerebral palsy youths to Lambeau Field. "Our group was split into two different work groups," said Nancy Glodich, Mid-High Ministries coordinator. The young people with cerebral palsy get physical therapy and participate in other activities at their center in Wisconsin. They went to Lambeau Field on a tour with the Canton church group. "All of the CP (cerebral palsy) people were under the age of 19," she said. The Mid-High group had seven students and two advisers. Glodich's group went to a nursing home. The missionaries played games, and went on field trips to a nature preserve and outdoor concert. "Some of them weren't older. Some of them were in their early 50s," she said of the residents, who were unable to care for themselves. The Geneva kids were surprised not all residents were older. "That was an eye-opening experience, too." The Geneva group worked

with recreational therapists on staff there. The Senior Highs from Geneva (on Sheldon north of Ford) traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., for their mission trip this summer. Eleven Senior Highs and four advisers went on the trip. Hannah Glodich, 16, a junior at Plymouth Salem High and daughter of Nancy and John of Plymouth Township, went to Philadelphia. "I thought it was great. We did a whole bunch of different projects," Hannah said. She saw God working through all the people, and would go on such a trip again. "Definitely. Sometimes I wish I could do it more than once a year," Hannah Glodich said. "There are so many different ways to see God wherever you are. There are so many ways to help out." She was glad to "let God be seen through you as well." Hannah Glodich's group of older teens went to a Salvation Army facility, and sorted through boxes of donated food. They also went to another Salvation Army facility, a kids club where a number of Hispanic kids gathered. "We just sort of hung out with them and played with them a little bit."

- By Julie Brown

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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### JULY 23-29

**Golf outing deadline**  
July 25 is the final day to register for the 14th Annual Ed Day Golf Classic, sponsored by the athletics program of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The event will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia and includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner in the clubhouse, prizes, and fun for all. Teams and individual golfers are welcome and sponsorships are still available. Half of the team deposit is required at registration. All golfers must be at least 18 and soft spikes are required. Register online at [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org) or by calling (734) 464-4523; (734) 968-3161; or (734) 777-8791.

**Food pantry**  
Trinity Church Food Pantry will be open for pick-ups, Saturday, July 25. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance. Deadline for calling is today, Thursday, July 23. Call (734) 459-9557. The church is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road just west of Beck road, in Plymouth.

**Annual soccer camp**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for beginning and intermediate soccer players to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game through a mini-camp, 6:30-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 27-30 at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. The mini-camp offers small group instruction and individual attention for boys and girls of any skill level, age 5-12 years. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit [www.christsavior.org](http://www.christsavior.org). Cost is \$30 per student, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration.

**Registration deadline**  
Register for Vacation Bible School at St. Edith Church in Livonia through Monday, July 27. Sessions run 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For ages 4-10. Anyone over age 10 can be a helper. \$25 per child for the week or \$5 per day. (734) 464-2020

**Vacation Bible School**  
"Boomerang Express: It all Comes Back to Him," 6-9 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, July 26-30, at Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Classes aimed at ages 2-17 and adults. Register online at [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org). (734) 404-2480  
"Good News Clues," 6-8:30 p.m., July 27-31, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Aimed at grades 1-6. Register by calling Melissa at (734) 466-8694.  
"Studio Go," 9 a.m.-noon, July 27-31, Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Game show activities, games, crafts, recreation, singing and snacks. Water slide and water activity, along with a lunch, on Friday, July 31. Aimed at pre-K (4 years old) through 6th grade. Free. (248) 476-8222

### JULY 30-AUG. 5

**Concert**  
Cabaret, Thursday July 30; dinner (58) at 6 p.m., followed by performance at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. (313) 534-7730.

**Vacation Bible school**  
9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 3-7, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia. Activities include worship, crafts, games, science, music, Bible stories and more. Registration is \$25 for the first child in the family, \$20 for the second child, and \$15 for each additional child. Registration fees include a T-shirt for each child and a VBS music CD. Call Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail to [elc-ed@aroumdetroit.biz](mailto:elc-ed@aroumdetroit.biz) for additional details and registration information.

**Family Film**  
See "Beauty and the Beast" at dusk, July 31, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 [www.betheloflivonia.com](http://www.betheloflivonia.com)

### AUG. 6-12

**Hunger Walk**  
Churches and organizations interested in participating in this year's Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 11, 2009, may attend a recruiters' orientation meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Recruiters

will receive Walk materials and share strategies for recruiting walkers. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg, coordinator, at (734) 981-4205 or [bfichtenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bfichtenberg@hotmail.com).

**Music Camp**  
Hearts, Hands & Voices, a worship and music camp for children, grades 2-5, in southeast Michigan, held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 10-13, with a concluding presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

### AUG. 13-19

**Family film**  
See "Lion King" at dusk, Aug. 14, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 [www.betheloflivonia.com](http://www.betheloflivonia.com)

### ONGOING

**AWANA**  
Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

**Classes/study**  
New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org) for updates.  
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Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.  
Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.  
Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).  
Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.  
Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [elc-ed@aroumdetroit.biz](mailto:elc-ed@aroumdetroit.biz).  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.  
A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions,

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**Prayer**  
Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.  
7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.  
Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.  
7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

**Singles**  
Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.  
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org). Cost is \$5.

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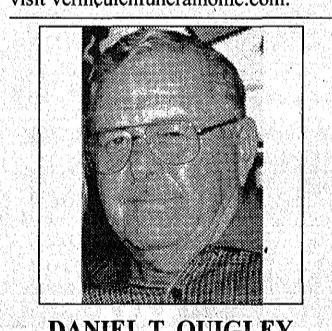
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**LAWRENCE F. "Larry" JANTOVSKY**  
July 17, 2009, age 79. Beloved husband of the late Patricia for 49 years. Loving father of Judy Shepar, Kevin Michael and the late Lawrence Michael. Father-in-law of Shere Jantovsky. Grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of 11. Visitation was Sunday, July 19, 2009, 1-9pm with an Am-Vet Ceremony at 7:00pm. A Funeral Service was held Monday, July 20, 2009, 11am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home; 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. Please leave the family a message at: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**CAROL J. MANESS**  
July 21, 2009, age 73, of Farmington Hills. Loving mother of Sharon (Robert) Edwards & James (Susanna) Rengo. Grandmother of Ann E. Rengo. Dear sister of Bette (Richard) Neuhaus. Dear aunt of R.J., Robert, & Ryan Neuhaus. Dear cousin of Allan (Irene) Kovar. Memorial Gathering Friday 12-2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). To leave a message of condolence please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



**DANIEL T. QUIGLEY**  
Age 70, passed away at home with his family at his side on Sunday, July 19, following a tough fight with cancer. He was born October 25, 1938. He served his country in the United States Navy. He worked hard to support the family he loved so dearly. He was the second generation to work for Ford Motor Company having retired in 1986 after 25 years. He is the beloved husband of 48 years of Janice. Dear father of Tracy A. (Bill) McCord, Daniel R. Quigley, Michael P. Quigley and Gary F. (Gina) Quigley. He gave great tractor rides to all of his grandchildren, Valeri, Rob, Annie, Luke, Joey, Ryan, Allie, Tara, Casey, Julie, Maria, and Zack. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Share memories or leave a message of condolence for the family at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**DOROTHY CAROLINE TODIC**  
Of Plymouth, passed away July 16, 2009 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Melvin Roy Todich. She is the dearest mother of Dennis "Mike" (Constance) Todich of Ann Arbor. Dear grandmother of Brian (Janice) Todich of Souderton, PA and Jodi (Kevin) Sweeney of Hellertown, PA and great-grandmother of Samantha and Zachary, also of Hellertown. Dear sister of Charlotte Leggett of White Lake, MI. Dear aunt of Laurel Fick of Detroit, Eileen Roscano of Detroit and JoAnn Ruczynski of White Lake, MI. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 10am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

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RELIGION

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month, at 4171 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

- Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org
- St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church; 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-ins from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.
- Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.
- Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

**Thrift store**  
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Worship**

- Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248) 851-5100.
- Anglican Church of Livonia: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 10 a.m., service at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. www.hischurch.us.
- Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 9:45 a.m., Sunday, contemporary multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments, and occasionally dramas; 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional services; 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.
- Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fellowship 7 p.m., every other Friday.
- Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.
- Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. Visit www.livonfaith.org.
- Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.
- Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.
- Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.
- Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-

- 1414.
- New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.
- New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com
- Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735.
- Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the church. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere. (734) 464-0990.
- Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia: 9 a.m., last Sunday of the month features a contemporary service with church members presenting a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.
- St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038.
- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 21475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.
- Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.
- Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays. (734) 421-1760.
- Westwood Community Church, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland: 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts, children's church every Sunday.

Donate produce to feed the hungry

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is collecting excess fruits and vegetables from backyard gardens from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday until Sept. 19. The donations will go to Forgotten Harvest, a metro Detroit organization that "rescues" perishable and prepared foods and delivers them to food pantries and other organizations that serve those in need. Fresh produce is an important part of a healthy diet, but often is beyond the means of low-income families. The First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East. Main. The church's south entrance is on Cady Street.

Detroit visit on tap

On Monday, July 27, members of St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia will be traveling to St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Detroit to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, meeting at St. Colette's at 9 a.m. The Livonia parish is on Newburgh, north of Six Mile, across from Laurel Park Place mall. Participants attend Mass at noon at St. Aloysius, followed by lunch together (place to be determined). This opportunity provides a time to serve those less fortunate, to celebrate Mass together, and to enjoy each other's company. Call Sandy Richards at (734) 591-6780 if you would like to participate of this ministry opportunity or if you have any questions.

Ordination Sunday at Ward

A service of ordination for Jared Dilley will be held on Sunday, July 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads. This is the culmination of a journey that the congregation has traveled together with Jared, and his wife, Lara, over the past four years. Jared Dilley came to the student ministries scene of Ward Church in November 2004, as director of Senior High Ministries. In November 2006, Session recommended to the Presbytery of the Mid-West that he be taken "under care" and begin toward ordination as a minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Dilley has been promoted to director of Student Ministries for Ward Church, earned his master's of arts degree in missions from Calvin Theological Seminary, completed written and oral exams by the Ministerial Vocations Committee of Presbytery and Presbytery as a whole. The Session has extended a call to Dilley to become an assistant pastor of Ward Church.

Your Invitation to Worship

<p><b>CATHOLIC</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>
<p><b>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: Fri. 7:00 p.m. Sat. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:30 &amp; 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Redford Aldersgate United Methodist</b> 10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170 9:30 - Trad. Worship &amp; Sun. Sch. 11:00 - Contemp. Family Worship www.redfordaldersgate.org</p>	<p><b>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA</b> 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (913) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette</p>	<p><b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church</b> 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96 734-522-6830 Sunday Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-9415 Stated Nursery Available Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Pastors: Robert F. Boyer and Anthony M. Creedon</p>
<p><b>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b> St. Genevieve School - Pre-K-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a <b>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church</b> 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 8 p, Sun 9a</p>	<p><b>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> "Open Hearts, Minds &amp; Doors" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne &amp; Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School 9:15 am Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org</p>	<p><b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)</b> 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b> 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided The Rev. Timothy P. Halbooth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halbooth, Assistant Pastor</p>
<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 45861 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196</p>	<p><b>ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills www.orchardumc.org 248-626-3620 Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Childrens Education provided during both services Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN-ELCA</b></p> <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0594 SATURDAY WORSHIP • 5:30 PM Sunday Worship &amp; Sunday School 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE NURSERY AVAILABLE ERIC STENSEN, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</b></p> <p><b>ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b> 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. &amp; 10:30 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulslivonia.org</p>
<p><b>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</b></p> <p><b>Timothy Lutheran Church</b> A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail &amp; Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>Fellowship Presbyterian Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>WARD</b> Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Nursery &amp; Sunday School During the 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Hours Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560 The WMUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>	<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL</b></p> <p><b>North Congregational Church</b> 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake &amp; Halsted) (248) 848-1750 10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Church School Faith - Freedom-Fellowship Ministers Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron</p>
<p><b>GREEK ORTHODOX</b></p> <p><b>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI Sunday Services Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Rev. Fr. George Vaparis Parish Office 734-420-0131 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygochurch.org</p>	<p>For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com</p>		

# Plymouth Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Energy repairs

Downtown Development Authority officials announced Consumers Energy will soon begin a month-long infrastructure repair program on Ann Arbor Trail from Union to Harvey. Tentative starting date is Monday, Aug. 27.

Consumers Energy will finalize its plans next week and inform City Manager Paul Sincock, who will then develop any street or sidewalk closures necessary to the project.

### Parking structure

Contractors, according to DDA officials, have completed the majority of repairs on the upper level of the parking structure. On Monday, contractors were scheduled to start applying the new sealant to the interior of the walls on the upper level.

Contractors expect a significant part of the lower level closed in the coming weeks to erect shoring and bracing necessary to complete repairs in several areas.

### Downtown activities

(Courtesy the Plymouth DDA)  
• E.G. Nick's begins a dinner

theater series featuring Superstar Tributes from Las Vegas. Included are tributes to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, KISS, Bette Midler, Tom Jones and Jimmy Buffet.

• Magnolia Fresh Flower Market begins Floral Design Classes July 29. Learn to arrange flowers, care for roses, and make Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas arrangements and centerpieces.

Visit [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org) for details.

### Green grocery

Hiller's Markets shoppers can now grocery-shop green with new custom ChicoBags, for sale in all stores - including the chain's Plymouth location - this week for \$6.99 each.

These reusable bags bear the red Hiller's logo and fold to a 3-by-4-inch key chain pouch small enough to tote on a belt loop or stuff in a pocket. At full size, they hold 25 pounds of groceries.

"We already give shoppers a 5-cent discount for each bag they bring with them into the store - that way we cut down on consumption of disposable

bags and protect the environment while adding a small cost-savings to every grocery bill," said Jim Hiller, CEO and owner of the family-owned grocery company. "By selling versatile, easy-to-use reusable bags, we make it even easier for our shoppers to be environmentally-friendly."

Single-use plastic grocery bags, which were created in 1977, are made of petroleum, adding to U.S. oil consumption. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that only 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled while about 20 percent of paper bags are; the rest sit in landfills. The Wall Street Journal reported that 100 billion plastic shopping bags are used in the U.S. every year.

Hiller's has been a community anchor since 1941. Started by Hiller's father and soon to be led by his son, Justin, its seven stores represent the communities they serve with unparalleled service, selection and quality.

In addition to Plymouth, Hiller's Markets are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Commerce Township, Union Lake and Northville.



Santa is coming to Jill Andra Young Photography 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, to celebrate Christmas in July. It marks the third year Santa has come to Jill Andra Young Photography in July. 'Our Santa is the real deal,' Young said. 'Just look at the photos and you will be amazed.' The offer allows patrons to get Christmas photos/gifts or cards done early. Two packages with no sitting fees are offered. Patrons must have an appointment. For more info, go to Jill's Web site [www.jillandrayoungphotography.com](http://www.jillandrayoungphotography.com) or call (734) 455-7787.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

# Steve's offers dining out deals for its 13th anniversary

Diners feeling the pinch in their wallets will get several days where they're not feeling it at the dinner table, courtesy of a popular Plymouth eatery.

Steve's Family Dining will start its 13th anniversary celebration by helping patrons affected by the sluggish Michigan economy.

Diners at Steve's will get 50 percent off their entire bills for three days July 29-31. The deal is only good at the chain's Plymouth location and does not apply to its Livonia store.

"We wanted to help out with the tough economy," said Steve Nedanovski. "It's a way we can help out a little bit."

Then, for almost two weeks in August, Steve's will transform the number "13" into everyone's lucky number to help celebrate the restaurant's 13th anniversary.

Steve's will provide free dessert with every meal for the first 13 days of August.

"We figured 13 years, 13 days worth of free dessert for everybody," Nedanovski said. "It's a

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way to show appreciation to our customers for all these years."

No coupon is necessary, and the specials are available for dine-in customers only. Steve's is located at 40360 Five Mile in Plymouth Township, west of Haggerty.



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Steve Nedanovski (here with wife Julie and sons Danny and David) will offer 50 percent off all bills for three days July 29-31, and will give away free dessert for the first 13 days of August at the Steve's Family Dining location in Plymouth.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### After hours

Bennigan's is rolling out the music and the summer fun to turn their restaurant into the most "Rocking" summer networking event for our Plymouth Community Chamber members. The summer themed activities will give everyone the opportunity to meet each other.

The Chamber's best summer networking event is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at

Bennigan's on Ann Arbor Road. There will be light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a fun summer networking game.

Members will have an opportunity to win door prizes including dining gift certificates. This will also be a great opportunity to network with Chamber members you may not have seen all summer.

To RSVP for this event, please e-mail [Teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:Teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540. There is no cost to attend. Bennigan's is located at 40441 Ann Arbor Road.

### Great success

The weather was perfect and the course at Northville Hills Golf Club was beautiful. The Chamber would like to thank everyone who played, volunteered, sponsored or donated items to the Chamber's Annual Golf Outing held on Monday of this week.

We also want to thank Golf Outing Committee Chair Greg Blackwood of Fraza Forklifts and his committee for all of their efforts in making the outing a success.

The Outing's major sponsor for the seventh consecutive year was Victory Honda of Plymouth.

### Business and Community News

• Sidewalk Sale - The popular Sidewalk Sales will once again take place on July 24-25 in Downtown Plymouth. Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shop Local! Shop Downtown Plymouth!  
• Children's Concerts on Wednesdays - On

summer Wednesdays at noon 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 [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com)

• 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](http://www.the350project.net).

• 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 to Aug. 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](http://www.buymichigannow.com)

### Top Web site

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

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

## Kidpalooza comes to town

Games, fitness activities, face painting, a dunk tank and a chance to meet with Plymouth police and firefighters are among the festivities planned for the second annual Kidpalooza on Saturday, Aug. 1, throughout downtown Plymouth.

Youngsters will follow a board game theme as they weave their way throughout downtown, stopping at participating businesses which have fun-filled activities.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with Kidpalooza continuing through 2 p.m. Save time at registration and move on to the fun by clicking

"Kidpalooza" under "Quick Links" on the Downtown Development Authority Web site. Fill out the registration form and bring it to Kellogg Park to save time.

Last year, Kidpalooza attracted 450 children who participated in the activities and collected tickets, redeeming them at the end for prizes.

Kidpalooza participants are being asked to donate books at the registration desk, which will be donated to area charities.

For more information, call the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority office at (734) 455-1453.

## NEARBY

### 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.



Wes Graff

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**ART**

**Orchard Lake Fine Art Show**  
**Time/date:** July 24-26  
**Location:** Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake  
**Details:** Artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition  
**Contact:** (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com

**ART EXHIBITS**

**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, in their one-act comedic play, Travel Earth Timeshares, through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248)327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

**JD's House of Comedy**

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

**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.jazzcafe-detroit.com

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**

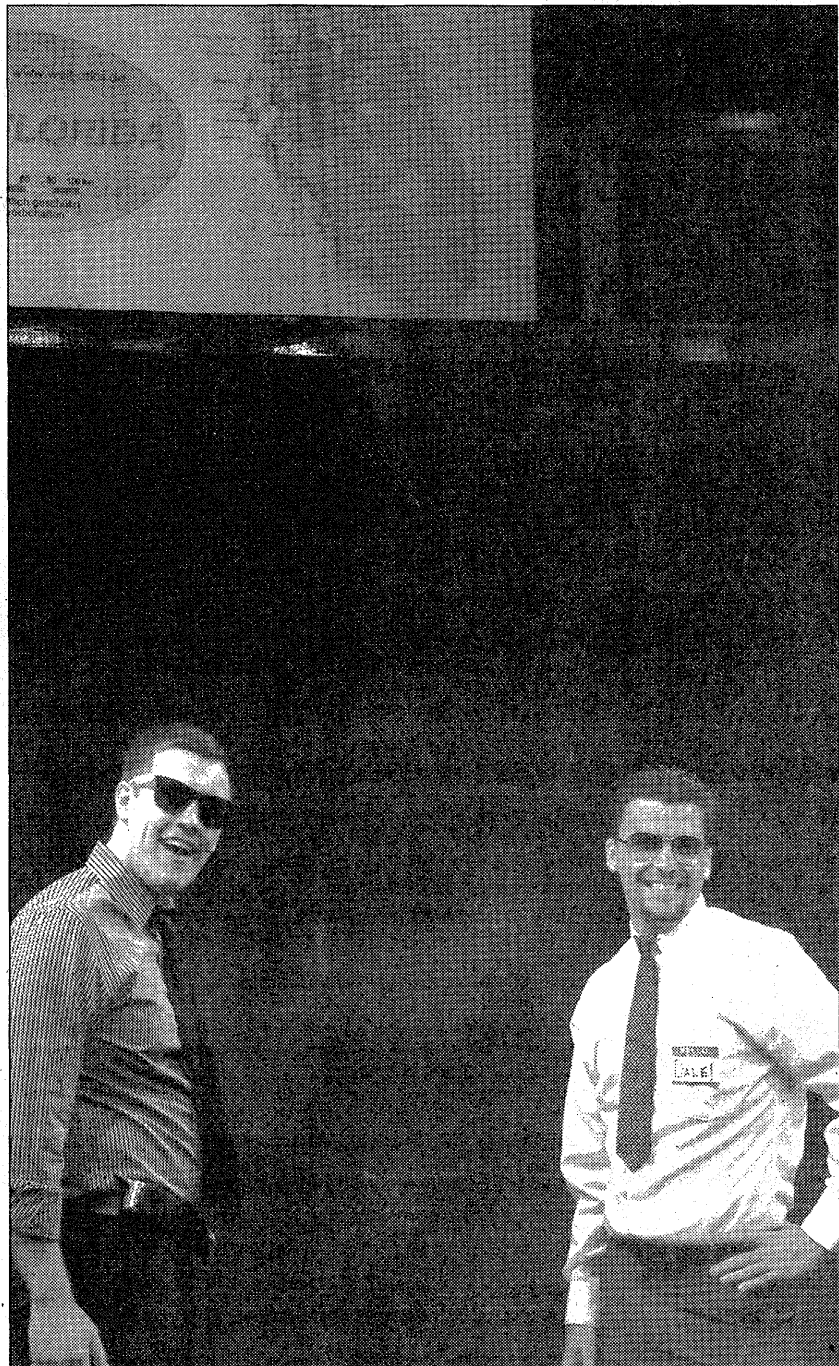
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**

**Time/Date:** Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays  
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**CONCERTS**

**Callahan's Music Hall**



Garrett Fuller and Jeremy Conn, both of Garden City perform in "Travel Earth Time Shares," a one-act play, at Go Comedy! in Ferndale.

**Time/Date:** Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Tinsley Ellis, July 24  
**Location:** 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508  
**Comerica Park**  
**Time/Date:** Vans Warped Tour, July 31  
**Contact:** 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com  
**Dawn Farm**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. July 31  
**Details:** Grievous Angel live in concert.

Benefit fundraiser for the Dawn Farm Community of Programs, assisting recovery from alcoholism/addiction. Dawn Farm Community Barn, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti. \$10  
**Contact:** Dawn Farm at (734)485-9725 http://www.dawnfarm.org  
**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
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**Heritage Park**

**Time/Date:** "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights  
**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center  
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**Jazz on the River**  
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**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com  
**Meadow Brook Music Festival**  
**Time/Dates:** 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., 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  
**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Dates:** 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  
**Contact:** (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com  
**Riley Park**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Fridays  
**Details:** Rhythmx in Riley Park  
**Location:** Downtown Farmington  
**Contact:** www.DowntownFarmington.org  
**Trinity House**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9  
**Details:** Benefit for medical costs of cancer survivor, singer-songwriter Ralston Bowles. Performances by Dave Boutette, Billy Brandt (of Grievous Angel), Chris Buhalis, Annie and Rod Capps, Stewart Francke, Jill Jack, Jan Krist, Mustard's Retreat, D.K. Rossiter (of Hoodang), and others Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$15; \$12 for Trinity House members  
**Contact:** For tickets call (734)464-6302 or write tickets@trinityhouse.org  
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**Bakers Keyboard Lounge**  
**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit  
**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:** "Rumplestiltskin," 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; Palamazoo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Square  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org  
**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Date:** The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live," Aug. 14  
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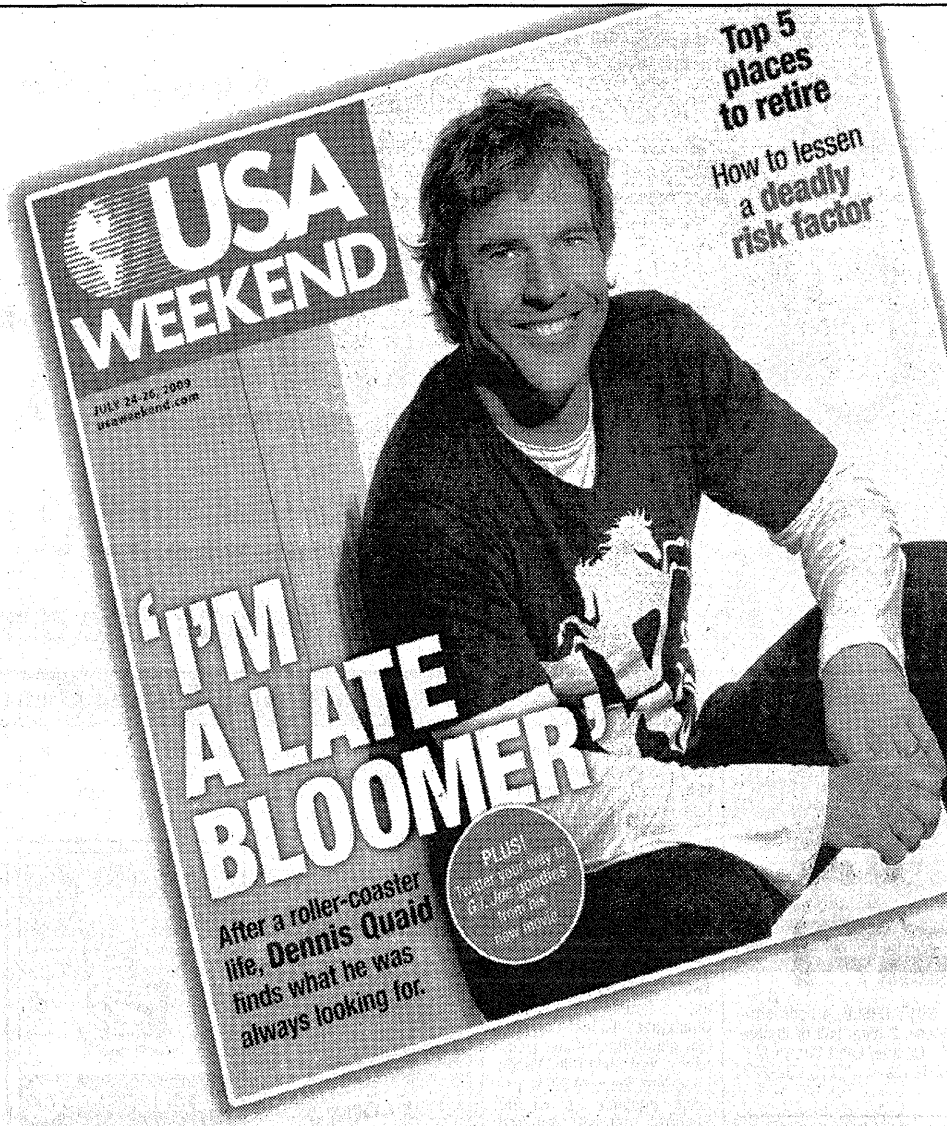
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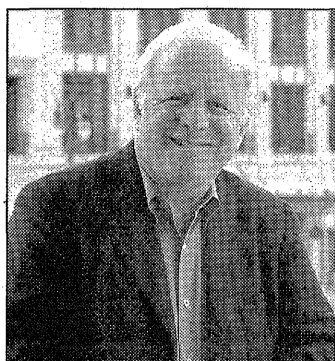
Dennis Quaid shares the ups and downs of his life and discusses his new movies.



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# DSO to swing and serenade summer audiences



Leonard Slatkin is the DSO music director.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will appear at its summer home at Meadow Brook Music Festival beginning this week. Summer Nights at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hill begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25. DSO Music Director Leonard Slatkin kicks off the series with a Tchaikovsky Spectacular concert featuring violinist Karen Gomyo and

follows with Gershwin Galore featuring pianist Jeffrey Siegel at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

The next weekend, at 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, DSO Resident Conductor Thomas Wilkins takes over to conduct the Dave Bennett Sextet in a 100th birthday celebration honoring American jazz musician Benny Goodman in Big Band Bash.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 Wilkins returns to lead the DSO and violinist Ilya Kaler in All-Beethoven, with three works by the influential composer.

To conclude the two-week-end, five-concert music extravaganza, Wilkins and the DSO will enchant listeners with Williams' Harry Potter: Hedwig's Theme, Prokofiev's Cinderella: Waltz and Midnight and more in a 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 children's matinee of "Musical Magic."



The DSO is returning to Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Tickets for The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Nights at Meadow Brook Music Festival are available at the DSO box office

at (313) 576-5111, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000; or at any Ticketmaster location.

Ticket prices for the 2009 "Meadow Brook Music Festival" concerts range from \$15 for lawn to \$30 for pavilion seats.

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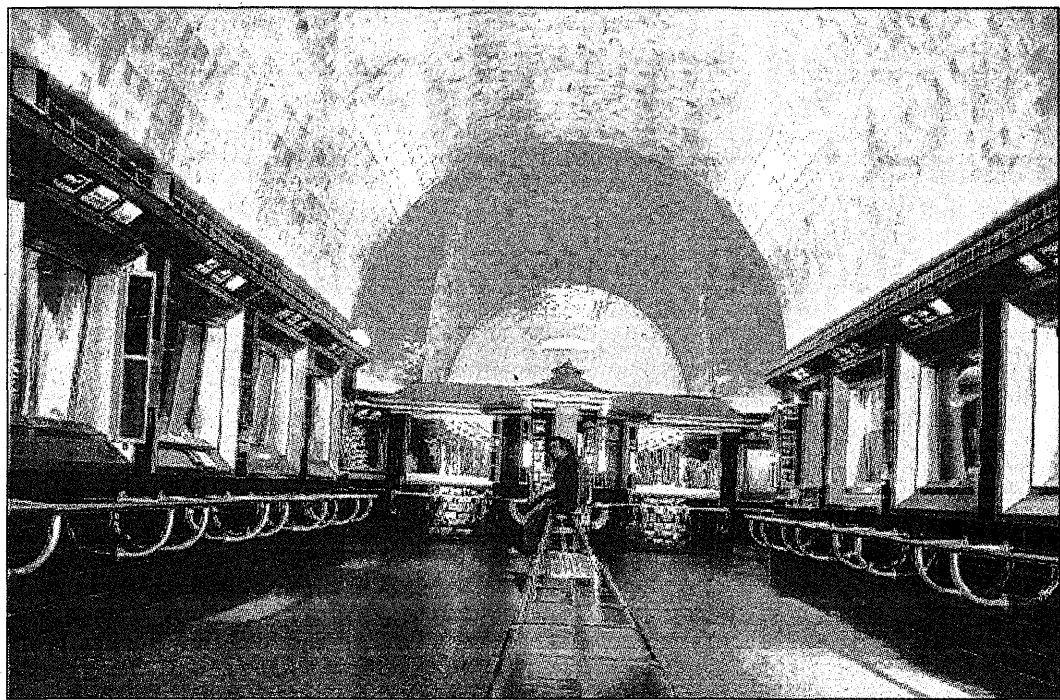
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Inside the aquarium before it closed in 2005.

## Historic aquarium reopens for one night

Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium will reopen the historic 1904 structure — which has been closed for four years — to the public for a strolling supper, wine, beverages, live music, and a silent auction on Saturday, July 25.

"A Night at the Aquarium" will run from 6 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. They're available through PayPal at [www.belleisleaquarium.com](http://www.belleisleaquarium.com) or by calling (586) 663-9482 and leaving a message.

The funds raised from this benefit will go to immediate building needs, such as roof and window repairs necessary to reopen the Aquarium. A \$40,000 State of Michigan grant has already been secured through the combined efforts of the City of Detroit Recreation Department, the Historic Designation Advisory Board and the Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium.

Michigan resident Gregory Lashbrook, world-renowned artist, researcher, diver, and one

of the members of the film team that produced the IMAX hit, *Mysteries of the Great Lakes*, will paint an original piece of art in reverse on glass underwater for more than an hour during the event. The piece will be featured in the silent auction.

During the evening, experts will be available to educate attendees on the cultural history of the Belle Isle Aquarium beginning with the inspiration for its creation in the late 19th century as a part of the City Beautiful Movement. Key players in the Aquarium's creation were Rep. David Heineman, architect Albert Kahn, and landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead.

Points of interest in the Aquarium's history will be highlighted, including Prohibition, when the Aquarium was a speakeasy. Several former curators of the Aquarium will be on hand to describe the significant research contributions the Belle Isle Aquarium has made in ichthyology, conservation,

preservation, aquarium science and parthenogenesis. The Aquarium as a "green" building from its contemplation, construction and execution will also be discussed.

National video photographer Art Vuolo will record the evening and his video of the event will be available for future purchase. And local cartoonists will be on hand to capture the first annual "Night at the Aquarium" for participants.

Belle Isle Aquarium artifacts and memorabilia (authentic items from 1904 through the 1990s) as well as original antique postcards and photographs will be displayed to underscore the unique role the Aquarium played in the lives of not only Detroiters but Americans and Europeans.

Proceeds from the event will go exclusively to Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, for the sole purpose of restoring, reopening and operating the Belle Isle Aquarium.

## Celebrate your wedding at the DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) has begun renting some of its most beautiful rooms for wedding receptions.

Although the DIA has been renting spaces for corporate, foundation and other events for years, this is the first time in its 124-year history that the public can book the museum for a wedding reception.

The move is designed to bolster revenue. "This is something completely new for the museum," stated Elliott Broom, DIA

vice president of Museum Operations. "We know from the calls we get that the DIA is a coveted venue for wedding receptions, but because of the potential wear-and-tear on the museum, we will ease into this very gingerly."

Spaces offered include the Walter B. Ford II Great Hall (300-500 people), Rivera Court (150-250 people), Kresge Court (150-200 people) and Prentiss Court (200-300 people). Rates for receptions vary, depending on menu choices and spaces

requested. The first reception will take place Saturday, July 25, with dinner in the majestic Great Hall.

In addition to weddings, the DIA also rents spaces for showers, birthdays, and other celebrations, such as bar and bat mitzvahs and quinceañeras.

The actual ceremonies are not allowed, but the celebrations that follow are. For more information, visit <http://www.dia.org/> or call (313) 833-3434.

## Auditions set for BeckRidge Chorale show

The BeckRidge Chorale will hold auditions for "A Grand Night for Singing" 2-5 p.m., Monday, July 26 and 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, July 27, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The musical review features the music and lyrics of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast features five primary characters and added voices from the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers. Songs include: *Some Enchanted Evening*,

*It's A Grand Night for Singing*, *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, *Hello, Young Lovers* and more. Performances will be Friday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 13.

There will be four rehearsals for the show, July 28, Aug. 11 and 25 and Sept. 9. Membership in the BeckRidge Chorale or Cherry Hill Singers isn't required, although nonmembers who are chosen for a lead role must pay a \$25 fee to participate.

For more information or to sign up for an audition, visit [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org).

## GET OUT

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### FILM

#### AMC Summer MovieCamp

**Time/Dates:** \$1 select movies, Wednesday's AMC Forum 30 with IMAX; AMC Star Gratiot 21; AMC Star Great Lakes 25; AMC Livonia 20. July 29, "Nim's Island" (PG); Aug. 5, "Star Wars The Clone Wars" (PG)

**Details:** Benefits Variety - The Children's Charity and The Will Rogers Institute

**Contact:** [www.amccentertainment.com/smc](http://www.amccentertainment.com/smc)

#### Center for Japanese Studies

**Time/Dates:** Free summer film series offers "The Taste of Tea," Friday, July 24; "Honey and Clover," Friday, July 31; "Funky forest: The First Contact," Friday, Aug. 7; "Ping-Pong," Friday, Aug. 14 and "Happily Ever After," Friday, Aug. 21; 7 p.m.

**Location:** In the Ashwith Auditorium, Lorch Hall, 611 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, on the University of Michigan campus

**Details:** All films are in Japanese with English subtitles

**Contact:** (734) 764-6307

#### Compuware Sports Arena Drive-in

**Time/Dates:** 9:30 p.m., Friday, July 24-Thursday, July 30

**Details:** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen," screen 1; "G-Force" and "Up," screen 2; "Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs," and "The Proposal," screen 3

**Location:** 14900 Beck, Plymouth

**Details:** Receive \$1 off all ticket prices on Mondays; \$15 admission for your car (up to eight people) on Tuesdays; CJ's \$5 pizza delivered to your car on Wednesdays

**Contact:** (734) 927-3284

#### Detroit Historical Society

**Time/Dates:** Soupy Sales film series, 1 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Aug.30

**Details:** Free with museum admission. Free museum admission, July

**Location:** 5401 Woodward Ave. northwest of Kirby), Detroit's Cultural Center area

**Contact:** (313) 833-1805, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

#### Henry Ford IMAX

**Location:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

**Contact:** (313) 271-1570

#### Penn Theatre

**Time/Dates:** Summer family movie series. July 23, "The Shaggy Dog," (original 1959 version), July 30, "Annie," Aug. 6, "In Search of the Castaways," Aug. 13, "Babe," Aug. 20; "Apple Dumpling Gang," Aug. 27; "The Muppets Take Manhattan." 1 p.m., 7 p.m., \$3/seat

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### Redford Theatre

**Time/Dates:** "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit

**Contact:** [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com)

### MUSEUMS

#### Cranbrook Institute of Science

**Time/Dates:** "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits

**Location:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

**Contact:** (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>

#### Detroit Historical Museum

**Time/Dates:** "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, The Glancy Trains

**Location:** 5401 Woodward, Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 833-1805, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

#### Detroit Science Center

**Time/Date:** On-going exhibit, "Star Trek: The Exhibition"

**Location:** 5020 John R

**Contact:** (313) 577-8400, [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org)

#### Greenfield Village

**Location:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

**Contact:** (313) 982-6001 or [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org)

#### Plymouth Historical Museum

**Time/Dates:** "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families

**Contact:** (734) 455-8940, [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org)

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

#### Detroit Historical Society

**Time/Dates:** Weekly

**Details:** "Behind the Scenes" tours. \$20 society members, \$30 for guests

**Contact:** (313) 833-1801, or [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

#### Penn Grill & Bar

**Time/Dates:** Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Details:** Karaoke

**Location:** 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Contact:** (734) 453-3570

### THEATER

#### Barefoot Productions

**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. July 23 and 30, 8 p.m., July 24-25, 31 and Aug. 1, and 2 p.m., July 26 and Aug. 2

**Details:** A comedy double feature - "Picasso" and "Neato-Man;" tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student

**Contact:** (734) 560-1493

**Location:** Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth

#### 8th Wonder

**Time/Dates:** 8 p.m., Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1

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# Mission possible!

## Schoolcraft College supporter raises money for student scholarships

Craig Bowles always has a smile on his face. But his happy-go-lucky, easy-going manner is just the outward demeanor of a man on a mission.

He wants people to know about the critical need for scholarships at Schoolcraft College and understand that as the local economy continues to struggle and job losses mount, students are challenged to find money for a college education.

"It's a tough economy and the need for student scholarships is higher than ever," says Bowles, secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. "People are unemployed and going back to school. Many people can't afford a college education without some assistance," he adds.

That's why Bowles, after working on the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza Committee for more than 18 years, agreed to take on the role as chairman of the premier fall food and wine event.

The fund-raising event attracts 800-1,000 people for sampling food and beverages from more than 50 of metro Detroit's finest restaurants and food/beverage vendors. A silent auction featuring vacation, sports and theater/dining packages is part of the program along with a raffle with prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 in cash. Raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10, also help the fund-raising effort and are available at the college's web site. The drawing will be held at the event. Ticketholders need not be present to win.

Bowles has been an enthusiastic member of the culinary extravaganza committee for many years serving on the auction committee, selling sponsorships and tickets. He's one of "two or three" all-time top sellers of raffle tickets.

### FRIENDLY RIVALS

Bowles and Raymond Friedrich, president-elect of the foundation board, challenge each other every year to see who can sell the most

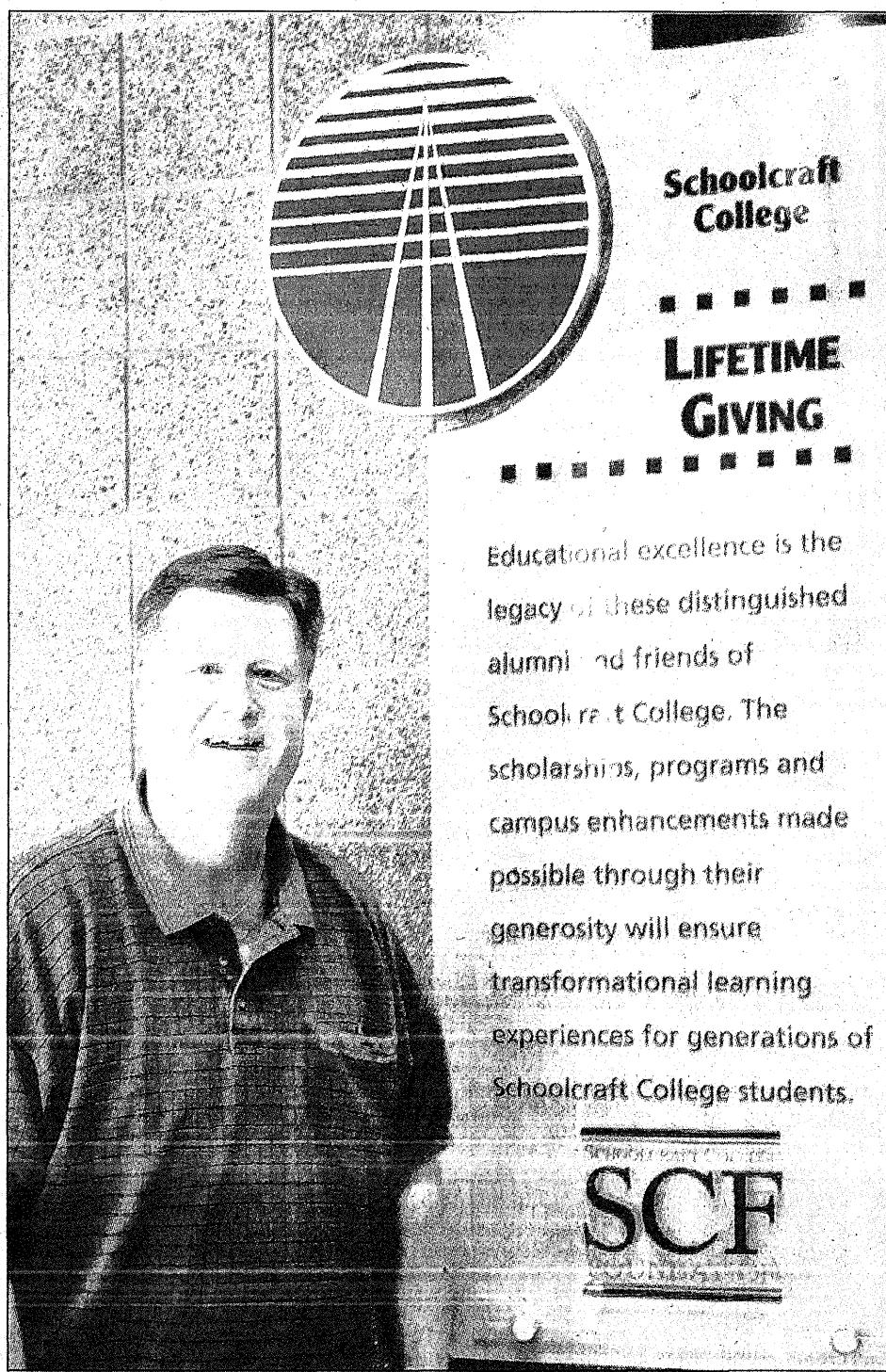
**2009 CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 27  
**Time:** 2-5 p.m.  
**Place:** VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Cost:** Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is charitable contribution). Sponsorship packages, which include tickets, media exposure and special event admittance, still are available ranging from \$300 to \$5,000. Call (734) 462-4518 or e-mail Marjorie Lynch at [mlynch@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:mlynch@schoolcraft.edu). Tickets also can be purchased online at [schoolcraft.edu](http://schoolcraft.edu). Raffle tickets help fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$10  
**Restaurant/Vendor List:** Five Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's; Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, Cadillac Coffee Company, Coffee Express Co., The Cupcake Station, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Oaks Country Club, The Henry Ford, L. Mawby Vineyards, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Mitchell's Fish Market, Steve & Rocky's, Trader Joe's and Zumba Mexican Grille

affle tickets.  
 "We each sell about 600-800 tickets the day of the event. He edged me out last year, but I won the previous year," Bowles says, adding that even if you don't win a cash prize, the raffle tickets will be valuable offering discounts at area restaurants including the college's American Harvest Restaurant.  
 How does it feel to be in charge of one of the college's largest fund-raisers?  
 "I really haven't thought about it

### CRAIG'S LIST

**Name:** Craig Bowles  
**Age:** 53  
**Hometown:** Farmington Hills (grew up in Livonia, graduated from Stevenson High School).  
**Family:** Wife, Diane. One daughter, Sarah, 26, computer graphic designer for Kelly Services, Inc., Troy.  
**Profession:** Sold his company Meadowbrook Products, a laser printer and supply company, after 19 years. Employed by Office Star (printing, mailing, office products) in Westland.  
**Education:** Ferris State University, BS in marketing.  
**Likes to spend his free time:** Volunteering, playing golf ("I'll play anywhere"), bowling and watching Red Wings hockey.  
**Plays every Sunday - 6 a.m. tee time - at Huron Meadows in Brighton with 11 other golfers.**  
**Original members of the group have been playing at the same course for 20 years.**

feeling any different," Bowles says. "I'm working with a great group of people. My role is to guide and direct the people who are on the committee getting the job done - making phone calls, talking about Schoolcraft, encouraging others to participate. I'm an ambassador for the college."  
 "The most important point is that all funds go to student scholarships," says Bowles, who is completing his fifth year on the foundation board.  
 Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."  
 "What better way to raise money and learn about something than to share a meal and it's all about something that benefits us all - education."



Craig Bowles chairs the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza Committee.

### CITY BITES

#### Coffee time

Wayne County - What better way to beat the heat while getting your daily jolt of java than Dunkin' Donuts' new Frozen Cappuccino? The company introduced its newest coffee drink this month, calling it "a strong coffee experience in a smooth, thick frozen beverage." A small, 16 ounce drink costs \$3.19.

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- 14855 Telegraph, Redford
- 1625 S. Wayne Road, Westland
- 27919 Grand River, Farmington Hills
- 44532 Michigan Ave., Canton

#### Restaurant Crawl

Plymouth - Old Village Restaurant Crawl runs 5:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 5. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$5 for children 12 and under. Enjoy items from Crawford's Kitchen,

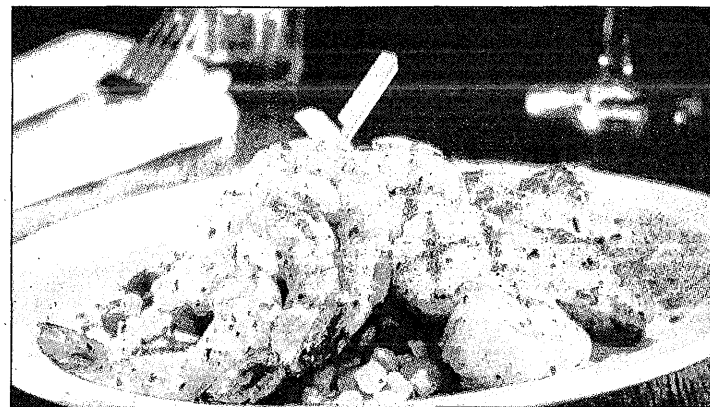
Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Liberty Street Brewery, Plymouth Fish and Seafood, Station 885 and Mill Street Gourmet Pastries. Get your tickets at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce office, 850 Ann Arbor Trail, at select restaurants or by calling (734) 453-1540.

#### Summer seafood

Livonia - Mitchell's Fish Market is promoting its "Summer Seafood Sensations," a three-course meal with fresh seafood entree for \$19.95. Customers choose one of three entrees, Shrimp & Scallop Mixed Grill, Parmesan Crusted Tilapia or grilled Chilean Steelhead, a house or Caesar salad and strawberry shortcake or fudge brownie with ice cream for dessert, through Labor Day.  
 "We're providing our guests with the opportunity to enjoy a 'guilt-free' quality seafood

experience at a great price," said Tom Burmane, vice president of operations. Mitchell's Fish Market has 19 locations in nine states. The Livonia location is at 17600 Haggerty.

Shrimp and Scallop Skewers from Mitchell's Fish Market.



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# Red Cross shares summer water safety advice

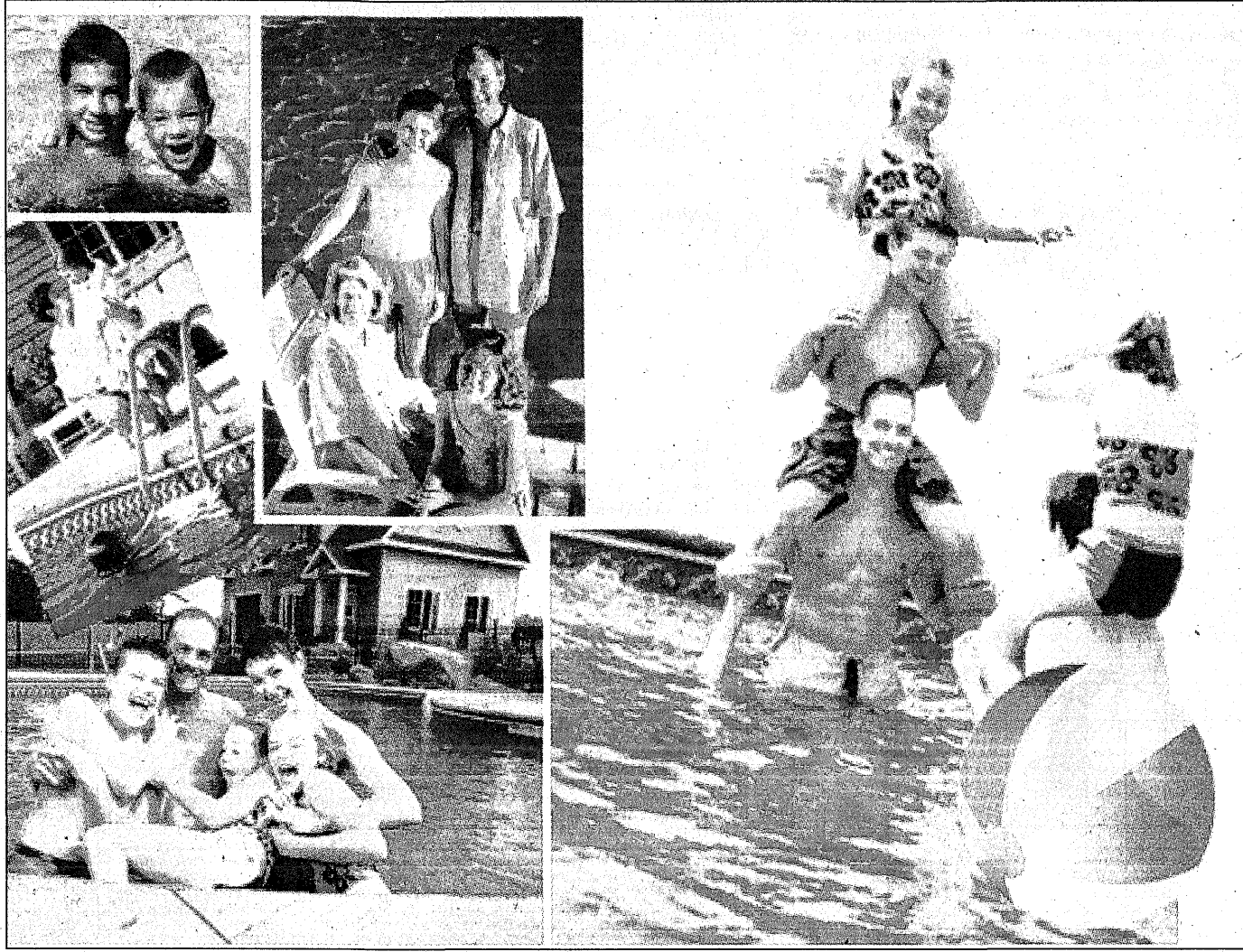
There's nothing like swimming to help cool you off on a hot summer day. The American Red Cross offers these safety steps you can take whether you are taking a dip in the pool, or spending the day at the beach:

## SUMMER AND SWIMMING GO HAND IN HAND

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Maintain constant supervision.
- Make sure everyone in your family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and learn-to-swim courses.
- If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers. Many children who drown in home pools were out of sight for less than five minutes and in the care of one or both parents at the time.
- Avoid distractions when supervising children around water.
- If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Have appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit.
- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- Enroll in Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR courses to learn how to respond to emergencies.

## OCEAN FUN CALLS FOR SPECIAL SAFETY TIPS

- Learn to swim, especially in the surf.
- Swim only at a lifeguard-protected beach, within the designated swimming area. Obey all instructions and



orders from lifeguards.

- Never swim alone.
- Be cautious at all times and check local weather conditions.
- Swim sober.
- Make sure to wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Don't dive headfirst, protect your neck. Check for depth and obstructions before diving. Go in feet first the first time.
- Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.
- Pay especially close attention to children and elderly persons when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause a loss of footing.
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.
- Make sure you always have enough energy to swim back to shore.
- Rip currents are responsible for many lives lost on our nation's beaches every year,

**Watch for signs of heat stroke – hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If you suspect someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person. Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down. As the temperatures soar, more and more of us will take to the water for some summer fun. For more information on Red Cross swim courses, or on how to keep you and your loved ones safe this summer, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).**

and for most of the rescues performed by lifeguards. For your safety, be aware of the danger of rip currents and remember the following:  
If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Once you are free, turn and swim toward shore. If you can't swim to the shore, float or tread water until you are free of the rip current and then head

## AH, THE BEACH

- Protect your skin. Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and wear sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15.
- Drink plenty of water regularly, even if you're not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them.
- Protect your eyes, wear

sunglasses that will absorb at least 90 percent of UV sunlight.

• Wear foot protection. The sand can burn your feet and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

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# Check on title to property

**Q: We are buying a condominium unit from a bank and they want to give us what they call a "covenant deed." I don't have a lawyer and I am wondering if that is a problem.**

**A:** A covenant deed is analogous to a quit claim deed which means that whatever interest the bank has, if any, is conveyed to you. It is distinguishable from a

warranty deed that gives you various assurances in regard to the title of the unit being conveyed to you by the seller. It is imperative that you get a title commitment



**Robert Meisner** - imperative that you get a title commitment

and policy from a reputable title insurance company guaranteeing that you have title in the property and you are best advised, as always, in dealing with any real estate transaction, to retain an experienced attorney.

**Q: I am in the process of purchasing a home. My real estate agent indicates that I can get a limited coverage title insurance policy. Is that a good idea?**

**A:** Not in my opinion. You should make sure that you are getting a full and complete title insurance policy providing you with all of the protections, except what would normally be excluded. Indeed, I would recommend to any purchaser that they obtain a title policy without standard exceptions to insure that you are covered regarding mineral rights, unrecorded easements, etc. You are best advised to have an attorney consult with you and review the title policy before you close on the unit. Further, make sure that your purchase agreement provides you with the protection of getting a full coverage title policy without exceptions.

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

## BRIEFS

### Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty, 366422 Five Mile in Livonia, will offer a 59-minute Career Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup costs, commission and success potential will be covered. To reserve a seat, call (734) 266-9000.

### BIA

■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 30, at the Cherry Creek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township. The complete golf package includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, drink tickets, dinner, hole-in-one and other golf contests, and door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Note that this is a "spike-less" course. Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 9 a.m. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Steak dinner begins at 3 p.m. Registration fees are \$125 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of

Michigan members, guests and non-members or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1016.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Construction Contract & Law," on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will provide attendees with a step-by-step explanation of how contracts sustain positive customer and supplier relations, provide for resolution of disputes, and minimize the risk of litigation. Participants will learn about mandatory and optional provisions, warranties, and arbitration procedures. Participants earn credit toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder or Certified Graduate Remodeler designation.

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 787-7325 or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com). Real estate investors can learn from experts in a two-day class, \$99 includes classroom and field experience. Contact [AddedValueRealty.com](http://AddedValueRealty.com), (248) 787-7325. Tours are Sunday at 1 p.m. Meeting place is the Home Depot parking lot at I-96/Telegraph.

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 14-17, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	724 Alpeana St	\$155,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	31770 Westlady Dr	\$635,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	1381 Birmingham Blvd	\$240,000
	1849 E Maple Rd	\$81,000
	1615 Henrietta St	\$575,000
	2425 W Lincoln St	\$281,000
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>	219 Woodwind Dr	\$810,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	1986 Bent Tree Trl	\$292,000

660 Deauville Ln	\$365,000
6865 Meadowlake Rd	\$251,000
<b>Clarkston</b>	
5968 Baypointe Blvd	\$120,000
8240 Foster Rd	\$210,000
7745 Newport Dr	\$134,000
6641 Shelley Dr	\$125,000
6106 Snow Apple Dr	\$115,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
1823 Elkridge	\$281,000
4930 Knollcrest Ct	\$275,000
<b>Farmington</b>	
31632 Grand River Ave	\$90,000
31831 Grand River Ave	\$32,000
23024 Violet St	\$128,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
30065 Astor St	\$125,000
27400 Royal Crescent Dr	\$169,000
23835 W Newell Cir	\$150,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
150 Burniah Ln	\$156,000
1459 Covington Woods Ln	\$297,000
506 Joslyn Rd	\$358,000
3031 Maplewood Ct	\$53,000

923 Wheatfield Dr	\$195,000
<b>Milford</b>	
805 Panorama Dr	\$130,000
<b>Novi</b>	
41716 Crane Way	\$125,000
23247 Ennishore	\$225,000
30196 Pennington Ct	\$325,000
21580 Trent Ct	\$380,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
5525 Armadale Ct	\$460,000
5330 Creekmonte Dr	\$405,000
4060 Greenbriar Ct	\$230,000
2350 Orion Rd	\$13,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
460 E Peninsula Ct	\$162,000
3855 Melanie Ct	\$150,000
1540 Twin Lakes Blvd	\$210,000
<b>Rochester</b>	
1639 Deepwood Cir	\$120,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
551 Maryknoll Dr	\$298,000
210 Whitney Dr	\$179,000
210 Winry Dr	\$169,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	

1231 Corral Ln	\$225,000
341 Princeton Dr	\$158,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
17889 Bonstelle Ave	\$17,000
30723 Brentwood St	\$31,000
22211 Chatsford Circuit St	\$99,000
28177 Fairfax St	\$25,000
17387 Gateway Cir	\$65,000
24075 Phillip Dr	\$23,000
17285 Redwood Ave	\$58,000
19655 Saxton Ave	\$38,000
30266 Spring River Dr	\$120,000
<b>Troy</b>	
3079 Cedar Crest Dr	\$203,000
2179 E Maple Rd	\$145,000
795 Kirts Blvd	\$110,000
2604 Trailwood Dr	\$144,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
3403 Boyer St	\$180,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
6022 Barker Dr	\$147,000
1140 Beachland Blvd	\$143,000
490 Clayburn Blvd	\$145,000
2535 Compton Dr	\$55,000

2550 Compton Dr	\$55,000
2665 Compton Dr	\$55,000
2814 Cottonwood Dr Unit B	\$65,000
4421 Motorway Dr	\$450,000
2539 Rosewood Dr	\$89,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
6249 Berwick Dr	\$325,000
5683 Bramford Dr	\$410,000
7053 Falcon Ct	\$585,000
2185 Langham Dr	\$80,000
7308 Meadowridge Cir	\$132,000
7432 Radcliff Ct	\$88,000
5116 Rock Run	\$70,000
4242 Wendell Rd	\$217,000
7335 Woodlore Dr	\$310,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
785 Akehurst Ln	\$225,000
301 Decca Dr	\$127,000
10413 Degrand St	\$210,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
3102 Goldeneye Ln	\$92,000
2145 Newport Ct	\$139,000

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the residential real estate closings recorded April 6-10, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>		
48394 Antique Rd	\$407,000	
523 Belvedere Ct N	\$369,000	
1653 Bentley Ct	\$255,000	
47013 Bing Dr	\$300,000	
704 Constitution St	\$270,000	
50410 Coolidge St	\$228,000	
50480 Coolidge St	\$75,000	
198 Country Club Ln	\$260,000	
7585 Embassy Dr	\$180,000	
8354 Forrest Dr	\$134,000	
45699 Graystone Ln	\$135,000	
49285 Lincolnshire Ct # 32	\$255,000	
42933 Lombardy Dr	\$127,000	
44448 Newburyport Dr	\$37,000	
49060 Northampton Ct	\$358,000	
43299 Stonington Ct	\$180,000	
47723 Ten Point Dr	\$242,000	
<b>Garden City</b>		
33320 Alvin St	\$113,000	
29660 Maplewood St	\$90,000	
<b>Livonia</b>		
37919 Five Mile Rd	\$150,000	
36853 Angeline Cir	\$118,000	
34899 Bretton Dr	\$185,000	
17754 Golfview St	\$135,000	
20093 Irving Dr	\$260,000	
28590 N Clements Cir	\$104,000	
34487 Navin Ave	\$273,000	
18307 Sunset St	\$160,000	
18407 University Park Dr	\$62,000	
19530 Westmore St	\$133,000	
<b>Northville</b>		
18657 Clover Hill Ct	\$455,000	
16054 Morningside	\$128,000	
436 Randolph St	\$315,000	
<b>Plymouth</b>		
44750 Erin Dr	\$90,000	
13085 Karl Dr	\$100,000	
49590 Rockledge Dr	\$242,000	
11865 Sycamore Dr	\$94,000	
10269 Trailwood Rd	\$253,000	
<b>Redford</b>		
12730 Columbia	\$51,000	
18667 Fox	\$45,000	
18714 Lexington	\$65,000	
26597 Ross Dr	\$52,000	
18805 Sumner	\$55,000	
<b>Westland</b>		
32057 Hazelwood St	\$55,000	
36656 Hivley St	\$92,000	
6431 Hunter Ct	\$67,000	
325 S Byfield St	\$75,000	
399 Surrey Hts	\$134,000	
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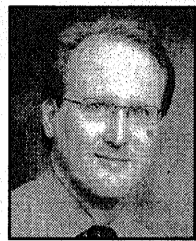
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# At The Top Of A Diamond, Not The Lip Of A Funnel

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By Dale Buss

For auto dealers, a big part of attracting, engaging and retaining customers is understanding how they think and what attracts them to various products and features on their way to purchasing an automobile.

The goal is to reach consumers at the moments that most influence their decisions. The "purchasing funnel" emerged as a useful metaphor. The idea has been that once American car buyers begin in the slightest way to think about purchasing a new vehicle, they enter at the lip of the funnel. For them, whether they're aware of it or not, their entry into the funnel is the beginning of a trip that more than likely will end in a dealership showroom with them holding the keys to a new car.

Typically, in this picture, a consumer goes through stages including awareness of various brands, opinion-forming about them and about vehicle options, consideration of particular brands or products, intense shopping among them – and then purchase. As the consumer moves through these various stages, he or she naturally moves lower in the funnel. Moving down through the funnel also can be understood as the way in which consumers eliminate brands from

consideration, starting with many around the lip, and eventually focusing on one brand that emerges in their purchase.

Yes, consumers can move up or down within the funnel to a certain extent. And they can even leap right out of it! But in the end, according to the funnel model, a customer slides out the bottom of the spout with a new car – and you have a deal.

But there's a problem with the funnel metaphor: It doesn't actually describe the way that consumers see the purchase process.

So, students of consumer behavior have been coming up with more productive metaphors. McKinsey Consulting, for example, has introduced an approach it calls "the consumer decision journey." And J.D. Power introduced the "diamond" structure to describe the same process.

Once consumers have made the decision to buy, they enter what we will call the top of the Diamond. The next phase is the most exciting – and the most crucial for OEMs and dealers to recognize and understand. For what now happens is that many consumers take their initial-consideration set of brands and embark on more serious research, accompanied by a palpable



As they enter the "purchasing diamond," many consumers will be deciding between the 2010 Buick LaCrosse CXS and the 2010 Lincoln MKZ (left).

intent actually to purchase a new vehicle within a limited time frame.

According to research by Edmunds.com, consumers can engage in as many as 50 to 100 decisions in this part of the diamond, using a variety of methods and accomplishing a number of separate tasks that comprise their path going forward.

And contrary to the funnel metaphor, consumers at this point are likely to actually expand their consideration set of brands – thus, the metaphor widens to a diamond. As consumers seek information and shop a category, both Edmunds.com and McKinsey have found, brands may interrupt the decision-making process by entering into consideration and maybe even forcing rivals – some from the initial-consideration set – to exit.

The implications for dealers? The diamond underscores the dimension of the opportunity that is available to them every phase of the purchase process. That simply didn't appear to be there under the funnel metaphor of consumer decision-making on brands. The way it was previously understood, once a shopper slipped low enough into the funnel, a brand that had been

considered but rejected higher in the funnel didn't get another shot at that customer. But the accuracy of the Diamond metaphor suggests this isn't the case.

Second, the fact that consumers now typically enter the diamond with only two to four brands or products on their short list shouts, "Failure!" about most of the industry's brand-marketing efforts that precede this decision. Automakers and dealers alike must do a better job of building brand impressions to make it into what is a smaller initial consideration set than once was apparent. Other than buying network television advertising – an old, uncreative and increasingly ineffective answer – the industry hasn't come up with the right approach.

For dealers who want to become successful in the long term, however, the diamond metaphor encapsulates a new era of opportunity. By understanding and exploiting the fact that consumers are actually still in play when the old funnel metaphor would have suggested it's too late to influence them, savvy dealers can grab a good share of these customers.

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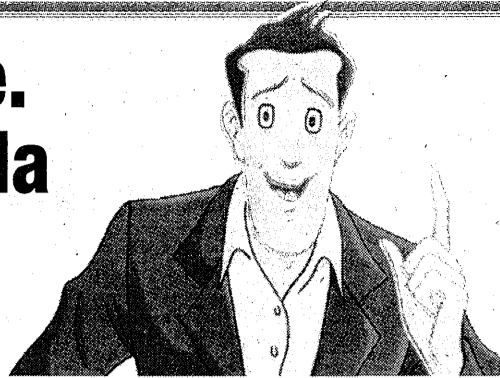
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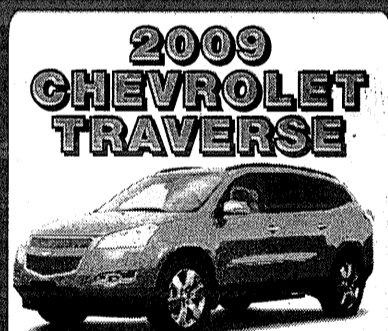
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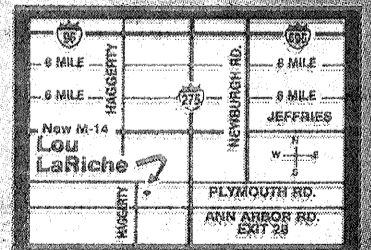
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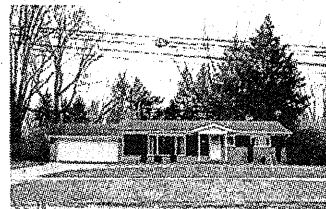
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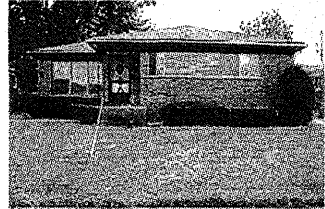
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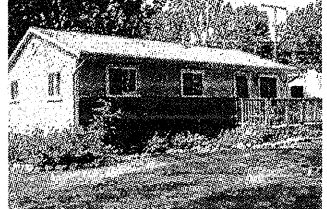
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CENTER ENTRANCE COLONIAL Four BR, 2.5 bath, DR, FR, CA, Fireplace, updated kit w/ appliances, partial fin bsmt, att garage. Beautiful landscaped back yard.  
(28121768) \$240,000



**Commerce Twp 248-348-6430**  
Great Home With Many Updates! New roof & siding, newer windows, well & finished W/O BSMT. Newer desks on front & rear. Enjoy lake access on all sport lake! Must see, ready to move right in!  
(28144672) \$179,900



**Garden City 734-591-9200**  
Quiet, Comfortable Neighborhood, stop looking 3 BR Bk Ranch, 2 Car Gar, Fin Bsmt, HWF, Kit redone w/granite & ceramic fl in 07, Blt in Cab in bsmt, office in bsmt, neut paint in 09, new drs, emerald spa, 2 patios  
(29021948) \$128,900



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
Orig Owners, Newer Roof, Updated flooring New Windows, Updtd Kit, Newer Furn/AC, Fresh-pnted inter, Updtd Elec, Grt curb appeal. Part fin bsmt w/roc rm & bar, Lg deck & well manicured yard, Sep din area & More  
(29091435) \$110,000



**Plymouth 248-851-4100**  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! UPDATED HOME Open floor plan. Clean & move-in condition. Great rm/DR combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kitchen & bath, HWF, crown molding, recessed lights, newer furnace, C/A  
(29041893) \$175,000



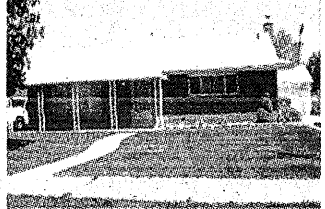
**Van Buren Twp 248-851-4100**  
SOARING 2 STORY GRW/GAS FP 4 BR 2.2 BA This home is a steal at 2000 pricing! Open kitchen w/walk-in pantry. Partially fin. basement w/1/2 bath. Brick paver patio. Master suite w/jetted tub, shower, 2 sinks  
(29089801) \$200,000



**Birmingham 248-548-9100**  
BIRMINGHAM 1928 FIVE BR TUDOR Most classic features still intact. Wrought iron banisters, ornate crown molding, new "slate" roof w/ copper gutters & downspouts. Pewabic tile, 4 fricks, 621  
(29012125) \$950,000



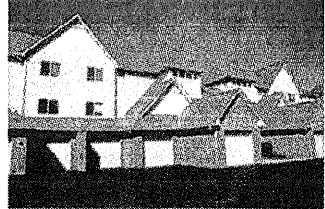
**Detroit 248-723-0055**  
GREAT INVESTMENT / GREAT POTENTIAL Home is located in the Historic District. Five bedrooms, 2.5 baths, brick colonial. Fireplace, basement. Subject to 3rd party approval.  
(29033296) \$15,000



**Garden City 734-455-7000**  
PRICED TO SELL!!! Everything's been done! Lovely 3 bedroom ranch in Garden City. Newer kitchen, bath and flooring.  
(29065745) \$64,900



**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
Neat and Clean Ranch Nice brick home with HDWD Flrs. 3 bedrooms, BSMT, tiled floor, fenced yard, 1.5 car & carport too. High energy furnace, central air, close to Edward Hines Park.  
(29059578) \$107,900



**Pontiac 248-652-6500**  
MOVE IN READY-BEAUTIFUL CONDO Great buy! Open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, Neutral, Tile in Bath, Kit, Foyer. Appl. Private covered balcony, att. garage. Clbse offers inground pool, sauna  
(29081714) \$60,000



**Wayne 734-284-5400**  
WELCOME HOME Move right in! All repairs have been done. Great Open Floor Plan, 3 BD, 2 full baths. Open Kitchen & nook, master ste w/ garden tub. Skylights, lrg deck, C/A.  
(29048440) \$125,000



**Bloomfield 248-851-1900**  
WABEEK'S FINEST CONDO. GOLF & LAKE FRONTAGE Golf/lake frontage. Completely updated w/finished walkout, 2 kitchens, formal DR, large GR w/FP. High ceilings, open layout, large rooms, great storage.  
(28119605) \$415,000



**Farmington 248-813-4900**  
Beautiful Home on private 1/2 acre lot setting. Custom kitch w/sub zero frig, dacor gas range, Asko dish, sunken stainless sink, rec lights & much more. Beautiful hrdwd flrs.  
(29016211) \$262,000



**Genoa Twp 248-348-6430**  
Beautiful Estate On Private Cul-De-Sac Marble & granite foyer. Formal living & dining. Oak kit w/granite, ceramic & island. Family rm w/FP. Lg mstr suite w/WIC, deep tub-sep shower. Backs to woods.  
(29084691) \$276,000



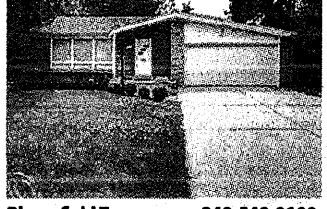
**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse.  
(28162574) \$65,000



**Redford 734-455-7000**  
BRICK RANCH ON HUGE, PRIVATE, TREED LOT! Loaded w/updates & too many features to list. Great home for everyday living & entertaining. Newer drive & walkway. 24x13 deck. 20x20 patio. Fin bsmt. 24x24 gar.  
(28092208) \$119,900



**Wayne 734-455-7000**  
BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAN BEST DESCRIBED... this 3 bedroom bungalow with full basement, and two car garage. Remodeled kitchen and bath. Newer furnace, roof and HWH and C/A.  
(29064698) \$69,900



**Bloomfield Twp 248-548-9100**  
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING! This South Bloomfield Village has 3 BR, 3 1/2 baths and is in outstanding condition! New kitchen & bath, fin. bsmt & attached garage. 720  
(29081411) \$150,000



**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
No Bank-Owned Junker Here! Walk to Dvntnl 3 bed brick ranch on a cul-de-sac lot in "Bel-Aire Hills Sub". Near downtown Farmington. Beautiful neutral decor. Remodeled kit & bath, 2+ car det & full bsmt.  
(29087967) \$129,900



**Hamburg 248-437-3800**  
Go Back In Time! Charming 2 story hm w/lrg front pillared porch. Private backyard w/ mature trees. Lrg kit w/door wall to deck. 2.5 car garage. www.realestateone.com/29069814.  
(29069814) \$140,000



**Livonia 734-284-5400**  
GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME Perfect for the 1st time buyer. Updated kit w/ lots of cabinets. Appl are included. New furnace & hwt in 2003. Lifetime composite deck around above ground pool.  
(29036097) \$49,900



**Redford 734-455-7000**  
"CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3 BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl., like new. Awesome!  
(29070531) \$102,500



**Westland 734-284-5400**  
ROOMY 3 BEDROOM COLONIAL Large LR w/ formal DR. Modern kitchen & dinette. FR w/ gas FP & cathedral ceiling. 2 doorwalls leading to 2 tiered deck. Skylights in Master. Part fin bsmt.  
(29056702) \$134,900



**Brighton 248-437-3800**  
Castle On A Hill! Wooded setting. 1.5 story, well-maintained 5 BR, 3.5 bath, 1st flr mbr w/priv deck, jet/tub, 3 br up w/FP, closets, fin. w/o w/FP. www.realestateone.com/28204192.  
(28204192) \$289,000



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
OUTSTANDING 4 BR 4.2 BA CAPE COD, W/O LL Upgrades & updates throughout home, from landscaping to built in pool to gourmet kitchen to 4 car garage w/heated floor. Exceptional quality & care. Priced to sell  
(29090296) \$675,000



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Ten beautiful acres! - Farmhouse was built back in 1859 - needs some finishing touches and TLC. Motivated sellers! BATVAI on splits & horses allowed.  
(29067531) \$199,000



**Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Big Value Move In Ready Home in Lyon! Spend your summer relaxing instead of repairing. Completely renovated. www.realestateone.com/29034220.  
(29034220) \$99,800



**Redford 734-591-9200**  
Move in Ready, Sharp Bungalow on quiet street. Large Family Room has 2 full baths. Hardwood flooring in living room. Corner lot - Won't last long.  
(29083737) \$88,000



**Westland 248-851-1900**  
REDUCED! MOVE-IN READY, LIVONIA SCHOOLS. Updated. Freshly painted, newer carpet, newer oak kitchen cabinets w/all appl. Included. Large bedrooms. Newer vinyl windows. Finished bsmt. 1 car garage. Well located.  
(29037903) \$59,900



**Brighton 248-437-3800**  
Open Floor Plan, Shows Like A New Home! Maple cabinets w/granite counters, extensive use of ceramic, 2 story foyer & family rm. Brazilian hardwood in den. Fin. bsmt. www.realestateone.com/29064090.  
(29064090) \$274,900



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
LOVELY 4BR 2.2 BATH HOME ON THE COMMONS Enjoy beautiful view of commons from Florida room or large deck. Home features newer hardwood flrs in foyer, kitchen, powder rm. Great updates. Master suite.  
(29086310) \$289,000



**Livonia 248-851-4100**  
OPEN FRI-SUN 1-5. 8 MILE & NEWBURGH AREA New, spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen, 1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maintenance.  
(28181554) \$279,900



**Milford 248-437-3800**  
Up North Living! Minutes from downtown Milford. Hm is set on over 2 acres, w/beautiful rolling hills & mature trees. Newer horse barn. www.realestateone.com/29074913.  
(29074913) \$189,000



**Redford 248-851-4100**  
ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWF, formal DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom & large kitchen. Updated electrical & bath. 1 year home warranty.  
(29060679) \$80,000



**Westland 734-455-7000**  
YOU'LL LOVE THIS GREAT CONDO COMMUNITY! Many updates: new kitchen flr, carpet & paint in 07. Mstr w/full bath, kitchen w/doorwall to deck & full bsmt. Why rent? This is ready for you to move in!  
(29056988) \$59,000



**Brighton 248-437-3800**  
Pristine Beauty! Enjoy the park like setting in the backyard from the spacious deck. Beautiful hardwood floors on 1st floor & master bedroom. www.realestateone.com/29080887.  
(29080887) \$235,000



**Farmington Hills 734-591-9200**  
MUST SEE! Loaded w/Character on .5 Acre Home redbone from ground up! Newer roof, windows, plumbing, electrical, doors, flooring, kitchen, vinyl siding & updated Baths & more! Right out of a magazine!  
(29086569) \$174,900



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
Very desirable loc. Move right into this well cared for spac brk rch with semi priv backyd, drive/w/ on dead end st, newer furn & CA, newer roof & electrical, vinyl wind. Large bsmt w/storage. FR & lg breezy  
(29068585) \$180,000



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Beautiful 2BR, 2BA condo in quaint downtown Milford. Open floor plan; hardwood floors; gas fireplace; 1st flr master bedroom; 2 car garage and more! \$1200/Mo.  
(29089506) \$1,200



**Redford 248-851-4100**  
COZY UPDATED 3 BR 2 BA RANCH. SALE/LEASE Convenient location. Newer kitchen appliances, ceramic flooring, carpet.  
(29066494) \$79,000



**Westland 734-455-7000**  
GREAT BUY! Desirable location in a fabulous complex. Entrance and patio. Full basement. Private exterior and patio. Carport. All appliances!  
(29080331) \$45,000



**Canton 248-851-4100**  
WELCOME HOME! 4 BR, 2.1 bath brick contemporary features 2 story foyer, French doors to library, large granite island kitchen w/breakfast rm, & great rm. Fantastic deck & yard.  
(29070180) \$249,900



**Farmington Hills 248-851-4100**  
SPARKLE & UPDATED RANCH W/3 CAR GARAGE Very large family rm, newer kitchen w/ stainless steel sink, tile backsplash. Organized closets. Large fenced yard.  
(29088195) \$129,900



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
Location, Quality, Value & Charm! This 4 BR, 2.5 BA, brick colonial has it all. Lg FR w/FP, Formal DR, Updated: Kit, Elec Svc, C/A, Heating system, new carpet, fresh paint. Deck over looks in dbl lot.  
(28067299) \$175,000



**Northville 248-348-6430**  
Charming and Immaculate Walk to dvntwn Northville! Cozy, yet bright & cheery home! Updates: wind, roof, furn, HWH. Lt new carp t/o. Cove cell, gas FP w/bk hearth in LR. Fl rm w/skylight.  
(28139466) \$320,000



**Southfield 248-723-0055**  
SPRAWLING RANCH Four bedrooms, 2.2 baths in desirable Twyckingham sub. Over 2700 ft. Newer roof, furnace, plumbing. Dining rm, FP, fin bsmt, att garage  
(28137392) \$215,000



**Wolverine Lake 248-684-1065**  
1.5 story home on all-sports Wolverine Lake! Great views! GR w/ HDWD flr, gas FP, multi-level deck, eat-in kit w/ island, fin. LL W/O w full BA. Beach & dock.  
(29090729) \$400,000

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